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**On the cover:** Chemistry faculty members (clockwise) Dr. Charles Mahler, Dr. Jeremy Ramsey, Dr. Chriss McDonald and Dr. Holly Bendorf with students Caitlin DeAngelo ’13, Kyle Ruhl ’11 and Katie Wellmon ’13.  

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Lycoming among top tier in
U.S. News and World Report

Lycoming College has been recognized as a top tier institution by U.S. News & World Report in its 2011 edition of “America’s Best Colleges.” According to U.S. News, the nation’s 266 liberal arts colleges focus almost exclusively on undergraduate education and award at least 50 percent of their degrees in the arts and sciences. Bucknell, Dickinson, Gettysburg and Swarthmore are among other Pennsylvania institutions in the top tier.

In addition, Lycoming is ranked 11th in the nation among liberal arts and science institutions in graduation rate when comparing actual graduation rate with the predicted rate. While the vast majority of Lycoming’s students graduate in four years, data from the U.S. Department of Education also confirms Lycoming’s six-year graduation rate of 74 percent to be very strong when compared to other schools. Nationally, the average six-year graduation rate at all private non-profit colleges and universities is 54 percent while Pennsylvania’s privates average 65 percent. The average six-year graduation rate reported for all public universities in Pennsylvania is 53 percent.

“One of the great things about Lycoming is that the faculty has so many opportunities to help students be successful in their academic endeavors,” said Dr. Chriss McDonald, professor of chemistry and chair of the faculty at Lycoming.

“Besides mentoring them in the classroom, labs and help sessions, students often do collaborative hands-on research with faculty members. And it’s not unheard of for faculty to play intramural sports with the students, which is a great way for us to get to know them outside of the classroom. The extra attention we give our students goes a long way in preparing them for graduation and life beyond Lycoming College.”

Lycoming also has been recognized as one of 218 institutions The Princeton Review profiles in its “Best in the Northeast” report. According to Forbes.com, Lycoming is among a select group of 610 schools it ranks as “America’s Best Colleges” for 2010.
What are you reading?
Student book club members peruse several bestsellers

College students usually spend their summertime working, hanging out with friends and partaking in a family vacation. Don’t forget to include the time spent texting or the hours upon hours of playing the latest video games. The thought of cracking open a book is likely the last thing on their minds. Not the case for five Lycoming College students.

Seniors Alex Beattie, Drew Boyles, Deron Johnson, Phil Shannon and junior Joe Marchese formed a summer book club, aptly titled “In Libris Libertas.” Their goal was to read one book roughly every two weeks. They met once a week on campus in Burchfield Lounge to discuss their latest read.

“To pick which books to read, we discussed which ones we felt most strongly about,” said Boyles. “The first book was the easiest to choose, Richard Dawkins’ The God Delusion, since it was both controversial and critically acclaimed. We also picked other books we felt were particularly valuable to read. While each of us had varying opinions on the more controversial topics, we discussed the books quite well.

“What I enjoyed most was reading books which, on my own, I probably never would have picked up. Carl Sagan’s Contact is a fictional book about contact with aliens. It turned out to be one of the best books we read. Our reading of Soren Kierkegaard’s Fear and Trembling gave a great perspective into an early existentialist writer. The book club gave us an opportunity to hang out with each other, while still being productive with our summers.”

The books they read were as follows:
1. The God Delusion • by Richard Dawkins
2. Zen and the Art of Archery • by Eugen Herrigel
3. Siddhartha • by Hermann Hesse
4. Beyond Good and Evil • by Friedrich Nietzsche
5. Contact • by Carl Sagan
6. Fear and Trembling • by Soren Kierkegaard
7. A Brief History of Time • by Stephen Hawking
8. The Old Man and the Sea • by Ernest Hemmingway
9. Catcher in the Rye • by J.D. Salinger
**Gamma Delta Sigma sorority hosts Brandy Sudol auction**

Each year, Lycoming’s Gamma Delta Sigma sorority hosts the Brandy Sudol Auction to honor the life a sister who passed away from Hodgkin’s disease in February 1990.

Held during the College’s Family Weekend, the auction raises funds to support a $1,000 scholarship for an anonymous Lycoming student in the pre-health track.

Sudol, a native of Danville, Pa., studied nursing.

This year marked the 19th Brandy Sudol Auction, which was one of the most successful in the event’s history. Emily Davies, chairperson for the auction, and the sisters of Gamma Delta Sigma raised more than $1,700. The first $1,000 was reserved for the scholarship, with the remainder donated to the Alzheimer’s Association.

“The Brandy Sudol Auction is a great way for our sorority to get together and raise money for a terrific cause while at the same time remembering a past sister,” said Kaitlin Isennock, president of Gamma Delta Sigma.

“Although we never met Brandy, we feel a bond with her story and the love past sisters felt for her. We feel privileged to carry out this love each year and to continue the tradition of honoring Brandy.”

Dr. Howard Berthold, professor of psychology, taught Sudol while she was a student at Lycoming. Each year, he serves as the head auctioneer and shares memories of her. This year also featured guest auctioneer Dr. Steven Johnson, associate professor and chair of the religion department.

Sudol’s mother, Maryanna Maloy, comes to the auction each year to give her support. “We think it is truly amazing that Mrs. Maloy returns to Lycoming to remember her daughter and her time in Gamma Delta Sigma,” says Isennock.

The auction is open to the public and consists of themed baskets such as movie-night, candles and relaxation, and grilling and cooking. Other prizes, including gift certificates to local businesses, are also raffled at the event.

**Learning habits of preschool children researched**

Dr. Sue Kelley, an associate professor of psychology at Lycoming College, and several of her students are researching the effects of live versus animated video instruction on the development of letter and letter sound knowledge in preschool children.

During the research project, 3-year-old children watch either an animated video that outlines letter names and sounds or interact with a live instructor who teaches them the same letter names and sounds once a week for four weeks. Kelley says any differences in children’s knowledge of letters and letter sounds before and after the video/live instruction presentations will be assessed.

Psychology majors Kelly Arendacs and Jennifer Melhorn are completing independent study projects and coordinating the research under Kelley’s supervision. The other students are involved in data collection. Some are assessing children’s knowledge of letters and letter sounds, some are facilitating the videotape presentations, and others are serving as the live instructors for the children.

“In most graduate programs in psychology, students are expected to participate in and conduct research projects,” said Kelley. “Although Lycoming’s psychology department incorporates independent research in several of its courses, there is something different about participating in a larger research project. Because we are solely an undergraduate institution, our research assistants are often given more responsibility, such as tasks that may be delegated to a graduate student at a larger institution, and thus are developing even stronger research skills as a function of their participation in research at Lycoming College.”

According to Kelley, research by George Comstock and Haejung Paik in 1991 found that children spend more time watching television than engaging in any other activity other than sleeping. This suggests that understanding the effects of television is of major importance. If children spend such a considerable amount of time watching television, then identifying shows that can enhance development is crucial. Although previous research suggests that animated media may be effective in capturing preschool children’s attention and that educational programming targeted at preschool children (e.g., Sesame Street) can enhance cognitive development, Kelley says no studies have examined whether animated instruction is more effective than live instruction.

“Given the increasing prevalence of educational videos intended for preschool children, it seems an appropriate time to examine the effectiveness of this media,” said Kelley. “My research will attempt to fill the gap in the literature by examining whether animated media or live instruction is more effective in enhancing preschool children’s knowledge of letters and letter sounds.”

Kelley received a Professional Development Grant from the College, which is being used to fund this project.
You earned a B.S., M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska; why did you decide to teach at a private, liberal arts college?

As an undergraduate student at the University of Nebraska, I found that my most enjoyable learning experiences came from those classes that closely approached a more personal, liberal arts environment. I remember one upper-level economics course that I had in my senior year had less than 20 students in it—a rare occurrence at a large, state school. Because of the small class size, the professor was able to teach in a much more relaxed way. Instead of the typical lecture and note-taking method of teaching, in this class we would often break into smaller groups and go outside or to a local coffee shop to discuss a reading. I remember thinking to myself that this is what a higher education should be—one that offers a more intimate atmosphere where students have the opportunity to talk with their professors about their area of expertise. After I had completed my doctoral degree and was looking for a faculty position, I decided that I wanted the opportunity to teach students in a similar setting. And I found that setting at Lycoming College!

Explain your interest in the field of feminist economics.

My interest in economics began after taking my first economics course in college. Most of my friends struggled in the class while much of the material came pretty easily for me. When we received our first exams back and I got an “A” and many of my friends earned a “C” or lower, I figured that this was the field for me! Of course, the fact that I found the concepts interesting and relevant in explaining many of the world’s most pressing problems also helped pique my curiosity. My interest in feminist economics has been influenced by a number of factors. I had a wonderful professor at the University of Nebraska, Dr. Ann Mari May, who taught the most fascinating classes and challenged me to think about economics in new ways.

In economic models, the assumed “economic agent” is often described as self-interested and autonomous, lacking a general concern or connection to other people. As an undergraduate student this idea was appealing (what person doesn’t enjoy the freedom to behave a bit selfishly?) but didn’t seem to fit reality. Many people, particularly women, are intimately connected with others and serve as caregivers for children and aging parents. Although recognizing these connections certainly complicates economic models, feminist economists stress the importance of using models to explain empirical phenomena. In addition, feminist economists often cast their net wider than most economists, studying relatively unexamined topics such as care industries, poverty and occupational segregation; topics that have always interested me.

If you weren’t a college professor, what would you be?

If I wasn’t a college professor, I would probably be involved in a field that offers many of the same attributes: autonomy, creativity and the opportunity to encourage people to think critically about the world around them. I freely admit that I know absolutely nothing about filmmaking, but I’ve always been drawn to the idea of creating documentary films. It strikes me as a powerful means of creative expression and provides a way to shed light on topics that don’t receive attention from the mainstream media or are not well understood by the general public. I like to think that I enjoy a small piece of this craft through teaching. In the classroom, I try to incorporate creative ways to introduce material or demonstrate an economic concept. For example, when students are learning about how markets fail to produce the socially optimal level of output when a negative externality such as pollution exists, I set up a classroom game in which students trade pollution permits. The game is meant to mimic a cap and trade system in which markets are used to allocate pollution permits. If teaching and documentary filmmaking don’t work out, I think I would also make a great professional organizer. There is something so satisfying to me about an ordered, well-kept closet.

About Moorhouse

Dr. Elizabeth Moorhouse joined Lycoming as an assistant professor of economics in 2007. She is one of the first people in the U.S. to earn a Ph.D. in economics with a concentration in feminist economics. Her other research interests include women in higher education, U.S. economic history and political economy. Her current research examines the influence of the federal government’s financial support of research in the sciences and its impact on men and women seeking employment in these fields. She has presented her research at numerous conferences including the Western Social Science meetings and the International Association of Feminist Economics meetings. Moorhouse teaches courses on the history of women and work in the U.S. and U.S. economic history, as well as theory courses in the discipline.
alk to any professor in Lycoming’s Department of Chemistry and the word you’ll most commonly hear isn’t technical, specialized or even particularly scientific. But it aptly describes exactly what makes department members tick: “Community.”

For chemistry faculty and students alike, a sense of community paves the way to success.

Department Chair Dr. Chriss McDonald works alongside Dr. Holly Bendorf, Dr. Charles Mahler and Dr. Jeremy Ramsey in the Heim Science Building. All have one priority: Helping Lycoming students prepare for life both inside and outside the lab.

The preparation is meticulous and ambitious, and rightly so. The skills a chemist needs - curiosity, intellect, being able to think on one’s feet - are remarkably similar to the skills one needs to thrive in the real world. As good as my expectations are, they seem to exceed them, almost always.”

That sense of camaraderie and familiarity carries over into the laboratory. The department emphasizes the value of scientific research and gives students the opportunity to work closely with professors on their work in synthetic organic (McDonald), organometallic (Bendorf), inorganic/physical (Mahler) or analytical (Ramsey) chemistry - opportunities a lot of chemistry majors wouldn’t have until graduate school.

Additionally, all chemistry majors have the opportunity to apply their knowledge of chemistry to real world situations, be it through the chemistry research methods capstone course, a research-based honors project, internships or student teaching. The department has also run a student summer research program since 1988.

“We think that’s a crucial aspect of their education, doing chemistry research, because that’s the ultimate expression of what chemists do,” McDonald said. “They have to solve problems and, ultimately, they have to solve problems that no one else has solved before.”

Because of these opportunities, students also often see tangible results of their work beyond the laboratory. Notably, this year, McDonald’s research group had its paper, “Tripyrroldinophosphoric Acid Triamide as an Activator in Samarium Diiodide Reductions,” accepted for publication in the journal Organic Letters. McDonald and Ramsey were joined by current chemistry major David Sampsell and 2010 chemistry graduates Julie Butler and Mike Cecchini as crucial members of the team that brought the project to fruition.

The project’s success is a major accomplishment for the department. In an important, established organic chemistry method, the particular additive to samarium diiodide, HMPA, was carcinogenic. The team found a replacement reagent that not only is more reactive, but is less likely to cause cancer. And student input, coupled with professorial expertise, made it happen.

“To see the sense of accomplishment in the students - you can just sense the enthusiasm and the excitement,” Ramsey said. “A lot of the work for this paper...
sprung out of an idea that David had one day. They tried it and it worked. It’s a success story on many levels. Because now you can tell students, ‘Look, you can have an impact. And it’s not just that you have to go into the lab and do what we tell you to do, but maybe you have an idea that you think will contribute, which can lead to something great.’”

The department also encourages students to present their work at research conferences. Several students, including those who worked on the Organic Letters paper, presented their work at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County in fall 2009 and at the University of Delaware last spring.

Perhaps the most valuable aspect of research is that it takes the application of chemistry into an unknown realm. While teaching labs are carefully designed to work well and deliver important content, research results can be much more uncertain.

“With research, you can have some chemistry that on paper looks great,” Bendorf said. “It can be the best-designed idea in the world and then you go into the laboratory and there can be unforeseen difficulties ... you’re constantly going back to the drawing board, re-designing those experiments and figuring out how to solve those problems you’ve encountered. So it’s really a step beyond for students, a step beyond what they could get in an organized classroom lab.”

By allowing students to take that step, the chemistry professors are helping them build the confidence and skills required for their future careers. The professors prize critical-thinking skills and want their students to be inventive and proactive in finding solutions in their work.

Such creativity requires high-end tools, such as those available in the newly renamed Franz Instrumentation Laboratory. The lab’s namesake, former Lycoming professor Dr. David Franz, not only was actively involved with the development of the Heim Building itself, he also initiated the process of securing the grants that initially provided the lab with much of its invaluable instrumentation.

The College continues to enhance those instruments, often through the alumni-supported David A. Franz Chemistry Instrumentation Endowed Fund.

“We’re fortunate that we have alumni that see the value in what we do, and they have donated money to an endowed fund specifically for buying instrumentation,” Ramsey said. “So if we find our instrumentation is getting out-of-date, or we find that we need something, we have some funds we can use to purchase or replace it.”

This year, the fund purchased a new high pressure liquid chromatograph, or HPLC, a key instrument designed to separate compounds of low or no volatility. It will replace the original HPLC that Franz’s first grant funded.

Lycoming has also succeeded in obtaining significant grant money. In recent years, chemistry faculty has been awarded more than $250,000 in funding for their research program. In 2009, Bendorf was awarded a $65,000 research grant from the American Chemical Society’s Petroleum Research Fund. Her award is funding the salaries of eight summer research students for four years, as well chemicals and supplies. As is standard for the College’s summer research program, the students will spend 40 hours per week during eight weeks in the lab, working to identify and develop new reactions for the synthesis of medium-ring heterocycles found in biologically active compounds.

Or, in lay-speak, “they’re the types of molecules that you’d be interested in if you’re trying to develop new pharmaceuticals,” Bendorf said. “We’re not focusing on ‘can we make a new drug?’ necessarily, but ‘can we develop the chemistry that would allow other people who have specific drug targets in mind to more efficiently prepare the compounds that they need?’”

Such a research angle gives students an idea of the work they may do as chemists.

“We really try to incorporate questions that ask them to apply the knowledge,” Bendorf said. “They might not have seen a particular question before, but they have the background to solve the problem. And it’s great when you see students start to apply what they have learned to solving new problems. It’s very rewarding.”

With its community focus, the Department of Chemistry is keen to help scientifically minded students thrive at Lycoming and in the world that awaits them after graduation.
By his own admission, the pre-engineering track David Schoch ’73 was pursuing during his first year at Lycoming College just wasn’t working out. So as a sophomore, he switched his academic pursuit to business. To say that this decision has paid pretty good dividends for Schoch would be a huge understatement. He now is in his 32nd year with the Ford Motor Co., where he currently serves as the chief financial officer of operations throughout all the Americas.

Like most students, Schoch was very active in college. He played varsity soccer all four years, participated in intramural sports and was a member of the Theta Chi fraternity, which included a stint as president.

“I really appreciated the leadership opportunities at Lycoming,” said Schoch. “But I didn’t really appreciate the value of the liberal arts education at the time. I was getting a lot out of it, but you don’t start to appreciate it until you get out into the business world and start to hone in on some of your skills and realize that they go back to some of the basics taught at the College.”

Schoch, who went on to earn an MBA from Temple University, says he found a great support network at Lycoming, especially from his professors, and from...
During the nation’s most recent recession-plagued years, which resulted in the world’s automakers experiencing a tremendous loss of profit and consumer confidence, Schoch has been deeply involved in guiding Ford through its trials and tribulations.

“Ford is coming out of what I would call a near-death experience,” said Schoch. “It’s not the first time, but certainly in my career it has been the deepest and the closest. The automobile industry typically goes through a cyclical pattern of ups and downs. This one was brought on by some self-inflicted wounds from the mid 2000s and then overlaid with a huge external financial shock when Lehman Brothers went bankrupt and the whole financial system went down; so we had a double whammy.

“Fortuitously, we went out and borrowed a lot of money because we saw the writing on the wall. We took out the biggest ‘home improvement loan’ that we ever had and literally mortgaged the Ford oval. We are working through that plan now, and it was the backbone of that plan that we all believed in whereby when the government said, ‘you want the money right?’ we said thank you but no thank you, we aren’t going to take the bailout. We’re going to go it alone. We were in a different situation than GM and Chrysler and it was a big risk. But we believed in the plan and above all we wanted to be in command of our own destination.”

According to Schoch, Ford’s future is rolling along in the right direction. He says the automaker needs to maintain its competitiveness on a global basis and adds that the company is getting praise and support for not taking the bailout money. “I think Ford has earned some respect for that, which is great because it has brought people into the showrooms and we’re thankful for that. We’ve got to maintain our competitiveness based on the values of the company, which center around affordable transportation.”

Right now, Schoch says, Ford has a commitment to design excellence, but he is quick to point out that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. An appealing design is what first attracts people to a vehicle. “If they are attracted to it, they will get it, they’ll drive it and they’ll feel the ride and handling,” said Schoch. “We can then talk about the safety features of the vehicle and the fuel economy of the vehicle. All of those are very important features to the customer. But I think design execution is key.”

Schoch says he is excited about a number of new products offered by the company. He points to the newly-launched Ford Edge and Lincoln MKX, and says the new Ford Explorer, set to be unveiled in December, is an entire revamp of the company’s world-renowned SUV.

“We have a brand new Focus vehicle that has done very well in Europe and it’s going to be a global platform we will launch around the world,” said Schoch. “Ford has a lot more exciting products coming our way. We’re going to continue to try and grow the business not only in the U.S., as the U.S market comes back, but also take advantage of growth opportunities in Europe, Russia and all of the Asian Pacific.”

For Schoch, helping to lead one of the world’s leading automakers has been a tremendous experience. In looking back at his career, he is quick to call attention to his alma mater.

“It’s been a great journey and it all started at Lycoming,” said Schoch.
Every year in late August, approximately 400 first-year students begin their Lycoming College careers by moving into Skeath or Asbury halls. Their rite of passage is aided by parents, siblings, other relatives and members of the Lyco Move-In Crew, who cheerfully haul countless TVs, mini refrigerators, rolled up area rugs and a host of other belongings to empty rooms that eventually transform into each student's new home away from home.

After bidding farewell to their loved ones, the students begin this new chapter in their lives surrounded by unfamiliar territory and equally anxious classmates. For many, their transition to life as a collegian is eased to some extent by that little something that reminds them of home.

The following are stories of four students and the keepsakes they brought with them to campus.
At the encouragement of two of his teachers, Faith Duryea ’81 and John Scala ’80 of Lenape Valley Regional High School in Stanhope, N.J., Justin Blum visited Lycoming College. Unlike the other schools he had toured, once on campus, he immediately knew Lycoming was the place for him.

When Blum moved into Asbury Hall, he made sure he had his lunch box in hand. He doesn’t actually use it, in fact, he never has. His mint-condition, mealtime metal tote is based off of Disney’s 1973 animated movie “Robin Hood.”

“It was definitely one of my favorite movies growing up,” said Blum. “It’s a really good movie. I encourage everyone to see it.”

Blum’s father started collecting lunch boxes as a hobby about five years ago. He surprised his son one Christmas with one of the boxes. A few years ago, he gave him a second, which is the box Blum brought to Lycoming.

“It’s the best one we have seen,” said Blum. “It’s high-quality and probably worth a little bit of money. But it means much more than that to me, because it’s an awesome movie. It reminds me of home. I know that there are people there who care for me and will be there for me if I need them.”

As for his new surroundings, Blum, a double major in psychology and criminology, couldn’t be happier.

“I really like it here,” said Blum. “There are really a lot of good, high-energy professors here. They are highly-engaged and teach very good subject matter.”

“I love to race,” said a fired-up Zack Brower. “If you talk to anyone on the swim team, they’ll tell you Zack is ready to race.”

That was certainly the case at the 2010 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association District XI AAA Swimming Championships, where Brower and three of his teammates from East Stroudsburg Senior High School - North captured a fourth-place medal in the boys 200-yard freestyle relay with their time of 1:31.55.

“That was the first time anyone at the school earned a district medal since moving up to triple A,” said Brower. “It was a big deal to us. Three of us on the relay team were seniors. We all decided that since we wouldn’t be swimming with each other anymore, we’d bring the medals and hang them up in our college dorm rooms as a sign to say we are still thinking of each other.”

For Brower, the road to Lycoming began when he received a recruiting letter from Warrior Swim Coach Jerry Hammaker. The short-distance freestyle swimmer almost didn’t visit campus because he had received “a pile of letters” from numerous other schools, many that he knew nothing about.

“My dad encouraged me to visit Lycoming,” said Brower, who is pursuing a double major in history and political science. “When I got out of the car that day, I said ‘Oh my God, this is where I am going to college.’ The campus feels like a place you can call home. Other schools I visited didn’t have that same kind of feel. Everyone here is so friendly. Lyco is a great place. I am glad I found it.”
Chanel Robinson plans to use the business management degree she earns from Lycoming to open a party planning business with her aunt. Their goal is to help people have the best experience possible during baby and bridal showers or other small gatherings.

As she works toward becoming an entrepreneur, Robinson knows she has the support of her family and friends in her hometown of Philadelphia. On campus, she has the peace of mind of knowing that she can find comfort from, of all things, SpongeBob SquarePants, the zany main character from one of America’s top animated TV series.

About three years ago, her best friend bought her a host of SpongeBob items for Christmas, including the comforter she has proudly sprawled over her bed in Skeath Hall.

“It reminds me of my BFF as well as my home,” said Robinson. “It was always on my bed back home to keep me warm at night. My little brother and I would always get under it when it was cold and watch movies together. I love my blanket.”

Robinson says she also really enjoys Lycoming’s small-college atmosphere.

“Some of my family wanted me to go away to college to get the experience of being away from home,” said Robinson. “They wanted me to get a good education and get an idea of what it’s like to be on my own. Lycoming’s not too far from home. It’s the right school for me.”

On a wall in Matt Ruth’s Asbury Hall room hangs an 8 ½ by 11 sheet of white paper. Printed on it are three quotes he always reads to gain inspiration. They are: “Nobody ever did, or ever will, escape the consequences of his choices;” “It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change;” and “The leader has to be practical and a realist, yet must talk the language of the visionary and the idealist.”

“They help me in life,” Ruth says about the quotes. “They are things to live by and encourage positive outcomes. Each of them resembles significance in life. I think about how I can continue to evolve to be a better person. With everyday life, you are going to be around people who are different than you are and it’s important to understand their cultures and beliefs.”

Ruth’s belief in Lycoming began while he was attending a Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week summer camp that is annually hosted at the College. He says PFEW helped him become familiar with the campus and that so far, his collegiate experience has been very positive.

Ruth, a resident of Seven Valleys, Pa., is a political science and business administration double major who has aspirations of running for political office. He is the Class of 2014 president and is also serving as an intern in the office of Williamsport Mayor Gabriel Campana. “It’s really neat,” says Ruth. “It’s fast-paced and exciting work.”
Lycoming Scholars, in its current guise, began 20 years ago. In 1991, the Scholars Council, under the direction of Dr. Gary Boerckel, created a program requiring scholars to pass five one-credit, semester-long seminars, maintain their GPA, fulfill more stringent distribution courses, and complete an independent study project they report on during Senior Scholars seminars.

The Scholars Council designed the interdisciplinary program to attract students more interested in stretching their minds than in obtaining a ribbon to be worn at commencement, and attract professors bold enough to learn and teach in areas outside their expertise. Finally, they wanted scholars to read more, particularly primary sources: the “great books.”

Dr. David Fisher, long-time member of the Scholars Council, believes the Scholars Program provides students with a forum wherein people who share a love of learning and a curiosity about all aspects of the world and universe around them can study together while being exposed to topics not necessarily covered in-depth in an undergraduate curriculum.

The first seminar topic, held in fall 1991, was “The Arab World.” Besides lectures on Arab history, religion, arts and politics, students were required to read the Qur’an as well as a major work of Arab fiction, and prepare position papers for an Arab-Israeli peace conference.

Later topics included investigating other non-Western regions, different periods in history, and topics as diverse as plagues, genetic engineering, space exploration, and classic films.

“Pirates!” was chosen for the current fall seminar when student representatives on the Scholars Council presented the council faculty with a fairly detailed list of potential lecture and discussion topics. The council decided to create an academically sound seminar around what was clearly a popular topic. In order to engage students, Dr. Cullen Chandler, planner of the “Pirates!” seminar, collaborated with Mary Broussard of Snowden Library and Chris Reed of mathematical sciences, and constructed a pedagogical game that integrated factual information with pirate economics based on the scholars’ text for the semester, Peter Leeson’s *The Invisible Hook: The Hidden Economics of Pirates*. Lectures for the seminar include “Celestial Navigation” by Henry Hirschel of Amherst College, and a talk on modern Somali pirates by Lt. Cmdr. Claude Berube of the U.S. Naval Academy. But as always, Lycoming faculty has volunteered to present the majority of the lectures. Their topics include “Little-known Aspects of Pirate History” by Chandler (history), a lecture on scurvy and pestilence on the high seas by Dr. Michelle Briggs (biology), “Piracy in Modern Popular Culture and Film” by Dr. Fred Wild (communication), and a talk on “Intellectual Property Theft as Piracy” by Broussard and Alison Gregory (Snowden Library).

While the seminars are dedicated to exploring new and exciting aspects of the human experience, non-Western cultures, and the natural and social sciences, Briggs, current director of the Scholars Program, thinks the final program requirements - completing the independent project and presenting a seminar on it during Senior Scholars - is the true discerning characteristic of a Lycoming Scholar. Approximately 25 students graduate as Lycoming Scholars every year, and mentoring those scholars to graduation requires more than just the efforts of the Scholars Council. The entire Lycoming faculty steps up to help these students with their independent study projects.

It is during Senior Scholars presentations on Friday afternoons that the scholars show not only their talents and accomplishments, but a wondrous hint of the future leaders they are on their way to becoming. Fisher notes that for many Lycoming alumni, participation in scholars is often recognized as one of the best experiences during their time at the College, helping them prepare for intellectual pursuits beyond graduation.

Eghan Strong ’07 has a modest apartment with a balcony-view of the city. She recently bought a blender and loves macaroni and cheese. The skyline from her bedroom is usually shrouded in a haze of dust, a side-effect of city living and a view that she’s slowly growing accustomed to after five months of residency. One not-so-out-of-the-ordinary morning, she ventured outside onto this balcony to hang a towel on her clothesline. It happened though, that this day was the first since she had relocated when the sky was crystal-clear. In the distance she had a perfect view of the pyramids of Giza and Dashur. Her new home is in Cairo, Egypt.

The most frequent comment Strong hears when someone discovers she is living in Cairo is “How on earth did you get a job in Egypt?” A fair question, considering the Lycoming graduate is now more than 5,000 miles from her Ohio hometown. For Strong, the journey started at age 5 with a *Kids Discover* magazine on Egyptology.

“By the time I entered college,” she says, “I was already focused on my master’s and Ph.D. I carved out my own Egyptian-focused archaeology program [along with a double major in art history] and by the time I graduated, I knew I was headed off to the University of Memphis for my master’s.”

During the summer between her first and second year of a master’s program in art history with a specialization in Egyptian art and archaeology, Strong traveled for a two-week study tour of Egypt and a one-month volunteer position with the registrar’s department at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. She was charged with translating French excavation reports from the 1920s and ’30s and inputting them into a database. “The work wasn’t all that exciting,” she says, “but it turned out to be an invaluable experience because that’s how I ended up in my current position.”

Meghan Strong ’07 (sixth from left) and friends imitating the statue of Ramesses at Luxor Temple
Strong is now the media content manager for world-renowned Egyptologist Dr. Zahi Hawass of the Supreme Council of Antiquities in Cairo. As it turned out, the director of the registrar’s department from her summer volunteer work was also the office manager for “Dr. Zahi.” In her role, Strong edits articles and press releases from Hawass that are to be published in English. In addition, she manages his web site and serves as his personal onsite photographer, attending conferences, award ceremonies and excavation visits, among other events.

Strong also keeps a blog of her experiences, which can be found at www.turn-left-at-the-camel.blogspot.com. She even gave a shout-out to her alma mater in her first post:

“At my graduation from Lyco, our dean [Dr. John Piper] gave an amazing commencement address which I know will be a moment in my life that I will never forget. As a nod to my work on my senior honors thesis, ‘The Indiana Jones Effect,’ Dean Piper presented me with an Indiana Jones hat. Aside from making for a great photo op, this moment struck me as extremely poignant. Call it cliché, but handing me that hat was like handing a knight of the round table his first sword, or maybe more like enticing Indy to set off in search of the Holy Grail. So thank you, Dean Piper, for setting me off on my quest and I hope all of you enjoy following me.”

Strong credits Lycoming with providing her the building blocks for her work in Cairo.

“I do a lot of writing as part of my job and I would not be nearly as good of a writer or editor if it weren’t for my coursework at Lyco,” she says. “I was involved in many activities outside the classroom and had to make sure I budgeted my time wisely. In my job now, time management is essential. At any given time I can have five or six projects on my desk at once and I need to know how to manage all of their deadlines and ensure that the best work possible is put into them.

“People skills have also proved really important in this job. Thankfully, I had the opportunity to meet with people from all over the world when I was at Lyco, particularly thanks to Tour Choir. In Cairo, I’m not only representing my country, but a very high profile boss, and I have found it really important to know how to put my best foot forward. Even just in my few months here I’ve met with countless antiquities inspectors, foreign ambassadors and heads of international companies. Lycoming really instilled me with the confidence to handle all of these situations.”

Professionally, Strong has examined the complete CT scan report for an Egyptian Pharoah and been appointed the editor for a series of children’s books by Hawass; the first will be on King Tut. Personally, she has climbed through the historic sites of Egypt, sampled a dinner of pigeon and observed the traditions of Ramadan.

Life in Cairo has been a cultural adjustment. But, when things get a little tough, Strong turns to her mac and cheese and her overwhelmingly positive attitude and reflects on the true amazement of her experiences.

“I’ve had so many memorable moments in Cairo, it’s hard to pick just one,” she says. “And living in Cairo seems so surreal that I really haven’t wrapped my head around it, even though I’ve been here for five months! Everything in Cairo is so different from anything that I would consider the norm that I’m constantly bombarded with sights, smells and sounds that remind me that I’m not in Kansas anymore.”

Indiana Jones would be proud.
Cuban medical school didn’t quite work out for Frank Roman ’55. Neither did a stint with the Army Chemical Corps or a pharmacology fellowship at the University of Utah. As a young man, Roman’s direction was, clearly, unclear. Little did he realize that, 55 years after graduation, a degree in biology from Lycoming would lead to the bright lights of Broadway.

“It’s kind of difficult to pinpoint, especially at my age, when I first knew that I wanted to write for musical theatre,” says Roman. “I always loved music and loved the movies, since I really couldn’t afford to go to Broadway shows as a kid. And I always came out of those movie houses humming all those great tunes from all those great musicals.”

Arriving at Lycoming in 1951 from New York City, Roman was quick to make his mark. “I think I joined every possible club in those days, the theatrical group, the radio, the newspaper. Anything to keep busy and not to have to do the homework – typical college kid,” he reflects. “Those were the days. I thought they’d never end.”

You say you want a revolution

Of course, they did end, and Roman’s next stop was Havana, Cuba. Though he aspired to become a doctor, his family did not have the resources to send him to medical school – at least not in the U.S. He did, however, have relatives in Cuba where he was born, and through their efforts was able to secure housing and acceptance into a Cuban medical school. According to Roman, though, fate stepped in.

“Fidel Castro was running his revolution during those years,” said Roman. “I remember being picked up by the Batista’s [Cuba’s president at the time] police as a possible student protestor. I told them I was a U.S. citizen, just a student at the university, so they did not take me to their jail. But, when things got real hot and Batista military started to ‘invade’ the university – rifle-fire, bombs – my parents made a quick call and told me to come home immediately. That was the end of my medical career.

“I found that no experience goes to waste in this lifetime. It always has something to teach you.” In this case, it was also the place and time where Roman would meet his future wife, Martha.

Name-dropping

Back in the U.S. and away from the Cuban Revolution, Roman served time in the Army Chemical Corps. With a background in the sciences firmly established, he moved to...
Hollywood, Calif., for a job with the Max Factor cosmetics company.

Roman started as a lab assistant in the make-up area developing lipstick colors, lip glosses and liquid make-up, amongst other projects. “But the most fun was when I used to visit the movie lots,” he reminisces, “specifically Lucille Ball when she was doing the ‘I Love Lucy’ television series. I went to help the make-up artists. It was incredible the difference they made when they made-up these stars.”

Roman made special colors for Pearl Bailey, developed fragrance compounds for Elizabeth Taylor, networked with producers, started his music-writing career and even signed a contract with DesiLu Productions, owned by Ball and husband, Desi Arnaz. Eventually, Roman was given the opportunity to write for the great Mexican comic Fortino Mario Alfonso Moreno Reyes, better known by his stage name, Cantinflas. “I caught the bug,” he says, “and decided that someday I would write musical theatre.”

According to Roman, destiny brought him back to New York, now with a family. Here, he met one of the most influential persons in his life, his co-writer and the producer of all his lyrics and librettos, George Petersen.

Benny the Burro

The two wrote hundreds of singles with the hopes they’d be picked up by the recording artists of the time. “We bought a Wollensak tape recorder, got our mic and got some great singers – we thought – to make demos of our songs,” says Roman. “We met lots of people, lots of promises, but nothing really happened.”

At this point, Roman had an idea. He wanted to write a movie-musical; an animated children’s Christmas story titled “Benny the Burro.”

“What I wanted to achieve in this story,” he explains, “was the introduction of new Christmas icons that would truly represent the changing demographics of our country.”

Scraping together some money, they had the movie animated at a studio in Costa Rica. “Our end product did achieve our goal of a great story with great music,” he indicates. “Then began the task of selling this ‘vehicle’ to the world. This is still going on with a distribution company in Europe.”

While working on “Benny,” Roman and Petersen began to write full-fledged musicals, penning “S.S. Amor,” a musical comedy based on young people working as entertainers on a cruise ship. According to Roman, this project is still in the works. Meanwhile, New York director Jack Dyville had seen “Benny,” and loved the concept so much, he turned it into a theatrical production.

They say the neon lights are bright

About three years ago, Roman and Petersen began work on their current project, a musical drama titled “Truck Stop.”

“This was our entry into the area of writing with ‘gravitas,’ and yet trying to attain songs that could be sung,” said Roman. “I’ve always been against writers of musical theatre that write songs that are unsingable and could never become part of our musical culture, like the old time musicals of Rodgers & Hammerstein and Lerner & Lowe.”

The idea for “Truck Stop” came to Roman after a life-changing experience. “In my own way, I have always been sort of an activist, seeing so many things wrong in the world and trying to make them right,” he says. “And so I wrote this musical drama, basically a morality play about an angel coming down to earth to do good and change people’s lives. Not by miracles, but by giving them the inner strength to change their lives themselves.”

The “Truck Stop” project grew to include a full Broadway-sized venue, cast, sets, musicians, press releases and a making-of documentary, and before the show finally premiered in Oyster Bay, N.Y., more than 70 people had become involved.

“It was a great experience for all of us,” he reflects. “We are currently in the pre-production stage of bringing it to a complete Broadway venue, putting together a new demo CD of our music and auditioning actors.” There are even talks for a possible London production of the show.

And other projects are in development as well. Roman and Petersen are writing the libretto and lyrics to a new musical based on the lives Cantinflas, with whom Roman worked early in his career, and Charlie Chaplin.

With all of his recent successes, Roman still thinks fondly of his alma mater. “I know that all the people at Lycoming have dreams, some may include working in the theatre. My only humble advice is never give up, learn your craft, network and go fully-prepared to all the auditions you can.” He says the same is true in writing for theatre, “learn your craft and expect lots of rejections, but use each one to become stronger, more determined and smarter for the next time. Like I told my granddaughter, Isabel, ‘wherever you go in this world, look for love, peace and beauty, and if you cannot find it, create it!’”

For more information on Roman, visit www.truckstopthemusical.com or contact him via e-mail at info@truckstopthemusical.com.
New events, beautiful weather and a win for the football team highlighted Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Oct. 15-17. Nearly 1,000 alumni registered, making 2010 a record year for attendance and an unmatched opportunity to reconnect. First-time events like Lycoming Authors, the Beer & Pretzel Tent and a morning run with the cross country team combined with old favorites including the All-Alumni Reunion Social Hour, parade and fireworks to make “Fall Back to Lyco” a Homecoming to remember.

The Alumni Association presented awards to three recipients (see page 26), and seven former Warriors were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame (see page 24). Enjoy some snapshots of the weekend and visit www.lycoming.edu/alumni/homecoming for more photos.

Be sure to make plans to attend the College’s 2011 Homecoming, scheduled for Oct. 14-16.
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For Marion (Rice) ’38 and Charles ’38 Wirth Sr., it was love at first sight. It happened one evening in 1936, while Marion, with a group of girlfriends, was walking home from a street festival on Elmira Street in Williamsport. Trailing not too far behind was a bunch of young men, which included Charles.

“We slowed up so the boys could catch up,” Marion said. “And they walked us home.”

After meeting each other that fateful summer night, the two got to know each other better while attending the former Dickinson Seminary, now Lycoming College. Marion took secretarial courses, while Charles took college preparatory coursework. Charles also was a member of the football team and played center position.

After college, the two were united in marriage at the home of Marion’s parents on Oct. 31, 1941. The Rev. A.C. Paulhamus officiated at the ceremony. On Oct. 31, the couple celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

A few months after the wedding, Charles joined the Navy and was shipped out to California. As Charles was awaiting assignment, Marion got word that he was still in the States. Desperately wishing to see her husband one last time before his deployment, she quit her job at Avco and took a train across the country with a girlfriend to see him.

“It took us almost a week to get there,” she said. “And I didn’t know for sure if I would even be able to find him or if he was still there.”

After arriving in Oakland, Calif., Marion had a difficult time tracking down Charles. Distraught, she contacted the American Red Cross, which helped her locate him. In the end, everything worked out for the best and the couple was reunited one last time before Charles was deployed.

During Charles’ time of service, he was assigned to the USS San Jacinto, a light aircraft carrier that patrolled the Pacific arena during World War II. The vessel was assigned to a task group in the 3rd Fleet that held more than 40 attack planes. He served his country from 1942 to 1945.

While Charles was aboard, Japanese dive-bombers attacked the vessel numerous times. Another scary incident occurred when the carrier had to weather an eight-hour typhoon.

“Planes went overboard, a boiler blew up and a fire started on deck,” he said. “Luckily, we still had one boiler that was operational to navigate the ship.”

Marion said, thank God, she didn’t know about these things at the time.

Charles said although he lived through some horrific experiences aboard the aircraft carrier, there also were some fun times.

A fond memory for Charles aboard the USS San Jacinto came when the older servicemen initiated the younger men as the ship crossed the equator.

“They greased us up and threw us in an ice cold tub of water,” he said. “The good thing was, the next year, I got to initiate others.”

Throughout Charles’ stint in the Navy, Marion would write him every day. She eventually made a scrapbook of all the letters and experiences the two had while Charles was in the service.

During the war, Marion worked at J.S. Rudinski’s, a local jeweler, but retired in 1945 to start a family. After being honorably discharged, Charles worked at Bethlehem Steel for more than 42 years.

Marion and Charles’ love and lifetime of commitment is reflective in their two sons, Chuck Jr. ’74, and his wife, Bobbie, and John and his wife, Nancy. They have two grandchildren, Sarah and Matthew; two step grandchildren; and four step great-grandchildren.

“We were very lucky because we had well-behaved children that married good Christian women,” Marion said. “They do so much and are always willing to help us.”

Marion and Charles both agree the secret to a long, happy marriage is having trust in the Lord.

“And lots of vitamins,” Marion said.

Marion and Charles also steered clear of alcohol their entire lives and have lived in the same house for more than 60 years. They both are 60-plus-year members of First United Methodist Church and attend regularly.

The pair keeps active by gardening, a hobby they enjoy sharing together. This past summer, they canned tomatoes, corn and strawberry jam. In addition, Marion also likes to grow African violets.

Nancy Wirth said the couple is very much in love and still hold hands.

Chuck, the eldest son, said he admires their unselfishness and the way in which his parents raised him.

“I am the man I am today because of them,” he said. “They devoted their entire lives to my brother and me.”

The Women of Lycoming has maintained a long and distinguished relationship with Lycoming College. The organization was originally established in 1948 as The Faculty Wives of Lycoming College. Ada Remley invited faculty wives to her home to discuss the need for such a group, and in March 1948 the 17 individuals attending that meeting became the founding members. Remley was the wife of Donald G. Remley, 1917 graduate of Dickinson Seminary and a retired Lycoming professor of math and physics. She served on the Lycoming College Board of Trustees from 1969-78.

Since its inception, the group’s primary goal has been service directly or indirectly to the College. The name changed in 1973 to the Women of Lycoming in order to be more representative of the entire College community. Through the years, the organization has made numerous contributions to the campus, including the donation of a college seal rug for Burchfield Lounge in honor of Mrs. John W. Long, wife of the first president, stage curtains for Clarke Chapel, organ chimes, and lettering on Wesley Hall, as well as the establishment of a College Improvement Fund, a Student Loan Emergency Fund and an endowed scholarship. It has also hosted special cultural and theatrical events, dinners and activities for the enjoyment and benefit of the College.

In 1965, the Faculty Wives of Lycoming College decided to assist a deserving female student with a gift of $50 to aid in scholarship. This was so well received, a permanent endowment fund was created. By 1971, the organization raised $5,000 and the Lycoming College Faculty Wives Scholarship was established. In 1984, it was unanimously decided the scholarship should be renamed to the Ada B. Remley Memorial Scholarship to honor her as a founding member. This scholarship is awarded annually to a junior female student with outstanding academic performance and community involvement.

The Student Loan Emergency Fund was originally created as a trial project to help provide funds for students in the event of an emergency. The fund was a success, and on March 16, 1976, the Women of Lycoming held “Auction ’76” to help raise money to increase the fund. This was a campus-wide event, and faculty and staff donated services, meals and gifts to be auctioned off. The item that raised the most was Dr. John Piper’s Bedtime Story, purchased by third floor Forrest Hall for $51. Since its establishment, the emergency funds have been utilized to arrange students’ travel home, help cover shortages when purchasing books, and assist in covering auto repairs or testing fees. The students have always been both responsible in repaying the money and appreciative of its availability at times of need.

Today, the Women of Lycoming remains a thriving group comprised of faculty, staff, spouses and retirees dedicated to the well-being of Lycoming. Activities include the Gourmet Group, scrapbooking, biking and hiking trips, Bridge club, the fall membership meeting and the spring scholarship tea to introduce the scholarship recipient. Dr. Jonathan and Jessica Williamson graciously open their home annually to host a Women of Lycoming Oktoberfest for the enjoyment of the entire campus community and their families.

“I became involved with the Women of Lycoming when my husband [Dr. Cullen Chandler] began teaching at the College in 2003,” said Amy Chandler, past convener and current member. “The organization was very welcoming and introduced me to others in the College community. I am proud to be part of a group whose dues provide assistance to students in need through the Emergency Loan Fund and support an annual scholarship for a female student. I have served as both treasurer and president convener, and I currently serve on the scholarship selection committee and am truly impressed by the outstanding students who apply. The friendly fellowship of the group was reason enough to become involved, but knowing that our involvement serves a greater good to the campus is reason to stay committed.”

Scruggs is president convener of Women of Lycoming
When first-year Lycoming College students process through the David B. Sykes Gate during New Student Convocation, a few of them may have aspirations of one day taking a similar trek down the red carpet surrounded by paparazzi and flashing camera lights. One Lycoming alumnus recently did just that.

At the 37th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards in June, Phil Zimmerman ’02 navigated through the crowds and helped manage media interviews for Alex Trebek in his new position as senior publicist for the game show “Jeopardy!”

“It felt a little surreal,” says Zimmerman. “I’ve always been a huge fan of the show. I grew up watching Alex Trebek and suddenly I’m walking the red carpet with him among other celebrities. We were on the red carpet for about an hour, but it felt more like five minutes.”

Zimmerman, who majored in communications with a marketing minor, oversees the national publicity strategy for “Jeopardy!” and also serves as a media contact for the show. He is instrumental in developing creative and timely press angles alongside the executive producer and other members of the senior staff.

“I was thrilled when I received the phone call to interview for the position,” says Zimmerman. “I knew that it would be a great match since I’ve worked on other television series also known for their educational excellence and accuracy.”

Most recently, Zimmerman lived in San Francisco and was the communications manager at the Independent Television Service, producer of the PBS series “Independent Lens.” He is also a freelance travel writer with several published stories in the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune and Lonely Planet Magazine. His most recent feature appears in the fall issue of Intermezzo magazine and follows his attempt to master Thai cooking at a culinary school in Northern Thailand.

While at Lycoming, Zimmerman was class president, editor-in-chief of The Lycourier, a tutor and a member of the swim team. He also was involved with Habitat for Humanity, Kappa Delta Rho fraternity and Phi Kappa Phi honor society. He concluded his Lycoming career as the recipient of 2002 Chieftain Award, the highest honor given to a graduating senior. Zimmerman was Lycoming’s first Fulbright Scholar and went on to earn a master’s degree from the University of Waikato in New Zealand.

“I learned many lessons from my involvement in campus activities; however the two most valuable were the importance of prioritizing work and team-building,” says Zimmerman. “To be an effective leader, I couldn’t do it all on my own. I needed the support of other students and faculty.”

Zimmerman’s hope for the future includes advancing his career while still having fun.

“I’m a people person and feel really fortunate to have found a career that fits my personality,” says Zimmerman. “I also hope to keep a balanced work life. I love to travel, cook and keep active. I recently completed a half marathon and hope to travel to Morocco, Tibet or Hong Kong on my next vacation. I also hope to keep pursuing travel writing. It’s a competitive field, but something that I’ve really found gratifying.”
If you’ve watched a college sporting event on TV during the last five or so years, you’ve probably seen the National Collegiate Athletic Association ad proclaiming, “There are 380,000 NCAA student-athletes and just about all of them will be going pro in something other than sports.”

Dr. David Broussard knows this well. An offensive lineman for Baylor University in the late ‘80s, Broussard knew from the beginning of his collegiate career that he would be going pro in something that wasn’t football. Initially a pre-med major, his career has been a bit of an odyssey leading up to his current “pro” job – as assistant professor of biology at Lycoming College, where he has been since 2006.

Broussard, soft-spoken when talking of himself, admits that he was not the best college student until he decided to get serious around his junior year. “When I’d come back from practice, especially early in the season, I was so beat up,” Broussard. “It’s really hard to focus and put the time in you need to do well in the classroom. It was tough.”

While Broussard said he rarely saw the field at Baylor during his three years on the team, he not only earned a degree, but also was a part of two winning seasons. The highlight of the 1989 season was the Bears beating Texas, 50-7.

“I guess that’s the one moment I’d like to relive,” he says now, “beating Texas that bad.”

After graduation, Broussard went to work in a hospital but decided he wanted a change early in his career. He went back to Baylor and earned a master’s degree in field biology in 1996 and finished a doctorate in zoology at Auburn in 2005. He spent a year and a half as a visiting professor at the College of William & Mary before his current tenure-track position opened at Lycoming. Along the way, he has done field work in the Philippines, Mexico and the Canadian Rockies.

Of course, knowing that a former Division I football player was on campus teaching was more than enough for then-head football coach Frank Girardi to make some inquiries as to whether Broussard would be interested in helping the team. Initially, Broussard said no, but when current head coach Mike Clark ’93 took over the team in 2008, he got the stubborn Broussard on the field with a Faculty Guest Coaching program.

“During the pre-game speech that I gave on the Friday before the Susquehanna game, I said some things that most professors probably wouldn’t say,” Broussard said. “After that, Mike said, ‘If you want to keep coming out, that’s fine.’”

And Clark is glad to have Broussard with him on the sidelines.

“Dr. Broussard is a great fit for our program,” Clark said. “We found a guy who is very serious about his job as an educator and has some great experience as a Division I offensive lineman. To us, it was the best of both worlds. He’s a great person, a good teacher and he is passionate about the game. Those are great qualities to have around the program.”

Broussard, whose academic research focuses on the life-history evolution of mammals, teaches two classes, human physiology and vertebrate biology, and conducts labs every week. While the former lineman tries to keep his responsibilities light, thanks in part to the birth of his son, Patrick, in July, Broussard has become an important part of the Warriors’ coaching staff the last three years, from coaching during preseason camp to helping with technique as well as special teams on game days.

“I’ve always watched football, but I was never interested in coaching,” Broussard said. “When Mike approached me to start doing this and when I went back out and started to do it again, it just brought back so many memories. I love it.”
The 2010 Athletics Hall of Fame inductees, clockwise from left: Rebecca (Fox) Neil, Jason Fesler, Chris Napier, Robb Curry, Royce Eyer, Jeanine Evans-Page and Frank Girardi.

Seven inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame

Lycoming inducted seven new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 15. The group included legendary former head football coach Frank Girardi, Coach Robert Curry ‘69, Jeanine Evans-Page ‘00, Royce Eyer ‘01, Chris Napier ‘02, Jason Fesler ‘05, and Rebecca (Fox) Neil ‘05.

Girardi coached the Warriors for 36 years (1972-2007) and is one of the most successful coaches in NCAA history. He compiled an overall record of 257-97-4 (.723), ranking him 15th in all divisions in victories. Girardi is one of only 29 coaches to record 200 or more victories at one school. He guided the program to two national championship appearances in 1990 and 1997. He led the Warriors to 13 Middle Atlantic Conference titles and 11 NCAA playoff berths. He was named the MAC Coach of the Year on 12 occasions and recorded 29 consecutive winning seasons from 1975-2003. From 1984-2008, Girardi also served as the College’s athletic director.

Curry was a long-time assistant coach and recruiting coordinator under Girardi. During his 36 years at the College, Curry was responsible for many top football recruits and Hall of Famers, with a particular focus on the greater Philadelphia-area. Curry also worked with the men’s basketball program, serving as a recruiting coordinator for former head coach Dutch Burch. Curry also served the College as the associate athletic director from 1984-2006.

A four-year softball standout, Evans-Page led the Lady Warriors to a 39-12 record in conference games. She was named first-team All-Freedom Conference during her junior and senior seasons and was a three-time conference Academic Honor Roll member. Evans-Page earned two CoSIDA Academic All-American accolades. She holds the top two spots in hits for a season (42 and 41), is first in career hits (116), first in home runs in a season (5) and is tied for third in career home runs (6). Evans is first in stolen bases in a season (16) and career (32).

Eyer was a back-to-back NCAA Division III All-American in wrestling, finishing fourth at 149 pounds in 2000 and was the national champion at 157 pounds in 2001. He also was a three-time NWCA All-Academic Team selection and a CoSIDA Academic All-American in 2001. Eyer is Lycoming’s all-time wins leader at 127-28 (.819). He registered 44 wins by fall. Eyer is serving as an assistant coach under head wrestling coach Roger Crebs ‘87.

Napier was tabbed the Freedom Conference’s Rookie of the Year in men’s basketball in 1999. He was named first-team All-Freedom Conference during the 2001 and 2002 seasons. He received the College’s Sol “Woody” Award, given to a junior student-athlete who shows the most improvement during the first three years of their career. He helped guide the squad to four conference tournament appearances, leading the team to a title in 2002 and a berth in the NCAA tournament. He finished fourth all-time in points (1,468) and blocked shots (61).

Fesler was a four-year starting goalkeeper with the men’s soccer program. He ranks third in career saves (412) and second in career goals against average (1.49), including a record .77 GAA in 2003. Fesler also holds the career record for shutouts (16). He played in 72 games, amassing 5,973 minutes of action. During his time in goal, Lycoming posted an overall record of 38-28-4. He was twice named All-Freedom Conference. Fesler guided Lycoming to a conference championship appearance in 2004.

Neil excelled at the Middle Atlantic Conference swim meets. In 2004, she won the 200-yard individual medley and was crowned the champ in 2005 in the 400-yard IM. During her rookie campaign, she placed second in the 1,650-yard freestyle and was named the meet’s Female Swimmer of the Year. She received the team’s Mort Rauff Award for team spirit in 2002 and 2005. Neil was a team captain and earned Most Valuable Player honors as a junior and senior. During her career, she set six school records and was a three-time Middle Atlantic Conference Academic Honor Roll selection.

Rancourt earns Curry Coach of the Year Award

Lycoming College men’s basketball head coach Guy Rancourt received the second Robby Curry Coach of the Year award, presented Friday, Oct. 15, by longtime college administrator and assistant football coach Robb Curry at the Warriors’ Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

In his second year at the helm in 2009-10, Rancourt led the Warriors to a 21-7 overall record and a 10-4 mark in the Commonwealth Conference, which was good for a share of first place during the regular-season. The Warriors advanced to and hosted the Commonwealth Conference championship game as the No. 1 seed and earned a bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Rancourt coached several players to post-season accolades and earned Commonwealth Conference Coach of the Year and D3Hoops.com Mid-Atlantic Region Coach of the Year honors.

The award, given annually to a member of the Lycoming coaching staff, was established in memory of Robert (Robby) D. Curry ‘05, who was the son of Susan and Robb Curry ‘69. Susan was an educator in the Williamsport area for more than 33 years and Robb was Lycoming’s football recruiting coordinator and associate athletic director for Frank Girardi for 36 years. Robby was also the brother of Jessica Curry ‘01. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and was a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

To support the Robby Curry Coach of the Year fund, please contact Lycoming’s development office at (570) 321-4036.
A Message from your Alumni Association Executive Board

Because I am a college professor, I am always amazed at the various higher education ranking systems that exist and pleased when Lyco earns a spot on one of these prestigious lists. Two such rankings stand out to me. Did you know that Lycoming College is listed as a College of Distinction, characterized by, among other things, its “vibrant community” and “successful outcomes”? In addition, the John Templeton Foundation lists Lycoming as a “character-building college.” Factors like these may not have influenced our decision to attend Lycoming, but we are now in an excellent position to judge our alma mater’s effectiveness for ourselves. More importantly, our involvement and support helps contribute to that vibrant community through the many alumni offerings our tireless College Advancement team promotes. Whether it is Homecoming Weekend or a smaller, more intimate regional alumni event, Lyco’s graduates can still maintain a strong connection to the institution that helped them on their way.

Your connections, our work as the AAEB, and the overall support of the College have always been the job of the College Advancement staff. That team must say goodbye to one of its members: Melanie (Harris) ’94 Taormina, director of alumni relations. The director of alumni relations has always been the key person in organizing the alumni gatherings, both big and small. Just as importantly, the director keeps the AAEB on task and up-to-date with all the information needed for us to best serve you, the Alumni Association. We have been fortunate to have some truly committed people in the director position throughout the College’s history. Melanie is another proud Lycoming alumna in that tradition. Since 2005, she has proven to be a fantastic resource and necessary liaison between the College and its alumni. Melanie, along with Administrative Assistant Colleen Fox, worked tirelessly on campus and on the road to promote the College and make connections with alumni throughout the country and world. Melanie now moves on to an even more challenging task: motherhood. I, for one, could not be happier for her and her husband, Dan ’93, as they welcome Daniel Raymond, who was born just a few hours after Lycoming’s Homecoming game Oct. 16.

The next director of alumni relations, who will be named soon, will have the benefit of Melanie’s expertise and the work she has done to bring the AAEB and alumni events into the 21st century. We look forward to working with the new director on a wide-range of projects, from the next AAEB-sponsored all-alumni event to the College’s upcoming 200th-anniversary celebrations. We know that if it weren’t for the director of alumni relations, Lyco’s alumni would have a much bigger challenge maintaining their connection with the College that means so much to them.

With a heavy heart but many good wishes I, and the AAEB, say goodbye to Melanie. But with enthusiasm we will welcome her successor. The AAEB is looking forward to continuing our momentum and is looking to the future and what we can do for the Alumni Association. Our alumni don’t need national rankings to remind us of our good fortune to have attended a college that not only cares what happens in those years when its students call 700 College Place home, but also cares what happens once its students take flight. Thank you, Melanie, for caring about us and working diligently to make sure that we never forget that Lycoming College is a place we can always call home.

Dr. Heather L. Duda ’98
AAEB President
Three receive alumni association awards

The Lycoming College Alumni Association presented three awards during the College’s Homecoming activities Saturday, Oct. 16. Award recipients are selected by the Alumni Association Executive Board (AAEB) from nominations received from alumni and other members of the College community.

Dr. Eli Stavisky ’61 received the Angela R. Kyte Outstanding Alumnus Award, given in honor of a lifetime of service to humanity and whose life exemplifies those qualities encouraged and fostered at Lycoming.

Robert C. Vowler ’76 received the Outstanding Achievement Award, given in recognition of significant accomplishment that reflects positively on the College.

James D. Spencer, Lycoming’s vice president of admissions and financial aid, was recognized with the Dale V. Bower Service Award, given for outstanding service rendered to Lycoming.

Stavisky is retired from practice as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. He is a recipient of the Pennsylvania Dental Association Annual Award and has served as chair of the State Board of Dentistry and member of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the American Association of Dental Examiners, among many other organizations. He earned a bachelor’s in biology from Lycoming, where he has served as a member of the AAEB, and a doctorate of dental surgery from Temple University. He and his wife, Paula Ovens, live in Clarks Summit, Pa., and have two daughters.

Vowler is retired as president and CEO of Hershey Trust Company and member of its board of directors. His career with Hershey began in 1980, with Hershey Entertainment and Resorts, where he served in financial management for seven years before becoming CFO and treasurer of the trust company. In 1996, he became president and CEO of the trust, a position he held for 12 years. For 20 years, Vowler also served as president of The M.S. Hershey Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the educational and cultural enrichment of residents of and visitors to the area. Vowler earned a bachelor’s in accounting from Lycoming and is a graduate of the National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University and the Advanced Management Program at the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School. He and his wife, Holly, live in Hummelstown, Pa., and have two children.

Spencer has served Lycoming since 1989, influencing both the admissions standards of the College and the lives of the thousands students who have enrolled during the course of more than 20 years. Under his leadership, Lycoming has seen record numbers in applicants, academic measures of entering classes such as SAT scores and high school class rank, and the percentage of out-of-state students. His is a familiar face at home and away sporting events, theatre productions, concerts and other student performances and programs. Spencer earned a bachelor’s from Concordia College and completed graduate coursework at Montana State University. He and his wife, Gail, reside in Williamsport and have two children.

AAEB welcomes nominations for alumni awards

Every year, the Alumni Association Executive Board (AAEB) presents three awards that recognize the personal, professional and/or service achievements of Lycoming alumni and friends:

• The **Angela R. Kyte Outstanding Alumnus Award**, which honors an alumnus/alumna who has demonstrated a lifetime of service to humanity and whose life exemplifies those qualities encouraged and fostered at Lycoming and its predecessor institutions.

• The **Outstanding Achievement Award**, which recognizes an alumnus/alumna who has achieved a significant accomplishment that reflects positively on Lycoming and/or its predecessor institutions.

• The **Dale V. Bower Service Award**, which is given to an individual for outstanding service rendered to Lycoming. The recipient of this award may or may not be a Lycoming alumnus/alumna.

Alumni and friends can nominate individuals for any of these awards. The AAEB Membership, Nominations and Awards Committee reviews all of the nominations received on an annual basis and submits its recommendations to the AAEB for approval at the board’s spring meeting. Award winners are notified following the meeting and receive their awards during the annual Alumni Awards Brunch, which takes place on the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend.

Anybody interested in nominating someone for one of Lycoming’s 2011 alumni awards can do so by completing the online nomination form at http://www.lycoming.edu/alumni/Forms/AlumniAwardNominationForm.html. Please note that all nominations for the 2011 awards must be submitted by **Jan. 31, 2011**, any nomination received after that date will be considered for 2012.
Dickinson Seminary and Junior College

1937

Wesley Dodge recently celebrated his 94th birthday. He continues to golf and volunteer at the Lycoming County Historical Museum. After graduation, he attended American University in Washington, D.C., where he met his wife of 67 years, Mary. He joined Grit Publishing Company in Williamsport as an advertising salesman. After three years in the Army Air Force, he returned to Grit where he worked for 43 years, 27 of them as advertising manager, before retiring in 1981. He and his wife reside in Williamsport, Pa.

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1952

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1954

Rev. James Horace Gold
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1959

Beverly (Strauser) Manbeck
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Eugene Cook (English) is a truck suspension and brake system salesman with Palmer Spring of Providence, R.I. Eugene was recently appointed the 2010 president of the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association and serves as a member of the association’s oversight committee for the University of Rhode Island’s plant science and horticulture internship program. He also is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the university’s College of the Environment and Life Sciences.

1961

Donald Whistler (business administration) was elected second vice president of High Twelve International Inc. at its annual convention in Romulus, Mich., on June 26. Donald is a member and past master of York Lodge No. 266, a member and past president of First Capital Masonic High Twelve Club No. 668 and a past president of the Pennsylvania Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs.

From left: Hank ‘58 and Lois Van Zanten, and Sue (Bingaman) ’60 and Jay ’59 McCormick during a visit to an ice bar in Copenhagen, Denmark.
Joe inducted into another Hall of Fame

Dr. John Joe ’59 (Spanish) was inducted into the Coatesville (Pa.) Area High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 16. Joe was a four-year member of the varsity football team at Scott High School. He was captain of the Red Raiders during the 1954 season and earned all-league honors as an offensive and defensive tackle.

In 1986, Joe became a charter member of Lycoming’s Athletic Hall of Fame. One of the most feared running backs in Lycoming history, he helped the 1956-58 teams to a combined record of 17-5-1, including a memorable 13-6 win against Juniata in 1956, which was the school’s only loss in 53 games. The 220-pound fullback was an honorable mention Little All-American, an NAIA All-Star twice and a Pennsylvania College All-Star three times. He was listed in the 1970 edition of “Outstanding Young Men of America.” In addition, he was a varsity wrestler, and a catcher and third baseman on the College’s baseball team.

Joe was drafted by the National Football League’s New England Patriots. However, a potential pro career was cut short by a severe knee injury.

In 1956, Joe became the first African-American in the eastern United States to be named head football coach at a predominately white high school when he was hired at Conshohocken High in Montgomery County, Pa.

Joe is a past member of Lycoming’s Alumni Association Executive Board. His professional career included 40 years as a teacher of Spanish, French and German. Joe is the cross country, and track and field coach at Devon Preparatory School.

Joe and his wife, Marie, reside in Coatesville and have six children.

1962

Geoffrey R. Wood
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The Rev. Dr. David Keller (philosophy) celebrated 50 years of ministry with the United Methodist Church in June. He retired in 2002 with 42 years of full-time ministry in Pennsylvania churches. Since retirement, he has served as pastor for two local Charges. David and his wife, Mardell, reside in Cogan Station, Pa., and have two children, Wendy and Aaron.

1963

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1964

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1965

Nancy (Snow) Cross
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1969

Tom McElheny
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1970

Susan Stewart
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1971

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1972

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1973

Virginia (Ginny) Shamlian
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or
Sherrie (Burton) Smith
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The Rev. Dr. Alan C. Rhodes (religion) was recently appointed as the pastor of the Esperance-Sloansville United Methodist Church in the Oneonta District of the new Upper New York Annual Conference of the UMC. He is also mentoring elder for five other congregations in eastern Schenectady County, which are part of an evolving Cooperative Parish Ministry in that area. In addition, Alan continues as chaplain at Wesley Health Care Center in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

1974

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1976
Tom Eisenman
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Keith Gibson (philosophy) recently established the Emily Michelle Gibson Endowed Scholarship Fund at the University of Central Oklahoma on behalf of his late daughter, Emily, who died in an automobile accident in May 2009. Keith is a senior attorney at Williams, Box, For-}

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1987
Tina Muheim
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Dr. David Dunbar (biology) was one of five professors nationwide chosen to participate in an American Society for Microbiology Scholars Program. He is an associate professor of biology at Cabrini College.

Lori (Eden) Zataveski (psychology) accepted a position as principal at Country-side Elementary School in Mount Laurel, N.J. She had been a teacher at Country-side for 10 years at the second-, third- and fourth-grade levels. Lori earned a master’s in school leadership from Delaware Valley College.

### Apartment complex named in honor of Tarditi

Jack Tarditi ’63, the former mayor of his hometown of Haddonfield, N.J., has been recognized for his stewardship in making affordable housing available to senior citizens in the city. The Lincoln Commons, a large apartment complex for seniors that was fashioned by Tarditi from vision through completion, was renamed Tarditi Commons in his honor. The announcement was made in October by The Ingerman Group, which owns and operates the facility.

Tarditi served Haddonfield for more than a quarter century as a commissioner and for 16 of those years as mayor and director of public safety. He is co-chair of the Community Foundation of Southern New Jersey.

Tarditi is the chair of the Camden County Solid Waste Advisory Council and past chair of the board of trustees of the Helene Fuld School of Nursing in Camden County. He is a member of the executive committee and past chairman of the New Jersey Municipal Excess Liability Fund and served on the Regional Red Cross Blood Bank of South Eastern Pennsylvania.

Tarditi has served on the board of the Haddonfield Symphony/Symphony in C and the Markeim Art Center and the Haddonfield Celebrations Association. He also has served as co-chair of the Legislative Committee of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and as a board member of Interfaith Caregivers of Haddonfield, the Historical Society of Haddonfield, Haddonfield Free Library, and the Haddonfield Planning Board.

His honors include selection as Philanthropist of the Year, with his wife, Barb, by the Haddonfield Foundation, recognition by the Camden County Mayors Association as Mayor Emeritus of the Year, induction into the American Red Cross 34 Gallon Club, and selection as Kaleidoscope Honoree by the Alzheimer’s Association, Delaware Valley Chapter.

Tarditi’s additional awards include the Camden County Freedom Medal, the United Way Camden County Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award, the Heart of our Community Award from the American Heart Association, and the Alfred E. Driscoll Award from the Haddonfield Civic Association.
Roy Williams ’82, CEO and a principal owner of Prestige Wealth Management Group in Flemington, N.J., has more than 28 years of experience in financial planning and investments. He returned to campus Friday, Oct. 8, where he spent the day speaking with business students and giving classroom presentations.

“It’s great that the College gives alumni the opportunity to come back and speak to the current students and teach them about the real world and how we can help them move forward,” said Williams, who earned a finance degree from Lycoming and holds the Chartered Financial Consultant designation through the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. “The broad experience of having taken marketing, finance and management courses, as well as the overall liberal arts education I received at Lycoming helps me every day in my job. When I review financial statements, review a clients marketing plan, I am able to have an impact based on what I learned while going to school here and apply it to the real world.

“The students at Lycoming are fantastic. To be able to teach them what the real world is all about can have a big impact on their future. It’s very enjoyable. I love giving back to the students.”

Williams is a member of the Financial Planning Association and the Society of Financial Service Professionals. Utilizing his extensive knowledge and experience in the financial industry, Williams has attained national recognition in the industry as a frequent commentator on CNBC and FOX Business. His insight is sought out by the top-tier financial media including The Wall Street Journal, Dow Jones Newswires, SmartMoney, Reuters and others.

Williams has achieved numerous industry accolades. Some of these notable achievements include, for the second year in a row, being named to Barron’s Top 1,000 Advisors. Barron’s ranked him as one of the Top Three Independent Advisors in New Jersey. In addition, Williams was ranked as one of the Top Financial Advisors in America by Research Magazine’s Winner’s Circle. In a recent issue of Registered Rep. magazine, he was No. 26 in the Top 100 Independent Advisors in America and No. 2 in New Jersey.

Dr. Margery Hinebaugh (biology) recently opened Dushore (Pa.) Chiropractic Center. 

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Joseph Bower (accounting), president and CEO of County National Bank and CNB Financial Corp. in Clearfield, Pa., has been elected to the Pennsylvania Bankers Association Board of Directors. He also serves as treasurer on the board for Clearfield County Development Corp., and president of the board for Clearfield Area School District. He resides in Clearfield with his wife, Hillary. Joseph has three children, Britney, Mindy and Ryan, and a stepdaughter, Kayleigh.

**1990**

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Andrea (Ruble) Miller
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Andrea (Pickles) Milligan (history) is director of distance learning and instructional technology at North Shore Community College in Danvers, Mass. She was previously employed at Framingham State University as director of academic technology.

**1994**

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**1995**

Bob Martin
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**1996**

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Weber speaks with IMS Scholars

Tammy (Avery) '83 Weber, a principal of Marshall, Parker & Associates, LLC in Williamsport, was a guest speaker during Lycoming’s Institute for Management Studies Scholars seminar series, “Consumer Decision-Making and Issues.” During her presentation titled “Olive and Popeye’s Estate Plan” on Thursday, Oct. 7, she shared information about powers of attorney, wills, revocable and irrevocable trusts, inheritance taxes, making cash gifts to a family member and other areas related to estate planning.

“I was honored to be asked to return and speak to the students in Management Studies,” said Weber. “They were curious and participatory in the discussion. I always enjoyed guest speakers when I was a Lyco student and I’m glad I had the opportunity to return the favor.”

A native of Muncy, Pa., Weber’s practice focuses on estate and gas royalty planning and elder law. She graduated magna cum laude from Lycoming with a criminal justice degree and earned a law degree from Temple University. Weber is a board certified elder law attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation.

“I loved learning at Lycoming,” said Weber. “My four years there were the perfect blend of intellectual and practical learning, hard work and fun. I know that my experience at Lycoming provided a solid foundation for my career - from the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Philadelphia to the managing partner of one of the state’s most successful elder law practices. All of the professors, administrators and staff were dedicated to providing a supportive educational environment. Larry Strausser [former assistant professor of sociology] encouraged me to try various internships, and


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Matt Wolfe '98 (business) says “Left/Right,” which marked his debut as a film writer, actor, director and producer, will be released by Vanguard Cinema in December and available on DVD, Video-On-Demand and other digital markets. Matt’s story about creating the film was featured in the 2008 fall issue of Lycoming Magazine. Learn more at www.facebook.com/leftrightmovie.


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Brandon Hall (criminal justice) was named the new wrestling coach at Freedom High School in Bethlehem, Pa. He served as an assistant coach the last 10 years.

Alexander Nohai-Seaman (music) was one of five composers featured by the Long Island Composers Alliance in “When Improvisation Comes into Play,” an evening of new music by contemporary composers. He earned a doctorate of musical arts in composition from the University of Wisconsin in 2006. Alexander is an instructor of music at Suffolk County (N.Y.) Community College.

2000

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2001

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Dr. Julie (Wagner) Header (biology) has joined the Annville (Pa.) Family Medicine practice. She earned a degree in medicine from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Frances Merz (psychology) became a Licensed Professional Counselor in June 2010. She is working with adolescents, children, families and adults.

2002

Sharon Rogers
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2003

Charlene (Bartolotta) Sterphone
cbartolotta123@yahoo.com

Laura (Koons) Greenage (English-creative writing) earned a doctorate from the University of Tennessee on May 13. She resides in Roanoke, Va., with her husband, Michael.

2004

Christine Colella
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Dustin Crouse (art history) was featured in a performer profile in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette. Dustin, who is pursuing an acting career in New York City, has studied at the Actors Studio, the Atlantic Theatre Company and with various film and stage professionals, voice and movement instructors and theatre directors. He has worked with Sam Rockwell and Ellen Burstyn, as well as acted in various film productions and theatre performances. Dustin also performed in the independent film “Left/Right,” directed by Matt Wolfe ’98, which went on to win 10 awards at film festivals across the country.

Ian Lobas (business-marketing) participated in a charity fundraiser on Sept. 15, repelling off the 24-story Silo Point building in Baltimore, Md.

2005

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Melinda Dicken (biology) has joined the practice of Cumberland Valley Women’s Group at Summit Health Center in Chambersburg, Pa. She earned a physician assistant’s degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Nicole (McCourt) Socha (communications-corporate, music) is the director of the Spring City (Pa.) Public Free Library. She is pursuing a graduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Nicole previously served as programming coordinator for the Chester County Library System.

2006

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or
Jamie (Hershey) Arnold
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Summer Beretsky (communication-corporate) received the 2010 President’s Achievement Award from her employer, Yellowbook. The award is presented to employees who go above and beyond to make the company a successful organization. In her two-year tenure at Yellowbook, Summer established the company’s B2B social media presence for the customer service department. She earned a master’s in communication from the University of Delaware.

Dr. Steven Hawley (biology) earned a doctorate in podiatric medicine from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. He is completing a surgical residency at St. Luke’s Hospital and Health Network in Allentown, Pa.
Record number turn out for annual golf outing

A record 80 golfers participated in the annual Thomas B. Croyle ’70 Memorial Golf Outing on Friday, Oct. 15, at the White Deer Golf Complex. They enjoyed a sunny fall day to complete 18 holes on the complex’s Vintage Course in the opening event of Lycoming’s 2010 Homecoming Weekend activities.

Despite breezy conditions, the winning foursome this year shot an 11 under par (61). The team consisted of Lycoming head wrestling coach Roger Crebs ’87, and former wrestlers Jeff Harris ’85, Mark Morgan ’84 and Tim Brown ’84. The second-place team was comprised of Kappa Delta Rho brothers Jim Hubbard ’66, Wade Pugh ’67, Bill Chase ’64 and Jim Rowland ’67. Finishing in third-place were William Kieser, Tim Smith ’99, assistant women’s basketball coach Jamie Spencer ’01 and 2010 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Royce Eyer ’01. The fourth-place team was Andy Herb ’76, Jeff Swenson ’76, Dave Melick ’77 and Duanne Walker.

All golfers received an engraved set of Lycoming alumni coasters. In addition, through the continued generosity of coaches of several Lycoming athletic teams, door prizes of team polo shirts, sweat shirts and other gifts were distributed to lucky ticket holders. This support from campus groups was greatly appreciated by the golfers and the Alumni Association Executive Board.

Mark your calendars for the 2011 Thomas B. Croyle ’70 Memorial Golf Outing, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 14.

2007
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2008
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Jennifer Reams (biology, psychology) earned a master’s degree in biomedical sciences with a forensic biology concentration from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she will be continuing her education as a medical student.

2009
Ashley Wislock
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Andy Marino (history) has been hired as a graduate assistant coach for the University of Delaware football program, working primarily with the Blue Hen offensive unit. While at Delaware, Andy will pursue a master’s in higher education administration.

2010
Sean McGrath (archaeology) was one of 80 honorees selected to receive a Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award. The award is used to fund post-baccalaureate studies and/or career development for active Phi Kappa Phi members.

Ed Williams (criminal justice) was appointed as an assistant men’s lacrosse coach at the University of Scranton.

CORRECTION

Dr. Ryan Horsley ’06 (biology) graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in May. An incorrect photo was submitted by the school and published in the summer 2010 issue of Lycoming Magazine. The correct photo is shown.

Sarah Reck (English-creative writing) was hired by Hachette Book Group as a web publicist with FaithWords, Hachette’s inspirational publishing group. She resides in New York City.
To read a full listing of those in attendance at many of the weddings shown on this page, please visit www.lycoming.edu/alumni.


1 Natalie (Klinger) ’01 and Michael Bonislawski ’95, June 19, 2010, at the residence of Troy and Angela Klinger.

2 Laura (Koons) ’03 and Michael Greenage ’02, June 12, 2010, at The Inn at Nichols Village in Clarks Summit, Pa.

3 Kristen (Colgan) ’05 and Trent Tice, July 11, 2009, in Ridgway, Pa.

4 Michelle (Roux) ’05 and Garrett Golden ’05, July 24, 2009, in Rumson, N.J.

5 Megan (Carl) ’07 and Glenn Smith ’07, July 24, 2010, at Lycoming College.

1  Melanie (Harris) ’94 and Dan ’93 Taormina, a son, Daniel Raymond, Oct. 16, 2010.
2  Bonnie (Penman) ’96 and Bryan Messick ’98, a daughter, Anya Katherine, July 4, 2010.
3  Tracy (Zuber) ’97 and Bruce Charsky, a son, Aaron Bruce, April 6, 2010. He joins sister, Katie.
4  Janel (Franson) ’01 and Brent Justice, a son, Christopher Dean, Nov. 2, 2009.
5  Laura (Nolan) ’01 and Steve DiStefano, a daughter, Eve Maureen, April 8, 2010.
6  Lori (Hollich) ’02 and Michael Fuller, a son, Nash Ewan, Aug. 11, 2010.
Amanda (Kramer) ’03 and Craig Dutterer, a daughter, Mallory Jo, July 8, 2010.
7  Meredith (Moerschbacher) ’03 and Todd Leader ’03, a son, Reece William, June 3, 2010.


Diann (Mussina) German, of Williamsport, Pa., July 31, 2010.


1967 • David C. Miller, of Midlothian, Va., Sept. 9, 2010.


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D r. John Maiolo ’60 believes wholeheartedly in higher education. After graduating from Lycoming as a sociology and psychology major, he earned a doctorate in sociology from Penn State in 1965. He then taught at Notre Dame and Indiana universities and, in 1975, accepted a teaching, research and departmental (sociology and anthropology) chair position at East Carolina University. He retired in 2000.

“From the time of my first professorial appointment at Notre Dame, to my retirement at ECU, I had the privilege of training many outstanding students who went on to become lawyers, doctors, nurses, politicians, military officers, businessmen and women, professional athletes, authors, and, yes, college professors,” said John, who has written 14 books and more than 100 articles. “During this same period my wife, Ruth, was an inspiration to me. I watched her take so many disadvantaged young public school students, excite them to learn and motivate them to go on to higher education, still the most important pathway to successfully addressing the many challenges we face nationally and worldwide.”

As a student at Lycoming, John says he was “inspired to reach high” by former professor Otto Sonder ’46 and Jack Buckle, dean of students from 1957-87.

John and Ruth have made gifts to Lycoming through an endowed scholarship (co-funded by John’s brother, James Maiolo ’58, and his wife, Susan) and by naming the concession area in the Recreation Center. They also have included the College in their estate plans through the Tower Society.

“What I hope is that the students who receive the scholarship funds will have the same rewarding experiences, both academically and socially, that I had,” John said. “It is so important for students to feel the range of experiences available during their college years, including being active in campus organizations. Giving back is part and parcel of our very being!”

In October, John returned to campus to celebrate his 50th Reunion during Homecoming.

“The events we attended were exceptional,” he said. “It was an emotional experience for me. I love this place. I was born and raised in Billtown, and my father’s contracting company did a lot of construction on campus. So my emotional attachment is broadly based. Things have changed so much, but they are really very nice and have contributed to making Lyco such a charming and pretty campus.”

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