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From Lycoming to Cyprus
Lycoming College Mission Statement

The mission of Lycoming College is to provide a distinguished baccalaureate education in the liberal arts. This is achieved within a coeducational, supportive, residential setting through programs that develop communication and critical thinking skills; foster self-awareness while increasing receptivity to new concepts and perspectives; explore literary and scientific traditions; cultivate an aesthetic sensibility; elicit social responsibility; promote racial inclusiveness, gender equality, and an appreciation of cultural diversity; and produce leadership for the institutions of society. Each student is encouraged to develop and strengthen virtues and traits of character that enable, ennoble, and emancipate the human spirit while deepening commitment to those values that undergird civilization.
World-renowned archaeologists to join Lycoming faculty
This fall, Drs. Pamela Gaber and William Dever will bring their expertise to Lycoming’s growing archaeology program.

New provost intrigued with the College
According to Dr. Thomas Griffiths, Lycoming is head and shoulders above other institutions of the same size.

Paradigm Companies offer coveted internship program
Thanks to company president Stan Sloter ’80, students in the Institute for Management Studies have access to valuable real-world experience.

Business success story
Deirdre Connelly ’83 visits campus as president of Lilly USA.

Frankly speaking
Frank and Lynne Girardi share their thoughts about their 36-year run with the Warriors’ football program.

Letter from the Editor
On Monday, Dec. 3, I assumed the position of director of college relations at Lycoming College. As you already know - and I am quickly discovering - Lycoming has a rich history and an extremely bright future as a national liberal arts college. With the distinguished leadership of President James E. Douthat, Lycoming will continue to be in a position to prosper and attract some of the nation’s brightest students, faculty and staff, as it has done for so many years. It will also continue to have proud, engaged and dedicated alumni who truly care about their alma mater. One of the core responsibilities I have is to promote and enhance the image of this College. Accordingly, it gives me great pleasure to introduce a new look for the Lycoming College Magazine. Lycoming, with its strong academic reputation, deserves a high-quality magazine to showcase the talented people and quality programs associated with this eminent institution.

Since this is the one publication that reaches nearly all of the College’s alumni and countless friends on a regular basis, it is my hope the newly designed magazine will serve as a more engaging and informative piece for the entire Lycoming family to enjoy.

I welcome your thoughts and suggestions for this magazine. Feel free to contact me at rashid@lycoming.edu or drop us a note at Lycoming College Magazine, 700 College Place, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Respectfully,
Jerry Rashid
Editor

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Lycoming recognized by Standard & Poor’s for sound financial strategies

Lycoming College is one of two institutions featured by Standard & Poor’s in its recent white paper touting best practices and sound financial strategies demonstrated by small colleges and universities.

The Oct. 18, 2007 report, “Small Colleges Earn High Marks for Best Practices,” indicates that small colleges and universities – those with full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollments of less than 2,500 students – have demonstrated considerable credit rating strength by implementing various practices, such as establishing multi-year strategic plans and budgeting for operating surpluses, which also help strengthen the institutions’ balance sheets.

In addition to supplying credit ratings for 85 small colleges and universities, the report showcases the best practices of two higher education institutions: Lycoming and Centre College (Danville, Ky.). Lycoming was touted for the various financial and management initiatives that have been implemented since President James E. Douthat’s arrival in 1989, including maintaining affordable tuition levels by controlling expenses; increasing the endowment; not basing increases in physical plant and faculty solely on enrollment growth; committing to a disciplined spending philosophy; and borrowing debt primarily for revenue-producing projects.

As a result of these strategies, by the end of the 2006 fiscal year “Lycoming’s balance sheet grew to a level at which cash and investments were four times debt, just 60 percent of students came from Pennsylvania, and FTEs had grown from 1989 levels by one-third,” the report said. In addition, Standard & Poor’s raised its rating on the college’s debt to ‘A’ from ‘BBB+’ in 2004.

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Lycoming College installs emergency alert siren

Lycoming College has installed a campus emergency alert siren, which was successfully tested Jan. 28.

In the days leading up to the test, the College also tested its campus-wide “Lyco Message Alert System,” which includes sending out notifications via e-mail to all students, faculty and staff on their campus e-mail account, by text message to students, faculty and staff who have signed up for the message alert system and a message on the campus switchboard.

According to Dr. Dan Miller, Lycoming’s dean of student affairs, the implementation of the emergency alert siren has been a cooperative effort between officials at the College, city of Williamsport and Lycoming County. The system is designed so officials from the College, city and county have the ability to activate the system. The College would activate the siren in a situation that presents a school-wide emergency on campus, while the city or county may use it to alert the campus community and surrounding neighborhoods of a situation in the city such as a hazardous material accident or a weather emergency. The siren alert system provides immediate notification for the campus community and improves the city system with additional alert coverage for city residents.

Miller says the College has also been working closely with city officials regarding administrative and tactical response issues and staff training related to responding to campus-wide emergencies.

“Although Lycoming College and colleges across the country have had emergency plans in place, the tragedy at Virginia Tech has been an impetus to review those plans and look for ways to utilize technology to provide immediate notification of an incident and provide initial communication of what may be going on,” said Miller. “The introduction of this new alert system accomplishes both of these objectives and signifies the College’s commitment to the safety and well-being of the campus community.”
Rashid named director of college relations

Jerry Rashid has joined Lycoming College as director of college relations, bringing with him more than 15 years of experience in higher education public relations.

Rashid comes to Lycoming from Olivet College in Michigan, where he served five years as the assistant vice president for college relations. While there, he managed the college’s advertising, public relations, publications, sports information, special events and Web activities. Prior to Olivet, Rashid was a marketing communications specialist for three years at Coastal Carolina University in South Carolina. He has also worked in sports information at Stetson University in Florida, Wayne State College in Nebraska and the University of North Dakota.

His work has been recognized by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, the Public Relations Society of America and the College Sports Information Directors of America.

“I am very pleased to have Jerry join the advancement team at Lycoming College,” said Lynn Jackson, vice president for college advancement. “Jerry brings a great deal of higher education experience to Lycoming, and I am confident he will provide strong leadership for our office of college relations. I look forward to working with him in continuing to enhance the positive image of the College.”

A native of Lansing, Mich., Rashid earned a bachelor’s degree in communications from Michigan State University. His family includes wife, Rosie, and two children, Michelle and Jimmy.

Feinstein publishes new book

“Ask Me Now: Conversations on Jazz & Literature” (Indiana University Press) — a book recently penned by Lycoming College English professor Dr. Sascha Feinstein — offers a compilation of interviews that Feinstein has conducted with some of America’s most important jazz artists and writers in “Brilliant Corners,” the only national literary journal dedicated to jazz-related literature.

The biannual publication, edited by Feinstein and published at the College, is funded in part by Lycoming, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts and private endowments.

“When I started “Brilliant Corners” in 1996, I knew I wanted to end each issue with an interview because it would give me an opportunity to have someone known and engaging to talk about the relationship between jazz and language,” Feinstein said. “Some of the people I interviewed, frankly, are not as appreciated as they should be and their voices are important. I hope that scholars of jazz and jazz-related literature will turn to this book for many years to come.”


His poetry collection, “Mistério,” received the Hayden Carruth Award from Copper Canyon Press.

Feinstein is also the author of two books — “Jazz Poetry: From the 1920s to the Present” and “A Bibliographic Guide to Jazz Poetry.” Along with Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Yusef Komunyakaa, he co-edited “The Jazz Poetry Anthology” and its companion volume.


Hurlbert edits vital resource for college library managers

Janet Hurlbert, associate dean and director of library services at Lycoming, has edited “Defining Relevancy: Managing the New College Library,” a resource designed to help college library managers address the challenges facing academic libraries in the 21st century.

Designing Relevancy provides suggestions on developing a better understanding of today’s library users and developing partnerships with the college community to develop more beneficial library services for students, faculty and staff. With increased competition from Internet search engines, Web sites and large booksellers such as Border’s and Barnes & Noble, Hurlbert said college libraries must find new ways to remain viable and reach students effectively.

“Years ago, libraries never would have done the things they do today,” she explained. “Now, we may have someone dressed in a costume walk around the library or host events like ‘Harry Potter Night.’ We’ve even made simple changes such as allowing students to enjoy a muffin and cup of coffee in the library. These are things that libraries never would have considered in the past.

“As long as college libraries are in tune with their environment and are willing...
to change, they will always have a place within the academic community.”

Hurlbert, who has served as Lycoming’s director of library services since 2001, has also worked in libraries at Virginia Commonwealth and Iowa State universities. She has co-written articles for several books and publications, including the “Journal of Business & Finance Librarianship;” “Teaching Information Literacy Skills to Education and Social Sciences Students and Practitioners;” “Leadership and Academic Librarians;” “Journal of Marketing Education;” and “The Smaller Academic Library: A Management Handbook.”

Shipley displays sculpture collection

Regional art enthusiasts gathered at the Docent ARTS Gallery in Williamsport Sept. 7 to view “Reflections,” a collection of three-dimensional art created by Lycoming College art professor Roger Shipley. His sculptures incorporate different geometric shapes, reflective patterns and moving parts.

“This is a continuation of what I was doing in graduate school with painting on more than one surface,” Shipley said. “I extended that into working with Plexiglas sheets and reflective surfaces. These initially started

with very primitive geometric shapes, and eventually I began to introduce organic shapes. Then I went from Plexiglas to the cast bronze, which reflect some of the same characteristics.”

Shipley has produced 70 such Plexiglas sculptures and has sold all but 18 of them to private and commercial collectors located throughout the United States. In 2005, Shipley’s sculptures were included in two major book publications on sculpture: “Beginning Sculpture” and “The Sculpture Reference.”

Shipley has taught painting and printmaking at Lycoming since 1967. During those 40 years, he has also worked as a fine artist, making and displaying his wares in galleries and exhibitions throughout the United States. Shipley studied painting at the Cleveland Art Institute and the American School in Fontainebleau, France. He earned a MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Army medic Patrick Resta, who is featured in the Iraq war documentary “Heroes,” took this picture near the Iraqi border in 2004.

Estomin screens Iraq war documentary

Lynn Estomin, associate professor of art at Lycoming, presented her Iraq war documentary, “Heroes,” at the Campus Theatre in Lewisburg Oct. 4. The screening was part of “Heroes and Hungry Ghosts,” a collaborative multimedia event that featured live performances by acclaimed violinist Ritsu Katsumata.

“Heroes,” released in 2006, looks at the war in Iraq through the eyes of two Americans: Celeste Zappala, whose son, Sgt. Sherwood Baker, was killed in an explosion in Baghdad; and Specialist/E4 Patrick Resta, who served as an Army medic in Iraq. From high school recruiting to the lack of supplies and armor to injured Iraqi children, the powerful and alarming documentary blends interviews about the war and personal experiences of members of the National Guard with striking images by 12 independent photogra-
phers and Katsumata’s haunting musical score.

The film has been shown at film festivals in Ohio, California, New York, Chicago, Canada and Mumbai, India. The documentary was also broadcast nationally on Free Speech TV.

As part of the screening, Katsumata and percussionist Phil Haynes performed “Portrait of a Guitar Hero,” an assorted mix of AC/DC, Jimi Hendrix, Islamic chants and American hymns that was meant to serve as a representation of the constant struggle of the human condition.

Estomin has been creating art out of social issues for 25 years. Her award-winning video documentaries have been featured at many international film festivals, including the AFI Film & Video Festival, Ajijic Festival Internacional de Cine de Mexico, Barcelona Independent Film Festival, Canadian International Film Festival, Dallas Video Festival, Philadelphia Independent Film & Video Festival and others. Her work has also been broadcast in London, Beijing and Barcelona.

**Lycoming senior selected for prestigious Hispanic Young Professionals Program**

Lycoming senior Amilcar Guzman was one of only 30 students in the United States chosen to participate in the 2007 Hispanic Young Professionals Program, an annual leadership event sponsored by the Hispanic College Fund.

Held Oct. 23-28 in Washington, D.C., the event featured career-focused workshops, company visits and an awards gala where Guzman and the other participating students were recognized for their numerous academic achievements. Corporate executives, entrepreneurs, members of Congress and other community leaders attended the event.

“I hope to be a role model for other Hispanic students in the United States and take great pride in representing my heritage...”

Guzman, a psychology and sociology double major with a minor in French, is an Allentown, Pa., resident and graduate of Louis E. Dieruff High School. He is president of Lycoming’s Class of 2008, president of the Multicultural Awareness Group, a brother in the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and a Latin dance instructor for the campus dance club. Guzman also works on campus as a tour guide and a residence advisor.

After graduation, Guzman plans to pursue a graduate degree in urban affairs/public policy.

First-year student named first runner-up in state beauty pageant

Lycoming freshman Alexandra Feerrar was named first runner-up during the Miss Pennsylvania Teen USA 2008 pageant, held Nov. 23-25 in Pittsburgh. Feerrar was also selected Miss Photogenic during the pageant.

This year’s 97 pageant contestants were judged in three competitions: interview, swimsuit and evening gown. In the event the pageant winner is unable to fulfill the duties as Miss Pennsylvania Teen USA, Feerrar will carry out this year’s reign.

Feerrar, a native of Jersey Shore, Pa., is majoring in biology at Lycoming. She is involved with Best Buddies, a campus organization designed to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-on-one friendships and integrated employment.

Snowden Library hosts Harry Potter night

Nearly 100 Lycoming College “wizards” and “muggles” descended upon Snowden Library to participate in the campus’ second annual Harry Potter night Oct. 26. There were numerous reports of unusual activity in the library, including people dressed in colorful robes, owls in broad daylight, elves, floating candles and massive quantities of something called “butterbeer.”

The event celebrates the popular book series about a British boy wizard and his friends. Highlights included food mentioned in the books, house sorting, trivia contests, potion making, fortune telling, and costume and crazy sock competitions. Harry Potter candy, videos, calendars and stuffed owls were given as prizes.

A number of Lycoming staff and faculty dressed as characters from the stories and assisted in the night’s events.
seven years ago, Dr. Steven Johnson, associate professor of religion and field coordinator for Lycoming College’s archaeology program, was looking for a dig site where the College’s archaeology students could spend their summer earning valuable field experience. An Internet search uncovered an impressive 1,200 square-meter site and field school in Idalion, one of 10 major kingdoms in Cyprus that was once a major trading crossroads. Since 1987, the site has been under the direction of Dr. Pamela Gaber, a world-renowned expert in sculpture typology and pottery chronology (the tracing of the development of pottery types).

“When Steve contacted me, it was at the height of the Second Intifada (between Israel and Palestine),” said Gaber, who has worked at the site since she was a student at Harvard University in 1976. “He was looking for a ‘safe place’ overseas where his students could gain some valuable experience.”

Since that serendipitous encounter in 2001, Lycoming’s archaeology program has undergone a tremendous transformation. In 2003, Lycoming assumed institutional sponsorship of the Idalion site and provides an academic course for field school students. In 2000, only two Lycoming students were majoring in archaeology; by the 2008-09 academic year, more than 70 students are expected to be pursuing archaeology degrees.

A recent announcement made by Lycoming promises that the program’s growth – both in numbers and in reputation – should continue for years to come. Gaber and Dr. William G. Dever, recognized as one of the world’s leading biblical archaeologists, will join Lycoming’s faculty this fall – Gaber as professor of archaeology and Judaic studies and Dever as distinguished professor of Near Eastern archaeology.

“Drs. Pamela Gaber and William Dever are very important people in the field of archaeology,” said Johnson. “They will be very helpful in improving the quality of our curriculum, and their presence on campus will no doubt bring international recognition to our archaeology program and the College. There are only about 30
Lycoming’s archaeology program combines the rigors of a liberal arts curriculum with a strong major and the opportunity to participate in Near Eastern excavations led by renowned archaeologists.

After earning a Ph.D. in ancient art and archaeology from Harvard University, Gaber spent seven years as a professor of art history at the University of New Hampshire. She has also served on the faculty at the University of Arizona, where she taught Near Eastern humanities. Currently serving as director of education at the Congregation B’nai Yisrael in New York, she is the author of several books and publications, including the recently published “Excavations on the East Acropolis of Idalion” and a children’s book, “Daily Life in Bible Times: What Archaeology Tells Us.”

“I have been running field schools for 20 years, and the students who come to me from Lycoming have been noticeably stronger than the students from many other colleges,” Gaber said upon the announcement of her appointment. “So right away I was attracted to this opportunity at Lycoming and knew that this would be a fruitful collaboration.”

In addition to teaching a senior seminar in archaeological theory and at least two courses in Judaic studies, Gaber will continue to conduct the field school at Idalion each summer. She also hopes to create opportunities for students outside the archaeology program, as well as Lycoming faculty, staff, alumni and community members to travel to Idalion to take in the sights and volunteer at the excavation site.

She will also join the archaeology program’s supervisory committee, which includes Johnson; Dr. Robin J. Knauth, assistant professor of religion and director of the archaeology program; Dr. Cullen Chandler, assistant professor of history; and Dr. Amy Golahny, professor of art history and chair of the art department.

Dever, who earned a Ph.D. in Syro-Palestinian archaeology from Harvard University, has been active in the field of Near Eastern archaeology since 1955. For nearly 30 years, he served as professor of Near Eastern archaeology and anthropology at the University of Arizona and served as head of the university’s department of Oriental studies. Dever has led numerous field research and excavation projects in Jordan and Israel, having served as director of the Hebrew Union College Excavations at Gezer from 1966-71 and director of the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem from 1971-75. Incidentally, Lycoming is a member of the current Gezer excavation consortium, which is directed by one of Dever’s former doctoral students.

Dever has served on the editorial boards of countless professional archaeological and biblical journals. He has published several books, including “Did God Have a Wife? Archaeology and Folk Religion in Ancient Israel,” as well as hundreds of works in various periodicals, journals, books and reviews. He has lectured worldwide and has held executive positions in the Archaeological Institute of America, American Oriental Society and American Schools of Oriental Research.

“For a small college to have so many students majoring in archaeology is unprecedented,” Dever said about Lycoming’s archaeology program. “To find students who are interested in the discipline and a faculty and administration which are both supportive augurs very well. It was really refreshing to see what a small college with a sense of community, of commitment and of values was like.”

According to Lycoming President James E. Douthat, one of the program’s biggest strengths has been its interdisciplinary approach, with classes taught by experts in the fields of history, religion, philosophy, anthropology, art and ancient languages such as Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

“Lycoming’s archaeology program combines the rigors of a liberal arts curriculum with a strong major and the opportunity to participate in Near Eastern excavations led by renowned archaeologists,” Douthat said.
Dr. Thomas Griffiths had a distinguished teaching career at Illinois Wesleyan University, where he held an endowed professorship and was twice named Professor of the Year. He held several administrative leadership positions, including associate dean of the faculty and a two-year tenure as the campus’ chief academic officer. His groundbreaking research on the anatomy and evolution of bats has been published frequently and earned him the respect of his peers.

Given his reputation and these accomplishments, what would persuade Griffiths to leave Illinois Wesleyan after 26 years to become Lycoming’s provost and dean of the College?

The answer isn’t quite as complicated as it might seem.

Griffiths became aware of the opportunity during a conversation with Dr. Barbara Buedel, professor of Spanish and director of international education at Lycoming.

“I was intrigued from the outset,” Griffiths said. “There are a lot of similarities between Lycoming and Illinois Wesleyan. Both are Methodist-affiliated schools with strong liberal arts backgrounds, and both offer May terms. I also learned that Lycoming is facing a lot of the same challenges that Illinois Wesleyan and other institutions of the same size are facing – the tremendously increasing costs of facilities and personnel and the decreasing ability for families to afford a higher education.”

Once he interviewed for the position and visited the campus, Griffiths knew that Lycoming was a good fit. “Lycoming seemed to be head and shoulders above other institutions of the same size,” he said. “I really liked the faculty, and I was really impressed with the students.”

Griffiths was particularly excited by the level of faculty/student interaction on campus. “A lot of places pay good lip service but don’t practice what they preach,” Griffiths said. “The faculty members here are extremely devoted to the educational process and go the extra mile for their students. As a result, students are more actively engaged in their learning.”

Since assuming his new role on July 1, Griffiths also has been impressed by the level of involvement of Lycoming’s alumni. He said it has been refreshing to see how much Lycoming alumni really care about the College.

“The alumni are much more involved here than I’ve seen at other institutions,” said Griffiths. “They are willing to return to speak to students in the classroom, and they are willing to give their time and money to support their alma mater.”

The first six months on the job, Griffiths says, has been devoted primarily to allowing him to become more familiar with his new surroundings. He anticipates that the learning experience will continue at least until June, which will mark the end of his first academic year on the job.

While he feels “it certainly would have been wrong to jump in and start making changes before I understood why things were done the way they were – especially with such a good foundation already in place,” Griffiths does have a few long-term goals he would like to accomplish.

“First, I think we need to take a long, hard look at our distribution requirements,” Griffiths says. Doing so, he believes, will expose students to different areas which will benefit them over the long-term in today’s society.

Second, Griffiths hopes to develop a stronger international presence and create more study abroad opportunities for students.

“I think it’s important to create more opportunities for our faculty to go abroad as well,” he says. “I also think it’s important to find ways to allow our faculty to become more actively involved in review panels, editing journals and assuming leadership roles in professional organizations. Doing so will allow our faculty to enhance their visibility within their disciplines.”

Griffiths also says he hopes to work with President Douthat, the office of college relations and others to enhance the visibility – and thus the reputation – of the College. “There are a lot of good things going on here, and we need to make sure we publicize them,” he says.

While Griffiths says his main responsibilities will consume most of his time and attention for the near future, he plans to continue the research he has conducted for the past 40 years. He also intends to teach at least one class a year, most likely an introductory-level biology or evolution class geared toward non-majors.
Lycoming College students in the Institute for Management Studies have access to a popular and coveted summer internship program with Paradigm Companies, thanks to Stan Sloter, a 1980 Lycoming graduate and president of the company. The IMS is designed to enhance the educational opportunities for students majoring or minoring in accounting, business administration or economics.

“One of the most important learning experiences for me personally at Lycoming was a work experience at a pharmaceutical company at a point when I was considering a career in the field of science,” said Sloter, who is also a member of Lycoming’s board of trustees. “The experience helped redirect my entire career in a direction that has been much better suited to my skills and personality. I am very pleased and hopeful that we are providing similar opportunities for current Lycoming students to experience a real-world work environment, putting their education into practice and hopefully having some fun as well.”

Paradigm Companies, headquartered in Arlington, Va., is a development, construction and management company with more than 400 employees and sites in Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. It provides a hands-on paid business internship along with a completely furnished rent-free apartment. Since its creation 10 years ago, nearly 30 Lycoming students have taken advantage of this unique learning opportunity. The internship provides IMS students with an exciting experience living and working in the metro Washington, D.C., area.

“We have had interns from more than 15 different colleges and universities, and our Lycoming interns have been consistently well-prepared, hard-working and earnest in their ambition to make a contribution,” said Sloter, who earned a bachelor’s degree in business management. “This level of preparedness has improved consistently during the past 10 years and has permitted many of our interns to be offered full-time positions after graduation.”

According to Anne Landon, IMS’s coordinator of internships and assistant to the director, Paradigm’s interns are a select group of students who spend the summer learning about property management. Interns are assigned to an apartment community and work side-by-side with seasoned, experienced managers and leasing consultants. They generally work in the management department, and on occasion are placed in other areas such as accounting, development and construction, based on the intern’s background and interests.

“The internship provides a good foundation in the basics of the property management business,” said Landon. “The students receive one-on-one as well as company-wide training, in such topics as sales techniques, fair housing and customer service. The duties are similar to those of an entry-level, full-time leasing consultant.”

During summer 2007, a record number seven students interned with Paradigm as leasing/sales agents in various apartment communities. The students were: seniors Kyle Boyles, Kelly Wedge, Kelly Hughes and Kirstie McKeever; juniors Sean Berrier and Cassi Kaiser; and Dashenka Perera, who graduated last spring.

“My Paradigm internship was the most enjoyable experience I’ve had in college,” said Hughes. “The work was challenging as well as fun. Paradigm provided a wonderful environment to nurture my business skills. This internship gave me a chance to see how the real world operates. It gave me a chance to apply what I have learned and to work in the world of real estate management. As a business and communications major, it was a perfect fit. Working for Paradigm has made me look forward to graduating and entering the business world, because all the people I worked with were so friendly and taught me so much.”
Nearly a quarter century ago, Deirdre P. Connelly ’83 was just another of the many anonymous students at Lycoming College, working hard at her studies, pondering her future. On Sept. 26, Connelly was back at her alma mater, sharing with today’s students her incredible rise in the pharmaceutical industry to head up Lilly USA.

“In all honesty, 24 years ago I didn’t dream I’d become its president,” she said. Connelly offered no magic bullet theories for success or in running a business.

Hard work, leadership and social responsibility, she noted, are all important.

“The best companies are those run by people who don’t take themselves too seriously. Not one of us is as good as all of us,” she said. Although Connelly, named one of Fortune magazine’s 50 most powerful women in 2006, resides at a lofty business perch normally secured by men, she spent little time referring to any obstacles she’s faced in business by virtue of her gender.

But not only is Connelly one of the few women running a mid- to large-sized U.S. drug company, she may be the only Hispanic.

A native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, she related how she came to Lycoming College with only a limited grasp of the English language.

“I was glad I came to a small school,” she said. “I was able to have access to my professors. I needed that in the beginning. My English wasn’t good.”

Over time, however, being bilingual has proved to be an advantage for her, especially as the business world becomes increasingly global.

As a student, she said she worked hard academically but also became involved in campus activities, which helped form her leadership skills.

Upon graduation, she took a job with Lilly as a sales representative, eventually moving through the company ranks before assuming the presidency in 2005. Along the way, she graduated from Harvard University’s Advanced Management Program in 2000.

She urged students to be involved in many activities.

“You don’t know how good you can be ‘til you put yourself in that position,” she said. “I was raised with the responsibility of giving it all to whatever you do. I think it was just a matter of how I was raised.”

She said Lilly is a company that puts a lot of resources into social responsibility, part of which involves getting medicines to people who cannot afford them.

She stressed the need for companies, such as Lilly, that are involved in drug research and drug production to be held accountable.

“Pharmaceutical companies are significantly regulated,” Connelly said, “and we should be. We deal with serious stuff.”

Part of the accountability involves providing in the best possible way for its customers.

Overall, the entire health care industry faces numerous challenges, much of it due to an aging population in need of medical care, she said.

Managing the staggering costs needed to provide that care can go a long way, she said.

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Rue Moyer, a 2007 Lycoming College graduate, returned to campus Monday, Jan. 14, to give a presentation on his experiences teaching English as a Second Language to children in China. He teaches second-, fourth- and sixth-grade students in Shenzhen, China, a southern coastal city of more than 12 million people.

Moyer, who earned a degree in philosophy, was working as an ESL teacher at Lock Haven University during the summer, a job he found through the college’s Career Development Center, when the American Culture Exchange Society approached him with the offer to live and teach in China.

Moyer decided to begin his overseas teaching career in China, though he did not know how to speak Chinese when he started. However, Moyer said that his students and the community have helped him learn and become proficient in the standard Chinese dialect, Mandarin.

“If you have an open mind and you want to learn, you’re fine,” Moyer said. “You learn everything along the way.” Moyer said everyone he has encountered has been very friendly, since he shows a willingness to try to learn and speak the language.

The past four months, Moyer has been teaching 18 different classes, totaling nearly 700 students, at a private boarding-school in Shenzhen. He sees each group of students once-a-week to help them with pronunciation and other speaking skills.

According to Moyer, English grammar and basic vocabulary are taught to the students by other Chinese teachers, so his main job is to try to work on pronunciation. “I’m there so they can hear my voice,” Moyer said.

Moyer noted that many Chinese English-speakers are shy around native English-speakers for fear of getting pronunciation wrong.

“They don’t want to mess up,” he said. “The English they learned was from other Chinese people.”

Moyer said that his many students are very helpful and are very similar to elementary school students in the United States. They enjoy when he treats them to candy, Dr. Pepper and episodes of “Family Guy.”

Moyer also noted that southern China is a very thrilling place to live, due to the area’s rapid economic growth and booming population. Shenzhen is only a short ferry ride away from Hong Kong, which Moyer describes as a “cultural hub.”

“It’s very, very exciting living in Shenzhen right now,” he said. “Also, people of all walks of life come together in Hong Kong. It’s very exciting to have that just a ferry ride away.”

Moyer said that Shenzhen is only a short distance from many other rich cultural areas in East Asia, such as Beijing, the Koreas, Japan, Thailand and Vietnam.

Moyer encouraged anyone who is interested in traveling or working in China to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities provided by the country. He plans to continue his career in China for at least the next couple of years.

“China is the land of opportunity for Westerners right now,” Moyer said. “You have the opportunity to be creative and take a chance. I love what I’m doing.”
Sophomore musician brings new sound to campus
by Lisa Steuer

Sophomore Aaron Lay has brought a new sound to the Lycoming College campus. An accomplished bagpipe player, Lay sometimes practices playing his instrument in the Heim Building.

“I feel bad practicing on campus because I feel as though people get annoyed,” said Lay. “I try not to do it so much.”

The Colts Neck, N.J., native was inspired to learn how to play the bagpipes when he visited Scotland as a young child.

A couple of years later he started learning and has now been playing the bagpipes for 10 years.

Prior to playing the bagpipes, Lay played the trumpet. The bagpipes proved to be more difficult to master.

“It took me about four or five years to become good at playing the bagpipes, and even now I am still learning,” said Lay. “But I think it’s more fun to play than other instruments.”

Lay has been a member of many bands, including the Kenmure Bagpipe Band, Jersey Shore Celtic Bagpipe Band, and Shamrock and Thistle Bagpipe Band. He is also a member of the Eastern United States Bag Pipe Association. Through this organization, Lay has competed and won awards in solo competitions all around the eastern United States and New Orleans, as well as Bermuda, Scotland and Ireland. Lay will soon be returning to Scotland to compete in the very land that inspired him to play in the first place.

Lay, a criminal justice major, is also very involved with a variety of activities, both on and off campus. At Lycoming, he is a member of the Campus Activities Board, Residence Life Advisory Board, Student Affairs Committee and Habitat for Humanity. Lay also serves as the Relay for Life chair in Colleges Against Cancer and is the Sergeant at Arms for the Criminal Justice Society. Closer to home, Lay is a volunteer firefighter with Tinton Falls (N.J.) Fire Company #1 and a volunteer EMT with Tinton Falls EMS North and Colts Neck First Aid Squad. He is also a Nationally Accredited Search and Rescue Technician, level III.

Lay’s future goals include working for the New Jersey State Police.
Larry Swartz ’57 was part of something special in 1957 — something that he still describes today as a “once in a lifetime experience.” Larry was a senior at Lycoming College that year; he was also president of the Lycoming College Choir and part of the first Lycoming choir to travel and perform internationally.

Fifty years later, Larry and his wife, Norma, have found a special way to say “thanks for the memories.” The two have made a generous gift to Lycoming, which has enabled the College to establish the McIver/Thayer Competitive Performance Choir Scholarship Fund. The academic scholarship, named to recognize the only two choir directors in Lycoming’s history, will be given annually to incoming/current Lycoming students who are members of the choir. Recipients will be selected by the choir director based on musical ability and financial need.

“Lycoming College is very grateful to Larry and Norma Swartz for their generosity,” said Lycoming President James E. Douthat. “From the days of Walter McIver to those of our longest serving choir director, Dr. Fred Thayer, the quality of the choir has been greatly enhanced by their recruitment of musically talented students. This endowment will help assure that those students will have the same life-changing experience that Larry had more than 50 years ago as a member of the Lycoming choir.”

Although a half century has passed since that first choir tour — a month-long trip to England — Larry still recalls “the special spirit” that members of the choir shared and enjoyed. He says members of that ‘England’ choir still remain in touch and get together for their own reunion every five or 10 years.

“This scholarship fund is just a way for Norma and me to convey the strong feelings we have for Lycoming,” Larry says. “We’re pleased that we’re able to support the College in this way.” Larry is especially grateful for the experience leads to endowed scholarship

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Larry Swartz ’57 as a member of the 1957 Lycoming College Choir.
opportunity to have worked with and gotten to know McIver, Lycoming’s choir director from 1946-76, who passed away in 2003. “Walter played a very influential role in my life,” Larry shares. “I’m glad that several of us from that first tour choir were able to help Walter celebrate his 90th birthday.”

Fortunately for Larry, he had an opportunity to take his relationship with McIver to a different level. A year after graduating from Lycoming, Larry was hired to serve as the College’s first public relations director—a position he held for 10 years, except for a brief “hiatus” in 1963-64 to pursue a Ph.D. at Syracuse University. Interestingly enough, one of his responsibilities was to arrange the choir’s concerts on campus. “It was wonderful to be able to move that relationship from student/faculty to fellow staff members,” Larry says.

Larry left Lycoming to accept a job with the public television station in East Lansing, Mich., in 1968. One of his most significant moments while there came during one of the station’s pledge drive. “The station did a rail tour as a fund-raiser, and it was a huge hit,” he recalls. Given the tour’s success and his lifelong interest in railroads, Larry decided to go into the tour business in 1983.

The first few years, admittedly, had their ups and downs. But in 1996, Larry and Norma started America by Rail, which has grown to become the country’s leading provider of escorted rail tours of the United States and Canada. Larry says one of the biggest reasons for the company’s success was the decision to begin offering tours to Branson, Mo.

“Business was doing okay, but things really took off when we added Branson tours five years ago,” Larry says. They quickly became America by Rail’s most popular tours, with the company escorting more than 2,400 individuals to Branson in 2006 alone.

America by Rail’s success also gave Norma and Larry the chance to do something beneficial for Lycoming.

“Lycoming not only gave me a strong liberal arts education, but it also gave Norma and me 10 fine years on campus [as an employee],”

Ironically, it also provided Larry with his only trip overseas—despite being in the tour business, Larry’s trip to England with the tour choir 50 years ago remains his only trip “across the pond.”

Given his fond recollections from that trip, Larry and Norma wanted to do something that would allow members of the Lycoming College Choir to enjoy similar experiences for years to come. So when Lynn Jackson, Lycoming’s vice president for college advancement, visited last year, the three worked together to lay the groundwork for the scholarship.

According to Thayer, who has served as the choir’s director since 1976, the scholarship will be enormously beneficial to future generations of Lycoming students. “This is a wonderful byproduct of Larry’s choir experience at Lycoming,” he says. “Not only does it reinforce the impact of the music that choir sang, but it is also a tribute to Walter and the impact he had on their lives.”

In addition to producing a high-quality choir year in and year out, one of the traditions that has continued under Thayer’s leadership has been an occasional tour overseas. Just this spring, for example, the tour choir conducted a two-week tour of Germany, the Czech Republic and Hungary.

“I’ve just been fortunate enough to pick up the baton and carry on the tradition that Walter started,” Thayer says.

With the cost of those tours increasing through the years, choir members and their parents have had to cover larger parts of the expenses in order to make the trip. While financial constraints have never kept anyone selected for tour choir from participating in an overseas tour so far, that may not always be the case in the future without additional support.

“That’s why we’re so grateful to Larry and Norma for establishing this endowment,” Thayer says. “It could allow one or more of the scholarship recipients to go on a future tour who otherwise may not have been able to afford to do so.”
Lycoming College receives major gift in memory of local businessman

A portion of Lycoming College’s recently opened residence hall, The Commons, has been named in memory of Richard H. Lundy Jr., a longtime friend of the College. Lundy’s wife, Gloria, and daughter, Heather Macdonald, recently made a significant gift to Lycoming to have one of the six houses named the Richard H. Lundy Jr. House.

“Of all the numerous buildings built by Lundy Construction, this dormitory project was my father’s favorite,” said Macdonald. “It’s a shame he was not able to see it completed, but he would definitely be honored to have his name on it and to be remembered for his work at the College.”

Located at the corner of Mulberry Street and Washington Boulevard, The Commons is a single 29,000-square-foot building, although the facade and landscaping suggest six houses. The building accommodates 85 students within 22 units and features furnished living rooms, bedrooms and kitchen appliances.

“Dick Lundy was on the building site of the new residential facility every day he was in town and watched its construction by web-cam whenever he was not,” said Lycoming President James E. Douthat. “The quality of the building clearly bears Dick’s mark. To place his name on one of the student houses built by Lundy Construction is a fitting tribute to Dick and to his long career. We greatly appreciate the decision of his family to honor him in such a way.”

The Commons was opened in August 2007 and built by Lundy Construction. Lundy served as president of the company from 1975 until his death in June 2007. Lundy Construction has been involved in the construction or renovation of 15 buildings on Lycoming’s campus. Its first project was Clarke Chapel in 1939. Projects during the last 10 years include the Wertz Student Center addition, Mary Lindsay Welch Honors Hall renovation and The Commons.

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“Once you’re a Warrior, you’re a Warrior forever.” That’s the motto Frank Girardi built the Lycoming College football program around during his 36 years of working the sidelines as head football coach. Along the way, he used that adage to help establish one of the nation’s most respected and successful NCAA Division III football programs.

In between his first game as the Warriors’ head coach in 1972, a 39-0 loss at Albright, and his last, a 28-14 setback at Lebanon Valley during the 2007 season finale, Girardi tallied an impressive 257 victories in 358 career games.

However, during the aforementioned Saturday in 1972, Girardi had to endure much more than a season-opening loss. The Girardi family was abruptly forced from their home in their pajamas due to an early-morning fire. With firemen on the roof battling the blaze, Girardi, an eager first-year head coach, turned to his wife, Lynne, and said “Take care of things, honey!” and left to lead his Warrior team against Albright.

“I was one of those guys that thought everything was going to be all hunky-dory just because I was coaching,” Girardi said. “It’s a great story now. But we lost the first five games that year, scoring only six points during that stretch. That’s when I said ‘What am I doing here?’ But then of course we won some games that first year. The second year we won a couple, and by the third year, I really knew it was going to come around. When we got back after that first game, I went to the house and no one was there of course. Everything was boarded up. We stayed with my mother for about six months while we had the house redone. That was the start of my college coaching career. Our house burned down and we were beaten 39-0. I think the 39-0 hurt me more.”

Spoken like a true coach.

Much has happened during the nearly four decades since that first game. There have been the well-documented great Warrior games, numerous victories and many championships. But, according to Frank and Lynne Girardi, more importantly, they are grateful for a lifetime of countless relationships with the players, parents, fans and community members who proudly represented and supported Lycoming football.

Frank and Lynne recently sat down with Lycoming Magazine to share some of their thoughts about their 36-year experience with the College.
What has Lycoming College meant to the Girardi family?

Coach G: It’s been everything to us as a family because it has been a family endeavor. Our four kids have graduated from here. Coaching my two sons, Jerry and Frankie, and having our two grandsons, Nate and Zack Hanner, here now; it’s meant a tremendous amount to the Girardi family and to me personally.

Lynne: It’s extended our family too because of the friendships we’ve made through the years. We still see people that he coached 35 years ago. We keep in touch with their families.

Coach G, why 36 years at the same school?
The College has always been great to me. I grew up in Williamsport. This is home and I love the area. Anytime other opportunities came up, whenever I compared them, Lycoming always won. It didn’t take me long to realize that this was the place I wanted to be until I retire. As Lynne said, when you look at all the relationships we have built through the years, it was a relatively easy decision for me to stay here. It’s been a real family situation, and that’s the way I tried to run the football program, just like a family. I treated all the players like family and they responded.

Lynne, what have you enjoyed most about supporting Lycoming football?
I think the people we’ve met; it’s just been so much fun. Our children have really been involved. It’s the only thing they have ever known because they were born into it. It hasn’t been the wins and losses; it’s just been the relationships that we’ve been fortunate to have with so many wonderful people.

Looking back through the years, what are you most proud of?
Coach G: I’m most proud of the consistency of the program and that we were able to maintain this program at a very, very high level for all of these years. I am also very proud of our players who have graduated and feel so connected with the program that they still stay in contact with us. To have an impact on something or someone, I think that’s one of the most important things you can do in life. To me, as Lynne said, it’s more than just the wins and losses. Now don’t get me wrong, the wins are very important, I’m not going to minimize that. They’re extremely important, but I’m just so proud of the number of players that have left here and still feel a connection to Lycoming football.

Lynne: I think a lot of programs, when the kids graduate, they’re gone forever. But that hasn’t been the case here the last 36 years. I don’t know how many players’ weddings we’ve been involved in, how many children Frank’s a godfather to, how many second generation kids he’s coached. When he retired, we received thousands of cards and letters. We received mail and phone calls from kids who played against Frank saying he made more of an impact on them than their own coaches did. I think that shows what kind of person he’s been to these kids. He loves them.
Frank Girardi, one of the nation’s most successful college football coaches, announced his retirement as Lycoming College’s head football coach during an emotional press conference Dec. 4 in Lamade Gymnasium. During 36 seasons as the Warriors’ head coach, Girardi compiled a career record of 257-97-4, which ranks 15th on the NCAA’s all-time winningest coaches’ list, regardless of division.

Girardi ranked fifth in wins among active NCAA coaches and second among active NCAA Division III coaches. He led Lycoming to 13 Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) championships and 11 appearances in the NCAA playoffs, including trips to the Stagg Bowl—the NCAA Division III national championship game—in 1990 and 1997. In all, the Warriors tallied a winning record in 29 of Girardi’s 36 seasons. The MAC honored Girardi as its Coach of the Year on 12 occasions.

“It wasn’t a question of whether I could do it anymore, but whether I could do it to the highest level I set for myself,” said Girardi of his decision. “If not, I wouldn’t be true to myself or the program. That’s when I made the decision to retire.”

Girardi entered the coaching ranks in 1961 when he became an assistant coach at Jersey Shore (Pa.) High School. He became head coach of the team in 1963 and remained in that position for six years.

In 1969, Girardi became an assistant at Lycoming under Budd Whitehill. Three years later, he took over the reigns as head coach of a Warrior program that had gone 14-34 since its last winning season in 1965. During Girardi’s first three seasons, Lycoming went 2-6, 2-6 and 3-6. In his fourth season, the Warriors recorded a mark of 6-2 and went on to have 29 consecutive winning campaigns.

In 1984, Girardi accepted an expanded role as Lycoming’s director of athletics, overseeing Lycoming’s 17 intercollegiate athletic programs.

Girardi and his wife, Lynne, have four children — Cathi, Jerry, Frank, Jr. and Justine — all Lycoming graduates, and 10 grandchildren.
Lycoming named alumnus Mike Clark ’93 as its new head football coach, according to an announcement by President James E. Douthat on Jan. 16. Clark, who earned a degree in business administration at the College, played under legendary head coach Frank Girardi and coached alongside Girardi from July 1998 through May 2000.

After graduating from Lycoming, Clark was a graduate assistant coach for two years at Rowan College, where he earned a master’s degree in business administration. He then spent two seasons coaching running backs and tight ends at Princeton University before joining Lycoming’s staff as offensive line coach in 1998. While Clark coached at Lycoming, the Warriors reached the NCAA playoffs twice, advancing to the final eight in 1998. As a player, Clark was an offensive lineman on the Warriors’ 1990 team that went to The Stagg Bowl—the Division III national championship game—in Bradenton, Fla.

“Lycoming is a special place,” said Clark. “Coach Girardi not only gave me four of the best years of my life as a student-athlete here, but he also gave me my first full-time coaching job back in the summer of 1998, after four years of trying to make it in this business. Coach G has always been a mentor to me and I look forward to continuing that relationship.”

Since leaving Lycoming eight years ago, Clark has served as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Davidson College, a Division I FCS (formerly I-AA) non-scholarship school located in North Carolina. During his tenure at Davidson, the Wildcats averaged nearly 25 points per game. In 2007, the Clark-led offense averaged 31.2 points and 414.3 yards per game, while allowing just seven sacks in 393 passing attempts. The 2006 Davidson offense ranked seventh in passing in Division I FCS, as well as 13th in total offense and 15th in scoring offense. Clark also coached some of Davidson’s career leaders in rushing, passing, receiving, touchdowns and scoring.

Clark was chosen after a rigorous search performed by an appointed advisory board. The search garnered 75 applicants. Members of the advisory board included Dr. Robert Shangraw ’58, chairman emeritus of Lycoming’s board of trustees; Dr. Thomas Griffiths, provost and dean of the College; and James Spencer, vice president for admissions and financial aid. Scott Kennell, assistant director of athletics, served as coordinator of the search. Douthat also spoke with Girardi on several occasions to discuss the qualifications of the candidates.

“The depth and success of Mike Clark’s coaching experiences in NCAA Division III and at Davidson have prepared him well for Lycoming’s head coaching position,” said Douthat. “He knows, understands and respects the great football tradition that Lycoming established during the Girardi era, having played and coached at Lycoming during some of the most successful years of Warrior football.”

Clark arrived on campus on Jan. 21 and was introduced at a press conference the following day. He discussed his plans for the immediate future of the football program.

“I’m extremely excited to get started,” said Clark. “I believe with hard work, we can turn things around and compete for a MAC championship in 2008.”

Noting Davidson’s impressive offensive statistics, one member of the media asked whether Clark would introduce a spread offense at Lycoming. Clark elaborated on his offensive philosophy, giving a glimpse into his plans for the Warriors.

“We’ll run a multiple pro-style offense,” he said. “We’ll start day one with a tight end, two wide receivers and two backs. From there, we’ll branch out to three and four receiver sets, but we won’t be running any real option-type of offense.”

Clark also underscored the importance of a solid defense.

“Defense, of course, is essential to winning football games,” said Clark. “If you have a strong defense, you’re capable of being in any game. I look to continue Lycoming’s tradition of a tough, passionate defense, an exciting offense and consistent special teams.”

Clark is a native of Ridley Park, Pa. He and his wife, Danielle, have two daughters, Allison (6) and Emily (21 months), and a son, Brendan (3).
Lycoming’s 2007 fall sports seasons featured many remarkable moments, including the legendary Frank Girardi announcing his retirement as the Warriors’ head football coach and men’s soccer coach Scott Kennell being named Commonwealth Conference Coach of the Year.

**Football (3-7)**

Frank Girardi’s squad picked up its first win of the 2007 season with a 19-17 victory against Wilkes University during Homecoming weekend. The Warriors then won two of their last four games to finish 3-7 for the year. Lycoming tied for fifth in the MAC with a 3-4 record.

Along the way, Coach Girardi passed Nebraska legend Tom Osbourne (255 victories) on the NCAA’s all-time winningest coach’s list, then tied Brigham Young’s LaVell Edwards for 15th place all-time with his 257th career win.

Following the 2007 season, senior captain and defensive end Ryan Yaple claimed honorable mention All-America honors from D3football.com. He ranked second in the nation in NCAA Division III with 14 quarterback sacks. Yaple and senior tight end Bill Margetich also earned All-East Region honors from D3football.com.

Seven Warriors were chosen to the 2007 All-Middle Atlantic Conference team, including Margetich and Yaple, who were selected first-team offense and first-team defense, respectively. Freshman running back Josh Kleinfielder, junior offensive lineman Pat Taylor, senior middle linebacker Mike DiPlacido, senior defensive back Vreeland Wood and sophomore defensive lineman Ted Geurds were named All-MAC second-team.

**Men’s Soccer (13-5-1)**

The men’s soccer team joined the highly competitive Commonwealth Conference in 2007, taking on such powerhouses as Elizabethtown College and 2006 national champion Messiah College. The Warriors defeated regionally-ranked Elizabethtown for the second straight year in the regular season. However, Lycoming’s conference playoff run ended with a heartbreaking loss to the Blue Jays in the semi-finals.

The Warriors posted 13 wins in the regular season, showing tenacity and discipline that earned head coach Scott Kennell the 2007 Commonwealth Conference Coach of the Year award. Kennell, who is Lycoming soccer’s all-time winningest coach and the College’s assistant athletic director, more than doubled his win total from 2006 in his first year in the Commonwealth.

Lycoming placed four players on the All-Conference first-team. Sophomore forward Chris Lorenzet tallied 10 goals and five assists for the year, while senior goaltender Ryan Humphreys kept a 1.55 goals against average. They were joined by junior midfielder Matt Frey and senior sweeper Zach Tanner on the first-team. Junior midfielder Joe Pusateri made second-team.

The Warriors will look to rebuild their defense next season after losing senior starters Tanner, Humphreys and Rob Bailey to graduation. Graduating midfielders Joe Thomas and Jordan Shettle will also be missed, but Coach Kennell returns a solid roster and hopes to compete again for a conference championship.

**Women’s Soccer (9-8)**

The women’s soccer team also joined the Commonwealth arm of the MAC and more than...
doubled its win total from 2006. Under the tutelage of first-year head coach Joe Balduino, the Lady Warriors opened 2007 with eight wins and just two losses, both in overtime.

Junior forward Rebekah Shipe led Lycoming in points with 11 goals and five assists in 2007, while senior goaltender Jessica Bennett compiled 54 saves and four shutouts for the year. Both were named to the 2007 All-Commonwealth second-team.

Balduino also saw inspired play from freshman Kaitlin Horn, who finished the season with a team-high seven assists. Her seven goals ranked third to Shipe and senior forward Rachel Skinner (8).

University and Marywood University in midseason competition.

Perhaps the highlight of the 2007 campaign was the naming of freshman middle hitter Megan Schulze to the All-Commonwealth second-team. Schulze compiled the second-highest kills for Lycoming with 135, despite missing several games with a shoulder injury. She also recorded the team’s best attack percentage at .280.

Lycoming returns its entire roster next year and hopes to build on this year’s experience.

Women’s Tennis (4-7)
The women’s tennis team enjoyed a rewarding 2007 season while building a strong foundation for the future. Lycoming listed just one junior and no seniors on this year’s roster and finished an impressive third in the Commonwealth Conference.

Deb Holmes entered her 32nd year as the Lady Warriors’ head coach and produced another first-team All-Conference performer in sophomore Amiee Snyder at No. 1 singles. Freshman Rebecca Reynolds, No. 2 singles, joined Snyder in representing the College at the MAC Individual Tournament.

Cross Country
Lycoming’s men’s and women’s cross country teams fielded young rosters this year. Seniors Jennifer Reams and Kelly Zielinski will graduate in the spring from the women’s team, while the men claimed no seniors on their 2007 roster.

Both squads worked hard to improve their speed and endurance throughout the season. Sophomore Kari Smith finished 43rd at the MAC Championships, while freshman Ryan Evans took 47th for the men.

Look for head coach Adrienne Wydra’s lineups to pick up the pace next season as a result of added experience and offseason training.

Sports Hall of Fame
Seven former student-athletes were inducted into the Lycoming College Sports Hall of Fame Oct. 20. The 2007 inductees include Mark Barnes ‘01, Rob Cosper ‘00, Michael Downey ‘96, Tim Dumas ‘00, Jason Marraccini ‘99, Harry Perretta ‘78, Robert Cosper ‘00.

He ranked eighth all-time in career assists and holds a .547 winning percentage in face-offs.

Cosper, a heavyweight, was twice named NCAA All-America. He finished in fourth-place at the NCAA Tournament as a junior and was runner-up as a senior. He qualified for the NCAA Tournament three times during his career at Lycoming. Cosper was champion of the Middle Atlantic Conference twice, in 1999 and 2000. He also won the most prestigious sports awards at Lycoming, the Sol “Woody” Wolfe Award in 1999 and the Tomahawk Award in 2000.

Downey, an offensive lineman, was an All-American in many publications in 1996, including The Sporting News, Street & Smith’s and Football Gazette. He was a two-time Melberger Offensive Lineman of the Year and a three-time first-team All-Freedom Conference player from 1994-96. In 1995, Downey was Lycoming’s Co-Offensive Player of the Year.

Dumas, a wide receiver, was a Street & Smith All-American in 1999 and a Football Gazette All-American in 1998 and 1999. He was first-team All-
Conference and Lycoming’s Offensive Player of the Year for three straight years from 1997-99. Dumas was part of Lycoming’s 1997 team that reached the NCAA Division III national championship game. He holds numerous Warrior receiving records including total catches, yards and touchdowns.

Marraccini, a quarterback, was also at the 1997 national championship game. He joined Dumas and was a captain of the U.S. Division III football team that played in the 1998 Aztec Bowl in Monterrey, Mexico. Marraccini was an AFCA All-American, league MVP and two-time Lycoming football MVP. He also won the most prestigious sports awards at Lycoming, the Sol “Woody” Wolfe Award in 1998 and the Tomahawk Award in 1999.

Perretta suffered a career-ending basketball injury in his first year as a Warrior and was a student coach for the remainder of his time at Lycoming. However, he went on to achieve great success as the head women’s basketball coach at Villanova University. Perretta is entering his 30th season as the Lady Wildcats’ head coach. He has amassed a 536-313 career record and is one of only 26 Division I women’s basketball coaches to eclipse 500 wins. He has led Villanova to eight NCAA Tournament appearances, including a berth in the Elite Eight in 2003.

Slotter Young was a four-time all-conference selection from 1993-96 and a captain of the volleyball team for four years. She led the Lady Warriors to a 62-47 record during her career at the College and ranks in the top-10 at Lycoming in kills (894) and blocks (144).

Before the beginning of the 2007-08 academic year, Lycoming’s men’s soccer team went on a 10-day European tour that many college students can only dream about. The itinerary included stops in England, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. Such a trip is only allowed by the NCAA once every four years, so the Warriors took full advantage of their time.

Lycoming trained regularly and played area teams in some of the oldest and most famous European cities. On Sunday, Aug. 5, the Warriors squared off against a German squad in the 850-year-old city of Munich. The following day the team set off for Interlaken, Switzerland, to take on a professional team in the “town between the lakes.”

After some sightseeing, which included a tour of a royal castle in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, and a whitewater rafting trip in the Alps, Lycoming faced off against the Fourth Division professionals, FC Interlaken. The Warriors were ecstatic to finish the contest tied with the elite competition.

On Wednesday, Aug. 8, the Warriors faced another Fourth Division team, this time in the picturesque town of Como, Italy. AC B.A S.E. 96 proved a tougher opponent for the blue and gold, as Lycoming fell in a close match. The next day, the Warriors visited Bellagio, Italy, known for its silk production.

Lycoming then traveled to Milan for a training session with assistant coaches from Rosenneri (AC Milan). After the session, the team visited da Vinci’s “Last Supper” and then took in the sights and shopping of Milan. The following day, the Warriors played SC Solbiate Arno 1911 on the final day of their European adventure. The Milanese players outmatched the Americans, but the Warriors were thrilled with their collective experience in “the old country.”

“The trip was a great time for all of us to get together before preseason,” said senior captain Rob Bailey. “It gave us a head start on the year and we did a lot of exciting activities that I will never forget. Whitewater rafting in the Alps, visiting Milan and taking a bike tour of Munich were some of the highlights of the trip. It was a great opportunity for team bonding. When we got back, everyone was ready to go for the upcoming season.”

Lycoming fans, friends and parents were able to follow each stage of the team’s European travels through a weblog that senior captain Zach Tanner updated daily on the College’s Web site.
Dear Friends,

There’s buried treasure on the Lycoming College campus. In the lower level of the Academic Center – in a converted space some of us remember as the nursing lab – the artifacts of Lycoming’s history are collected and carefully managed.

Enter the Lycoming College Archives and you’re greeted by a carpeted, warmly furnished parlor area complete with a small fireplace. Even better, you’re greeted by Julie Dougherty, Lycoming’s part-time archival technician. Along with Janet Hurlbert, associate dean and director of library services, Julie manages the books, documents, photographs, recordings, publications, scrapbooks and objects that make up part of the story of the rich heritage of Lycoming College, Dickinson Junior College, Dickinson Seminary and Williamsport Academy.

I say “part of the story” because much of Lycoming’s treasure lies beyond campus in the memories of you, the alumni.

Alumni from all eras have something to offer the archives, which is why Janet and Julie are looking to make some new friends. Alumni near or far can become “Friends of the Archives” by sharing memories of school days for the archives’ oral history collection. You may have a favorite story or two, a unique student experience or a great memory for detail that would make for an excellent contribution to the oral history project. Perhaps you have some college mementos that you’d be willing to donate, or maybe you are interested in helping the archives locate materials to add to its collection.

Alumni who live near enough to volunteer on campus can also become “Friends of the Archives” by conducting or transcribing interviews with other alumni for the oral history project. If you love to hear other alums’ stories, this is a great opportunity to be involved. Training will be provided.

If you prefer quieter activities, you might enjoy assisting with the archives’ picture collection or lending a hand with shelf arrangement. If you enjoy being creative, the archives is also interested in producing an annual newsletter and perhaps even an annual program to present to groups on campus. There’s plenty of inspiration to be found in items like a life-size wooden cigar store Indian; a human hair wreath made by female members of the Class of 1862-63; and a faceted cut glass, silver-trimmed pendant with the Dickinson Seminary seal in the center.

In other words, if you are able to commit some time and are interested in the history of your alma mater, the archives has an opportunity for you. Your friendship would be most welcome.

When Janet began formalizing the archives about a decade ago, the collection existed in a metal filing cabinet, a couple of shelves and a few boxes; now, it has a bona fide home on campus and can even be found on the Web. Until you have the opportunity to visit in person, check out the photo collection which is now available online at www.lycoming.edu/library/archives/photoarchive.html. I think you’ll agree this resource is quite a treasure in itself.

Early this year, the College newspapers dating from the late 1800s also will be made available online. Be sure to check back and read about the experiences of students at our alma mater through the course of more than a century.

We hope you will be able to enrich the College’s archival treasure even further with a commitment of your time. Have fun immersing yourself in the rich history of this institution by becoming a “Friend of the Archives.” If interested, please contact Julie at dougherty@lycoming.edu or 570-321-4333.

Best for 2008,

Melanie Harris Taormina '94
Director of Alumni Relations
When I graduated from Lycoming in May 1992, the job market was awful. There was no Internet to help with my job search, and the “Help Wanted” section of the newspaper was sparse with good entry-level jobs. I mailed a lot of letters, but I got few interviews.

I’ll never forget the challenge of pounding the pavement to find that first break. But because I remember how tough it was getting my career started, I make sure that I think of Lycoming graduates when hiring for jobs and internships.

During the last nine years, I’ve worked for the Vanguard Group, Inc., in Valley Forge, Pa., where I am a manager in its Brokerage Services division. I participate in our firm’s entry-level hiring process, which focuses heavily on recent college graduates. In fact, Vanguard was recently selected one of the “Top 100 Entry-Level Employers” by CollegeGrad.com and one of the “Top 100 Companies to Work For” by Fortune magazine. I also regularly mentor summer interns and management trainees that rotate through my department.

It struck me that these would be wonderful opportunities for Lycoming graduates, but I never saw their resumes coming across my desk. I knew if I reached out to the Career Development Center that the staff could make students aware of Vanguard and connect interested students with me – I would have the chance to discuss opportunities that were available at Vanguard and prepare them for the rigorous phone screening and interview process. It was a win-win!

I’m pleased to report that I’ve worked with two Lycoming graduates who have joined the Vanguard “crew.” They are great additions to our team, and it felt terrific to be able to help fellow alumni who were looking for rewarding career opportunities.

Are you in a position to assist a fellow Lycoming graduate with his or her career? Even if you don’t work in the human resources department, you might be aware of opportunities with your employer. Let Lycoming’s Career Development Center know what sort of opportunities are generally available and provide your contact information so interested graduates can contact you for more information about your company and the opportunity.

Alumni networking significantly increases the value of our Lycoming degree; it’s a very meaningful way to give back to Lycoming in addition to our traditional financial gifts to the College. Please visit the Career Development Center Web site at www.lycoming.edu/cdc, contact Laurie Garris, CDC director, at cdc@lycoming.edu or call 570-321-4034.

Mark Ohlinger ’92
Young alumni gather at Philly Stock Exchange

The Lycoming Annual Fund sponsored its first Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) event Oct. 18, 2007 - Taking Stock: Investing in Yourself and Your Future. Linda ’69 and Murray ’69 Ross hosted the event and Eric Szentesy ’96 joined them as featured presenters.

The event served as an opportunity for young professionals to share what has worked well for them and also capitalize on the expertise of fellow alumni. Following the presentation, the group adjourned to the Elephant and Castle Pub and Restaurant to continue conversations and connect with alumni and friends.

Continue to check the alumni event listings for future Lycoming Annual Fund events in your area. If you are interested in hosting a regional GOLD event, please contact Loni Kline, director of annual giving, at 570-321-4036 or kline@lycoming.edu.

Chicago-area alumni gather after Cubs outing

Lycoming alumni came together Sept. 23 in the Windy City to cheer on the pennant-chasing Cubs as baseball’s regular-season drew to a close. Twenty alumni and friends joined President James and Emily Douthat and Vice President for College Advancement Lynn Jackson at Wrigley Field for a lively Sunday afternoon game before heading up the street for a reception hosted by Michael Waltz ’70 at his apartment complex. Special thanks to Michael and to Cheryl (Eck) Spencer ’70 for coordinating this event.

Alumni gather in Pittsburgh after men’s basketball game

Lycoming College alumni from Pittsburgh and Williamsport gathered for a reception with the Lycoming men’s basketball team following its game with Carnegie Mellon University Sunday, Jan. 13. Alumni and guests joined Head Coach Don Friday and the team at the Union Grille in Pittsburgh’s Oakland section for refreshments and conversation. Melanie Harris Taormina ’94, Lycoming’s director of alumni relations, shared news from the College with the alums, who represented classes from the ’70s through the ’00s.


Krystal (Ray) ’05 and Ryan ’05 Brooks at the Pittsburgh alumni gathering.
Student education association holds alumni panel discussion

Lycoming’s chapter of the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association (SPSEA) invited several alumni to share their experiences and knowledge with current education students during the organization’s inaugural Education Panel Nov. 27.

Panelists gave a brief overview that included where they have worked since graduating. Students also sought career and other advice from the panelists during the hour-long question and answer session that followed.

Amy (Shaner) Rogers ’92, instructor of education, is the SPSEA advisor.

North Carolina Alumni Picnic at Zoo

Several Lycoming alumni living in North Carolina and members of their families gathered at the North Carolina Zoo on Nov. 4 for a picnic lunch and an afternoon tour of the expansive zoo. Melanie Harris Taormina ’94, director of alumni relations, shared news from the College with the alums – graduates from the ’60s through the ’00s who traveled from nearby Greensboro and from as far away as the Charlotte and Raleigh-Durham areas for the event.

Saturday, March 15
Williamsport Area Family Easter Party
Faxon Lanes, 1225 River Ave.
Noon - 2 p.m.
Fun, treats and a visit from the Easter Bunny are in store. All ages welcome.

Thursday, March 27
Workday lunch in downtown San Francisco
Fog City Diner, 1300 Battery Street
Noon
Hosted by Lynn Jackson, vice president for college advancement, and Melanie Harris Taormina ’94, director of alumni relations.

Friday, March 28
Special effects studio tour with Tom Woodruff ’80
Amalgamated Dynamics Inc., Chatsworth, Calif.
A mid-day tour is planned, with box lunch at the studio or lunch at a nearby restaurant to follow.

Friday, April 4
Careers: Conversations and Connections
Grand Ballroom, Holiday Inn Downtown, Williamsport, Pa.
7-8 p.m. – Alumni Social Hour / 8-9:30 p.m. – Alumni/Student Networking
Support Lycoming juniors and seniors by sharing your career stories at this annual networking event. Professional attire requested.

To register for an upcoming event or for more information, e-mail alumni@lycoming.edu or call 570-321-4376.
Class Notes submissions: Lycoming College wants to join you in celebrating your career and life accomplishments. You may wish to share information about a birth, wedding, anniversary, career move, retirement, life-changing experience, etc. We reserve the right to edit submissions to meet Lycoming College Magazine style guidelines and space limitations. Only activities that have already taken place will be included in Class Notes.

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.

Information received after Dec. 7 will be used in a future issue of the magazine.

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Please be advised that as a result of our online posting and archiving of the magazine, information included in Class Notes may become publicly available and searchable through the Internet.

1940
Sarah “Sally” (Lughart) Conver (arts and sciences) told her story of WWII to The Lansdale Reporter, which was published on Oct. 9, 2007. She was inspired to enlist in the Army as a nurse in 1945 after hearing words of President Franklin D. Roosevelt during one of his fireside chats. She is a resident of Dock Acres in Towamencin, Pa., and a tai chi fan.

1950
Charles Chamberlin (social studies) and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 20, 2007. The Chamberlins have three daughters, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They reside in South Williamsport, Pa.

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1953
John D. Cruickshank (business administration) and his partner competed in racquetball at the National Senior Games in Louisville, Ky., in June 2007. They earned the silver medal in age 75-79 doubles. John also played in the Huntsman Senior Games in St. George, Utah, in October 2007 and

1957
Norman E. Huff (history) was recently re-elected to the Tyrone Area School District Board, of which he has been a member for 10 years. He is a retired pastor of the United Methodist Church and resides in Tyrone, Pa., with his wife of more than 50 years, Anna Mae.

1958
John Wallis (education) was recently inducted into the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame. He has run in more than 75 ultra marathons, with lengths ranging from 10K to a 2,961-mile Trans-America Footrace in 1992 that began in California and ended in New York’s Central Park. John has set world age-group records for 1,000 and 2,700 miles and U.S. age-group records for the following times and lengths: 48 hours, six days, 100 kilometers, 100 miles, 700 miles, 1,000 miles and 2,700 miles.

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Casimir D. Gieniec (chemistry) has retired after 44 years of dentistry. He began his practice, the Strasburg Dental Group, in Strasburg, Pa., in 1963.

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Joseph Bunce (Spanish) has been elected to the Lycoming College Alumni Association Executive Board. He is a sales representative for D.O.E. Technologies in Wilmington, Del., where he has worked since 1971.

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Leon McCaslin (history) and his wife, Donna, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Oct. 7 at a dinner hosted by their children. Leon retired in 1999 from Muncy School District, where he was an elementary school teacher for 35 years. They reside in Muncy, Pa.

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Bob Edgar (history) recently gave a presentation at Gettysburg College about holding power accountable in an unstable world. He is chief executive of National Council of Churches; he is also president and CEO of Common Cause, an independent citizen lobby group that helps individuals participate in the political process.

Dave Fortin (biology) organized a reunion of fellow Lambda Chi brothers at his home in Williamsport. There were eight brothers who came, and three others visited by phone. Dave hosted Charlie Schaffer ’63, and Bill Kieser, Alan Dunkelberger, Gary Sturts, Bruce Murray, Pete Jackson and Hal Peatfield, all 1965 graduates. Lowell Sibley ’64 sent a video of his new furniture shop and called in from Maine, while David Schultze ’65 called from Arizona.

Terry Wild (English) had a large collection of his early California and Pennsylvania vintage photographic work purchased by the Joseph Bellows Gallery in La Jolla.

1967

Tim Lavey (history) reports that 25 Sigma Pi/Lycoming alumni attended a reunion held Sept. 21-23, 2007 in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor.

1968

Campus exhibit showcases artwork of Lycoming graduate

Artist Michael Heivly ’66, returned to Lycoming Oct. 12 to present works from his “Images of Manzanar” exhibit, which were on display in the Snowden Library Art Gallery through Nov. 12.

Heivly, whose art combines historical events with their appropriate cultures, spent more than a decade researching and photographing the Manzanar Japanese/American relocation camp located in the Owens Valley of California. The Manzanar series displayed at Lycoming consisted of 21 brown tone photographs with charcoal, pigment and pastel additions made from soil at the Manzanar site. The images encompass artifacts still left at the location as well as signatures and inscriptions left by inmates on various concrete structures throughout the camp.

According to Heivly, “Images of Manzanar” reflects the post-Pearl Harbor hysteria that swept through the nation and the effect it had on so many Japanese/American citizens. He hopes his work will enhance communication between the general public and America’s minority communities in order to ensure that what occurred at Manzanar and elsewhere never happens again.

Heivly, who earned a MFA from the University of Colorado, has exhibited his works throughout the United States. He was named a Distinguished Artist of the California State Universities in 1984, and is an Artist/Fellow of the Project InterCommunication Center in Tokyo. Heivly, a professor of art at California State University, Bakersfield, has also taught, lectured and served as a visiting artist-in-residence at various North American and European institutions.
Calif. The work, being shown in The Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena, Calif., represents a period from 1969-75 and describes the development of post-war modernist photographic traditions in California during that era.

John Shannon (music) was honored during a luncheon Sept. 30, 2007, at The Village Chapel in Pinehurst, N.C., where he has been the organist for the past 25 years. He also serves the church as pianist and choir leader.

Kathleen Dixon Donnelly (theatre) has published another volume in her series, “Gypsy Teacher,” on www.lulu.com/gypsyteacher. Her “blooks” – books consisting of blogs – narrate her various experiences as a teacher: participating in summer abroad programs throughout Europe in 2002; her year of being a 50+ unemployed academic in Florida in 2003; her move to, and first year living in, Birmingham, England; and most recently, her voyage on Semester at Sea during the summer of 2006. Kathleen resides in Birmingham and is employed as a senior lecturer in the business school at the University of Central England.

Norman Myers (business administration) received his professional certification through the Institute of Certified Construction Industry Financial Professionals. He is vice president of Rotz & Stonesifer, P.C., located in Chambersburg, Pa., where he specializes in the construction and real estate business.
Dr. Lynette (Laylon) Smith ’78

(biology) has had his meditation, “Late Night Absolution,” accepted for publication in the online chaplaincy journal, “Plain Views.”

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Rev. Haydn McLean

(biology) was awarded Fellowship in the American College of Dentists during the organization’s 2007 Annual Meeting and Convocation in San Francisco. Smith is immediate past president of the North Carolina Academy of General Dentistry and serves on the board of directors of the University of North Carolina Dental Alumni Association. She is also a Fellow of both the Academy of Dentistry International and the Academy of General Dentistry. She and her husband, Dr. Ben Smith, have practiced general dentistry in Mount Airy, N.C., for 17 years.

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Rev. Edward K. Erb

(music) recently became the rector of Grace Episcopal Church in historic Honesdale, Pa., following a nine-year tenure at St. John’s Church in Hamlin, Pa. Ed remains on the Commission for Liturgy and Music and the Commission on Ministry for the Diocese of Bethlehem, where he serves as trainer for Lay Ministries and is active in the Royal School of Church Music. Ed's wife, Susan (Shadle) Erb ’81, is copy chief for Highlights for Children magazine, also in Honesdale.

Paul Francis III

(business administration) is a real estate agent with Barger Realty in Lycoming County. He has two children in college. His e-mail address is pa_frankis@hotmail.com.

Jeff Stubanas

(business administration) has been promoted to the Verizon Wireless Enterprise Data Group. Jeff manages the strategic relationships and data deployments of 40 Fortune 1,000 accounts, including IBM, Siemens, Ingersoll-Rand and Black & Decker. To celebrate his 50th birthday, Jeff, his wife, Noel, and four others sailed the Windward Islands of the Caribbean. Jeff and Noel live in Narberth, Pa., with their three children, Liam, Corey and Kiera.

1980

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Gayle Allison

(mathematics) has been appointed director of advancement services in Lycoming College’s Office of Advancement. She previously was employed by Susquehanna Health in the information technology department. Gayle resides in Williamsport.

1981

Randy Brown

(economics) is executive vice president and chief human resources officer for Indianapolis-based WellPoint, Inc. His areas of focus include succession planning and talent management, compensation and benefits, workforce development, diversity management and associate engagement. Randy helped the company’s human resources department transition from a mutual insurance company to a publicly traded company.

John Protasio

(history) released a book through PublishAmerica, “Reflections on the Lusitania: Insights into Naval, Diplomatic, and other Aspects of the Disaster,” which addresses many questions about the controversial sinking of the Lusitania during World War I. John works for Coleman Data Solutions and is the author of another book, “To the Bottom of the Sea.”

1982

Jacquelyn Zamarra Moore (biology) was recently inducted into the Point Pleasant Foundation for Excellence in Education Hall of Fame. She was a teacher in the Point Pleasant School District for 19 years and was appointed vice principal of Point Pleasant High School in 2001. Jacquelyn also serves as supervisor of the Department of Family and Consumer Science and the Point Pleasant Science Department supervisor for grades six through 12. She resides in Point Pleasant, N.J.

1983

James Maurer (business administration) has been appointed president of Cofinance, Inc., an investor/developer company focused on obtaining commercial real estate in the U.S. and Canada. Under his direction, the company has obtained property in New York City, New Jersey and Florida. James, who has been in the real estate business for more than 24 years, resides in Ramsey, N.J.

Deirdre Connelly

(business administration) was elected to Macy’s Inc., board of directors, effective Jan. 1, 2008. She graduated from Harvard University’s Advanced Management Program in 2000. In 2006 and again in 2007, Connelly was recognized by Fortune magazine as one of the 50 most powerful women in business.

Mark Zickler (biology) has joined Lacher & Associates Insurance Agency as a commercial...
Greg Hanlon (business) recently started his own company, Greg Hanlon & Associates, which helps businesses look at their existing condition, speed up solution implementation and accomplish increased performance. Prior to becoming an Army chaplain, George Tyger (theatre) was the culmination of a 10-week intensive training program involving hands-on training in all areas of law enforcement and military organizations around the world. Law enforcement and military managers from law enforcement and military organizations around the world, was the culmination of a 10-week intensive training program involving hands-on training in all areas of law enforcement and military organizations around the world.

Karen Koon has been named real estate sales manager at Commerce Bank in Harrisburg, PA. She previously served as a vice president and commercial loan officer at Commerce Bank in Harrisburg, Pa.

Greg was chief operations officer at Resun Corporation, starting his newest venture, and has been named real estate sales manager at Commerce Bank in Harrisburg, PA. He resides in Harrisburg, Pa.

Tim Wendym has been named real estate sales manager at Commerce Bank in Harrisburg, PA. He resides in Harrisburg, Pa.

In October, the eight members of Eileen’s Angels participated in the 2007 Philadelphia Breast Cancer 3-Day, a 60-Mile walk to raise awareness of breast cancer.

Cindy Smith Snyderman (business) recently opened her own company, Cindy Smith Snyderman, Inc., which helps businesses look at their existing condition, speed up solution implementation and accomplish increased performance.

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Gretchen Dreiblebiss-Drachop (psychology) provides psychotherapy services in private practice at Sunbridge Health in State College, Pa. Gretchen, who resides in Pleasant Gap, previously worked as director of social services at The Meadows Psychiatric Center.

Debra Fisher (business-management) has joined St. Mark Community Day Care Center as a group supervisor.

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Melissa (Buchanan) Matta (communications), editor of “ADVANCE for Healthcare Careers,” accepted two awards in 2007 on behalf of her staff at Merion Publications Inc. The magazine was honored with the Folio: Silver Eddie Award in the Business-to-Business, Healthcare/Medical/Nursing, Full Issue category. The Eddies recognize excellence in editorial content. Folio: is the only magazine that serves the entire magazine publishing industry. The staff also received the 2007 Gold Award for Best Special Supplement from the American Society of Healthcare Publication Editors (ASHPE). The ASHPE awards recognize outstanding editorial excellence and achievements in healthcare publications. Melissa also coordinates the live continuing education programs for the company’s ADVANCE Job Fairs and Career Events. She resides in King of Prussia, Pa., with her two daughters.

Barbara Jean Smith (psychology) earned tenure as a reading recovery educator in the Harnett County, N.C., public school system in 2007. Her husband, Michael Ray Smith, a former member of Gamma Delta Sigma sisters reunited in New York City this past September. From left: Michele (Wawroski) Hogan ’94, Tara (Licsko) Crebs ’94, Kellie (O’Connor) Larkin ’96, Christine (Corriston) Villari ’95 and Liz (Carnicelli) Marchese ’93

Michael and Barbara Jean ’95 Smith
Lycoming’s department of mass communication, was promoted to full professor at Campbell University in 2007.

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Kristie Anzulavich (nursing) is a nurse practitioner in the Sleep Disorders Center at Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg, Pa. Her duties include the implementation, coordination and evaluation of patient healthcare needs, as well as education of sleep-related issues for patients, healthcare personnel and the general public. Kristie resides in Watsonston with her husband and two children.

F. Robin (Hull) Dawson (nursing) has joined Susquehanna Health System as coordinator/educator of the LifeCenter, located at the Lycoming Mall in Muncy, Pa. Robin provides health-related education and programs for community members and groups. She will also provide osteoporosis screenings, body fat analysis and nutritional planning, as well as individual consultation on healthy eating, cholesterol and stress management.

Heather Morningstar (English/creative writing) has been named principal of Salisbury High School in Allentown, Pa. She previously served as assistant principal.

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Stephanie Cramer (English) has published a new book of poetry, "Tongue & Groove."

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Brenda Bowser Soder (political science), former communications director at the Washington, D.C.-based Death Penalty Information Center, participated in an international conference on capital punishment hosted by the member nations of the Council of Europe and European Union. Brenda provided an overview of death penalty developments and trends in the U.S. Two dozen prominent panelists spoke during the gathering, including Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Socrates, European Commission.
President Jose Manuel Durao Barroso, justice ministers from Portugal and Senegal, and secretaries of state for foreign affairs representing France, Italy and Norway.

**Mark Bradford ’97** joined Brenda for the event, which took place in Lisbon, Portugal, on Oct. 9, 2007. Brenda now serves as director of communications at the Washington, D.C.-based Alliance for Justice, a national association of environmental, civil rights, mental health, women’s, children’s and consumer advocacy organizations. Brenda, who just finished a two-year term as president of the Lycoming College Alumni Association Executive Board, lives in Silver Spring, Md., with her husband, John, and their daughter, Madison.

**Dave Hood** (history) earned a master’s degree in education in classroom technology from Wilkes University. He has been teaching sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade technology education at the Panther Valley Middle School in Lansford, Pa., since 2001. Dave resides in Berwick, Pa.

**Peter Metzgar** (art) was promoted to beverage manager at Red Rocks Café in Huntersville, N.C. He is also food and beverage columnist for *Lake Norman Lifestyle* and an art teacher at Mt. Morris Elementary School in Mooresville.

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**1999**

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**Lance Barry** (communications), a reporter for WCPO-TV 9 News in Cincinnati, reported on-air from the Little League World Series in Williamsport this August while covering the Great Lakes representative – the West Side Little League of Hamilton, Ohio.

**Patricia E.B. (Booth) Coote** (English/creative writing) is marketing director for Step by Step Dance Studio in Mercersburg, Pa., and also conducts creative writing workshops and summer camps at Fendrick Library. Patricia is active in Penn Writers, a statewide organization for writers and a local writing group; she also volunteers within her local community and church, an interest she picked up while attending Lycoming College.

**Darren Michael Hengst** (theatre) recently returned to the Williamsport-area to serve as fight director for the production of “Romeo and Juliet” by **Bernadette Boerckel ’99**. Darren taught stage combat to Bernadette’s high school students and choreographed the sword fighting scenes for her production at Warrior Run High School in Turbotville, Pa. Darren also was recently featured in the Barrymore award-winning production, “Of Mice and Men,” at the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia. Darren resides in Philadelphia with his wife, Jackie, son, Austan (3), and daughter, Skyler (1).

**Bart Makatche** (communications) works for HGTV and Nancy Glass Productions as a producer in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. He resides in Havertown, Pa., with his wife, Kristen.

**Heather Myers** (music) was promoted to assistant store manager for AT&T Mobility (formerly Cingular Wireless) in Williamsport.

**Tonja Pennycoff** (nursing) had a patent publication on Anti-Acid G/Tube Pad accepted at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in October 2007. This invention helps prevent or reduce stomach secretions from coming in contact with...
sensitive abdominal tissue. Tonja resides in Jersey Shore, Pa.

**Jason Schaefer** (art-education) earned a master’s degree in integrating technology into the classroom from Walden University. Jason has been teaching K-3 art for the Department of Defense Schools at Fort Knox, Ky., for seven years. He resides in Louisville.

**Bernadette Ulrich Boerckel** (English-literature) is a high school English, drama and journalism teacher in the Warrior Run School District in Turbotville, Pa. She recently directed a student production of “Romeo and Juliet,” and collaborated with fellow graduate **Darren Hengst ’99**, who served as the play’s fight choreographer. In addition to heading the drama program and choreographing the musical, Bernadette is adviser to the school’s monthly newspaper, *The Eagle’s Perch*. Bernadette earned a master’s degree in education from Wilkes University in 2006; she also performs in the tri-state area and was recently featured as soprano soloist on the Paragon Ragtime Ensemble’s album, “From Barre!house to Broadway: The Musical Odyssey of Joe Jordan.” She resides in Muncy, Pa., with her husband, Gary, and their 1-year-old daughter, Madeleine Claire.

**2001**

**Class Scribe:**

**Rosie Wise** (biology) has been named a watershed specialist for the Snyder County Conservation District Office. She resides in Shamokin Dam, Pa.

**2002**

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**Andy Lausier** (psychology) has been named an assistant wrestling coach at Princeton University. Andy was the head wrestling coach at Stevens Institute of Technology the past four seasons.

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**Melissa (Wennberg) Buhay** (business administration) is employed by Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, Inc., in Elizabethtown, Pa. She and her husband, Anthony, reside in Mt. Joy.

**Jason Etter** (theatre-directing) was recently promoted to assistant advertising sales manager for the *Bucks County Herald* newspaper. He resides in Old Bridge, N.J.

**Tara Campbell** (financial accounting) has been promoted to senior accountant at Seligman, Friedman & Company in York, Pa. She has been with the company for three years.

**Samantha (Keener) Moyer** (biology/environmental science) recently won the Outstanding New Biology Teacher Award from the National Association of Biology Teachers. Samantha teaches 10th-grade biology at Carlisle High School and is attending graduate school at Shippensburg University. She resides in Newville, Pa.

**2004**

**Class Scribe:**

**Christine Colella**

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**Emily DiMarco** (psychology) earned a master’s degree in education as a reading specialist from St. Joseph’s University in December. Emily is teaching fourth-grade in Cherry Hill, N.J.

**Faith Leichliter** (psychology) is the scheduler for U.S. Rep. K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas). She resides in Washington, D.C.

**2005**

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**Kelly Howarter** (chemistry) completed a 10-month training fellowship with the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine. She is a certified forensic scientist in the analysis of controlled substances and marijuana with the Virginia Department of Forensic Science in Richmond.

**Melissa Stiles** (business-international and marketing) is a trade specialist at the World Trade Center of Central Pennsylvania. She is a member of the York Young Professionals, and stays active with work, seminars and the sports league she joined. Melissa resides in York, Pa.

**Derrick Dull** (business and financial accounting) has been named real estate coordinator with Crossgates, Inc. in Harrisburg, Pa. He works with facility management to coordinate commercial property-development processes.

**Lauren McCawley** (political science, history, Spanish) is a teacher/tutor at Roseland Elementary School in Santa Rosa, Calif., as part of the AmeriCorps program. She provides one-on-one literacy support to ESL students during the school day and teaches the fifth-grade class in the after school program. Lauren also speaks to all first- through sixth-grade classes once a week about nutrition.

**Katie (Shaw) Thompson** (English-creative writing) is an eighth-grade English teacher at Mount Union Junior/Senior High School. She resides in Huntingdon, Pa.

Heather Barton and David Ziegler ‘00, June 16, 2007. An outdoor ceremony and reception were held at the Grandview Outdoor Ballroom in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. David and Heather spent their honeymoon in Sedona, Ariz., and the Riviera Maya in Mexico. The couple recently purchased a home in Fishkill, N.Y.

Melissa (Wennberg) ‘03 and Anthony Buhay, Sept. 2, 2007 at Christ Church United Church of Christ, Elizabethtown, Pa. The reception was held at Acorn Farm Reception Center in Mount Joy, Pa.


Deborah (Weinberg) ’04 and Matthew Edmonds ’02, July 7, 2007, at Damascus United Methodist Church, Damascus, Md.

Lauren (Detwiler) ’05 and Christopher Cooley, Aug. 4, 2007. An outdoor ceremony and reception were held at their residence. The couple spent a week at the Sandals Resort in the Bahamas for their honeymoon. Lauren and Chris are both photographers and reside in Williamsport.

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Gretchen (Forsht) ’94 and Mark Seyfried ’95, a daughter, Ashlyn Olissa, Sept. 6, 2007. She joins sister, Ainsley, 4.

Michele (Wawroski) ’94 and David Hogan, a son, Trevor James, May 20, 2007. He joins sisters, Amelia and Bridgette.

Amy (Hippensteel) ’96 and Matt McGovern ’96, a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, May 8, 2007. She joins brother, Benjamin, 7, and sister, Laura, 4.

Jessica (Cromer) ’97 and Daniel Weigle, a daughter, Ashlyn Rae, April 4, 2007. She joins sister, Brynn, 3.

Deenie Keeler ’97 and Christopher Payton, a son, Kai Noah. He joins brother, Jalen, 8.


Patricia (Booth) ’99 and Christopher Coote, a daughter, Gabrielle Christine, March 25, 2006. She joins sisters Kayann, 6, and Madeleine, 4.


Michele (Casse) ’00 and Joseph Ippolito, twin daughters, Julia Elaine and Jillian Michele, Sept. 13, 2007.

Andrea (Duncan) ’01 and Eric Mitcheltree, a son, Duncan Robert, July 10, 2007. He joins sister, Reagan, 2.

Jennifer (Haldaman) ’01 and Ryan McCarthy ’02, a son, Shea Patrick, Feb. 6, 2007.

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1934

1935
Robert M. Bubb Sr., of Jersey Shore, Pa., Sept. 16, 2007. He is survived by two daughters and a son.

1936

1940
Julia Anne Staver Linck, of Washington, Pa., Aug. 21, 2007. She is survived by a daughter and son.

1941
Helen L. Johnson Ewing, of Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 9, 2007.

1945
Jeanne R. Shipman Futch, of Palm Harbor, Fla., Aug. 9, 2007. She is survived by a daughter and son.

1950
William F. Heim, of Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 17, 2007. He is survived by a daughter.

1951
Bruce R. Deckard, of Hughesville, Pa., Nov. 23, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Alice, two daughters and two sons.

1952
J. Fred Lake, of Newark, Del., Sept. 18, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and two daughters.

1954
Rev. Fred W. Norman, of Winter Haven, Fla., Sept. 27, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, two daughters and two sons.

1955
Suzanne Mamolen Kaufman, of Monroeville, Pa., Sept. 12, 2006. She is survived by a son.

1956

1957
William C. Bubb, of Mill Hall, Pa., Oct. 10, 2007. He is survived by a daughter and son.

1962
George Robert Converse, of Maui, Hawaii, Aug. 19, 2007. He is survived by a daughter and three sons.

1963
Elizabeth Benyo Clark, of Midlothian, Va., Sept. 12, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Donald, and three sons.

1967
Rev. Arland F. Romberger, of Palmyra, Pa., April 19, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Rosalie.

1971

1972
Lewis P. Gilberti, of Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 11, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Carole Anderson Gilberti ’74, a daughter and son.

1976
Joel D. Kuhns, of Wellsboro, Pa., Jan. 23, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Ruth.

1977
Dr. Richard ’76, and sons. J.

1983
Susan ’83, and sons. J.

1987

1992
Jeanne S. Smith Raffa, of Pass Christian, Miss., April 17, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Stan, and a daughter and two sons.

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Robert D. Curry, of Montoursville, Pa., Dec. 21, 2007. He was a member of the Lycoming football team for one year, was a Lambda Chi Alpha brother, and earned a degree in business administration. He is survived by his parents, Robert L. ’69 and Susan Curry, and sister, Jessica ’01.

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2008
During its game versus Widener on Saturday, Feb. 9, the Lycoming College women’s basketball program participated in a “Think Pink” campaign, coordinated by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association. The campaign is a global, unified effort for the WBCA’s nation of coaches to assist in raising breast cancer awareness.