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#### Introspection

Professor Dr. Richard Hughes reflects on his involvement with the Civil Rights Movement as well as the inauguration of America’s 44th president.

#### Flea market find

A $20 flea market purchase leads to the discovery of a piece of Lycoming College history.

#### No escaping the past

Glenn Lovell ’70 pens the first biography on filmmaker John Sturges, whose credits include “The Magnificent Seven” and “The Great Escape.”

#### Underwater photography

Jessie Gallagher ’09 is recognized for using the pool for much more than swimming.

#### Why is our national economy in such a mess?

Professor Dr. Mehrdad Madreseehe’s viewpoint on some of the problems with today’s economy.

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Lycoming featured in Colleges of Distinction

Lycoming College is featured in the 2008-09 edition of Colleges of Distinction, a guide that gives a fresh look at colleges and universities appealing to students’ unique and varied interests. Based on the opinions of guidance counselors, educators and admissions professionals, Colleges of Distinction honors colleges that excel in key areas of educational quality.

“This is a great honor for any college,” said Wesley L. Creel, president and founder of Colleges of Distinction. “The schools in this group are some of the very best in the country. Some are household names, some are ‘hidden gems,’ but what they all share is that they are great places to get an education.”

In order to qualify, Lycoming was required to demonstrate excellence in four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. The goal of Colleges of Distinction is to provide students, counselors and parents with information about schools that excel in these four areas. Featured schools take a holistic approach to admissions, consistently excel in providing undergraduate education and have a truly national reputation.

“We’re delighted to be included in the Colleges of Distinction guidebook,” said Jim Spencer, Lycoming’s vice president of admissions and financial aid. “We think this publication gets at the heart of what matters most in college.”

College seekers can also visit the Colleges of Distinction Web site to learn more about featured schools, including Lycoming. Furthermore, visitors can read tips from high school guidance counselors and essays from college students, presidents and other members of different campus communities.

To learn more about the initiative, visit www.collegesofdistinction.com.

Dean Griffiths earns lifetime achievement award

Dr. Tom Griffiths, Lycoming’s provost and dean of the College, and his wife, Dr. Margaret Griffiths, have earned lifetime achievement awards from the North American Symposium on Bat Research. The Griffiths were recognized for their many years of service and contributions to the NASBR during its 38th annual meeting held in October in Scranton, Pa.

“This is a great honor for us to be recognized by our colleagues from around the world who have also devoted their lives to the research and biology of bats,” said Dr. Tom Griffiths.

Prior to joining Lycoming in July 2007, Griffiths spent 26 years as a professor and administrator at Illinois Wesleyan University. His experience includes 40-plus years of groundbreaking research on the anatomy and evolution of bats. He has studied bats from nearly every continent and has traveled to the Caribbean, Panama, China, Australia and Europe to work on bats. An accomplished scholar, Griffiths has published papers on bats and other mammals in a number of scientific journals.
Dr. Margaret Griffiths is a biochemist and physiological who worked originally on the complex biochemistry of liver enzymes. She now does research on and writes about bats, and is the publisher and managing editor of Bat Research News, an international peer-reviewed journal on bat biology, which is printed at the College. Griffiths was recently named the executive director of Basically Bats Wildlife Conservation Society, Inc., a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to bat rehabilitation, research, education and conservation.

The symposium is the annual meeting of the North American Society for Bat Research, which is dedicated to the promotion and development of the scientific study of bats in all its branches, including conservation and public education.

“Trayless” in the cafeteria

Lycoming’s students, faculty and staff are going green by going “trayless” in the College’s cafeteria. January 20 marked the first day that cafeteria patrons ate their meals without the benefit of using trays. According to Steve Storck, vice president and treasurer at Lycoming, the initiative was expanded to two days per week in February.

“We intend to continue expanding the program throughout the spring semester until the trays are eventually removed from the dining room,” said Storck. “This will reduce the use of soap and water needed to clean the 2,000 trays that students, faculty and staff typically use each day in the cafeteria. Eliminating the use of trays will also eliminate the amount of natural gas used to heat the water that would have been used to clean the trays. This will reduce the amount of soap and water that enters the Williamspport sewer system, thereby benefiting the Chesapeake Bay watershed.”

According to Storck, the reduction of food waste impacts sustainability all along the food production, consumption and disposal chain. He says the impact on Lycoming County’s landfill alone during a period of one year will be significant.

“College and Sodexo (Lycoming’s food service provider) officials are committed to redeploying the savings from the reduction of energy and food waste into the dining program at the College,” said Storck. “Thus, not only will students be benefiting the environment, but also themselves.”

Broussard receives grant to conduct small mammal studies

Dr. David Broussard, assistant professor of biology at Lycoming, has been awarded a $6,000 grant from the Hamer Foundation to conduct small mammal studies as part of a golden-winged warbler habitat initiative at Bald Eagle State Park and the Sproul State Forest in Centre and Clinton counties. Golden-winged warblers are an increasingly rare species of songbird that is a late spring-early summer resident of Pennsylvania. It is a small ground-nesting warbler that prefers to nest in shrubby fields. Different species of small mammals, especially Eastern chipmunks, are well-known egg and nestling predators of ground-nesting birds such as the golden-winged warbler.

In collaboration with golden-winged warbler biologist Dr. Jeff Larkin of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Broussard’s project will examine how different habitat management techniques affect populations of different species of small mammals. These habitat management techniques are designed to improve habitat conditions for the increasingly rare golden-winged warbler.

Lycoming awarded Keystone Innovation Grant

Lycoming College has received a Keystone Innovation Grant of $47,929 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to provide direct client services, education outreach activities and student internships for Williamsport-Lycoming Keystone Innovation Zone (WKIZ) companies and clients. Each component will supplement existing WKIZ services, bridge the gap between idea development and business start-up, strengthen the informal collaborations between Lycoming faculty and the local region and provide Lycoming students with enhanced learning opportunities.

The initiatives supported by the grant will help move the number of WKIZ clients from idea development toward the creation of sustainable businesses, which will in turn strengthen the economic development of this region. Lycoming is one of 23 colleges and universities throughout the state to receive a grant.

In 2005, Lycoming College and Pennsylvania College of Technology, in collaboration with the Industrial Modernization Center, were awarded a $242,000 Keystone Innovation Zone grant. Lycoming’s Institute for Management Studies is an integral part of the Williamsport-Lycoming KIZ. The IMS is comprised of faculty and students from the accounting, business administration and economics departments. IMS faculty
have shared their practical and research expertise with KIZ companies in the following areas: cost accounting, audits, business plans, economic feasibility studies, market research, marketing and promotion, management and organizational assessment, personnel management and other general analysis.

Students involved with Lycoming’s IMS program are eligible for internships associated with the WLKIZ.

College hosts full-scale mock crisis drill

Recent violent incidents on college campuses and other venues have raised awareness of the importance of fast and effective emergency response from police, fire, medical and other critical personnel. To prepare for responding to similar type of event in this area, Lycoming College, in collaboration with the Lycoming County Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management, hosted a full-scale mock crisis drill on Friday, Oct. 31. Roughly 130 law enforcement and public safety officials took part in the exercise.

The mock exercise involved real-time reactions to a staged emergency scenario. Around 8:45 a.m., the College activated its emergency notification system, which is comprised of an alert siren and an initial alert message to registered cell phones, campus e-mail accounts and the College switchboard. The siren sounded for approximately 90 seconds, followed by the crisis drill and training.

The purpose of drill was to examine and evaluate emergency equipment, emergency resources, law enforcement and public safety interoperability, intra- and interagency communication, National Incident Management System policies and procedures as well as College continuation plans.

Participants joining the College in the exercise included the FBI, United States Bureau of Prisons, Pennsylvania State Police, Union County Special Operations Team, Penn College Police Department, Williamsport Bureau of Fire, Williamsport Area School District, Susquehanna Health Systems and Union County Emergency Management.

New communication honors society established

Lycoming College has established Lambda Pi Eta, Chi Phi chapter, a new communication studies honor society that is a member of the National Communication Association. To be considered for Lambda Pi Eta, students must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and a 3.25 grade point average within the communication major.

Previously, Lycoming was a member of Alpha Epsilon Rho and its associated partner, the National Broadcasting Society, but due to the curriculum reassignment within the communication major and the division into digital and corporate communication as two separate majors, the honors society became outdated.

Lambda Pi Eta participates in social, academic and community service activities and offers members invitations to the NCA’s annual convention.

Students participate in international computer programming contest

Six students from Lycoming College participated in the regional competition of the 33rd ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest held at Wilkes University on Saturday, Oct. 25. Sponsored by IBM, the contest is one of the world’s most prestigious computer programming competitions, allowing students to use their programming skills, creativity and business sense to solve complex problems under a five-hour deadline.

Two Lycoming teams challenged teams from Bryn Mawr College, Bucknell University, Lafayette College, Lehigh University, Moravian College, Saint Joseph’s University, Susquehanna University, University of Scranton, Villanova University and Wilkes.

Out of the field of 21 teams, Lycoming’s Segmentation Faults squad, consisting of Justin Drew, Brendan Mahoney and Bernard McFadden, finished 12th. The Core Dumps team of Douglas Brauning, Chris Dougherty and Tim Wensel, was 17th. Segmentation Faults was coached by Eileen Peluso, associate professor of mathematics, while Core Dumps was led by Geoffrey Knauth, instructor of computer science.

Aquatic biology class travels to Marine Science Consortium

Dr. Mel Zimmerman’s aquatic biology class participated in an extended field trip to the Marine Science Consortium.
Lycoming College has been selected as one of 12 colleges from across Pennsylvania to receive a $15,000 grant from the Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF) as part of its Solar Scholars™ Program. The grant will be used to install an 18-panel, 3 kW solar array on the top of the College’s Heim Science Building.

Due to success of the 2006-07 pilot program, during the next two years, PPL Electric Utilities has agreed to co-fund an expansion of the Solar Scholars™ Program to colleges and universities within the PPL service territory, which includes 29 counties in eastern and central Pennsylvania. The goal of the program is to “seed” the adoption and integration of renewable energy concepts and technologies into ongoing curriculum of schools that currently do not have renewable energy or sustainability programs, or expand and enrich existing renewable energy or sustainability college programs.

“Renewable energy is a big part of Pennsylvania’s future,” said Jennifer Hopkins, president of the SEF. “The Solar Scholars conference, and in particular, these grants, will provide the tools necessary for professors and students to become our solar champions.”

Lycoming was selected from among the 27 colleges that were eligible for the SEF grant after attending the week-long Solar Scholars conference during the summer at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. Dr. Mel Zimmerman, professor of biology at Lycoming, applied for the grant after attending the conference with senior Tracie Curtis and sophomore Meghan Schulze.

“Although the electricity generated by this pilot project is small compared to the total electrical usage on campus, I hope it will demonstrate an interest by our faculty, staff and students of the role of alternative energy in the goal of our campus and nation to become more sustainable,” said Zimmerman.

The grant is part of the College’s continuing effort to work toward creating a better environment in the area. Lycoming houses the Clean Water Institute, directed by Zimmerman, which was developed to be a resource on water issues and to partner with watershed groups for education and protection of the water quality of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River watershed. The purpose of the solar project will be to offset the energy used by the Clean Water Institute labs in the Heim Building.

“These grants are not entirely about helping to conserve electricity,” said William Routson, SEF program manager. “They’re about the students and professors and planting the seeds regarding the importance of renewable energy.”

Based in Allentown, Pa., SEF is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to develop and invest in economically viable, energy-related businesses, projects and educational initiatives to create innovative, market-based technologies and solutions for environmentally sound and sustainable energy usage. For more information, visit thesef.org.
Dr. David Broussard (biology) gave a seminar, “Artificial selection of life history traits: evidence from white footed mice,” at Wilkes University Dec. 4. He also had a paper, “Age-related Decline in Reproductive Sensitivity to Inhibition by Short Photoperiod in Peromyscus leucopus,” accepted for publication in the Journal of Mammalogy.

Dr. Amy Cartal-Falk (French) read a paper, “My Aunt’s House: Regionalism in Zénaïde Fleuriot’s Novels for Children,” at the 34th Annual International Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium held at Vanderbilt University Oct. 16-18. She also read a paper, “L’air du temps: le rôle de la musique dans Printemps et autres saisons de J.M.G. Le-Clézio,” at the 22e Congrès Mondial du Conseil International d’Études Francophones held at the University of Limoges, Limoges, France June 29- July 6.

Dr. Cullen J. Chandler (history) had two articles published, “Land and Social Networks in the Carolinian Spanish March,” Studies in Medieval and Renaissance History, third series, volume 6; and “Regna et regnum: Studies of regions within the Carolinian Empire,” The Heroic Age volume 12.

Dr. William G. Dever (archaeology) lectured on Bedouin life, early monastic history and the history of nomadic living in the ancient Near East during four, one-week boat tours of the Red Sea from mid-December to mid-January. In November, he was featured on PBS’ “The Bible’s Buried Secrets.”

Lynn Estomin (art) had a photographic collage, “Buenos Aires Murals,” win Best of Show and a $1,000 prize at NEPA Regional Art 2008, a biennial art exhibition juried by Mary Holahan, curator of collections and exhibitions at the Delaware Art Museum. Holahan also chose Estomin as a finalist for consideration for a solo exhibition in 2010. Estomin’s domestic violence abuse prevention Web site, Run, Jane, Run (www.lycoming.edu/silence) received a Four Maple Leaves Award from the Canadian Web Association and a Five Star Web site Award from Big Brain, Inc. In November, Estomin was an artist-in-residence at Hartwick College. A solo exhibition of Estomin’s photographs, “Elements in Balance,” was held at Foreman Gallery, Anderson Center for the Arts, in Oneonta, NY. In September, Estomin started CLICK, a photography program for inner city kids, funded by the District Attorney and RPA, Inc. and sponsored by The Center. In December, CLICK students held their first exhibition, featuring 30 photographs at The Center.

Dr. Sascha Feinstein (English) is featured in the inaugural issue of Extempore, an Australian journal of arts and writing celebrating the creativity that surrounds jazz and improvised music. The journal published his essay, “Kenneth Rexroth: Back in the Cellar Again.” The issue also included a review of his book, “Ask Me Now: Conversations on Jazz & Literature” (2007). As a result of the review, Australia’s ABC Radio National invited him live for their program titled “Book Show.”

Dr. Pamela Gaber (archaeology and Judaic studies) had an article, “The History of History: Excavations at Idalion and the Changing History of a City-kingdom,” published in the journal Near Eastern Archaeology (vol. 71 nos. 1-2).

Dr. Sue Gaylor (vice president for planning) delivered the keynote address, “Strategic Planning and Implementation for College and University Success,” at the American Strategic Management Institute’s College and University Performance Conference Oct. 22-23, in Washington, D.C. She was also invited to present a session, “Assessing Academic Outcomes: Measuring Success at the Course, Department, and Institutional Levels.”

on Rembrandt, with essays developing from the international Rembrandt Symposium in Berlin.

**Dr. Tom Griffiths** (provost) co-authored two articles on the natural history of South American nectar-feeding bats, with Al Gardner, a curator of mammals at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. One of the chapters is on the Lonchophyllinae, a subfamily of bats that Griffiths recognized and named in 1982.


**Janet Hurlbert** (director of library services) presented at the PALINET 2008 Conference in Philadelphia in October. Her presentation was on the Lycoming County Women’s History Project and part of the panel “Communities of Digitization.”


**Dr. Bonita Kolb** (business administration) was awarded a Fulbright Specialist Grant to travel to Tallinn, Estonia, in November to teach post-graduate students from the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre and the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Finland. The grant also involved working with cultural marketing practitioners and meeting with Cultural Heritage Department officials.


**Dr. Andrew Leiter** (English) served as chair for the panel, “Southerners in Contemporary Film,” at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Convention in Louisville, Ky., in November.

**Dr. Darby Lewes** (English) had a collection of essays, “Double Vision: Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Literary Palimpsests” (Lexington, 2008), published in October 2008. Her essay, “Marginal Blake: The Annotations to Reynolds’ Discourses,” was featured in the project.

Lewes and colleague Solo T. Dog (the LYCODOG! tee retriever for the Lycoming home football games) presented teaching excellence workshops at Bucknell University in September, Clemson University in December and the Gow School in New York in January.

**Dr. Chris McDonald** (chemistry) had an article, “A Two-Step Synthesis of Virstatin, A Virulence Inhibitor of Vibrio cholera,” accepted for publication by The Journal of Chemical Education.

**Ron Mohring** (English) had a poem, “Sleepers,” published in Qarrtsiluni, an online literary journal. His small press, Seven Kittens, published its third title, Judith Barrington’s “Lost Lands.”

**O. Gustavo Plascencia** (art) presented “Lies and Broken Promises” at the 2008 Society for Photographic Education South Central Conference in Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 31-Nov. 1. In November, he presented, “Arbitrary Rites: Changing Identities,” at the 2008 SPE Southeast Regional Conference in Asheville, N.C.

**Dr. Susan Ross** (sociology) delivered two invited lectures on her co-authored book, “Deployed: How Reservists Bear the Burden of Iraq.” She presented at the University of New Hampshire Oct. 30 and at Bucknell University Nov. 17.

**Dr. N. J. Stanley** (theatre) presented a paper, “Helen Jones and Harper Pitt: Soul Sisters Caught in the Net,” at the American Drama Conference at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, N.Y., in November. In January, at the Region II Festival of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, she presented a workshop, “I Like the Way You Walk: Physicalizing Character,” and also participated as a respondent for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship competition.

**Howard Tran** (art) exhibited in two solo shows, one at Keystone College Sept. 7-Oct. 3 and the other at Lycoming College Jan. 11-19.


**Dr. Cui Yin** (mathematical sciences) had a paper, “Special Loci in Moduli of Marked Curves,” accepted for publication in the Michigan Mathematical Journal.

**Snowden Library** hosted the Susquehanna Library Cooperative’s “Web 2.0 Untangled: Sharing Innovations and Ideas” regional workshop on Oct. 31. Instructional services librarians presenting were **Mary Broussard** with a poster session, “Integrating virtual and physical games: Library instruction in a small academic library,” and a panel presentation, “Widgets: Web coolness for non-technies;” **Alison Gregory ’97** with a poster session, “Sleeping with the Enemy: Wikipedia in the College Classroom;” and **Sue Nelson** with a panel presentation, “Zero in with Zotero.”
As a participant in the Civil Rights Movement, I watched the Obama inauguration on television with a deep sense of historical irony, alternating phases of joy and sorrow, and multiple layers of memory. His election was indeed a triumph of freedom, an idea born in the black churches of Alabama and Mississippi more than 40 years ago and nurtured by the sufferings and sacrifices of countless civil rights activists. The Civil Rights Movement was a heroic struggle to achieve fundamental constitutional rights denied by abusive state power.

The 15th Amendment to the Constitution forbids states from denying the right to vote on the basis of “race, color or previous condition of servitude.” During the 1960s, the southern states defied the 15th Amendment with a systematic suppression of black voting rights in order to prevent African-Americans from holding political office. In the Mississippi Delta, where African-Americans rode buses to the county seat to register to vote, registrars would send their names to newspaper editors, who would publish them in the next day’s paper, causing them to be fired from their jobs or their farm animals poisoned. Registrars would also call members of the Ku Klux Klan and White Citizens’ Council, the so-called “uptown Klan,” and on the bus rides home police would arrest black riders, imprison and savagely beat them. Generally, in western Mississippi the klansmen were the police.

In Jackson, Miss., civil rights workers and protesters were arrested, thrown into garbage trucks, driven to the fairgrounds stockade with jerking motions, and placed in animal pens. They were fed food from garbage cans. The fairgrounds stockade was built up as a concentration camp, surrounded by barbed wire and guarded by dogs. My colleague Edwin King, a leader in the Jackson civil rights movement, was imprisoned in the concentration camp and tortured by the police. He told me that except for the swastika and “Heil Hitler,” Mississippi in the 1960s was like Nazi Germany.

On Feb. 15, 1964, at Brookhaven, Miss., Sam Bowers organized 200 klansmen into the White Knights, an elite commando unit of the Ku Klux Klan devoted to random, unpredictable acts of violence. As the Imperial Wizard, Bowers declared on June 7 an all-out Holy War against the Civil Rights Movement, which he perceived to be a force of “atheistic communism” in complicity with the devil. By early June the membership of the White Knights had grown to an estimated 10,000. The principal civil rights organizations had launched Freedom Summer 1964 as a massive voter registration drive in Mississippi. This project consisted of white students from northern colleges and universities working alongside poor, disenfranchised blacks.

Charles Golden, Bishop of the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, asked all black Methodist churches to assist the freedom movement. One of the first to respond was Mt. Zion Methodist Church in Neshoba County. It served as a freedom school and voter registration center. On the evening of Sunday, June 16, 1964, 30 White Knights, armed with rifles, shotguns and billy clubs, quietly surrounded the church building as a board meeting was adjourning. They broke into the church and brutally beat the board members, including Bud Cole, whom they bludgeoned into unconsciousness. As they were about to strike his wife, Beatrice, she fell down on her knees and cried out the lines of an old Methodist hymn: “Father I stretch my hands to Thee, I stretch my hands to Thee, no other help I know. If Thou withdraw Thyself from me, whither can I go?” Moved by the prayer, they left her alone; but later that night they returned and burned the church to the ground.

On the evening of June 21, White Knights murdered Mickey Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Cheney, who were active in the voter registration program. They had been welcomed warmly by the Mt. Zion congregation, and their hospitality was the reason why their church was burned. Shortly after the murders, I crossed Missis-
sippi with two of my Boston University classmates, and we were tailed by men in pickup trucks with gun racks in the cabs. At that time the White Knights had already committed six murders, 500 assaults, 61 cross burnings, and they had burned down 35 churches. Black churches were burning at the rate of at least one a week.

I returned to the south in March 1965 to participate in the Selma, Ala., voting rights campaign. Students had been conducting voter registration programs in Selma since 1962, but they had met fierce resistance by Sheriff Jim Clark and his “posse” whom he had deputized and armed with table legs and baseball bats. Clark assaulted Amelia Boynton, the official black registrar in January 1965, as well as other activists. The Selma campaign had three murders, and the most disturbing was that of Jimmy Lee Jackson, a 26-year-old African-American who had tried to register to vote five times. In a night march in February, a state trooper shot Jimmy in the abdomen two times and later, as he lay dying in the hospital, Colonel Al Lingo, head of the Alabama State Police, charged him with assault and battery and attempted murder on his deathbed.

My partner in the marches and mass meetings was Lila Solomon. She was 12 years old, and she had been arrested and jailed seven times. The black children of Selma had long prison records. They were arrested because they were demonstrating for their parents’ voting rights. Lila told me that she and her friends had been beaten with baseball bats and burned with electric cattle prods by the state police.

On inauguration weekend three bus loads of students, parents and educators of Selma traveled to Washington, D.C. They began their 16-hour trip with a simple prayer: “Jesus, we thank you for having the 44th president of the United States as a black African-American.” Their journey reminded me of my bus ride to Selma, along the same route 44 years ago; and when riding in the night through the heart of the old Confederacy, I imagined what might happen to me in Selma. I thought I could be beaten, put in jail or killed. The memory of my night journey came back to me vividly on inauguration day.

As I listened to Barack Obama’s inaugural address, I heard echoes of President John F. Kennedy. Both spoke with rhythmic cadences, repetitions of phrases and poetic metaphors. The main theme of Kennedy’s inaugural address came out in his famous lines: “Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.” These lines reenacted the call to public service common to the Puritan age of our national history. Not since Kennedy has an American president issued that call until Barack Obama proclaimed a “new era of responsibility.” President Obama reinstated the old Puritan ethic of duty with the power of oratory. Joseph Lowery’s benediction brought out the oral rhythms of African-American worship, the same rhythms I heard many years ago in the preaching of Martin Luther King, Jr.

One of the principal motifs of the commentaries on the inauguration, particularly in the news media, was that the Obama presidency was a fulfillment of Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech of Aug. 28, 1963. That speech was indeed stirring and powerful, and it summarized the signature themes of his oratory, since the beginning of the Montgomery bus boycott on Dec. 5, 1955. In my opinion, however, it was not his greatest speech. That distinction belongs to his address at Riverside Church in New York City on April 4, 1967, titled “A Time to Break Silence.” King repudiated the American policy in Vietnam and argued that the war was draining resources from the Johnson administration’s War on Poverty. He proclaimed that when “machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism and militarism are incapable of being conquered.” King called for a true revolution of values based upon fairness and justice for all. He spoke as a prophet in the tradition of Jeremiah.

The tendency to idealize the “I Have a Dream” speech obscures King’s fundamental insight into the intersystemic evils of racism, poverty and militarism. Not to challenge these forces fails to continue Martin Luther King’s prophetic mission and dishonors his death.

When I visited with Martin Luther King at his home church in Atlanta on Sunday, Aug. 2, 1964, we discussed the difficulty of overcoming segregation in the rural south and shared anecdotes about our mutual professors. During the worship service, his father Daddy King presided and said from the pulpit: “God must be protecting the life of my son Martin. Divine providence must be guiding the life of my son; otherwise Martin would have been killed by now.” Martin had just returned from Mississippi, where he visited the ruins of burned-down churches and received death threats from White Knights hidden in the crowds.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, when I learned that Martin Luther King had been assassinated, I was overcome with grief, and I wept intensely. In my grief I remembered what Daddy King had said nearly four years earlier, and I asked: “Was God no longer protecting Martin? Was divine providence no longer guiding the life of Martin?” I turned away from providential thinking and began to work on a tragic theology. Two years later I came to Lycoming College, bearing a tragic consciousness, and in my 39 years of teaching on this campus I have never lost the sorrow of the night when Martin died.

On the King Holiday, Jan. 19, 2009, I read an article in The Boston Globe, reporting a black church fire on Nov. 5, 2008, the day after Barack Obama won the presidential election. Three white men had burned Macedonia Church of God in Christ in the black community of Springfield, Mass. Four days later they had returned to the ruins of the church, laughed, boasted that they had set the fire because it was a black church, and threatened Obama’s life. My sorrow at the Mississippi church fires flared up again.

On inauguration day I recalled walking the unpaved, dirt streets of Selma long ago, facing hostile jeering crowds, still seeing the lines of hatred etched in their faces. I remembered confronting the snarling Jim Clark holding his billy club and the heavily armed Alabama state troopers with their radios blaring loud racist language. I recalled singing the freedom songs and walking with the children of Selma for the right to vote. At the moment Barack Obama took the oath of office, I felt with tears in my eyes the joy that is deeper than sorrow.

Hughes is the M.B. Rich Professor of Religion at Lycoming College. Since 1970, he has taught courses in theology, ethics, comparative religions and existential studies. He has published books and essays in the fields of theology, biblical studies, depth psychology, ethics and law.
How would you describe your teaching style?
This is actually a hard question to answer because it’s difficult for me to separate “style” from “method.” If style means manner, I think I strive to create a comfortable atmosphere in the classroom so that students will take risks and not worry too much if they make a mistake in vocabulary or grammar usage or misread a portion of a text. I use humor appropriately (both linguistic and physical humor—I study theatre, after all), and I get to know students individually: what they’re interested in, where they’re from, what their majors are, etc. I believe that teachers of language regardless of the level of the class have to model for their students so of course I talk about the material assigned for any given day. It is my job to share my expertise and my knowledge with them. However, I also create activities/opportunities that force students to speak, listen, read and write, often in pairs or small groups. I believe I am demanding but fair. Students write that I am both approachable and available.

What has surprised you most in the nearly 20 years you have worked at the College?
In terms of teaching, I’m constantly amazed by how long it takes me to prepare for classes even after teaching all these years. Sometimes my efforts are due to a new textbook or to a new topics course that I’ve designed. Often, however, the time I spend preparing stems from the fact that I’m revising my lesson plans in an effort to improve them. I guess the most extraordinary change is the use of electronic resources and technology in the classroom. The Internet has changed everything.

How would you describe today’s students?
Most students seem to mix rather successfully their intellectual curiosity and pursuit of academic achievements with a variety of extracurricular activities such as: sports and physical activity (varsity, intramural, dance club, working out in the rec center), community service, social organizations, student government, etc. Many students also work a lot of hours in order to attend Lycoming College. Almost all are more technologically savvy than I am, but I haven’t met many who exceed my energy level.

What are your responsibilities as director of international education?
My primary responsibility is to assist students in (1) finding the appropriate international program that matches their course needs and geographic preference and (2) completing the application process. I am also responsible for the working relationship between Lycoming and several of our affiliates. I conduct a study abroad forum and a May term informational fair in the fall semester, and in the spring I promote Phi Kappa Phi applications for study abroad grants. I meet with every student who studies abroad, except those students who participate in travel courses led by other Lycoming faculty. I oversee the International Studies Web site and work closely with the registrar, bursar and director of financial aid.

What are you most proud of regarding your professional career?
Over the years a number of students have written to me to tell me ways in which my courses made a positive impact on their careers and lives at Lycoming and beyond. I’m proudest of that. I also relish just hearing from former students from time to time and sharing important events in their lives (such as weddings and photos of their children). I’m also grateful to be a part of an extraordinary faculty of highly talented and dedicated professionals not just in my department but campus-wide. Their trust and confidence in me to make fair and appropriate decisions on the Promotion and Tenure Committee (I’m serving my third term) is affirming. In terms of my scholarship, I’m pleased with my publication record and the number of invitations I receive to present at conferences or to contribute an essay for a book or scholarly journal. Being named to The Robert and Charlene Shangraw Professor of Spanish this past fall was an achievement I celebrated with my husband, Jim, and our children. I wish I could have celebrated it with my parents since much of my success is due to them.

About Buedel
Dr. Barbara Buedel is a professor of Spanish and director of international education at Lycoming. She teaches courses throughout the Spanish curriculum on language, literature and culture. Most of her upper-level courses focus on the literature and culture of Spain although she occasionally teaches courses on Latin American literature or combines readings drawn from both Spain and Latin America. She is also developing a new course on Hispanic art.

Trained as a medievalist, Buedel originally studied satire in medieval and Golden Age narrative before shifting her research to more recent centuries. Her publications include studies on medieval topics, Latin American colonial poetry, interdisciplinary studies and women writers of the 19th and 20th centuries. Her current research focuses on contemporary Spanish theatre.

Buedel earned a bachelor’s degree in Spanish at the University of Kentucky. As a teaching fellow at Yale University, she earned master’s degrees in Spanish and philosophy before completing a doctorate in Spanish literature. She taught at Yale and Albertus Magnus College before coming to Lycoming in 1989.
With a mere $20 purchase from an outdoor flea market, Karen Waide walked away with a “very dirty and grimy” framed photo of Jesus and, unbeknownst to her, a small piece of Lycoming College history.

Upon returning home from her excursion to the Georgetown Flea Market in Arlington, Va., last June, Waide says she attempted to clean her newest possession, but was unsuccessful. So she asked an acquaintance of hers, Kevin Miller, who specializes in furniture restoration, to clean it up and refinish the frame so she could display the 19” by 24” portrait in her home.

While working on the piece, Miller discovered hidden between the wooden slats that formed the back of the frame a diploma issued to Anna Swayze Black. That certificate, which also contains a ribbon with an original raised school seal on it, dates back to June 20, 1889, and Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, one of Lycoming’s predecessor institutions.

When Miller informed Waide of the surprise discovery, needless to say, her thoughts started racing. “Quite frankly, my initial reaction was to say, ‘Antiques Roadshow, here I come!’” said Waide, who lives in Arlington. “However, in subsequent discussions with my brother, John Waide, who is the archivist at St. Louis University, I realized that the likelihood that the diploma had any monetary value was small. So my thoughts then turned to the woman whose name was on the diploma. I wondered what happened to her and if she had any descendents. I wondered who and why someone put the diploma behind the picture of Jesus. Did they put it there for safekeeping or for some other reason? On what walls and in what homes did it hang in the last 120 years? I then wondered how the picture came to be discarded and ended up in a flea market in Virginia. I also wondered about the kind of woman who would have gotten a degree in 1889. I now understand that Williamsport Dickinson Seminary was not a college in 1889, but I still think it is interesting that a woman or girl would have gotten a degree—of any kind—in those days. I think she must have been pretty remarkable.”

Thanks to Waide thoughtfully donating the diploma to Lycoming, a piece of the College’s history has returned home and now rests in the Archives Department, which was able to uncover a few details about Black (see sidebar). Waide, who has a personal interest in genealogy, says she hopes that if Black has any living descendents, they have an opportunity to view a piece of their history at the College. She also hopes the diploma offers some interesting insight into Lycoming’s history for alumni and students to see.

“The main reason that I bought the picture is that I thought it was one that my mother, Aileen, who passed away in October 2007, would have liked,” said Waide. “On the day that I picked it up at the flea market, I came very close to putting it back. I’m glad that I didn’t. In the end, I think getting the diploma back to the College has as much to do with my mom as it does with me. My mom, who understood the value of education, would be very pleased with the outcome.”

Karen Waide holds the diploma that was discovered within the backing of the framed photo of Jesus.
How’d you like to write about movies?”
“Sure. What’s the catch?”
“We can’t pay anything but we can reimburse you the price of admission. Which can’t be much more than – what? A buck-fifty?”

Every story has a beginning. Mine doesn’t so much begin with this exchange in 1969 with the editor of Lyco’s student newspaper as take an unexpected turn. Until then, I’d been a history major with a thing for film. After seeing my byline in print, I became a film junkie who studied history between stops at the Capitol and Rialto in Williamsport and the Laura, our local art house, in Montoursville. (I found Fellini’s “La Dolce Vita” at the Pike Drive-In. It was late fall but the screen was only partially obscured by the large snowflakes.)

My reviews at Lycoming included the grandaddy of all indies, “Easy Rider” (a rave), a melodrama about adultery and skydiving (mixed), and a tired espionage thriller by Hitchcock (a forgiving “Hey, it’s The Master – you gotta see it”).

These pieces were not very good – the word “pretentious” springs to mind – but they did possess an undeniable enthusiasm. I fancied myself Lyco’s answer to Andrew Sarris, guru to a new movie-going sect known as The Auteurists. We sat around the Student Union arguing that the great filmmakers – Hawks, Peckinpah and Kubrick, among them – could do no wrong, even when their films fizzled.

With these reviews, I had a new vocation. Film critic. I announced this to the managing editor of the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, who smiled and showed me the obit desk. I smiled and made for State College, where I used an M.A. in journalism as pretext for attending film classes and writing for The Daily Collegian (which did not reimburse its critics). My student clips somehow got me in the door at The Hollywood Reporter trade paper on Sunset Boulevard. Jobs at the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel and the San Jose Mercury News followed.

I savored my life in the dark – the interviews and screenings, the festivals in Toronto and Sundance. I was among the lucky .01 percent who made a living plying his passion. The voyage took me from Royal typewriter to desktop computer to Google and ProQuest (online newspaper archives).

Now I’m touring with my first book – “Escape Artist: The Life and Films of John Sturges” (University of Wisconsin Press). It’s a biography of the director of some of my favorite childhood films. I remember seeing Sturges’ “Gunfight at the O.K. Corral” and “The Old Man and the Sea” as an 8-year-old
Sturges, then 79 years old and living in Marina del Rey. They finally ran me out of town. Did you know two men broke into my place and mugged me? Beat me black and blue, hogtied me. So now we’re here.”

Thus began a series of interviews that would become the gist of “Escape Artist.” Sturges welcomed the opportunity to reflect on a career that had spanned 40 years. Not surprisingly, he proved the consummate host and a wonderful storyteller. We talked about the genesis of “Bad Day at Black Rock” (his only Oscar nomination), his favorite actors (Spencer Tracy was at the top of the list), his love/hate relationships with Steve McQueen and Charles Bronson … his unrealized dream projects, including a remake of “Mutiny on the Bounty” and a World War II adventure about the French Resistance and a commandeered train.

And how did he become one of the first independent producer-directors, and eventually the highest paid director in Hollywood? “I knew the days of the studio system were over when they turned down my favorite projects,” he said. “We would have gotten the same double-talk on ‘The Magnificent Seven,’ our remake of Kurosawa’s ‘Seven Samurai.’ That’s why I became an independent.”

Sturges died in 1992. His passing was barely acknowledged by the media. He would have smiled at this. He had gone to great lengths to distance himself from the movie community. The escape artist had pulled off his greatest escape.

I began working in earnest on the Sturges biography in 2004. I was helped immeasurably by the director’s widow and grown children. Daughter Deborah arrived in San Jose pulling a suitcase full of letters and photo albums. There was even a note from 6-year-old Johnny to Santa asking for a train and tricycle. The chapters on Sturges’ youth and war service grew out of this priceless memorabilia.

Now that I think back, my career path didn’t so much change after my work on the Lyco paper as broaden. For the Sturges biography I wore two hats, that of historian and film critic. My escape from my academic roots—unlike Sturges’ escape from Hollywood—had only been partially successful. And thank goodness for that.

Lovell, a former film critic for the San Jose Mercury News and Knight-Ridder Newspapers, has been published in virtually every paper in the country, including Variety, Chicago Tribune, L.A. Times and Philadelphia Inquirer. He now teaches cinema studies at De Anza College in Cupertino, Calif.
Stephen Harrison ‘61 returned to campus to speak with students about leadership development on Nov. 11. He is chairman of Lee Hecht Harrison, a leadership consulting, career development and outplacement firm, which has more than 240 offices worldwide. His presentation, “The New Leadership Imperative: From Compliance to Decency,” was part of Lycoming College’s Institute for Management Studies’ James W. Harding Executive Speaker Series.

“When companies are downsizing, they hire us to take care of the people who are going out the door,” he said. “We prepare the managers on how to do the event, how to do it sensitively, what to say, when to do it. We’re also there on the day of the event.”

Lee Hecht Harrison has served as a consulting firm for several high-profile companies, including the World Wrestling Federation, the National Football League, Victoria’s Secret and the International Olympic Committee.

Most recently, Harrison served as the Worldwide Chief Compliance and Human Resources Officer of Adecco, the world’s largest HR solutions company and Lee Hecht Harrison’s parent company. He was president of Lee Hecht Harrison from 1982 to 2002, and CEO of Adecco’s Career Services Division from 2002-04.

Throughout his time as an executive, Harrison has had to learn what makes a good leader. He said there is “no one magical formula,” though there are certain characteristics that effective executives have in common. According to Harrison, good leaders are competent, collaborative, optimistic, courageous, trusting, humble, inspirational, creative and innovative, good communicators and enabling.

In today’s economic situation, Harrison said it is as important as ever to be a good leader, especially when handling layoffs and outplacement.

“What’s important to remember is that America has come to terms with the fact that there will be downsizing,” he said. “What it has not come to terms with are downsizes that are poorly planned and insensitive.”

Harrison, who earned an MBA from the University of Cincinnati, is an active member of the board of directors of Jobs for America’s Graduates, the nation’s largest and most successful school-to-work program. He is a member of the Ethics Officers’ Association, Association of Career Professionals International, and a Charter Fellow of the Institute for Career Certification International.

The James W. Harding Executive Speaker Series is named for James W. Harding, a 1938 graduate of the College and native of Montoursville, Pa. Harding was an executive with Kemper Insurance. Lycoming was awarded a grant from the James S. Kemper Foundation in Long Grove, Ill., to endow the speaker series. As a result, students have the opportunity to meet and network with some of America’s top business executives.
“S
ervice learning” is a theory that one Lycoming College professor believes in, and area non-profit organizations reaped the benefits.

Dr. Neil Boyd, a Lycoming College assistant professor of management, had students reach out to the non-profit community and host fundraisers to help the organizations raise money.

“What we’re trying to do is engage in a process called service learning,” Boyd said.

Service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility and strengthen communities, according to www.servicelearning.org.

The students divided into groups, came up with a name for their “consulting” business and helped the organizations raise much-needed money to help the community.

The six members of Keystone Consulting were clad in accents of red to show their support of the Red Cross, the non-profit organization with which it chose to work.

The group raised the money in two different ways - by “painting the strip red” and by “dorm storming.”

The six conceived the “painting the strip red” fundraiser, which raised money from restaurants on the Golden Strip when people patronized the restaurants on certain days and presented tickets to allocate a portion of their bill to the Northcentral Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The restaurants that participated were Pizza Hut, Hoss’s, Bonanza and TGI Friday’s.

The group spent time making 700 packets of tickets and handed them out to Red Cross board members, Lycoming College students and others.

The group raised about $120 through the endeavor but was a little disappointed, so it came up with another idea called “Dorm Storming.”

This fundraiser, which consisted of group members soliciting donations through the Lycoming College dorms, raised more than $300 for the organization.

On the morning of Dec. 5, the group presented their check to Joy Hanner, executive director of the American Red Cross.

“I’ve been sitting back here feeling like you guys are my kids,” Hanner said. “I am just bursting with pride at the seams.”

Constructive Consulting, another group from Boyd’s class, worked with the Lycoming Animal Protection Society Inc.

The group developed numerous marketing pieces for LAPs, including a new brochure, mission statement, logo and event informational tri-fold.

In addition, they coordinated “A Night for Paws,” which included a basket raffle that raised about $500 for the shelter.

“I am so proud of them,” Tracy Haas, representative from LAPs, said. “They truly showed what is was like to overcome obstacles and I am so proud.”

Below Zero consulting group worked with the Strike K-9, an organization that trains search dogs. The group ended up raising about $500 for the organization by having a Christmas Lingerie show at The Lodge.

One member of the group said it was difficult to pick a fundraiser that would work, as they tried several that weren’t very successful.

But the lingerie show did manage to raise about $500 in less than three hours.

Another group, Dream Big Consulting worked with Michael and Keiko Pilato to raise money for the Public Art Academy that Pilato is trying to get off the ground.

The Pilatos arranged for jazz singer Lisa Simone to perform at the Community Arts Center, and the students marketed the show and raised about $2,500 for the academy.

Another group worked with the Lycoming College Business Department to help develop a more eye-catching Web site including videos and encourage potential students to choose Lycoming College.

Boyd said that he hopes the students will consider working with non-profit organizations or donating their time to non-profit organizations in the future.

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Amilcar Guzman ‘08 has been selected as one of 25 individuals to participate in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute public policy fellowship program in Washington, D.C. His fellowship placement is with the office of Congressman Chaka Fattah, who represents the 2nd District of Pennsylvania.

“I am honored to be part of such as prestigious group of individuals,” he said. “I feel humbled to join this group of Latino leaders that will help to shape our country. I take great pride in representing my family, my culture, my school and my state on a national stage. The program allows me to interact with 25 Latino leaders from all across the country.

“Be in Washington, D.C., right now is truly a memorable experience. I was fortunate enough to get a ticket to the inauguration of President Obama. Although it was cold and the wait was long, it was worth it to see a new era begin."

Guzman graduated from Lycoming with a bachelor’s degree in sociology and psychology. He deferred admission to the public administration degree program at the University of Delaware to take part in the fellowship, which began in August 2008 and ends this May.

“I felt that it was vital for me to obtain real-world public policy experience before completing my graduate work,” Guzman said.

As a policy fellow, Guzman is required to work 35 hours per week at a job placement, complete community service throughout the year and submit a document that details a public policy issue. His fellowship class is also working with underprivileged communities in the D.C. area.

With his placement in Congressman Fattah’s office, Guzman is working on legislative research for upcoming bills, soliciting endorsement for current legislation and preparing recommendations for new legislation. His work focuses on domestic social issues with a focus on education, health and housing policies.

Guzman believes that his experiences thus far have confirmed his interest in a career in public policy.

“I am seeing all the aspects (of policymaking) on a professional level,” Guzman said.

Since beginning the program, Guzman has been able to meet with several important lawmakers and develop vital connections for the future.

“I have had the opportunity to meet a variety of influential national figures,” he said. “I had the pleasure of meeting Nancy Pelosi, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Geraldo Rivera, nationally-renowned journalist, and the only Hispanic United States Senator, Robert Menendez from New Jersey.”

Guzman has appeared several times on Spanish-language television and filmed a public service announcement with Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida. He also writes for a local newsletter, "Pueblo Hispano," which focuses on issues concerning the Latino community.

Guzman said his time at Lycoming has helped him tremendously during his fellowship.

“While at Lycoming, I took on leadership roles that helped me develop into a well-rounded individual,” he said. “I interacted with a variety of personalities in academic, extracurricular and work settings. I do not believe that I would be here now if I had gone to a larger state school. The small campus community allowed me to flourish and truly blossom as a leader.”

While Guzman plans to attend graduate school at Delaware following his fellowship, he said he is also looking at other opportunities to expand his horizon.

“I am keeping my options open regarding other educational as well as professional venues,” he said. “In my short time here, I have been presented with a variety of choices that would also provide me with valuable experience.”

He encourages Lycoming students to focus on finding their niche and developing as a whole person while in college.

“My advice to students would be to take a variety of different courses in the first two semesters,” he said. “By doing so, students will have a general idea of which areas they are interested in. In addition, I would encourage students to find a balance between their coursework and extracurricular activities. In my estimation, this is the essence of the college experience—becoming a well-rounded individual who is cognizant of how to work hard while at the same time enjoying every minute of college.”
Lycoming College senior swimmer Jessie Gallagher did not touch the water in the Warriors’ tri-meet victory against King’s College and FDU-Florham Wednesday, Jan. 14. Instead, she spent the evening in Washington, D.C., as an invited guest at the NCAA’s annual convention.

The process leading up to her appearance at the convention started during the summer. Gary Brown of the NCAA’s Champion magazine, sent an e-mail to all sports information directors in the country to solicit their help in identifying talented student-athletes who excel in their respective sport and show unique artistic abilities. After Lycoming’s coaching staff was informed of the search, head men’s and women’s swimming coach Jerry Hammaker quickly submitted Gallagher’s name to the SID office.

“I thought it was great that the NCAA was looking for artists to feature,” said Gallagher. “Not a lot of people associate athletes and artists with one another.”

The editors of the magazine received submissions from more than 100 student-athletes competing in all three NCAA divisions. Among the entries was Gallagher’s digital photography, which included two that were taken underwater.

Brown was excited about a unique realm of digital photography Gallagher had experimented with and informed the College that the editors wanted to see more of her work. After getting some new equipment and spending a weekend photographing her favorite model, which happens to be her younger sister Lauren, Gallagher submitted a new batch of underwater photos.

“Many of the student-athletes that submitted work were photographers,” says Brown. “What made Jessie stand out was the fact that all of her photography was taken underwater and we felt that the combination of two of her passions made for a compelling story.”

A few weeks later, Gallagher was informed that she had been selected as one of the 20 finalists and was going to be featured in the next online issue of the magazine. The NCAA also invited the finalists to its annual convention to display their work. Gallagher and the other finalists had their work displayed in a gallery throughout the convention, which was held Jan. 13-17. On the 14th, the NCAA officially celebrated the opening of the art show, “Statements,” by hosting a reception for the artists.

“The gallery really was the talk of the convention,” says Brown.

Following the reception, Gallagher was invited to a series of gatherings throughout the evening, where she met and socialized with athletics personnel from across the country.

“It was an incredible experience,” says Gallagher. “I spent hours talking about art, swimming and everything under the sun with people that live all over the country. I was nervous about being one of the only students there but that all went away when the staff from Seattle University came over to our table and started asking questions about my work and about swimming. I never thought my photography and swimming would lead to meeting people from across the country.”

Gallagher, a native of Cheltenham, Pa., will graduate this May with a degree in photography and commercial design. She has been a member of the dean’s list in each semester at Lycoming and serves as the secretary for Kappa Pi, the art honors society. She has also earned multiple All-Conference honors in the pool and is the top butterfly swimmer on Lycoming’s women’s team. Along with her responsibilities with the swim team and Kappa Pi, Gallagher also works in the sports information office, helping with photography and design for the Web site and athletics publications.
MAC football title highlights fall sports campaign

The 2008 fall sports season at Lycoming was capped on Nov. 22, when the Warriors’ football program returned to the NCAA playoffs for the first time since 2003.

Under the guidance of first-year head coach and 1993 Lycoming alumnus Mike Clark, the Warriors claimed their 14th Middle Atlantic Conference championship and their first since 2003.

Clark, who guided the team to a 7-3 overall record in the regular season, was honored as the league’s Coach of the Year. A few weeks later, he was honored by D3football.com as the NCAA East Region Coach of the Year.

The Warriors season was headlined by a perfect 5-0 record at home, extending their winning streak at David Person Field to eight games. The season opened with a heartbreaking one-point loss at No. 18 Ithaca, but Lycoming bounced back with four consecutive wins. After a tough loss on the road at Wilkes, the Warriors returned home for a rainy day showdown with No. 22 Delaware Valley, emerging as a 10-7 winner. After a rout of FDU-Florham and a loss at King’s, the season finale at home against Lebanon Valley and a game between Albright and Delaware Valley would determine the MAC champion. The Warriors handled their business, defeating the Dutchmen, 23-15, but needed Delaware Valley to defeat Albright to secure a trip to the NCAA playoffs. When it was announced with one minute left in the game that Delaware Valley had beaten Albright, the Warrior sideline erupted in celebration of the MAC title and Clark received his first Gatorade bath.

Lycoming and No. 23 Hobart met in Geneva, N.Y., on a snow-covered and frozen field during the first round of the NCAA playoffs. The Statesmen prevailed, 33-15, advancing to the second round, where they would lose to eventual national champion Mount Union.

Sophomore running back Josh Kleinfelter became the first player since 2002 to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season and set a single-game record for attempts with 42 carries against Susquehanna. Junior quarterback Colin Dwyer and junior receiver Brad Shellenberger set a record for the longest passing touchdown in school history when they connected on a 98-yard strike at Wilkes. Sophomore Chuck Bellitto and junior Ted Geurds were each honored with second team All-Region accolades.

Men’s soccer sets team record en route to conference playoffs

The 2008 edition of the Warriors’ men’s soccer team turned in one of the most impressive defensive efforts in school history, setting a new record for team shutouts with 10 in 19 games.

Much of that record can be credited to junior goalkeeper David Bald, who established the new individual mark with 10 shutouts in goal.

The Warriors’ season ended in a one-goal loss against Messiah, 2-1, in the Commonwealth Conference semi-finals. Messiah claimed the league title and went on to win the national championship.

The team finished with an overall record of 12-6-1, including a home record of 7-1-1, and a conference record of 4-2.

Junior Chris Lorenzet earned first team All-Conference honors and third team All-Region honors after leading the team in goals, assists and points, finishing with 14 goals and eight assists for 36 points. Fellow junior Mike Coates was second on the team with seven goals and six assists.
for 20 points. Freshman Chris Burgess finished with six goals and three assists for 15 points. The team’s top four scorers all return in 2009.

Bald joined Lorenzet on the Commonwealth Conference first team. Seniors Matt Frey and Joe Pusateri and junior Kyle Welsh were all named to second team honors.

**Shipe sets all-time scoring record for Lady Warriors**

Senior Bekah Shipe etched her name in the women’s soccer record book this season by becoming the all-time leader in goals and points at Lycoming. She finished her career with 34 goals, 17 assists and 85 points. Her total assists rank second all-time in that category.

Shipe led the team with nine goals and four assists for 22 points and was awarded second team All-Conference honors for the second straight year.

The Lady Warriors finished the season with a 5-8-4 overall record and a 2-3-1 conference record, just missing qualifying for their first-ever conference tournament.

Sophomore Kaitlin Horn was second on the team in scoring with five goals. Senior Sarah Wingerden finished with four goals and one assist.

Senior Stephanie Shearer finished her career with 14 assists, placing her third in the record book.

Junior keeper Brie Pepe missed six starts this season with an injury but recovered to finish the year with a 1.60 goals against average and five shutouts.

The season was highlighted by two conference wins, a 2-0 game against Albright and a 1-0 match versus Lebanon Valley, marking the team’s first conference wins since the 2006 season.

**Reynolds leads women’s tennis team**

Rebecca Reynolds led the Lady Warriors effort this fall with a singles record of 4-6 at the No. 2 position in the regular season and doubles mark of 2-8 at the No. 1 position.

The team finished the season with an overall record of 2-8, headlined by an 8-1 conference win against Albright and a tightly contested 5-4 win against Penn State-Harrisburg.

Reynolds and Jessica Souchik advanced to the quarterfinal round of the Middle Atlantic Conference individual tournament.

Souchik and Kathryn Walker paired in doubles to advance to the quarterfinals as well, capping the season.

The 2008 campaign marked the 33rd for head coach Deb Holmes.

**Cross country teams enjoy large rosters**

The men’s cross country team enjoyed one of the largest rosters in recent memory this season, competing with 12 members. The women’s team consisted of five runners. Junior Kari Smith led the women’s squad in each meet of the season, headlined by a 12th-place finish and a personal best at the Albright Invitational.

The Lady Warriors closed the season with a 14th-place finish at the MAC Championships.

The men’s team was led by different runners throughout each week of the season, including solid performances from sophomore Robert Holmes and freshman R.J. Wiechecki, as well as junior co-captain Steven Brown.

The men’s team capped its season with a 10th-place showing at the league meet.

**Fall sports teams honor breast cancer awareness month**

Throughout the academic year, many of the Lycoming athletic teams host events in honor of breast cancer awareness. This fall was no different, with football and women’s basketball teaming up for an event and the cross country team honoring October as breast cancer awareness month.

The football and women’s basketball teams, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, hosted “Tackle Breast Cancer” at the Warriors’ football game against Delaware Valley on Oct. 25. The teams sold pink T-shirts and encouraged fans to wear pink in support of the cause. Both teams, coaches and the officiating crew wore pink ribbon stickers on their uniforms for the game. At halftime, local breast cancer survivors were honored on the field.

The cross country teams supported the initiative of breast cancer awareness month by wearing pink T-shirts to all their meets during the month of October.
Growing up, Molly Bender wasn’t a typical young girl who could be found playing dress-up in her mom’s high-heel shoes. Instead, at the age of 12, Bender was picking up a shotgun for the first time, in an attempt to follow in the footsteps of her big brother James Bender, a 2006 Lycoming graduate.

“I always looked up to my brother,” Bender said. “In a way, he was my hero. I grew up in the country with both my father and brother being avid hunters. Being around guns wasn’t uncommon for me.”

Bender’s passion for guns has helped her become one of the world’s top international trap shooters.

It all started on a Sunday afternoon when her brother read an article in the local paper about shooting clay targets with the local 4-H. After a visit to an area gun club, he became captivated by the sport and started a new family pastime.

Bender and the rest of her family would travel the East coast to watch James compete. She also spent time at the local gun club where she would assist in his training by pulling targets. Little did she know that one summer afternoon her entire life would forever change.

“My brother turned to me and asked me if I wanted to try,” Bender said. “Of course I did! I picked up the shotgun and under my brother’s coaching, I called for the target and shot it. It was at that moment that I became instantly hooked.”

After experiencing firsthand the raw power of the gun and excitement of hitting that first target, Bender began to train on a daily basis with her brother at the Consolidated Sportsmen of Lycoming County. Since the age of 13, Bender and her brother have traveled all around the United States competing together.

“I used to compete in American skeet and international double trap,” Bender said. “However, I currently shoot international trap. That is where my heart is.”

For her next competition, Bender will travel to Ft. Benning, Ga., in March to attend a “selection match.” If she places in the top three spots, she’ll be eligible to participate in World Cups that will be hosted in Cairo, Egypt; Minsk, Belarus; and Munich, Germany.

Bender, a criminal justice major, has recently been ranked in the United States as the No. 1 junior, an age group for individuals 21 and under, and second overall in the women’s class, which includes participants of all ages.

“I am already scheduled to participate at the World Championships in Slovenia this August,” Bender said. “My goal for this particular competition is to rank the best I ever have in the junior category because this is my last year competing as a junior.”

For Bender, the most rewarding part of the sport is that she has the opportunity to travel all around the world and meet new people.

“This is really all I know,” Bender said. “I have been competing since my freshman year of high school. Sometimes it gets stressful, but no more than for the average college student. I just have to make sure that I stay up on all my work and continue to reassure the professors that I will do whatever is necessary to stay in tune with the rest of the class.”
When Lycoming College junior John Schoppert first volunteered at Williamsport’s Divine Providence Hospital for his medical sociology class two years ago, he had no idea he would get a little brother out of the deal.

While volunteering in the operating room at the hospital, the biology major met a nurse named Cherie, whose son, Riley, was involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lycoming County. Cherie felt her son could benefit from a “big brother” and thought Riley and Schoppert would really hit it off due to their mutual love of sports.

Now, two years later, Schoppert has won the program’s “College Big Brother of the Year” award for his mentoring of 8-year-old Riley. Schoppert said he didn’t know he was being honored with the award until it was announced at the annual Lycoming County Big Brothers Big Sisters banquet.

“I heard them say it was a Lycoming College student, so I started to look around for another student,” he said. “Then I realized I was the only one there. I was pretty shocked. It was really cool.”

Sister Catherine Ann Gilvary, the Catholic campus minister and adviser of the College’s Big Brothers/Big Sisters club, said the Lycoming County organization recognizes a student from either Lycoming or Pennsylvania College of Technology for making a positive difference in the life of his or her “matched” child. She said the student is selected based on his or her commitment and dedication to their little “sibling.”

Schoppert said his experience as a mentor has given him the chance to connect with someone he might not have otherwise met, and gives Riley, who lives in Williamsport, a male role model.

“I get another friend,” Schoppert said. “I get the chance to have a little brother I wouldn’t otherwise have, and he gets someone to look up to.”

Schoppert said Riley mostly hangs out with him around campus during visits, playing basketball or other sports, while enjoying meeting some of his college friends. In addition to on-campus activities, the pair have enjoyed some other activities, including ice skating. He said Riley also watches some of the College’s roller hockey games at the Pickelner Arena, since Schoppert plays on the team.

Schoppert says anyone who is interested in participating in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program should take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity.

“It’s a really good idea (to get involved),” he said. “The more people who get involved, the better it is for everyone. There are so many kids who would benefit from having a big brother.”

A native of Baltimore, Schoppert plans to enter into a physician’s assistant program when he graduates from Lycoming in 2010. In addition to Big Brothers Big Sisters and the roller hockey team, he is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

According to Cherie, Riley says he plans on attending Lycoming College when he graduates from high school, so he can be just like his “big brother.”
**Your Gift is Lycoming’s Future**

Generosity is often defined as the act of giving. Lycoming defines generosity as the character of the College’s many loyal alumni, parents and friends. During the past 10 years, approximately 120 new endowed funds have been established through the College’s ongoing Campaign for a Brighter Future. These funds offer scholarships to students, enhance academic programs and strengthen the general endowment of the College. Even through current economic challenges, alumni, parents and friends continue to support Lycoming, with trust in the College’s wise investments and forefront financial strategies. These funds light the way to a brighter future for Lycoming students, now and in perpetuity.

From academic interests and extracurricular involvement, to achievement and demographics, each and every endowed fund is designed by the donor to help define the future of Lycoming students.

The following endowed funds are listed in order of establishment throughout the campaign.

The Larry Strauser Lectureship  
David B Sykes Endowed Scholarship  
Anonymous Scholarship  
Ada B. Jonas Endowed Scholarship  
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Anonymous Scholarship  
Francis R. '26 and Helen D. Geigle Endowed Scholarship  
Professor David A. Franz Chemistry Instrumentation Endowment  
Robert W. '54 and Esther Fry '58 Huyck Endowed Library Resources Fund  
Anne Schreyer Gibbon Memorial Endowed Scholarship  
Roswell Brayton Sr. and Catherine Rich Brayton Scholarship  
Joanne O. and Arthur A. Haberberger Endowed Scholarship  
Jane G. and Arnold A. Phipps II Endowed Tour Choir Fund  
Endowed Prize in Religion and Archeology  
Parente Randolph Endowed Fund for Tax Accounting  
Erman E. Lepley Endowed Scholarship Fund  
Ronald A. Beemer Memorial Scholarship  
Harold and Joyce Simpson Hersberger Endowed Scholarship  
John W. and Kathryn C. Lundy Endowed Scholarship  
Alice N. Heaps Memorial Scholarship  
Evert Family Endowed Scholarship  
Robert and Thelma Douthat Endowed Scholarship  
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Kyte Family Endowed Scholarship  
Wood Family Endowed Scholarship  
Cheryl Eck Spencer Endowed Scholarship  
Robert F. Rich Scholarship  
George G. and Mary E. Flexer Endowed Scholarship  
Richard and Marilyn Myers Endowed Scholarship  
Arthur and Joanne Haberberger, To Honor Our Parents, Scholarship  
Louise Good Peters Endowed Scholarship  
Madeleine Whitelock Endowed Scholarship  
David Gardner Endowed Scholarship  
Clifford Casselberry Endowed Scholarship  
Walter C. DeGennaro Jr. Endowed Scholarship  
Presidential Honors Endowed Scholarship  
Joan C. and Charles L. Getchell Endowed Scholarship  
Faculty/Staff Scholarship  
Dr. Dennis G. and Judith A. Youshaw Endowed Scholarship  
George B. Gaul Endowed Scholarship  
W. Gibbs McKenney Professorship in International Studies  
Ricky D. Lannetti Endowed Scholarship  
Kenneth L. and Velma Y. Ruhl Endowed Scholarship  
Arthur & Joanne Haberberger Scholarship in Biology  
Lee Robson Fried, '64 and Buzz Fried '63, Scholarship  
John L. and Mabel G. Shangraw Endowed Scholarship  
Brent R. Maynard Endowed Scholarship  
Holly Elizabeth Hurlbert '97 Endowed Book Fund in Women’s Studies  
Charles L. and Eleanor M. DeSanto, Sr. Endowed Scholarship  
Brighter Future Scholarship  
Frederick J. Jaindl Endowed Scholarship  
Paul A. MacKenzie Discovery Scholarship  
John P. Graham Endowed Scholarship  
Osman Family Endowed Scholarship  
Chemistry Research Endowed Fund  
Joseph M. and Elizabeth G. Korenko Endowed Scholarship  
Faculty Development Fund  
Eric V. Sandin Endowed Scholarship  
Ann Sue Bingaman '60 and Jay H. '60 McCormick  
Anonymous Scholarship  
Jay H. '60 and Ann Sue Bingaman '60 McCormick Endowed Scholarship  
Ralph R. Cramer Endowed Scholarship  
Stanley ‘80 and Jolene (Hall) ‘80 Sloter Endowed Scholarship  
Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship  
M&T Bank Endowed Scholarship  
Malena Ward Powell and Frederick Smith Powell and Ruth Kelland Piper and John Franklin Piper, Sr. Endowed Scholarship  
John ‘66 and Shirley (Wunderly) ‘66 Biggar Teaching Scholarship  
Dr. Robert L. Shangraw Endowed Scholarship  
John and Ruth and James and Susan Maiolo Endowed Scholarship  
Haberberger CWI Laboratory Endowment Fund  
David E. ’68 and Jane (Edgar) Freet Endowed Scholarship  
Omega Bank Endowed Scholarship  
Curricular Film Endowment  
Linda Lev Cohen Endowed Scholarship  
Richard and Sylvia Masie Endowed Scholarship  
Joanne and Arthur Haberberger Berks County Endowed Scholarship  
Dr. Otto L. Sonder ‘46 Endowed Scholarship  
J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Award Fund  
John F. Piper & Margaret P. Piper Endowed Scholarship  
McIver/Thayer Competitive Performance Choir Scholarship  
James E. and Gertrude E. Berkerheimer Endowed Chemistry Scholarship  
Robert W. Rabold Endowed Scholarship

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Ann Sue Bingaman ’60 and Jay H. ’60 McCormick

Q: Why did you choose to establish the Jay H. ’60 and Ann Sue Bingaman ’60 McCormick Endowed Scholarship?
A: With great admiration for the Lycoming College Choir, we decided to establish our scholarship to reward a junior or senior choir member who has shown dedication and loyalty to the choir throughout their first two years at Lycoming.

Q: What does this scholarship mean to you after supporting a number of students already?
A: We feel true pride in witnessing the students take advantage of the scholarship support through their musical talents, especially knowing that they need and deserve the financial assistance.
Many of the scholarships you see recognized today were established, in part, through The Chairman’s Challenge. As part of the Campaign for a Brighter Future, Chairman of the Lycoming College Board of Trustees, Art Haberberger ’59, and his wife, Joanne, established The Chairman’s Challenge. Because of their true belief in the value of a liberal arts education and their desire to increase the Lycoming College endowment, Art and Joanne will continue to invest $5,000 toward a new endowed scholarship with your gift of $20,000.

The name of the scholarship is your choice and can be named after a family member, in memory of a loved one, or for yourself. The development office can help you develop criteria to give preference to students in certain fields of interest or who possess specific attributes.

Approximately 97 percent of Lycoming students require some kind of financial aid to attend College. The endowment provides a permanent funding base for financial aid and enables students to attend Lycoming regardless of their ability to pay.

More than 30 new scholarships have already been established and matched by the Haberberger’s investment, but The Chairman’s Challenge is not over yet. In fact, Art and Joanne have made a great addition to their challenge, as part of the final phase of the campaign. No matter the size of your contribution, the Haberbergers will provide a 25 percent match on new commitments to any existing endowed fund, before the close of the Campaign for a Brighter Future on June 30, 2009.

The College is grateful to Art and Joanne for creating and enhancing this opportunity for its donors and students. Whether you establish a scholarship or contribute to an existing fund, you still have an opportunity to join the Haberbergers and many others, by investing in the futures of Lycoming students.
Since 1968, it has been a tradition for each senior class at Lycoming College to make a gift to the College upon graduation. In 2003, Lycoming’s Senior Class Project partnered with M&T Bank to initiate a piggy bank project. Through this project, the bank provides the College a cash gift, as well as piggy banks that members of the senior class use to collect money that goes toward their donation.

The piggy bank project educates students on the importance of “giving back” to the College and demonstrates the power of combining small gifts to achieve great goals.

During the last six years, the variety of activities sponsored through the Senior Class Project have raised more than $23,340, which has been used to help fund the following campus projects:

- 2003 College Place street sign
- 2004 Painting by Professor Roger Shipley for Burchfield Lounge
- 2005 Display case in Mary Lindsay Welch Honors Hall
- 2006 Oliver Sterling Metzler Graduation Gate plaque
- 2007 Old Main plaque
- 2008 Two scholarships, one each to a male and female rising sophomore with financial need

Lycoming is grateful for the financial assistance it has received from M&T Bank and its predecessor institutions. In addition to the Senior Class Project, the bank has supported the Campaign for a Brighter Future, the College’s $42 million comprehensive campaign, through gifts to the Lycoming Annual Fund, and the creation of a new endowed scholarship.

The M&T Bank Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to students demonstrating financial need with preference given to those from the bank’s geographical service area of Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia, and majoring in business administration, accounting or economics.
Dear Friends,

What is your Lycoming story?

Erika Espada, a 2007 business and economics graduate, e-mailed the following to Anne Landon in our Institute for Management Studies last semester:

“After graduation I moved back home and after a few months of ‘me’ time I began my inevitable job search. After mass distribution of my phenomenal resume (thanks, of course, 100 percent to you!) I got several bites and after a six-hour case study interview I landed my first real job! I have just recently celebrated my one-year anniversary working at IMS Health as an analyst in the Management Consulting Department.

“Every second of the day I find myself extremely challenged and constantly fighting my way up the vast learning curve. I can honestly say that there is not a day that goes by that I don’t draw on my experiences from Lycoming. When you know how it feels to have others invested in your progress, like I had a Lycoming, it makes the reward of success all the more fruitful. There were so many priceless lessons (although they don’t feel very priceless when I write my student loan check every month!), both academic and personal, that the faculty and staff at Lycoming, specifically the Institute for Management Studies, imparted to me that I am forever grateful. So, thank you so much for doing what you do! Please tell everyone I said Hi, that I miss them very much and that I am working on becoming successful enough to have a building or something (I would settle for a booth in the cafeteria) named after me!”

We’d love to hear your own story. What about your Lycoming College experience brought you to where you are today? What made Lycoming a good fit for you? Which professors especially impacted your life/education and how? Have you been involved with Lycoming or fellow alumni in a significant way since graduation?

All alumni are invited to submit their stories through the alumni Web site at www.lycoming.edu/alumni/stories.htm. Alumni whose stories are selected to be featured on the alumni Web pages will be asked to provide a headshot photo via e-mail and will receive a Lycoming College thank you gift.

Happy reflecting!

Melanie Harris Taormina ’94
Director of Alumni Relations
Staying connected to Lycoming is a virtual snap

If you graduated from Lycoming before the time you kept your address book on your computer or smart phone, you remember how challenging it was to stay in touch with your college roommate. One address and phone number after another was crossed out as new contacts emerged, and your address book was stuffed with extra pages, business cards or return address labels from shared holiday greetings. Today, students have the Internet, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter and instant messaging at their disposal – they are in constant contact with one another and assume they always will be.

Regardless of your graduation year or your technological savvy, Lycoming tries to make it easy for you to stay connected to your alma mater through the Alumni section of the College Web site (www.lycoming.edu/alumni). The entire site underwent a major update last year and is constantly evolving; but one aspect that remains the same is easy access to all kinds of useful information that is interesting to alumni from any era.

Once on the Alumni main page, visitors will notice two menus – one on the left side of the page and another on the right. The menu on the right includes current “news” items that connect to news releases, photo galleries and a number of other interesting links. For example, if you or someone you know is interested in serving your fellow alums, you can click on the link to the Alumni Association Executive Board to find a list of current board members and information on nominating you or someone else for the board. Another link takes you to a location where you can purchase a personalized brick for placement on the College walkway to benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Information is also available for another alumni benefit that supports the scholarship fund and alumni programming – the Lycoming College-branded Platinum Plus MasterCard. You can even send a Lycoming “e-card” to someone that features current photos or vintage scenes from the campus.

But what if you don’t have an old roommate’s e-mail address? That’s when you turn your attention to the left side of the Alumni page. By clicking on the Your Fellow Alumni link, you will have access to an e-mail directory of the nearly 2,500 alumni who’ve provided e-mail addresses. You can search for old friends by class year and first, last or maiden name. For instance, if you remember someone named Jim from the class behind you, simply enter the class year and his first name to find him (just remember that his real name might be listed as “James”). You can even add your e-mail address by going to the Biographical Update section. It’s fun to see who you can find – even the upcoming 50th anniversary Class of 1959 has 22 people signed up!

Other features available from the left menu include a listing of Upcoming Events for alumni throughout the U.S., as well as photos and highlights from the most recent Homecoming and alumni gatherings. There is also information about the Alumni Association and its work, including the awards that the association gives each year to individuals whose service and achievement have reflected well on their association with the College. The Get Involved section lists opportunities for volunteering on behalf of and giving to the College, as well as sharing your story about how Lycoming affected your life.

Want to know what’s going on academically, socially or athletically on campus? Then visit the Catch Up on Lyco News section featuring current news releases and archives of past stories. You can even sign up for a Lycoming “RSS feed” – just follow the menu link to learn how to have Lycoming news items sent directly to your e-mail or homepage portal.

Past issues of Lycoming Magazine and other documents are available for viewing by clicking on the College Archives link in the Of Special Interest section (see next page). Alumni visiting this section can also browse the online Campus Store, where you can order an assortment of merchandise to show off your Lyco spirit, or scan the various job postings that have been placed on the Alumni page by the Career Services Office.

Last but not least is the Contact Us portion of the menu, which includes ways to submit information about yourself directly to the College or to the class scribes that serve many graduation years. Lycoming wants to provide alumni with as much information as possible, but it also wants to know what’s happening in your life. The Alumni portion of the Lycoming Web site makes this a quick and simple process. There is also contact information for Lycoming’s alumni, public relations and development teams. Once you put down this issue of Lycoming Magazine, visit the Web site and see what else it can offer you.
A wealth of information is also available to alumni who visit another section of the Web site – the Lycoming College Archives (www.lycoming.edu/library/archives/index.html). While a visit to the Archives’ physical location in the lower level of the Academic Center will amaze anyone looking at the breadth of historical information that is available, a quick tour of the “virtual” collections is almost as rewarding. Copies of student newspapers dating back to the days of the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary in 1856 are now available online, as is a comprehensive catalogue of the papers from the late 1800s until today. Visitors can search for specific issue dates, including those in which their name might have appeared in print. Complementing the newspapers is the Archival Photo Gallery which features various photos, drawings and pictures of the campus and significant events and people in the life of the College.

A new addition to the online archives is Voices of Lycoming, featuring audio recordings about the College and contemporary speeches by notable people at significant College events. If you want to learn even more about the College, you can click on the Historic Documents link to be treated to a page-by-page rendering of The History of Lycoming College by Charles Scott Williams. The entire 154-page book can be accessed one page at a time by clicking on pages or the arrows to the right of the text.

Efforts are under way to digitize back issues of Lycoming Magazine as well as all of Lycoming’s yearbooks. The AAEB is partnering with the Snowden Library to fund this project.

Alumni gather after Lyco football win at Widener

More than 40 alumni gathered at Bootleggers in Woodlyn, Pa., Oct. 4, 2008, for the popular Lycoming vs. Widener Post-Game Gathering. Attendees reconnected and reveled in Lycoming’s rousing victory while enjoying game-day fare of meatball sandwiches, hot dogs and hot roast beef sandwiches. The pub and connected outdoor deck were reserved just for Lycoming alumni thanks to event organizer Joe Bunce ’63. Door prize winner Tom Pietrzak ’87 came away the proud owner of a new Lycoming sweatshirt.
Los Angeles-based singer/songwriter Brienne Moore entertains the crowd.

From left: Dr. John Joe ’59, the Hon. Marie White Bell ’58, Chairman of the Board Art Haberberger ’59, President James Douthat and Tom Twine ’63.

Trustee and guest speaker the Hon. Marie White Bell ’58.

Many of the attendees gather for a group photo.

Tom Twine ’63 and Chamise Alston ’08.
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 Jan. 16 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.

Dickinson Seminary and Junior College

1938

Charles and Marion Evelyn (Rice) Wirth celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in October. The couple lives in Williamsport. They are the parents of two sons and have two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

1943

John A. Girton and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 25. They reside in Williamsport, Pa.

1948

Dr. Carl Bauer (arts and sciences) enrolled in Dickinson Junior College and graduated from Lycoming College. He earned an M.D. and Ph.D. from Heidelberg University in Germany, and worked for 21 years in clinical forensic psychology. Carl and his wife, Alicia, live in Arizona. E-mail Carl at cbauer@cableone.net.

1952

Gordon Gillette (psychology) would like to hear from people who remember his late father, Professor Phil Gillette, foreign languages, or one or more of his three sisters. Gordon resides in Odessa, Texas. His e-mail address is lionGG2@sbcglobal.net.

1953

John Cruickshank (business administration) and his partner won the Gold Medal in racquetball in their age group at the Gulf Coast Games in Sarasota, Fla., in November. In December, John won a Bronze Medal in racquetball singles and won the Gold Medal in doubles at the Florida Senior Games State Championships in Naples, Fla. This qualifies him to go to the National Senior Games in August 2009 at Stanford University in California.

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Richard H. Lloyd (business administration) has had an addition to the Muncy Bank & Trust Co. named after him, 40 years after he joined the company in 1969. The former bank president, who retired in 1996, participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the official opening of the Richard H. Lloyd Annex. Richard became president in 1983, and during his tenure the bank opened branch offices in Hughesville and Pennsdale.

Paul Motta (business administration) was inducted into the Allen-Rogowicz chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in October. Paul played football and baseball at Lycoming.

1960

Mary Bower (executive secretarial sciences) organized the Williamsport Music Club’s November program, “A Parade of
American Music – Popular Hits from the First Fifty Years of the 20th Century.”

1961

Don Whistler (business administration) was elected president of the Pennsylvania Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs. Don is a retired vice president of AllFirst Bank, now M & T Bank. He is active in numerous Masonic organizations, the York Symphony Association and the Cultural Alliance of York County. He is also chairman of the board of the Margaret E. Moul Foundation, which provides financial assistance for a state-of-the-art residential facility for people afflicted with neuromuscular diseases.

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1966

Harold E. Fleming (economics) was designated by the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends (Quakers) as their representative to the New Jersey Council of Churches. There are nearly 3,000 members affiliated with the Philadelphia Meeting in New Jersey. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is a regional body composed of Quaker meetings in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. It is the largest body of Quakers in the United States. He is a member of the Trenton Meeting of Friends. Harold resides in Trenton, N.J.

Helen (Wulff) Shue (psychology) gave a presentation about recognizing and dealing in antiques at the Livingston Historical Society in September. She speaks about antiques to various organizations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

1967

The 3rd annual Lycoming/Sigma Pi reunion was organized by Judy and Bill Donovan ’67 and held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Seven Springs, Pa., Oct. 3-5. Dick Wilbur ’67 and Paul Bosdyk ’67 are organizing the 4th reunion for 2009 at a site to be determined in upstate New York.

Dale N. Krapf (business administration) was presented with the Harold Martin Business Leadership Award by the Exton Region Chamber of Commerce in November. Krapf, a member of Lycoming’s board of trustees, and his brother, Dallas ’69, own Krapf Bus Cos., which operates with more than 1,200 vehicles with 1,400 employees in southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

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Isabel Alvarez Borland (French) has been selected for the Monsignor Edward G. Murray Professorship in the Arts and Humanities for three years at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. Alvarez, a professor of modern languages and literatures, has worked at Holy Cross for 27 years.

Dianne (Davis) Johnson (German) retired after 36 years as an elementary school teacher. She has been traveling the world, including visits to Hawaii, Alaska, Iceland, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Barbados, Aruba, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, England and Scotland as well as many places in the United States. She resides in Fleetwood, Pa.

Eugene Yaw (business administration) was elected to the state senate in November to represent the 83rd district of Pennsylvania. This was Yaw’s first political campaign as a candidate after three decades of political involvement that included a term as Lycoming County GOP chairman and working for numerous campaigns. Eugene and his wife, Ann Pepperman, a member of the College’s board of trustees, reside in Montoursville, Pa.

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Jack Weiss (business) has been an independent sales representative in the consumer electronics industry the last 26 years. He lives in Bozeman, Mont., with his wife, Jennifer.

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Rick A. Lepley (political science) was named president and chief executive officer of A.C. Moore Arts and Crafts in 2006. In September, Rick was featured in the Philadelphia Inquirer’s business section where he talked about his work.

1973

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Rick was promoted to director of A.C. Moore Arts and Crafts in 2006. In September, Rick was featured in the Philadelphia Inquirer’s business section where he talked about his work.

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Kathleen (McC) Huber (biology) has been promoted to director of clinical operations at Alba Therapeutics Corp. in Baltimore, Md. She has more than 25 years of experience in managing complex projects in the areas of celiac disease, oncology, CNS, vaccines and diagnostics for HIV, HbsAg and tuberculosis.

Stan Dakosty (history) was inducted into the Marian High School Hall of Fame in October. Stan is in his 32nd year as the school’s head football coach. He also teaches and serves as the athletic director.

Cheryl (Johnson) Miller (political science) blogged in the Baltimore Sun about her experiences at the 2008 Democratic National Convention held in Denver. Cheryl was the coordinator for volunteers at the Obama office in Anne Arundel County, Md.

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Carl Grivner (biology) was installed as a new member of the board of trustees of Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School. He is the chief executive officer of XO Communications, Inc., one of the nation’s largest communications service providers.

Nancy (Gerber) Conrad (psychology), a partner in White and Williams’ Commercial Litigation Department, was named chair of the Labor and Employment Practice Group. In addition to representing management in all areas of employment relations, she practices in the areas of employment law and litigation, the defense of federal and state discrimination claims, wrongful discharge, and contract and injunction proceedings.

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Deborah (Whitfield) Lenig and Barbara (Seese) Dearing fulfilled a 30-year dream when they traveled together to Paris, France, in November. They were both French majors and student taught together at Williamsport High School but were never able to travel to France while in college. Barb’s husband, David ’78, also went on the trip.
Professional guest artist Mary Ethel Schmidt ’76, portrayed Diana Vreeland, an icon of 20th-century fashion, in the Theatre Department’s production of “Full Gallop,” held Feb. 12-14 in the College’s Mary L. Welch Theatre.

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Dr. Lynette (Laylon) Smith (biology) was inducted as a fellow of the International College of Dentists at its 79th Annual Convocation in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 17, 2008. Lynette serves on the board of directors of the University of North Carolina Dental Alumni Association. She was president of the North Carolina Academy of General Dentistry from 2006-07.

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David G. Argall (political science and international studies) was reelected in November to Pennsylvania’s House of Representatives, where he has served the 124th legislative district since 1985.

Scott Lewis (business administration) was elected as the northeastern district director of the executive board of the Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association. He owns Lewis Homes in Wellsboro.

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David Richards (history) was inducted into the Hughesville High School Academic Hall of Fame. A member of the Licensed Battlefield Guides at Gettysburg National Military Park, David is considered an authority on Civil War soldiers from around Lycoming County. He resides near Gettysburg with his wife, Teresa, and their two children.

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Jim Minick (English) had two books of poetry published in 2008, “Her Secret Song” and “Burning Heaven.” He has also written a collection of essays, “Finding a Clear Path,” and edited “All There Is To Keep” by Rita Riddle. Jim has won awards from the Appalachian Writers Association, Appalachian Heritage, Now & Then and Radford University, where he teaches writing and literature. He’s garnered grants from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and a residency at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. Jim’s work has appeared in many publications, and he writes a monthly column for The Roanoke Times New River Current. He lives, hikes and gardens in the mountains of Virginia with his wife and three dogs.

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Janet (Piraino) Claudfelter (art) graduated from the physical therapy program at Penn State University. She is working as a licensed physical therapist assistant at Phoenix Rehabilitation. Janet resides in Bloomsburg, Pa., with her husband, Glenn, and their children, Courtney, 12, and Brooke, 4.

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Jeffrey T. Arnold (accounting-financial) was named chief financial officer with First Columbia Bank & Trust Co. He is a certified public accountant and internal auditor. Jeffrey is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Institute of Management Accountants and Institute of Internal Auditors. He resides in Montoursville, Pa., with his wife and three children.

1990

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Brenda L. Gearhart (history) holds a position within the new Department of Defense organization, the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury. She leads the Clinical Practice Resource Support Division within the Psychological Health Clinical Standards of Care Directorate. Brenda resides in Rockville, Md.

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Craig A. Munns (philosophy) was promoted to provost of Central Pennsylvania College, a small, private career school located outside of Harrisburg. He has worked for the college for 11 years. Craig started as an adjunct professor teaching philosophy and has progressed from part-time to full-time professor to online education coordinator to academic dean. He resides in Enola, Pa.

1994

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Laura (Wood) Meisl (Spanish) is the owner of a Curves in Leola, Pa. The facility is specially designed for women and features a complete 30-minute workout. She was formerly a Spanish teacher at Governor Mifflin High School in Shillington, Pa.

1995

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Tom Kelly (art-commercial design) published his first comic strip, “The Stuffed Animal Sagas,” with DC Comics. The children’s comic follows the adventures of a teddy bear as he embarks on various heroic adventures. Tom lives in Chicago.

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Romey D. Fagnano (accounting) was recognized as one of Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants’ 40 Under 40: Members to Watch for 2008-09. He received this distinction for demonstrated leadership qualities at the organization’s annual Leadership Conference in Harrisburg on Sept. 22. Romey is the finance director of the Lycoming Housing Authority.

Matthew McGovern (economics) is the new area director for Lycoming County Young Life, which is part of a national, non-denominational Christian ministry committed to making a positive difference in the lives of children through the friendship and influence of caring adults. Matthew most recently was in marketing and public relations at Kuhns Bros. Log Homes, Inc., where he received the National Association of Home Builders’ “30 under 40” Award for his efforts. He resides in Montgomery, Pa., with his wife, Amy (Hippensteel ’96), and their three children.

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Greg Bell (economics-managerial) was named by Pennsylvania Business Central as one of the “Foremost Under 40.” He is the president and founder of the Williamsport/Lycoming Young Professionals.

Dr. Jason Catanzaro (biology) graduated from Temple University School of Medicine May 23. He also earned the Waldo E. Nelson, M.D., Pediatric Award as the outstanding senior student in pediatric medicine for 2008. Jason is in residency at Case-Western Reserve Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Dawn Marie (Mann) Bracken (commercial design) was named communications coordinator for the Alzheimer’s Association, National Capital Area Chapter. She is responsible for the chapter’s graphic design, writing all external marketing and communications materials and providing media relations. Dawn and her family reside in Leesburg, Va.

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Kimberly (Myers) Hunter (nursing) earned a master’s degree in nursing as a clinical nurse specialist in women and children’s health from Misericordia University in May 2008. Her graduate synthesis project focused on implementing an evidence-based protocol for smoking cessation in pregnancy. In August, Kim was promoted to clinical supervisor of The Birthplace at Susquehanna Health in Williamsport. Kim and her husband, Corey, reside in Loyalsock Township, Pa.

Heather Myers (music) was promoted to training manager/instructor for AT&T. She has been working with AT&T since 2006 (then Cingular Wireless). Heather is training new staff members for positions in the wireless retail stores. She resides in the Syracuse, N.Y., area.

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Katie (Wuestner) Bell (business-financial) was named by Pennsylvania Business Central as one of the “Foremost Under 40.” She is co-founder of the Williamsport/Lycoming Young Professionals organization and is secretary and co-chair of the membership committee.

Sherisse (Liwanag) Marion (French, business marketing) has joined Tarvin Realtors in Ridgewood, N.J., where she lives with her husband, Richie.

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Molly (Morgan) Fuller (mathematics) was awarded the Yearbook Faculty Dedication by the Hughesville High School Class of 2008. Molly received the dedication for her enthusiasm, commitment and inspiration to her students. She is a mathematics teacher at the school and resides in Muncy, Pa., with her husband, Chris ’02, and their dog, Mokie.

C. Rocco Rosamilia III (history) was sworn in as an attorney and member of the Clinton County Bar Association Nov. 3. He graduated from Dickinson Law School with a focus on environmental law, agricultural law and real estate. Rocco spent one summer studying international law in Italy with U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts. He has joined his father, Charles R. Rosamilia Jr., and Randy P. Brungard at the law offices of Rosamilia and Brungard, located in Lock Haven, Pa.

Several Gamma Delta Sigma alumnae gathered in Camp Hill, Pa., for a Christmas party.

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Stacy Burkheiser (psychology) was named the 2008 Sam’s Club Teacher of the Year Sept. 25. She is a fifth-grade literacy teacher at Malcolm Elementary School in La Plata, Md. Each year, Wal-Mart stores and Sam’s Club locations award a local teacher with the award, a gift card for classroom supplies and a grant for his/her school. Stacy is pursuing a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction with leadership from McDaniel College.

Maurica (Foresman) King (business–financial) is a program analyst for finance with SEDA-COG in Lewisburg, Pa.

Front row from left: Meghan Jacobi ’07, Mindy Dicken ’05, Regina Annunziata ’05, Ashley Good ’03 and Alyse Blackburn ’08; back row from left: Kristina Kleintop ’05, Jess Feerrar ’03, Joanna Ale ’07, Jenn Darpino ’06, Denise Drosak ’05, Maura Morgan ’05, Jess Urick ’06, Kirby Brookhart ’05, Steph Bomgardner ’07, Kaitlyn Kastenhuber ’07 and Amber Simchak ’02.

Others in attendance but not pictured: Jacki Stires ’03 and Melissa Stiles ’07

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Maurice (Foresman) King (business–financial) is a program analyst for finance with SEDA-COG in Lewisburg, Pa.
Jennifer Brackbill (art-photography/electronic art) works for Canon ITS in Chesapeake, Va. She was promoted to technical support representative Tier II for Canon Digital Professional SLR Cameras. She previously was working in the presales and accessories group as a product information representative. She resides in Virginia Beach, Va.

Erika Espada (business-marketing, economics-managerial) is an analyst in the Management Consulting Department at IMS Health.

Alyson Zeigler (music) is teaching elementary music, fifth- and sixth-grade band lessons and sixth-grade band in Pennsylvania’s Greencastle-Antrim School District.

Gregory Sago (psychology) was hired by Pennsylvania’s St. Marys Area School District to teach in all district buildings.

Sarah Sciabica (business-marketing and international) is an export specialist for export development at SEDA-COG in Lewisburg, Pa.
Renee (Brosius) ’79 and Nikolas Salamone, Sept. 13, 2008. Her daughters, Ashley R. Eva and Jennifer C. Jabara, served as maids of honor.

Crystal (Weatherill) ’99 and Dexter Facey, Aug. 23, 2008 in Glenolden, Pa.

Carly (Daday) ’03 and Nestor Aparicio, Dec. 31, 2008.

Caroline (Iglio) ’04 and Robert Cusson ’05, June 14, 2008, at Christ Episcopal Church in Towanda, Pa. Sara Iglio ’04 was the maid of honor. Chan Ung ’04, and Kasey Pietila ’05 were bridesmaids. Andrew McGovern ’05 and David Morgan ’05 were groomsmen. Other alumni in attendance were Kimberly Hengst ’04, Katherine Montague ’05, Tyler Gettmann ’06, Abby (Franks) Melvin ’05, Gene Melvin ’04, Michael Powell ’04, Timothy Morris ’06, Dana Newbury ’06, Luke Goodrich ’02, Jeremy Haloskie ’03, Heather (Babbony) Temple ’01, Brandy (Bosler) Kift ’02, Shawn Warman ’06, Ryan Foley ’06, Daniel Woleslagle ’05, Michael Ruddy ’05, Dale Marques ’06 and Andrew Derr ’06.

Natasha (Simchak) ’04 and James Edinger, Oct. 4, 2008, at St. John’s Slovak Lutheran Church in Lansford, Pa. The reception was held at the Mahoning Valley Country Club and alumni in attendance were Laurie (Rooney) Rodrigues ’04, Deborah (Weinberg) Edmonds ’04, Matthew Edmonds ’02, Faith (Leichliter) Rodill ’04, Amber Simchak ’02, Annelise (DeRichmond) Simchak ’02, Stephen Simchak ’99, Lauren (Derrick) Marsh ’04, Jennifer Brown ’02, Miranda Newcomer ’04, Lauren Stickley ’04, Amy McGarvey ’04 and Cara DeMotte ’04.

Heidi (von Schwedler) ’04 and Nicholas Myers ’06, Sept. 6, 2008.

Mindy (Dreisbach) ’07 and Nick Roberts ’05, July 25, 2008. Lycoming alumni in the wedding party included maid of honor Patrease Smith ’07, bride’s maid Lyndsay Roscoe ’08, groomsmen: Patrick Bierly ’06, Robert Knapp ’06 and Jason Bailey ’01. Rebecca Jervey ’05 and Alex Rau ’09 read during the ceremony.

Melissa (Spink) ’08 and Thomas Kiehl ’06, Dec. 6, 2008, at Delaware Run Wesleyan Church in Watsontown, Pa. Lycoming alumni in wedding party were Jennie Yuda ’08 and Alyssa (Graham) Solt ’05. Lycoming faculty and alumni in attendance included Dr. David Fisher (astronomy/physics professor), Nicole Franquet (ITS), Steve Caravaggio (ITS), Sheila Troutman ’05, Kori Sisto ’05, Dylan Dupuis ’05, Emily Plechavy ’06, Nicole Rhodes ’08, Karen Owen ’08, Amilcar Guzman ’08 and Timothy Caldwell ’08.
Madeline (Reina) '91 and Kevin Michel, twins, Sydney Rae and Cooper Joseph, April 30, 2007. They joined brother, Owen Christopher.

1 John (Ed) Frick '92 and Kerri (Bloom) '92, a daughter, Brielle Hope, June 19, 2008. She joins brothers, Avery, 6, and Christian, 4.


5 Kristin (Fisher) '96 and Robert DiGiacomo, a son, Robert James, Sept. 20, 2008. Grandfather is Tim Fisher '69 and great aunt is Dorothy (Fisher) Zeppenfelt '74.


7 Dawn Marie (Mann) '98 and Michael Bracken '97, a son, Aidan Joseph, Aug. 25, 2008. He joins sister, Erin Marie, 5, and brother, Trip, 2.

8 Hilary (Welbourne) '98 and Brian Dailey '98, a daughter, Kathryn McColl, Nov. 7, 2008. She joins brother, Xavier, 3.

9 Jennifer (Snyder) '00 and Michael Smith '99, a son, Zachary Carter, May 1, 2008.

10 Annjeannette (Clark) '00 and Henry Bugai Jr., a daughter, Ariana Rose, Oct. 6, 2008. She joins brother Henry, 3, and Joseph, 2.

11 Rebecca (Hoover) '00 and Casey Willis '98, a son, Kaleb Caseson, Oct. 16, 2008.

Cassie (Elliott) '01 and Mark Lovelace '98, a daughter, Isabelle Jean, March 28, 2008. She joins sisters, Alexa, 5, and Alayna, 4.

12 Robin (Bixler) '02 and Edmund Dadzie, a daughter, Alaina Efua, Aug. 22, 2008. She joins sister, Isabella.
Mary A. (Landon) Russell of Montoursville, Pa., Nov. 20, 2008. Her remarkable 62-year music teaching career began at Lycoming College in 1936. Upon her retirement as associate professor of music in 1978, she was named associate professor of music emeritus but continued at the College as part-time piano teacher until 1998. She taught piano privately in her home until 2005. In 1974, she received the College’s Outstanding Alumnus Award. In 1985, her 50th year of teaching at Lycoming, the Alumni Association honored her at the Homecoming celebration by establishing the Mary Landon Russell Applied Music Fund. It provides financial aid to musically gifted students, with demonstrated need, to study applied music at the College. Also, each year a graduating senior receives the Mary Landon Russell Award for Outstanding Music Achievement. In 1998, Mary was recognized again for 62 years of teaching at Lycoming. She performed with her colleagues in the music department in a piano concert. In 1999, the Lycoming College Alumni Association presented to her the Dale V. Bower Service Award for her devoted service to the College. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Landon Russell Applied Music Fund at Lycoming College, c/o Development Office, 700 College Place, Williamsport, PA 17701.
1951  
Eugene L. Stroble, of Williamsport, Pa., Oct. 23, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice, and two sons.

1952  
Richard C. Dingle, of South Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 26, 2008. He is survived by a daughter and a son.

Marjorie M. (Mitchell) Rodriguez, of West Chester, Pa., Oct. 6, 2008. She is survived by her husband, David E. ’53, and two sons.

Maria A. (Quant) Sanderson, of El Paso, Texas, Sept. 4, 2007. She is survived by her husband, James, a daughter and a son.

John W. Skoog, of Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 5, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Janis (Crider) ’51, and two sons.

1954  
John R. Seitzer, of Quakertown, Pa., Nov. 26, 2008. He is survived by two sons.

1955  
George S. Porter, of Jersey Shore, Pa., Sept. 26, 2008. He is survived by a daughter and two sons.

Joan C. (Bingenheimer) Rugaber, of Butler, Pa., Oct. 14, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Robert, and two sons.

1956  
Bernard G. Herlt Jr., of Greenville, Texas, March 14, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Bernadine (Wilmarth) ’54.

1957  
Josiah C. Hornblower Jr., of Staten Island, N.Y., Dec. 16, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Margaret.

1961  
Annette (English) Friedberg, of Kingston, Pa., Oct. 24, 2008.

James W. Hull, of Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 7, 2008. He is survived by a son.

Anne E. (Sozzi) Seidel, of Mansfield, Pa., Nov. 7, 2008. She is survived by a daughter and two sons.

1962  
Bonnie B. (Bierly) Bowes, of Jersey Shore, Pa., Nov. 5, 2008. Bonnie was a member of the Alumni Association Executive Board from 2002-08. She is survived by her husband, Lynn, and two sons.

1963  
Gordon H. Miller, of The Villages, Fla., Oct. 28, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Trish, a daughter and two sons.

1964  
Gordon G. Sweely Sr., of Big Flats, N.Y., Dec. 11, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Maryann, a daughter and a son.

1973  
David K. Giesa, of Seminole, Fla., Nov. 16, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two daughters.

Keith E. Vargo, of Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 23, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Eileen, and two sons.

2007  
Derrick J. Dull, of Ephrata, Pa., December 6, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Mindy Sue (Culp) ’05, his parents and a sister.

Robert L. Eddinger, of Williamsport, May 16, 2008. Bob joined the College in 1967 and served as director of buildings and grounds. He was a member of the “25-Year Club.” He also initiated a major tree planting and landscaping program for the beautification of the campus. His memorial service was held on campus in Clarke Chapel.

Dr. George Lawther, of Southern Pines, N.C., Dec. 12, 2008. He taught physical education from 1955-59 and also coached men’s basketball, soccer and tennis.

Robert O. Patterson, of Philadelphia, March 9, 2008. He was Lycoming’s assistant dean of students and dean of men from 1964-71. He was responsible for starting the College’s Resident Advisor Program.

Dr. William Pickelner, of Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 11, 2008. He was an emeritus member of the College’s board of trustees. In 1995, Lycoming presented him with an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree for distinguished service to education. He is survived by a son.

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Why is our national economy in such a

What our government is doing with its implementation of the recent bailouts, over-regulation of certain industries while leaving some others totally unregulated, is no laughing matter.

Cases in point: bailing out AIG (an international insurance company) while watching Lehman Brothers (a global-financial services firm) demise without any interference; dictating the ethanol content of the gasoline that Americans consume (and hence creating major chaos in food and feed prices) while leaving the hedge funds market free and unsupervised. This inaction and laissez-faire attitude of the government toward the hedge fund market allowed Bernard Madoff’s Ponzi scheme to last for decades and gave him the opportunity to rip off around $50 billion dollars from the rich as well as the poor—yes, most of the beneficiaries of the monies lost by non-profit foundations that had invested with Madoff are less fortunate Americans or internationals.

The gradual deviation from a free market system and socializing the recent “business losses” have been debated extensively by politicians and the political pundits in popular media. Here, I will try to explain some of the reasons for our current economic predicament. The free market system that has been advocated since the 18th century by philosophers and later by economists has never been practiced in its purest way by any country in the world. That’s because no one likes to see the ugly and unregulated side of capitalism (e.g., child labor, out of control pollution, predatory pricing, counterfeited drugs, etc.). The degree of government regulation and control, however, becomes debatable when the public sector’s level of interference becomes the issue. For example, compared to Americans and Brits, French nationals have accepted their government to play a bigger role in their economy through tougher regulations and indicative planning.

A relatively limited role of government in the U.S. economy started to diminish further at the beginning of the 1980s as a result of bad economic conditions of the late 1970s (e.g., double-digit inflation and double-digit unemployment rates). The emergence of a new economic philosophy, known as Reaganomics, was attributed to the excessive government regulation of businesses and over-taxation of both individuals and corporations. The prescribed policy to rectify the problem was to get rid of regulation and reduce taxes to stimulate private spending and investment. Since then, we (and
I include economists when I say “we” were convinced that the lower the regulation and government control, the faster would be the growth of the country. We all allowed income and wealth distribution to become more and more skewed, because of lower marginal tax rates at the highest brackets, and we didn’t care that the rich were getting richer. That’s because we thought that when economic growth is high and hence economic tides rise, almost all ships rise, and if some don’t, that’s the ship owners’ problem. We let the government allow more and more horizontal mergers (when companies buy their competitors) and hence accepted more market power and higher prices to ensue because of that. We accepted the idea that government should no longer enforce anti-trust laws that have existed since 1890 and because of this attitude, let all three branches of our government look the other way when companies were alleged to be involved in monopolizing the market, price fixing or predatory pricing. Furthermore, we allowed our government to use the existing tax money (or borrowed funds that will be repaid by our children or grandchildren) to bail out companies that had gambled their resources and lost after playing a game that can be described as: “I toss a coin, if it is heads, I win; if it is tails, taxpayers lose.”

It seems to me that in recent decades, our government has not only let the big monopolies remain unchallenged, but it has also supported them when they needed help. For example, the idea of “too-big-to-fail” that was recently used to justify the bailout of some big banks is not a new phenomenon. In May 1984, when Continental Illinois, one of the 10 largest banks in the U.S., became insolvent and was on the verge of failing, the federal government bailed it out because this bank was “too big to fail.” The FDIC, by using taxpayers’ money, not only guaranteed deposits up to the $100,000 insurance limit, but it also guaranteed all accounts. FDIC also prevented any potential losses to this bank’s bondholders by generously providing one dollar for every dollar of IOU issued by the bank. Continental Illinois was not the only bank benefiting from the generosity of FDIC; another 11 large banks also benefited from the same treatment because according to the government they were “too big to fail.” The argument simply goes as follows: failing a big financial institution will have a domino effect in the economy and will cause the failure of many more institutions, so the economy cannot afford to let them fall.

Suppose this approach to bail out these big banks was a good decision in 1984; then the lesson learned from it would be not to allow mergers between banks to take place in order to prevent this problem from reoccurring in the future. This wasn’t, however, what the government did. In 1994, the Congress repealed the McFadden Act, which was the last obstacle in forming mega banks in the United States, and in 1999 it repealed the Glass-Steagall Act that had created a wall between commercial and investment banking. These changes caused the creation of several mega-banks that are now surviving with our tax money.

Now let’s look at our failing auto industry. The argument of American car makers is that they cannot compete with Japanese automakers and are asking for support. Is it the American taxpayers’ fault that they didn’t see that half of the world’s oil reserve is already consumed and the remaining half will be sold at incessantly higher and higher prices when they were building those gargantuan SUVs? Did they check with the taxpayers about how much their executives should be paid when they were making profits using the free market reasons to justify their excessive pays?

Now let us look at the options we are left with: not bailing them out and letting those who used to work for American automakers work for Japanese companies like Toyota that build cars here, or borrow money from Japan and bail them out so they can work for American companies, but in the end pay some of our income taxes to Japan as interest for servicing the debt we will be accumulating over time. Neither option looks good to me.

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