Welcome to Lycoming!

More than 450 new students represent the Class of 2015
Lynn named BOT chairman

For just the third time in the last 22 years, the Lycoming College Board of Trustees has new leadership as Peter R. Lynn ’69 was elected chairman during the board’s semiannual meeting in April. He replaces Arthur Haberberger ’59, who served as chairman since 2005 and will remain on the board as chairman emeritus.

Lynn has been a member of the board since 2002 and most recently served as vice chairman. He has also served as chair of the board’s building and grounds committee since 2005 and was involved with the conception and construction of The Commons, an apartment-style residential complex, which opened at the College in fall 2007. One of the six houses at The Commons is named the Joyce Lynn House, in honor of his wife of nearly 50 years. The Lynns reside in Naples, Fla., and have two sons and five grandchildren.

Lynn is president and CEO of Government Retirement & Benefits, Inc. Established in 1986 and located in Alexandria, Va., GRB is a consulting firm delivering a complete range of federal employee benefits services to agencies including counseling, training and software technologies.

Lynn earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Lycoming. Immediately following graduation, he was employed by the U.S. General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C., for 17 years. During that time, he was assigned for nearly two years to the U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs Committee to assist in designing a new retirement system for federal employees.

Peter R. Lynn ’69

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Mission Statement

The mission of Lycoming College is to provide a distinguished baccalaureate education in the liberal arts. This is achieved within a coeducational, supportive, residential setting through programs that develop communication and critical thinking skills; foster self-awareness while increasing receptivity to new concepts and perspectives; explore literary and scientific traditions; cultivate an aesthetic sensibility; elicit social responsibility; promote racial inclusiveness, gender equality and an appreciation of cultural diversity; and produce leadership for the institutions of society. Each student is encouraged to develop and strengthen virtues and traits of character that enable, ennoble and emancipate the human spirit while deepening commitment to those values that undergird civilization.
Welcome to Lycoming!
The Class of 2015, at more than 450 students strong, is shaping up to be the largest group of first-year attendees in the College’s history.

Faith in the United States
U.S. Rep. Tom Marino ’85, Lycoming’s latest alumnus to serve in Congress, shares his thoughts on America’s educational system and much more.

Something to prove
Gary Colberg ’76 sets the tone at Southeast Georgia Health System, where he serves as president and CEO.

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A compassionate heart and strong faith lead Dr. Angela (McElwain) Bednarcyk ’68 to volunteer at a school for the deaf in West Africa.

“We’re rooting for you!”
Take a look back at Lycoming’s 163rd commencement ceremony.
Two join board of trustees

David Schoch ’73 and Linda Porr Sweeney ’78 have joined the Lycoming College Board of Trustees, according to Peter R. Lynn ’69, board chairman.

Schoch has more than 30 years of experience with the Ford Motor Co., where he is the chief financial officer of operations throughout the Americas. He previously served the automaker as executive director, Ford Canada, Mexico and South America Operations. He also was chief financial officer and vice president of strategic planning for Ford of Europe. Before that, Schoch was chief financial officer of Ford Asia-Pacific Operations.

In 2008, Schoch received the College’s Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Lycoming and an MBA in finance from Temple University. Schoch and his wife, Carol (Marsland), a 1973 Lycoming graduate, have three daughters and live in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Sweeney is a retired civil litigation lawyer. She began her profession in her hometown of Harrisburg, Pa., in 1981 with a firm that represented health care providers. From 1985 to 1990, she continued this work with a major Philadelphia law firm. Beginning in 1990, she managed the Lancaster office of two Philadelphia firms and formed her own law firm in 1997. She retired from the practice of law in 2008. In addition to her legal work, Sweeney has served on the board of trustees of several nonprofit organizations, including Central Pennsylvania Legal Services, which is now MidPenn Legal Services; Montessori Academy of Lancaster; Fulton Opera House Foundation; and Lancaster County Community Foundation.

Sweeney, who earned a political science degree from Lycoming, is a past member of the College’s Alumni Association Executive Board. She earned a juris doctor from Villanova School of Law. Sweeney and her husband, Joseph Sweeney, have three children.

Douthat address higher education’s financial challenges

Lycoming President Dr. James Douthat has worked tirelessly with trustees, faculty, staff, students and alumni for more than 20 years to continue to expand the College’s academic reputation and create an endowment base and operational model on which to build the future of the institution. While recent years have been financially difficult for all colleges and universities, Lycoming, unlike many other institutions, has not had to borrow from its endowment or deplete other sources to balance its operating budget. In fact, it has retained its “A” rating with Standard & Poor’s throughout the recession.

Douthat was invited to address campus leaders from across the country at two national higher education conferences this year – The Council of Independent Colleges’ 2011 Presidents Institute in January and the annual meeting of The Foundation for Independent Higher Education (FIHE) in May. In both venues, he spoke of the short- and long-term causes of the changing fiscal situation for higher education and identified ways to address the challenges which have resulted.

During his keynote address at the FIHE assembly in Chicago, Douthat noted that if leaders at America’s colleges and universities once thought their so-called “ivory towers” would protect them from the negative impacts of economic and political changes, few believe that to be true today. The financial landscape has changed as a result of widespread reductions in state and federal financial aid programs, the impact of unemployment on family resources and other recession-related problems. Many institutions which, four years ago, viewed themselves as fiscally sound are now dealing with serious financial challenges, some of which may take years to resolve.

“We must act now, individually and collectively, to influence the futures of our private colleges and universities,” Douthat said to his contemporaries. “Private higher education has to ally with those in government … we must demonstrate how our institutions can work with the state to help resolve the challenges it faces.

“We also have to get our own houses in order. We must jettison many of our old working assumptions and create new operational models designed to more easily respond to rapidly changing times, financial and otherwise.”
Sprunger appointed acting provost
and dean of the College

Lycoming College President
Dr. James Douthat has appointed
Dr. Philip Sprunger as acting
provost and dean of the College.
Sprunger replaces Dr. Thomas
Griffiths, who resigned following
the 2010-11 academic year.

“Dr. Sprunger has served
Lycoming College extremely well
in many capacities for nearly 20
years,” said Douthat. “Through his
teaching experiences in economics
and his service on numerous
campus committees, he has developed an insight which will
provide strong leadership for our academic programs. As he
always has, Dr. Sprunger will champion the College’s efforts to
deliver an exceptional liberal arts and sciences education.”

Sprunger arrived at Lycoming in 1993 as assistant professor
of economics and was promoted to associate professor in 2004.

Lycoming partners with
Parkhurst Dining Services

With a promise to provide a fresh,
healthy and personalized culinary dining
experience, Parkhurst Dining Services of
Pittsburgh was selected as Lycoming’s
new hospitality partner. Parkhurst also
plans to support the campus through a joint
commitment that addresses environmental
issues, sustainability and local agriculture.

“Lycoming’s decision to select
Parkhurst was driven by our preference
to partner with an organization that is
relationship-oriented, responds to the
unique needs of our campus character and
culture, and is committed to enriching
the lives of our students with food that is
prepared fresh every day,” said Dr. Sue
Gaylor, Lycoming’s vice president for
administration and planning.

During the summer months, Parkhurst
will implement a comprehensive
renovation of the College’s Wertz Student
Center dining hall. Once completed,
the facility will offer four different food
stations, a salad bar and a full-service deli,
featuring panini sandwiches. Other dining
highlights include Hemisflavors, a concept
that features more than 1,000 fresh, global
cuisine recipes, prepared authentically
with raw ingredients indigenous to Brazil,
Greece, India, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco,
Thailand, Vietnam and Cuba.

“We provide fresh food that is prepared
daily in front of our customers,” said
Nick Zolak, Parkhurst general manager

He was awarded the College’s 2004 Constance Cupp Plankenhorn
Alumni Award for Faculty Excellence. He teaches principles of
economics courses and various public economics classes,
including public finance, urban problems and environmental
economics. He also teaches game theory.

Sprunger is actively involved on campus. He co-chaired
the College’s 2010-11 Middle States Reaccreditation Steering
Committee. He has served as chair of the Department of
Economics, led the Budgets, Salaries and Benefits Committee
of the faculty and was elected vice chair of the faculty. He has
held the position of institutional researcher and has served
as the faculty representative to the board of trustees’ College
Advancement Committee. He has also served on the Faculty
Personnel Committee and the institution-wide Long Range
Planning Committee. In addition, he is advisor to the student
service organization, Lycoming Buddies.

He earned a Ph.D. and M.A. in economics from Indiana
University and a bachelor’s degree from Bethel College in Kansas.
Sprunger and his wife, Liz Yoder, reside in Williamsport with their
two children, Sophia and Ben.
Spencer named Chieftain recipient

Rebecca Spencer of Granville Summit, Pa., received Lycoming’s Chieftain Award during Honors Convocation in April. First presented in 1952, the award is the highest honor given to a graduating senior and recognizes the student who has shown the utmost dedication and leadership qualities while at Lycoming and whose academic rank is above the median of the preceding senior class.

Spencer was a biology major with a chemistry minor seeking secondary education certification. She was a member of the dean’s list and the Beta Beta Beta, Gamma Sigma Epsilon and Iruska honors societies.

Spencer’s service to Lycoming students as a resident assistant enriched the quality of student life at the College and earned her recognition as Residential Life Programmer of Excellence and Student Staff Member of the Year in 2010. She was active in Hand in Hand, Colleges Against Cancer, Relay for Life and Play by FAITH Ministries.

While at Lycoming, Spencer also played women’s basketball and softball, earning All-Commonwealth Conference honors in softball and the MAC Sportsmanship Award in women’s basketball. She was named to the MAC Academic Honor Roll four times.

Spencer also received the Service to Lycoming Award for unselfish service and contribution to student life by a senior during their college career.

Faculty and staff awarded

On the basis of their dedication and service to Lycoming, Dr. Michelle Briggs, Dr. Elizabeth Moorhouse and Gary Samuels ’05 were honored at the College’s Honors Convocation in April.

Briggs was presented the 2011 Constance Cupp Plankenhorn Alumni Award for Faculty Excellence. An assistant professor of biology, Briggs joined the Lycoming faculty in 1992 as the departmental botanist. Specializing in medicinal and poisonous plants, she teaches plant science for biology majors in addition to working with freshman majors and non-majors. Since 2002, Briggs has served as the director of the Lycoming College Scholars Program, with which she has been involved since 1994.

Moorhouse was awarded the 2011 Junior Faculty Teaching Award for excellence in teaching. As an assistant professor of economics, she teaches courses on the labor economics and U.S. economic history, as well as theory courses in the discipline. Moorhouse is one of the first Ph.D. students in the U.S. to earn a degree in the field of feminist economics. Her 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.

Samuels received the Makisu Award, which the student body presents to a faculty or staff member for extraordinary service and dedication. Samuels joined the College’s residential life staff in 2009 as a student life coordinator, having worked in the security department since 2006. As coordinator of the FYRST (First Year Residents Succeeding Together) program, Samuels works with freshmen to provide a living/learning environment that will help residents grow as individuals and as students. He earned a master’s from Drexel University in higher education student development and affairs.

Clean Water Institute recognized

Lycoming’s Clean Water Institute (CWI) recently received two recognitions for its environmental efforts.

It received one of the 16 “Champion of the Pennsylvania Wilds” awards presented in late April. The awards recognize individuals and organizations for their efforts toward the Pennsylvania Wilds initiatives of economic development, planning, community revitalization, community character stewardship and conservation. The CWI has completed more than 40 stream assessments and plans to work with the PA Fish and Boat Commission to assess remaining streams in the Pine Creek Basin. The Pennsylvania Wilds region encompasses the counties of Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Forest, Jefferson, Lycoming, McKean, Potter, Tioga and Warren.

In addition, CWI interns Zachary Bassett, Zebidiah Buck, Laura Walter and Dr. Peter Petokas, CWI research associate, were recognized in May at the annual CromaCollege workshop in Williamsport, Pa.

For more than 16 months, the interns and Dr. Mel Zimmerman, professor of biology and director of the CWI, participated in a project for Cromaglass Corporation of Williamsport, which manufactures wastewater treatment systems. The project tested the efficiency of BioFilter technology for improved wastewater treatment. The students highlighted the results of their project at the workshop.
What excites you about teaching sociology?

Alumni who’ve taken an introductory sociology course with me know that I’m practically obsessed with the idea of the sociological imagination introduced in 1959 by sociologist C. Wright Mills. Many of us think about explanations of our lives primarily through examining aspects of our individual biographies—in my case, things such as being a middle child, slightly obsessive compulsive, and having a fondness for classic films. But Mills argues that in order to truly understand people within a society, an examination of individual biographies is only one-third of the equation. We need to understand people in the context of historical eras as well as the social structures in which they live. In doing so, we come to understand so much more about the way we lead our lives. For example, while I did become a sociologist through much of my own hard work, I also was able to become a sociologist because I grew up in a time frame during which women were no longer systematically barred from college. Helping students unpack fuller explanations of human behavior through the use of the sociological imagination—with far more interesting topics than why I became a sociologist!—is a major part of what keeps me excited about teaching sociology.

According to a recently released White House report on the status of women in the United States, the percentage of women with at least a college degree has tripled since 1968. To what do you attribute this significant increase?

I think it’s important to keep in mind that educational attainment for women and men has increased dramatically in the past 40 years. According to the U.S. Census, 8.1 percent of women had a college degree in 1970. By 2009, that number was 30.1 percent. As impressive as that progress is, men experienced a similar increase, with 10.7 percent of men holding a college degree in 1970 and 30.1 percent in 2009. That having been said, there’s no doubt that barriers to women’s education attainment have been lifted during the past four decades. I was born in 1968 and at that time, women weren’t admitted to a variety of colleges and universities. For example, Yale University only started fully admitting women in 1969, and women cadets weren’t accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point until 1976. Young women now enter college at slightly higher rates than their male counterparts, but gender is only one aspect of this demographic shift. Men and women of the upper classes enter college at about equivalent rates; however, among the working-class and poor, particularly among racial minorities, women are more likely to enter college than are men. Women are also routinely outperforming their male college peers, and national studies indicate that males study less and socialize more than their female classmates.

What do you enjoy most about watching classic films? Any favorites?

I love the way films both create and recreate culture. Classic films can be terrific teaching tools for sociological issues, and the films “Woman of the Year,” “Marty” and “A Raisin in the Sun” are particular favorites to use in my family sociology course. I think “Sabrina” is one of my favorite films focused on social class inequality. Sabrina, played by Audrey Hepburn, is reminded by her chauffer father, “I like to think of life as a limousine. Though we are all riding together, we must remember our places. There is a front seat and a back seat and a window in between.” He’s such a social class theorist! Any list of favorite films is certain to be incomplete, but some recommendations for a rainy day are “Sunset Boulevard,” “Rebecca,” “Now Voyager,” “Notorious” and “The Philadelphia Story.” Cary Grant’s C.K. Dexter Haven of “The Philadelphia Story” has to be an all-time favorite film character.

About Ross

Dr. Susan M. Ross is a professor of sociology and has been teaching at Lycoming since 1998. She earned a Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire. She chairs the departments of Sociology-Anthropology and Criminal Justice-Criminology. Ross is the co-author, along with Michael Musheno ’69, of the book “Deployed: How Reservists Bear the Burden of Iraq” and the editor of the book “American Families Past and Present: Social Perspectives on Transformations.”
As Lycoming begins its year-long bicentennial celebration, the Class of 2015 provides yet another cause for excitement. At a time when the ever-changing climate of higher education is filled with uncertainty, especially for private, enrollment-driven colleges, Lycoming’s bicentennial class—at approximately 455 students—appears to be largest group of first-year students in the College’s history.

Since becoming a four-year liberal arts college in 1947, through changes in the physical campus, faculty and staff, academic offerings and the scholastic ability, geographic and economic diversity, and size of the student-body, Lycoming’s consistencies seem to be what continue to draw students to the institution.

“Spencer says he came to Lycoming 22 years ago for many of the same reasons that students do today, making reference to the beautiful and well-equipped campus, where faculty genuinely care about the success of their students.

That level of care and attention begins with the admissions process. According to the College’s recent Middle States Reaccreditation Self-Study Draft, personal relationships are vital at a small college such as Lycoming. In student recruitment, face-to-face interactions continue to be the most important opportunities for College personnel to share the full experiences of campus life.

And, the admissions staff works diligently to facilitate these close relationships. After six to eight weeks of travel in the fall, visiting high schools and college fairs, counselors stay in contact with students through new technology and old-school recruiting methods. Though the office takes full advantage of the web, email and social media, traditional contact through letters, postcards, phone calls and in-person conversations remains the cornerstone of Lycoming’s admissions practices.

Ultimately, it’s about sharing genuine stories and experiences that convey the value of a Lycoming College education. Often, these stories are very personal, as most of the College’s admissions staff are graduates—or Lycoming parents themselves.

The level of personal attention is evident even before a student’s first campus visit.

“I am very impressed with the dedication of the Lycoming faculty and staff,” said Sarah Beddingfield, a member of the Class of 2015 from Colorado City, Texas. Because of the distance, Beddingfield’s first visit will be at the start of the school year. Though she’s yet to see campus in-person, the College’s virtual tour and the support she’s received so far have her excited. “I feel like every step of the admissions process has been very well-organized, and those who have helped me are very committed to making my experience calm and educational.”

Only a handful of out-of-state and international students will arrive on campus sight-unseen. For most, no other factor plays a more important role in college choice than the campus visit, and nowhere is the level of sincere interest in a student more apparent. It’s about relationships—campus visits allow them to meet faculty, coaches, advisors and current students who will be a part of their Lycoming experience.

The Middle States draft also states that Lycoming exhibits a culture where maintaining enrollment, both in recruitment and retention, is interpreted as the responsibility of all employees. Prospective students visiting campus are always welcome to attend regularly scheduled classes, to make appointments with specific faculty, and later, to email individual professors after they leave campus.
Attendees packed the house at the Class of 2015’s Orientation Session II in June.

Spencer observes that the consumerism has had a major impact on most colleges. Fortunately, Lycoming’s programs and campus have been able to keep pace with changing demands of students and parents. To increase the appeal of the College’s academic offerings to prospective students, the faculty has developed new programs, such as health care administration and environmental sustainability, and has rejuvenated programs, such as actuarial mathematics. In recent years, the campus has seen the completion of the Heim Science Center and a major renovation of the Wertz Student Center. The Recreation Center was finished in 2004, Mary Lindsay Welch Honors Hall in 2005 and The Commons apartment-style residences in 2007.

“When students moved into the dorms 20 years ago, they carried a suitcase or two, maybe a stereo and maybe a 17-inch TV,” says Spencer. “Today, it’s like attending an electronics convention with students and parents lugging flat panel TVs, iPads and laptop computers into their rooms.”

Despite the changes to room furnishings, the qualities of students that thrive at Lycoming remain the same.

In many ways, the more things change the more they remain the same.

“Students at Lycoming today are similar to the students 20 years ago,” Spencer comments. “They remain active and engaged. They continue to seek a full collegiate experience academically and socially. Community is an important theme. They seek to develop meaningful relationships with fellow students, faculty and staff, and even alumni. Family values are still held in high regard.”


“This is an exciting period for Lycoming as we enter into our bicentennial year,” says Spencer. “Two hundred years, look how far we’ve come! But as our slogan ‘Into our Third Century’ suggests, we are just as excited and optimistic about our future as we are proud of our past.”
S. Rep. Tom Marino ’85 has the utmost faith in the United States and is “having a blast in Washington” representing Pennsylvania’s 10th District. He tolerates the long hours and being away from his family because he is passionate about improving the quality of life in this country.

Marino says the education he received as a non-traditional student at Lycoming College has played an important role in getting him to where he is today. He believes education is the key to success not only for this country, but around the world. With a more educated citizenry, Marino says the U.S. will start to see things reach levels it has never even imagined.

Lycoming Magazine recently sat down with the newly-elected representative, who is the College’s 13th alumnus to serve in Congress, at his Williamsport office to get his thoughts on topics ranging from the outlook for private, liberal arts colleges to the future of America.

What remains the most important aspect of your Lycoming College experience?

I was a nontraditional student. I didn’t start college until I was 30. I enjoyed the relationship I had with my student-colleagues, who were at least 10 years younger than I was. And the relationship with my professors was special. I received a great education. It was in my hometown and it was nice to be able to still be with my family, yet attend a good college and get the education I needed to prepare me for law school.

Small colleges still have that one-to-one ratio in the classroom and it’s much more personal. I know that through the conversation with my professors, not only did I learn a lot academically, but through their life experiences as well.

What does the future hold for small, private liberal arts colleges, such as Lycoming?

I think small, private colleges have been and will continue to be the foundation of our educational system in the United States. I know that I garnered a first-rate education at Lycoming. I didn’t take a backseat to anyone when it comes to what I was offered and what I took advantage of and learned. College is so expensive today that the large universities may be putting themselves out of existence to a certain extent simply because of the cost.

For America to become more competitive on a global basis, what improvements must be made with its educational system?

We have to revamp the system as we know it. I am very disappointed in the Department of Education. We have now dropped to 27th in the world with our educational system. We should be number one. We are so far behind in mathematics and the sciences that it is a shame. We keep throwing money at the educational system and public schools and think that is going to solve the problem. It hasn’t during the past 40 years. We need to get the people on the front lines, the teachers, educators and other experts, to figure out what we can do to get more bang for our buck, but more importantly, to get more education for our buck. More money has to be channeled to the states and the local governments who best know their education system. I don’t think we can send Washington in to determine what is good
for Williamsport or what is good for Los Angeles. Williamsport and Los Angeles have to have significant input. I think we are wasting a great deal of money with the Department of Education and the administration of it. We need to make sure that most of the dollars go to the student in the classroom as opposed to the administration. More kids are dropping out of school today than ever before. The literacy rate is embarrassing. We need to revisit the system and I think the states and the local governments are best equipped to do that. Teachers don’t have the sole responsibility of teaching anymore. They have to be psychologists, moms, dads and police officers and then maybe we fit teaching in there somewhere. So we need to revamp that entire system and let the teachers do what they are trained to do.

As a result of the recent recession, many Americans are still out of work and hurting financially. What needs to be done to get more citizens back in the workforce?

I am a state’s right guy, a strict constitutionalist. I think the less the federal government is involved in our lives the better off we are. We need the federal government to regulate our currency, have a military, control the airplanes crossing the skies and to provide benefits that it promised. Other than that, government has grown way too big. We have to significantly cut the spending. Last year, this country brought in $2.1 trillion, but we spent $3.75 trillion. Washington is going to have to learn to do more with less. Presidents, both republicans and democrats alike, who were successful during a recession downsized Washington, kept taxes low and cut spending, which put more money in the pockets of the taxpayers. If people have more money, they are going to spend it. We are going to buy houses, refrigerators and cars. In order to do that, those things have to be made. Factories will expand and hire people. We have to convince the American people that one of the ways to help us out of this recession is to buy American.

In recent years, Washington has been known for its run-away spending and a growing federal deficit. What do you plan to do to help reverse these trends?

To create jobs, we have to downsize Washington, cut the spending and lower taxes. We are doing it. This 112th Congress, with its 87 new republican members, has cut more spending in three months than Congress has done in its history. We need to continue that. We need to look at every dollar, every agency. If it does not work, it has to be eliminated. And what does work, we have to tighten. We cannot have all the social programs that everybody wants. An example is when Social Security was implemented in the ’30s under Roosevelt; we had about 120 million people in the country. Today, we have 320 million people in the country. More people are collecting Social Security than are paying into it. We have promised programs that we cannot sustain. The budget the republicans have submitted pertaining to Social Security and Medicare says that if you are 55 or older, you will see no change. We have to fix it for people below 55 so it is still there. That may mean we have to work longer because we are living much longer than we did when Social Security was first implemented. There is no one silver bullet to all this.

You have said that ObamaCare is the “wrong solution” and includes an “unconstitutional individual mandate on all Americans requiring the purchase of health insurance coverage.” What changes are needed with the program?

First of all, everyone should have health care. But we have to be able to afford it. The problem I have with ObamaCare is that it was so rushed, so one-sided. It wasn’t a straight up or down health care vote. Many facets were in it that had nothing to do with health care. The politics have to be taken out of it. We have to deal with the realities and the facts. We have to start over on the program. It has to be a program that involves all the entities that make up our health care system. Parts of it that I do support are that there should not be caps because someone has maxed out their benefits because they were sick. I am a two-time cancer survivor. If my health insurance has paid $100,000 and I get cancer again, is my insurance not going to help me pay for it? My daughter has cystic fibrosis. She has a pre-existing condition, as I do. Why shouldn’t she be able to have cost-effective health insurance coverage? We should be able to go across state lines if we can buy cheaper health insurance to spur competitiveness. We should be able to buy drugs from Canada if they are good drugs and are cheaper. There are many entities that have to be a part of this and step up to the plate and contribute. We are going to have to rearrange our philosophies and our structures a little more.

Marino at a glance

Tom Marino was sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives on Jan. 5, 2011, becoming part of the largest freshman class in decades. He sits on three House committees – Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security and Judiciary – and eight subcommittees.

The assignments are a good fit for the attorney who also served as a prosecutor, first as Lycoming County District Attorney and then as U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Marino, one of four children of Vivian and the late Joseph Marino, is a second-generation Italian-American. His father was a janitor and a fireman and his mother, a homemaker. His blue-collar roots can be traced back to the middle-class Williamsport neighborhood home where his mother still lives.

Marino married his high school sweetheart, Edie, and went to work in the manufacturing field. It wasn’t until he missed out on a promotion that he realized the importance of a college education. So, at age 30, Marino sold his truck and started college while Edie worked full time. He earned his bachelor’s and law degrees in five years, attending the former Williamsport Area Community College, Lycoming College and Dickinson School of Law.

The Marinos have two adopted children, Chloe and Victor, and live in Cogan Station, Pa. A two-time cancer survivor, Marino is active in community events and enjoys reading, motorcycle riding, weightlifting, running and spending time with his family.

Besides his committee work, he is involved with the Sportsmen’s, Immigration Reform, Coal, Kidney, and Adoption caucuses.
Gary Colberg’s success as president and chief executive officer of Southeast Georgia Health System (SGHS) can be traced back to a simple saying he made at the onset of his tenure there 10 years ago, “Proving that working together works.”

That adage has been an inspiration for the person charged with managing a multi-facility health system that boasts two hospitals, two nursing homes, three immediate care centers and roughly 2,200 employees, including 430-plus doctors.

“I have a great team around me; they make me look good,” said Colberg ’76. “Together, we have formed a successful health system. I push the people who I think have talents and skills to reach even further than they might know. It turns some people on and some people off. I continue to challenge us. Why do we just have to be the best in Georgia? Why not the south? Why not the whole country? Why not the world?”

One example of SGHS’s push for success is the acquisition of a CyberKnife®, the world’s first robotic radiosurgery system designed to treat tumors throughout the body without making an incision. “There are roughly 200 CyberKnife programs in the world and we are lucky enough to have one,” said Colberg. “That speaks pretty soundly about the quality of our doctors and the quality of the team we have built.”
Colberg feels good about SGHS’s direction, but he, like so many others, is concerned about the nation’s health care reform. He’s worried about a shortage of physicians and mid-level practitioners, considering that the country is likely to have 34 million more insured citizens under the health care reform.

“Where will they go and who is going to see them?” said a concerned Colberg. “For my health system, we are anxiously awaiting more clarity to see how we can plan to react. We know reimbursements will be worse. Things will be even tighter still. Yet the expectation of the customer or patient is the best of the best.”

Another major day-to-day challenge is reimbursement cuts, which, he says, are related to the health care reform and the paradigm shift in employed physicians. More and more physicians want to be employed and have benefits but don’t want to worry about running their own office.

While some may not want the headaches associated with operating a business, Colberg has excelled at the challenge. And his efforts have not gone unnoticed. In 2009, he received the Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Award, presented by the Georgia-Coastal Plains Region of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). And author David Herdlinger recognized Colberg’s leadership qualities in his book, “Healing a Hospital: The Successful Turnaround of Southeast Georgia Health System.”

Besides earning a sociology degree from Lycoming, Colberg has a master’s in community health administration from Vermont College of Norwich University and is a fellow with the ACHE.

He initially came to Lycoming to play football, but his playing career was cut short due to an injury.

“When I arrived on campus, I saw a small, cohesive group of not only football players, but of campus-goers as well,” said Colberg. “I had a chance to go to a bigger school. But I decided to come to Lycoming College because of the class size and academic opportunities, where the professors would know my abilities. I match my education from Lycoming to any school.”

Note to job seekers. Whenever possible, always read the entire biography of the person with whom you plan to interview! Jacqueline (Jackie) Weder ’86 learned that lesson the hard way. While working in the marketing department at Antelope Valley Healthcare District in northern Los Angeles County, the New Jersey native, anxious to return to the East coast, applied for a position at Southeast Georgia Health System (SGHS) in Brunswick.

“I asked her a few questions [during a phone interview] about Lycoming and she was shocked I knew so much about the school,” said Gary Colberg ’76, president and CEO of SGHS. “I eventually told her that I went there, too. She didn’t realize it at the time; I figured she didn’t read my bio online. But I hired her anyway.”

Weder admitted, “I did not read the bottom of his bio, which mentions he earned an undergraduate degree from Lycoming. I was mortified of my carelessness.”

Weder’s faux pas is now a source of good-natured humor at SGHS, where she recently celebrated her fourth year on Colberg’s administrative team, serving as vice president of marketing.

“I love what I do and I love working there,” said Weder, who has also held management positions at the Antelope Valley Healthcare District and the Cleveland Clinic in Florida. “I love the creative aspect of my job. We interact with so many different stakeholders. We get to be creative with our messages. We have the opportunity to write about so many different topics. The challenge for us is how to take that very difficult topic that we are hearing about from a physician or surgeon and put it in terms our audience will understand.”

Weder, who majored in mass communications, credits Lycoming for helping to launch her career. A first-generation American, she says her mother could not afford to send her to school, while her father had a different cultural understanding about the importance of attending college. “It just wasn’t a thing a girl did,” said Weder, who went on to earn an MBA with a health care management focus from the University of Phoenix. Fortunately, due to her talents in the pool, she caught the attention of Dave Hair, the Warriors’ former swim coach.

“He was great,” said Weder. “Lycoming offered me a very generous financial package, which allowed me to apply for Pell grants and student loans. It helped me to get here and I am very grateful. There is a big warm spot in my heart for this school. I always talk proudly about Lycoming.

“I am the biggest Lycoming fan in the state of Georgia, according to Gary [Colberg]. When I read stories in the alumni magazine about alums and their successes and achievements and where they are today, it’s inspiring. And, not a surprise! You can always read about someone from Yale and Harvard, but it is just that much more wonderful when Lycoming can compete with that. We don’t have that name recognition, but what we do have is an exceptional education, and that’s what you’re gaining by attending a small school such as Lycoming. You get caring professors and coaches, that personal touch. I received an exceptional education from Lycoming that I am very proud of, an opportunity afforded to me that I will never forget.”
Dr. Angela (McElwain) Bednarczyk ’68 has a different concept of retirement than most. Though she has worked as a teacher, author and software developer, her multi-faceted career has been entirely devoted to the education of deaf children. Now, with a compassionate heart and a strong faith, she will take her experiences to Senegal in West Africa to volunteer at a school for the deaf.

Bednarczyk, who earned a bachelor’s in psychology from Lycoming, says her interest in education for the hearing impaired began as a graduate student at Catholic University, where she conducted research on deaf children. She went on to earn a master’s in deaf education from Gallaudet University and a Ph.D. in learning disabilities from the University of Maryland.

Bednarczyk has served as an elementary teacher and program supervisor at schools for the deaf. Her experiences led her to author and co-author several books on deaf education, including two sign language books for young children. An accomplished presenter, she has also delivered numerous workshops for national conventions and local support groups.

Before retiring in 2007, she worked on the development of some of the first computer software for the education of deaf children and adults – one program even introduces youngsters to songs in American Sign Language.

No stranger to mission work, Bednarczyk’s newest endeavor began with a previous expedition to Senegal. Though part of another mission trip, she looked forward to the opportunity to visit the young boy she supported through World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families and their communities worldwide by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.

She had been hoping for some time that her World Vision child, who is deaf, would be
able to attend a school for the deaf. Unfortunately, her efforts to find one had, at the time, been unsuccessful.

While staying at a mission guest house, Bednarczyk noticed a calendar from the nearby L’Ecole Renaissance des Sourds – or the Renaissance School for the Deaf – in Dakar, the country’s capital. The next day, she met with the school’s director. Though it seemed like a promising opportunity for the boy, he would first have to secure a place to stay – away from his home and family.

“Little did I know that God was making plans for [him] and for me,” said Bednarczyk. An opportunity soon arose for her to extend her time in Dakar and volunteer at the deaf school.

“I spent two weeks working with the staff,” she said, “teaching them about using such things as predictable books to help children feel successful with reading, language experience stories to provide students with reading material about their own experiences, and making the classroom environment a place rich with print.

“I could see that there were many needs in the school, from program development and curriculum to behavior management, student assessment and staff training. As each day passed, God’s plan became clearer and clearer.”

Bednarczyk began making preparations for another visit to her World Vision child. “I wanted to bring his family information about the school,” she said. “The previous head of World Vision in Senegal urged me to provide the family with strong reasons why he should come to the school for deaf children, as he had not received any formal education that he was able to understand.”

This time, she could tell the family there was a place for the young boy to live. The school had set up a residence for children who lived outside of Dakar; a family lives with and cares for the children.

As the trip neared its completion, another exciting opportunity arose for Bednarczyk and her World Vision child. She was asked to return as a volunteer at the school – an offer she accepted.

She will be returning in early September and staying until the school year’s end in June. She looks forward to continuing the teacher education training, program and curriculum development, student evaluation and tutoring, and most of all, spending time with the newest member of her family.

In fact, Bednarczyk hopes to spend school holidays with the boy and his family, providing sign language instruction and support. She also plans to continue to encourage the family to explore the opportunity for the boy to attend the deaf school.

“This is an opportunity that only God could provide for me, and I am so very, very thankful.”
The sun shone brightly on the 281 seniors who participated in Lycoming College’s 163rd commencement ceremony held Sunday, May 8, on the College’s Quad. The keynote address was given by Arthur A. Haberberger ’59, chairman emeritus of the College’s board of trustees.

Giving special recognition to the families celebrating both a graduation and Mother’s Day, Haberberger informed the audience, “Commencement is a day for reflection and remembering, a day of celebration – seniors, it’s your day – and it’s a day ushering a new beginning.”

With nods to several seniors, he instructed the Class of 2011 to embrace the many challenges that will face them, make their goals happen and leave their world a better place.

During his closing remarks, Haberberger said to the graduates: “Now it’s your turn to achieve and realize your...”
American dream by engaging in the ongoing intellectual dialogue that defines, enhances and shapes our world. All of us here today in the audience and on the stage share a confidence that you can make it happen. We’re rooting for you!”

Prior to his address, Haberberger was presented an honor Doctor of Laws degree, and Dr. Joseph Kelly, executive director for the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Robert Holmes, a history major from Oxford, Mass., was chosen by a committee of faculty, staff and students to give the greetings from the senior class. Quoting sources both insightful and humorous, from Benjamin Franklin to Buffy Summers, he left the Class of 2011 with his own words: “We were lucky enough to be graced with an extraordinary group of professors, administrators and campus staff who guided us through the last four years. … And someday in the future, maybe sooner, maybe later, we may return to once again walk the campus grounds and remember our time here and the values which were instilled in us. Lastly, I beg that my classmates remember my challenge to them … live, and do not simply live, but live well, always striving for excellence. …”

The baccalaureate speaker on Saturday, May 7, was the Very Rev. Edward Hughes ’77, who has served as pastor at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Lawrence, Mass., since 1989. Hughes and his wife, Anna, have four children: Sarah ’07; Martha ’11; Michael ’12; and Elizabeth.

About the speaker

Arthur A. Haberberger ’59, the 2011 commencement speaker, is chairman emeritus of the Lycoming College Board of Trustees. He has served on the board since 1999 and became chairman in April 2005. Haberberger was a director and CEO of Horrigan American Inc. He also was the founder, president and CEO of American Equipment Leasing Co., which was a subsidiary of Horrigan. Under his leadership, the company grew into one of the largest independent leasing companies in the United States. In addition, he was founding director of the American Bank and has served as a director of numerous corporations, including the Educators Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Vaughn Group and the Arbee Group.

Haberberger and his wife, Joanne, have been generous supporters of Lycoming through their time, efforts and financial support of the College’s mission. They have supported the creation of 63 new student scholarships, endowed the Clean Water Institute’s Laboratory Endowment Fund and created endowments to support student intern positions. The Joanne and Arthur Haberberger Fellowships were created and endowed to provide permanent support and recognition to high academic achieving rising seniors who display exceptional research and scholarship. In 1996, Haberberger received the College’s Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award.
President James Douthat has called upon all members of the Lycoming College community to support initiatives to reduce carbon emissions on campus. On April 20, during a ceremony on the steps of Long Hall, Douthat signed the Lycoming College Climate Commitment pledge.

“This is an interesting and important step for the College,” said Douthat. “It also is important to note that the document I signed is authorized by the board of trustees, so this becomes an institutional commitment. The pledge produces a new set of responsibilities, a new process and a new procedure for many people on this campus, including the students, as we move forward with this commitment.”

The Lycoming pledge was crafted by the College’s sustainability committee, led by co-chairs Dr. Neil Boyd, chair of the business administration department, and Dr. Mel Zimmerman, professor of biology and director of the College’s Clean Water Institute.

“This is a great day to think about how organizations connect to their physical environments,” Boyd said during the ceremony. “Today’s event is a celebration of a milestone for the College, a top-down institutional affirmation and commitment to environmental sustainability. We are committed to win-win situations, where we can help the environment and at the same time help the institution with its fiduciary goals. Today’s event is clearly a testimony to the hard work of the entire sustainability committee.”

Modified from the American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, Lycoming’s pledge affirms the belief that institutions of higher learning must exercise leadership in their communities and throughout society by modeling ways to reduce carbon emissions and promoting positive stewardship of the earth.

Making emissions reduction and sustainability a part of the curriculum and other educational experiences for students will be a priority. The College recently developed a sustainable business management track within its business administration major as well as an interdisciplinary environmental sustainability minor. Solar panels have been installed on top of the Heim Building and an on-campus biodiesel production facility was recently opened. Additionally, the College dining hall is now trayless, which is helping to reduce energy, water and soap consumption and food waste.

The College’s building and grounds members have been significantly involved in a variety of the sustainability efforts on campus, ranging from recycling to energy conservation initiatives.

In response to the commitment, Lycoming will begin developing a comprehensive plan to continue to lower total carbon emissions. All greenhouse gas emissions will be inventoried annually to track progress. The College will establish a policy to build all new campus construction to at least the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Silver standard or equivalent. Renovation projects will also adhere to environmental guidelines. Additional carbon-reducing activities include implementation of an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy and continued participation in the national RecycleMania competition.

Members of the campus community sign the College’s Climate Commitment pledge.
Senior safety Ray Bierbach has earned three Preseason All-American honors. He is a first-team selection by Lindy’s National College Football and Sporting News College Football, and an honorable mention pick by Consensus Draft Services.

Sophomore Stephen Romano finished 2011 with a plethora of honors to lead the men’s lacrosse team, earning the MAC’s Offensive Player of the Year award. He also finished second in Division III in Lax.com’s Clutch Ratings, a metric that is designed to “identify which player means the most to his team when it counts.”

Junior Grace Gargiulo compiled a host of awards for the women’s lacrosse team, as she earned USA College Lacrosse.com Second Team All-American honors and All-MAC First Team honors. The midfielder finished second in the nation in goals per game at 5.0.

Sophomore Brooke Strausser earned Honorable Mention USA College Lacrosse.com All-American honors and Honorable Mention All-MAC status after recording 35 goals and seven assists.

Senior wrestler Isaiah Britton capped off his career by earning First Team Capital One Academic All-American honors and senior men’s tennis star Bobby Brown picked up second team honors as the pair became the 19th and 20th Academic All-Americans in school history. In addition, junior men’s swimmer Joe Andrie and sophomore softball player Bethany Garnand each earned Academic All-District accolades this spring.

The softball team enjoyed its finest season since 2006, posting an 8-6 mark in Commonwealth Conference play to earn its first bid to the league playoffs since joining it in 2008. The Warriors recorded one of the largest upsets in school history by downing sixth-ranked Messiah, 3-2, on a walk-off hit to end a nine-game skid and went on to win its final five regular-season games. Sophomore pitcher Holly Lansberry earned all-conference honors.

The Middle Atlantic Conferences will welcome two new members during the 2012-13 academic year as Maryland colleges Hood and Stevenson will each become full members. Both colleges will join the Commonwealth Conference, alongside Lycoming, for nearly all team sports.

Men’s and women’s lacrosse will enter a new era amongst Middle Atlantic Conferences schools in 2012, as the conference will split its 13 men’s lacrosse members and 14 women’s lacrosse members into separate conferences—Freedom and Commonwealth. Lycoming will be a member of the Commonwealth, just as
Monfiletto named acting director of athletics

Chris Monfiletto has been appointed Lycoming’s acting director of athletics, according to Dr. Sue Gaylor, vice president for administration and planning. He will continue to serve as the football team’s offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

“I am delighted that Chris Monfiletto has agreed to step into the acting director of athletics position,” said President Dr. James Douthat. “He has the experience, confidence and skills to do a great job for the athletic department and for our student-athletes. Chris has held impressive leadership roles at several colleges and preparatory schools and is well prepared to take on the responsibilities of the athletic director. Like his predecessor, Scott Kennell, he will lead a program steeped in a strong heritage of caring and long-serving administrators such as David Busey, Dutch Burch and Frank Girardi.”

Monfiletto, who completed a master’s degree in athletic administration from Ohio University in June, brings a wealth of experience to the position, including working in admissions and financial aid and as a guidance counselor at Western Reserve Academy in Ohio, and as a history teacher and a residence life director at the Hun School in New Jersey.

A 2004 graduate of Davidson College, Monfiletto served as an assistant football coach at Hun in 2004 before spending three years as the recruiting coordinator and running backs coach at Davidson. He also was a head coach for two years at Western Reserve, leading the team to a 6-3 record in 2008. He joined Lycoming’s football staff in 2010 as the passing game coordinator before being promoted to offensive coordinator at the end of the season.

Most Outstanding Warriors

Women’s swimmer Stacy Flick and running back Josh Kleinfelter were named Lycoming’s Female and Male Most Outstanding Athletes, respectively, at the College’s Honors Convocation in April.

Flick, a two-time CSCAA Scholar All-American as a criminal justice and psychology major, won 22 races in dual meets this year while losing just twice (by a combined 0.38 seconds). She finished her dual meet career by winning 19 races in a row and followed that by winning titles at the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships in both the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke. She also finished her career with school-records in both categories, posting a 1:05.43 in the 100-yard event and a 2:27.61 in the 200-yard event.

Kleinfelter completed one of the best seasons ever for a Warrior in 2010, as he rushed for 1,212 yards on 216 attempts, posting eight touchdowns and averaging 121.2 yards per game, despite fighting injuries for the last four games of the year. He became the first running back to earn four all-conference nods in a career.
Former longtime Lycoming College men’s basketball coach Clarence “Dutch” Burch was presented with the Frank Girardi Lifetime Achievement Award at the fourth annual ESPN 1050/ESPN 104.1 Night of Champions awards banquet May 22. Burch’s son, Seth ’89, accepted the award on his behalf.

Burch coached Lycoming’s men’s basketball team from 1962-94, amassing a school-record 318 wins during his 32 years on the sidelines.

Burch arrived at Lycoming in 1962 and guided the Warriors to a 5-15 record his first season. He never expected to be at the school 31 years later.

“When I first got here, my goal was to stay five years,” he said at the time of his retirement. “The place turned out to be so great, the school and the community, that we decided to stay and that this would be home.”

Burch led Lycoming to its first Middle Atlantic Conference regular-season championship in 1965-66, just three years after that 5-15 season, and he added two more titles in 1983-84 and 1984-85. Lycoming made 11 appearances in the postseason during Burch’s tenure.

Lycoming enjoyed one of its finest seasons in 1984-85, compiling a then-school record 19 wins en route to a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Warriors lost in the first round, 54-52, to a Widener team that reached the final four. Burch’s Warriors never backed down from a challenge during his tenure, routinely facing Division I programs such as Bucknell, Lehigh, Navy and Army.

Among the highlights of Burch’s career was having the opportunity to coach two of his three sons, Sam and Seth, in college. Sam ’86 and Seth, both guards, helped Lycoming to a 92-75 record and three MAC playoff appearances during their playing careers. His daughter, Sue ’81, was a member of the Warriors’ women’s tennis team.

Burch, who was MAC Coach of the Year in 1983-84, coached 17 first-team all-conference picks and two league most valuable players during his career. He also coached 11 of the program’s 25 1,000-point scorers, including the all-time leading scorer, Rich Henninger, who posted 2,184 points in his four-year career from 1970-74. He also coached five of the program’s top 10 all-time leading rebounders.

Known as one of the true gentlemen of college basketball, Burch guided the Warriors to four Sam Schoenfeld Sportsmanship Awards, given annually by the Collegiate Basketball Officials Association.

In addition to coaching basketball, Burch served as athletic director at Lycoming from 1976-83. He also served on numerous basketball committees, including the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee for six years.

Burch graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1954, where he earned National Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region honors as a senior, and his 13.1 career points-per-game average is still in the school’s top 25. He was drafted in the fifth round of the 1954 NBA draft by the Fort Wayne Pistons.

Burch is the second recipient of the Girardi Lifetime Achievement Award with ties to Lycoming, joining Frank Girardi, the legendary former football coach, who received the first award in 2008 and serves as its namesake.
Dear Friends,

The buzz word in the Alumni Office right now is Homecoming! We are feverishly planning for this special weekend filled with bicentennial flare. I hope you are planning to join the myriad of festivities Oct. 14-16. While you have your calendar open, save the date for the first Alumni Weekend, May 11-13, 2012. Though specific events and details will be shared soon, this inaugural event will undoubtedly be a time of reconnecting, enrichment and entertainment!

I’m quickly discovering in my travels that Lycoming has an extraordinary alumni base, comprised of people who have unique businesses, talents, stories and experiences. Below, please enjoy getting to know a few of your fellow alumni whose life’s work captured my attention in the last few months.

Warmly,

Amy S. Dowling '04

Adjuvants

As I drove through Indian River County, Fla., where sunshine, lush vegetation and citrus abound, I visited an alumni-owned chemical manufacturing facility, Brewer International, situated on about seven acres in Vero Beach. There, I met two alums who have developed a unique way to integrate citrus bi-products into their business.

Stephen '70 and Linda '74 Brewer are leaders in the spray adjuvant industry, a niche chemical market. Brewer International extracts a low viscosity oil, limonene, from the orange peels left over from juice production. This natural ingredient is used to manufacture 80 products that are added to other chemicals to improve their efficiency. These mixtures are used in irrigation, industrial cleaning, pesticides and the foliar application of herbicides.

Brewer International was chosen as the Indian River County Manufacturer of the Year in 2010. I encourage you to read more about the fascinating world of citrus-peel-based adjuvants at www.brewerint.com.

Heidi Erika Myers

A group of young alumni gathered for dinner at Smokey Jo’s Restaurant in Williamsport prior to the Ke$ha concert held April 15 at Lycoming. I was re-introduced to photographer (and former classmate) Heidi vonSchwedler Myers '04, whose spellbinding work just has to be showcased! Heidi Erika Photography creates imaginative works of art that contrast the unpretentious and polished, modernist and picturesque. Learn more about Heidi’s work at www.heidierika.com.
Enjoying dinner at Smokey Jo’s in Williamsport before many headed back to campus for the Kesha concert in April. Smile and say “glitter cannons.”

Members of the Class of 2011 posed on Cinco de Mayo in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor during their senior celebration.

Attendees at a May alumni roundtable held in Philadelphia included, from left: Sharon Barra ’92, Barbara (Lovenduski) Syk ’73, hostess Diane Dalto Woosnam ’73, Karen (Suplee) Hallowell ’75, Sharon (Pace) Martini ’83 and Tina Muheim ’87.

Kathleen Eierman ’10 and Jeff Spangler ’94, with The Bird

Andrea Yerkes ’75, Mark Yerkes ’77, Bob Smith, Sherrie Smith ’73 and Jeanne Schellhase

Chip Edmonds ’98, vice president of advancement, Justin Jay ’03, Steve Simchak ’99 and Ron Schellhase ’72

Kyle Drake ’06, Jim Spencer, vice president for admissions, Melissa (Wright) Webb ’06, Bradley Webb ’05

Romain Bastian ’61, T. Michael Hall ’91, Rachel Hall, Evelyn (Hunt) Bastian ’64

Michael Pontious ’02, Greg Bell ’99, senior major gift officer, Drew Boyles ’11

Anthony Colletti ’05, Matthew Mangold ’06, Andy Miller ’04

Tammy (Rhinehart) Strayer ’86, Braith (Eldridge) Dicker ’86, Kathleen (Muller) Altonen ’87

Mike Clark ’93, head football coach, Kevin McVey ’79, Rick Bartetta ’78, Dwight Stilwell ’78
Saturday, Sept. 10 - Westminster, Pa.
**Football Game:** Lycoming vs. Westminster • 11:30 a.m., picnic, 1 p.m., kickoff
Show your Warrior Pride! Enjoy a picnic lunch with Lycoming alumni, parents and friends under a tent at Westminster’s football field, then root for the Warriors as they take on the Titans.
$10 per person for picnic
RSVP encouraged by Sept. 1

**Happy Hour at Duke’s • 5-7 p.m.**
Round out the work day with Lyco alumni at Duke’s!
RSVP by Sept. 12

Saturday, Sept. 17 - Chester, Pa.
**Football Game:** Lycoming vs. Widener • 1 p.m. kickoff
Support the Warrior football team at Widener, then join fans for an informal happy hour at Barnaby’s of Ridley (2107 MacDade Boulevard, Holmes, Pa.) immediately after the game. Please note that this is a new location.
RSVP encouraged by Sept. 10, Walk-ins welcome

Sunday, Sept. 18 - Honey Brook, Pa.
**Tee Off with Lycoming Golf Outing**
Registration 11 a.m. /Tee off 12 p.m./Reception 5:30 p.m.
Lycoming brothers Ted Piersol ’80 and Tom Piersol ’82 are hosting a tournament at their breathtaking golf course. Registration fee includes warm-up, 18 holes of golf, cart and reception. Not a golfer? Join us for a reception and putting contest at 5:30 p.m.
$50 per person all-inclusive, foursomes encouraged. Reception only, $10 person.
RSVP by Sept. 12

**Lycoming College visits Michigan • 2-4 p.m.**
Enjoy time catching up with Lycoming friends living in the “Great Lakes State” at John ’68 and Coventry (Scott) ’69 Harris’ home. Glenn Smith ’07 will share the latest happenings at the College and answer questions about your alma mater. Light refreshments will be served. Call the alumni office at 570.321.4376 for details regarding location.
RSVP by Sept. 19.

Friday, Oct. 7 - PPL Park, Chester, Pa.
**Lycoming vs. Widener Soccer Doubleheader**
Women’s game, 6 p.m.; Men’s game, 8 p.m.
Head to PPL Park, one of the finest major league soccer stadiums, to support Lycoming’s soccer teams! After the games, head to Barnaby’s of Ridley (2107 MacDade Boulevard, Holmes, Pa.) for an informal social gathering.
There is no cost for this event, but please RSVP by Oct. 5, so that we have enough spirit items for everyone.

Friday, Oct. 28 - New York City
**Lycoming Students and Alumni Meet & Greet**
The House of Brews, 302 West 51st Street (between 8th and 9th Ave) • 5-7 p.m.
Drop by to meet Lycoming seniors who are job shadowing alumni in NYC. Share your memories and experiences with the students while networking with local alumni.
RSVP by Oct. 21

Saturday, Dec. 10 - Chadds Ford, Pa.
**Brandywine River Museum**
12:30 p.m., meet in Brandywine cafeteria
Celebrate the season with Lycoming alumni and friends as we discover the museum’s O-gauge model railroad, ornaments on holiday trees and other festive displays. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
$10 adults, $6 seniors (with ID), $6 children 6-10, children under 6 free; payable at the door
RSVP by Dec. 7

To RSVP or for more information, visit www.lycoming.edu/alumni/events or call 570.321-4376.
Celebrate the 68th anniversary of D-Day next June by joining Lycoming College alumni and friends on a 10-day European Battlefield Adventure in London, Normandy and Paris. Visit Churchill’s War Rooms and the Imperial War Museum to better understand the ingenuity and determination of those who planned the attack. Explore London at your leisure in the afternoon. Tour the Portsmouth D-Day Museum and board a cross-channel ferry to Normandy to see firsthand the skill and courage of the soldiers, sailors and paratroopers who invaded Normandy. Your guides, Lycoming history professor Dr. Bob Larson and retired Army Colonel Mike Ellicott, will spend three days walking you through the British and Canadian landing sites, the U.S. and German positions on OMAHA and UTAH beaches, and the airborne landing zones near St. Mere Eglise. Optional side trips will allow you to visit other cultural attractions in Normandy. The adventure will conclude in Paris with a trip to the French Army Museum and a farewell dinner cruise on the Seine. This unique opportunity to study the history, strategy and tactics of the defining battle of WWII through the eyes of a seasoned military historian and a veteran military officer is available for $3,199 per person (at current exchange rates) plus airfare and optional tours.

If you are interested in spending D-Day 2012 on OMAHA Beach, contact the alumni office at 570.321.4134 or alumni@lycoming.edu.
**Class Notes submissions:**
Lycoming College wants to join you in celebrating your career and life accomplishments. You may wish to share information about a birth, wedding, anniversary, career move, retirement, life-changing experience, etc. We reserve the right to edit submissions to meet *Lycoming Magazine* style guidelines and space limitations. Only activities that have already taken place will be included in Class Notes.

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

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**1948**  
Carl Bauer in Venice, Fla., where he and his wife, Alicia, preserve local heritage by serving as Town Trolley tour guides.

**1952**  
Ralph Marion  
rmarionjr@bellsouth.net

**1954**  
Rev. James Horace Gold  
(570) 966-0330  
jegold@atlanticbb.net

**1959**  
Beverly (Strauser) Manbeck  
Ladypink101@aol.com

**1961**  
Jim Jeffers (philosophy) and his wife, Connie, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with travels to Hawaii and Columbia with family and friends, followed by a 16-day cruise from Florida to Copenhagen, and an 11-day tour of the Scandinavian countries and St. Petersburg, Russia.

**1962**  
Geoffrey R. Wood  
(252) 636-0508  
gwood8@suddenlink.net

  The Rev. Dr. David Keller (philosophy) is in his sixth year as co-pastor of the Heshbon Park United Methodist Church in Williamsport. He retired from full-time ministry in 2002. He and his wife, Mardell, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 16.

**1963**  
Evelyn (McConnell) Derrick  
ederrick@windstream.net

**1964**  
Bill Lawry  
(860) 658-7217  
wlawry@aol.com

  Bill (business) and Jane (Embick) Decker (English) celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary July 25, 2011.

  Thomas Paternostro (political science) retired in June after a 47-year career in education as a teacher, principal and superintendent with service in Bethlehem, Allentown, Chester, Pocono Mountain and Hazleton schools. He worked on numerous education initiatives and was named Distinguished Educator by Pennsylvania’s Secretary of Education in 2005.
Garrett devotes 40 years to art

For the last 40 years, Bob Garrett ’61 has been making his artistic impression on Corning, N.Y.

Garrett, a retired West High School art teacher, also designed various stage sets for the school’s theatrical productions. With the help of five students, he installed a large acrylic mural for a new interior swimming pool.

Perhaps Garrett’s biggest undertaking is a stained glass window in the city’s First Congregational Church of Christ. He began the fixture – his first project in glass – after the original was broken. The artist used two-dozen pieces of quarter-inch soda-lime glass to tell the story of the church’s mission. After more than 100 trips to a Corning studio for firing, the window was completed. The Sunday after the work was fully installed, the pews were turned toward the window to allow the congregation to take in the glory of his gift.

Garrett has also designed and created an official seal for the city of Corning and a logo for the Corning Area Food Pantry. Downtown Corning, Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes and the First Congregational Church of Christ are all home to murals created by this life-long artist.

Garrett and his wife, Judy, reside in Corning.

1966

Kitty (Traxler) Morrison
(706) 398-3789
jimkitty@jimkitty.com

Dr. Carol Davis (biology) recently published a book, “Patient Practitioner Interaction: An Experimental Manual for Developing the Art of Health Care, Fifth Edition.” She is a professor emerita of the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami and immediate past vice chair for curriculum.

1967

Phil Beckley (history) and his wife recently celebrated the wedding of their youngest daughter, Katie.

Bruce Everstine (business) has retired after 43 years, 38 of which were in human resource director positions. He served the last seven years as the director of human resources for Comprehensive Mental Health in Tacoma, Wash.

1968

Dr. Nancy (Woodland) Smith (philosophy) and her husband, Robert, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. The couple has four children. Nancy works as head of programming at Stanford University’s Education Program for Gifted Youth.

1969

Tom McElheny
tmcelheny@churchplaza.com

Dr. Thomas McElheny (business) and his wife, Diane, recently welcomed their son, Capt. Cail McElheny, USMC, home from his third tour of duty in the Middle East. Cail, a Marine pilot who attended Lycoming before graduating from Palm Beach Atlantic University, served as a ground officer in Afghanistan. He saw extensive combat and was wounded once and decorated for his actions. He plans to serve as a flight instructor. Their second son, Lt. Travis McElheny, USCG, has been hired by American Airlines after nine distinguished years of Coast Guard Service. A command pilot, he was the first Coast Guard fixed-wing pilot landing in Haiti after the devastating earthquake and received multiple decorations for his numerous search and rescue efforts.

1970

Susan Stewart
susancstewart@hotmail.com

1971

Jon “Craig” Koons
(570) 587-3928
koons71_scribe@yahoo.com

From left: Tom ’64 and Janny (Lawrence) ’64 Shields at a luncheon reunion with Denny (Brown) ’65 and Chett Derr ’65.
Lycoming alumni and friends participating in the Bo Tkach Memorial Golf Tournament held May 4, 2011, at the Blue Ridge Country Club in Palmerton, Pa., included, from left: Dave Bleistein ’77, Curt Schillinger ’07, Steve Wiser ’74, Robb Curry ’69, Leon Plocha ’83, Jim Tkach ’78, Mike Bouses ’66, John Johnson ’77, Frank Girardi ’89, Kevin McGinn ’79, Frank Harvey ’81, Ray Radomicki ’78, Fran Miller ’79, Clark Gaughan ’77, Jerry McGinn ’78, Matt Sajak, Mike Clark ’93, Mike Kern ’86 and Pat Schemery.

John Kauffman (business) retired in April from Norfolk Southern Railroad, where he served as a railroad engineer for 37 years. John and his wife, Tena, reside in Mifflintown, Pa., with their two Siamese cats, Antonio and Sophia.

Victoria Satterwaite (French) was recently appointed president of Business Networkers International, Blue Bell (Pa.) Chapter. She has also held the Notable Networker position and has served as vice president and secretary/treasurer. Since 1995, she has owned Assembly Image Management, Inc., a small advertising agency.

Paul Anderson (mathematics) recently retired as principal of South Williamsport Area High School after a 37-year career in education.

Stan Dakosty (history) has been inducted into the Schuylkill County Football Coaches Hall of Fame.


The Rev. Haydn McLean (biology) had two articles, “Memory Lane’s Dear End” and “Promises, Promises,” accepted for publication by “The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling.”

John (history) and Carol (Vaira) Crowe (mathematics) retired in 2010. John served 20 years as assistant director of the Cora U. Belden Library in Rocky Hill, Conn., and Carol worked in IT at the Hartford Insurance Group for more than 26 years.

David Webb (sociology) has been nominated by President Obama to serve as a U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Since 1994, Webb has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the district.

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

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1978

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

The Rev. David Dearing (music) has been reassigned to serve Wesley United Methodist Church in Selinsgrove, Pa. He and his wife, Barb (Seese) ’77, look forward to their new venture in ministry.

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

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Andy Bucke ’71 and wife, Ruth, on the Great Wall of China during a spring 2011 tour with students from Cumberland Valley High School in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Andy, who retired from teaching two years ago, is serving as a licensed lay pastor at Dressler’s Ridge United Methodist Church in Juniata County, Pa.

1972

Linda (Burton) Kochanov (203) 744-0393 Kuchi3@aol.com

Martin Nau (biology) welcomed his second grandchild, Preston Martin Nau, in May. He joins brother, Atley Hirai Nau, and parents, Ryan, Martin’s oldest son, and Maki.

1973

Virginia “Ginny” Shamlian virginia.shamlian@yahoo.com or Sherrie (Burton) Smith (410) 280-9086 sandrsmith@verizon.net

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From left: Terry Murphy ‘75, Jessica George ‘99, Dr. Robert Larson, professor of history, and Gary Sojka ‘77 were members of a 50-person trip to Gettysburg in May. The group is standing on Houck’s Ridge, just above Devil’s Den, with Little Round Top in the background.

1980
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1981
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1982
Col. Alvin Burgess (criminal justice) is on his fifth tour to Iraq and his second tour simultaneously with his daughter, Sgt. Allison Burgess. He has also served in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Kosovo, and has two other daughters in the U.S. Army, Christina and Jessica. His wife, Elizabeth, also served in the Army.

1983
The Rev. Donald Nelson (psychology) recently retired from the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church.

1984
Lynn Cruickshank
lynnacip@yahoo.com

Anthony Bucco (business) was re-elected as the Republican nominee to New Jersey’s General Assembly for the 25th Legislative District. He is a graduate of Seton Law School and a partner in the law firm of Murphy, Hubner, McKeon, Wubbenhorst, Bucco, P.C. He and his wife, Amy, reside in Boonton Township and have six children.

Jack Morrone (accounting) recently received the Crystal Signature Award in the Financial Services category at the Fifth Annual Lehigh Valley SUITS awards honoring Lehigh Valley business professionals “who demonstrate real horsepower” in their service industry. In May, the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants presented Jack with the Lehigh Valley Chapter 2011 Volunteer Service Award, given to volunteers who have made outstanding contributions to the chapter, profession and community.

1985
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1986
Patricia (Dempsey) Hutchinson
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1987
Tina Muheim
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1988
Cindy (Smith) Snyderman
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Dr. Brian Christopher Cooper (theatre) earned an advanced degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University. He is in his third year as principal at Williams Valley Junior/Senior High School in Tower City, Pa, and his 20th year in education. He and his wife, Kimberly, reside in Elysburg, with their daughter, Hailey, and son, Toren.

Erik Latranyi (business) has joined Cosense, Inc., as a global sales manager. The company, located in Hauppauge, N.Y., designs cutting-edge ultrasonic sensors for the aerospace, medical and semiconductor industries.

1989
Wendy (Park) Myers
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1990
Courtenay (Wells) Arendt
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gatormom40@gmail.com

Paul Fochtman (business) moved to Germany after 12 years in India to serve as the head of school at Frankfurt International School, the second largest international school in Europe.

Darcy (Johnson) Straka (economics) has been named director of community engagement for Philhaven, a mental health provider based in West Cornwall Township, Pa. She previously was executive director of Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon County.

1991
Malena (DeMore) Pearson
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Nancy Marple (communication) is the senior marketing manager for the Radiological Society of North America in Oak Brook, Ill. She resides in Chicago.
Kevin Kreamer '93 has been selected as one of Charleston (S.C.) Regional Business Journal’s “Forty Under 40,” in recognition of his community work.

Kreamer is a national account executive for Blackbaud, a supplier of software and services specifically designed for nonprofit organizations. He manages several national brands for Blackbaud’s sales and marketing division including YMCAs, Make-a-Wish Foundations, Easter Seals, 4-H and Visiting Nurse Associations.

In addition to being a regular blood and platelet donor through the Red Cross, Kreamer’s community involvement is vast.

Two years ago, he started the MUSIC program at MUSC Children’s Hospital. Kreamer and fellow musician Scott Carpenter offer bedside performances to patients and their families. They have also been known to make up songs on the fly, even using the beeping of the machines as a metronome.

Kreamer also plays at an area nursing home, in Christ Our King Church’s contemporary ensemble, and for children in the HALOS (Helping and Lending Outreach Support) program and at daycare centers.

He is a member of the Volunteer Advisory Committee at MUSC Children’s Hospital and the Blackbaud Fund Committee, a group that evaluates grant applications and makes decisions on funding local projects focused on education.

Kreamer resides in Charleston with his wife and three children.

Kevin Kreamer '93 with Scott Carpenter

Sisters from Gamma Delta Sigma sorority’s Class of 1992 at their ninth annual reunion held in March in Ocean City, N.J. Front row, from left: Cathy (Swezey) Basilii, Megan (Roland) Cogan and Claudia (Tomasello) Mendler. Back row, from left: Amy (Atkinson) Hester, Debbie (Donnan) Kaiser, Dawn (Klein) Bentley, Mary (Bowman) Behler, Marijo (Mullen) Montgomery, Elizabeth (Snowman) Baresh and Erin (Hursen) Adams.
Zachary Rubinich (political science) was selected for a second time as a Rising Star by the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Magazine. Rising Stars are the top lawyers in the state who are 40-years-old and younger, or who have been in practice 10 years or fewer. A partner with the law firm of Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby in Philadelphia, Zachary concentrates his practice on representing employers and insurance carriers in workers’ compensation cases.

Joseph Zetts (accounting) was named an assistant manager with the loan review department at Fulton Financial Advisors of Lancaster, Pa.

1997
Lauren Kolaya
(908) 962-0816
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or
Kirsten (Schwalm) Miller
(570) 888-6486
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1998
Brenda (Bowser) Soder
(301) 598-5526
brendasoder@verizon.net

Pete Metzgar (art, education) is an inside sales representative with Rubbermaid Medical Solutions. Pete is providing customer service and sales support in 10 southeastern states.

1999
Heather Myers
(570) 546-9440
Harbingerii@hotmail.com

Kristi (Beam) Heller (business) was named by M&T Bank as a senior relationship manager for Lancaster and Lebanon counties.

2000
Andrea (Duncan) Mitcheltree
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Sara (Davern) Mika (art, education) was accepted as a member of Artspace Gallery in Bloomsburg, Pa. In January, she presented a solo exhibition titled “In Stitches: Mending Mistakes,” which featured vintage quilt blocks hand-mended and reconfigured into art quilts. Her work can be seen at www.mockpiestudio.com.

2001
Heather Myers (music) earned a master’s in organizational leadership from Gonzaga University. She is a senior training manager of delivery for AT&T in King of Prussia, Pa.

2002
Austin Duckett
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ducaust776@hotmail.com
or
Sharon Rogers
SharonR6300@aol.com

Gwenn Ackerman (art) is director of administrative services and events for the Maryland Hotel and Lodging Association and Maryland Tourism Council. She also volunteers as a counselor at Ronald McDonald Camp.

Austin Duckett (business) was recently selected to serve on the board of directors for the Penn-Jersey Region of the American Red Cross. He is a resident director at West Chester University, where he earned a master’s in higher education counseling and student affairs.

Dr. Sara Hirst (biology) recently accepted a full-time clinical psychologist position with Virginia Military Institute. She passed the national licensing exam in May.

Matthew Jenkins (communication) earned a master’s in educational development and strategies from Wilkes University. He teaches sixth-grade mathematics at the Gettysburg Area Middle School and resides in Arendtsville, Pa., with his wife, Kimberly, and son, Carter.

Erica (Moerschbacher) Kastner (criminal justice) earned a certificate as a Certified Workforce Development Professional from The National Association for Workforce Development Professionals. She is employed through Central Susquehanna Opportunities.
By Megan Frank ’12

Tom Coale ’03 is more than a blogger. The lawyer-by-day Ellicott City, Md., resident has helmed the HoCo Rising blog (www.hocorising.com) for the last two and a half years, discussing the issues he sees as important and commenting on and linking to news in Howard County and beyond.

In March 2011, on the blogs two-year anniversary, Coale made an announcement: “This blog has shown me that there are a ‘silent minority’ of folks who care about local politics, can talk intelligently about complex issues and would rather converse their way into a position, than stand on their opinion and bang their chest. That has been a very significant realization for me, and I truly appreciate your open minds and sharp wits!

“Now, the big announcement: You and I are going to end homelessness in Howard County.”

The blog began an online campaign to raise money toward a concerned, countywide effort. He began by asking local blogs to donate, and they responded in an enormous way.

Coale set a goal of $1,500 – the amount it takes to subsidize the rent for one individual who is looking to get off the street and into a “Sober House” – for Grassroots, a Columbia-based agency that, among other services, provides crisis intervention and runs shelters and a daytime resource center. His goal was met in less than one week.

As of the last update, Coale has raised $3,000 for the homeless. “I was really proud of that,” he said. “I’m thinking the next direction will be to raise money for childcare services.”
Carrie Firman (art) earned a Master of Fine Arts in visual studies from the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York. In the past year, she has presented her work at international synesthesia and consciousness studies conferences in Nashville, London and Stockholm. Carrie received a grant from the university to combine her visual art and scientific inquiries by creating and administering a survey comparing her photographs and sounds. She has been awarded artist residencies in the U.S. and the U.K., and will be showing some of her interactive art in Berlin in 2012.

2006

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

Dr. Hans Bottesch (chemistry) and his wife, Mallory, were married in August 2008. He graduated from New York Chiropractic College in 2009 and opened his own practice, Bloomin Health Chiropractic Clinic, in Bloomsburg, Pa.

Philip Kratochvil (biology) earned a master’s in chemical engineering from the University of Maryland Baltimore County. He resides with his wife, Megan, in Bel Air, Md., and works for the federal government at Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

2007

Laura (Holdredge) Layaou lholdredge@hotmail.com

Melanie (McGillvray) An (physics) earned a master’s in health physics – nuclear nonproliferation from Georgetown University in May 2011.

David Banks (religion) enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District in Pittsburgh. He will undergo basic training at the Navy’s Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Dr. Kelli (Beitler) Wienecke (biology) graduated in May 2011 from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is working as a family practice resident physician at Saint Vincent Health Center of Erie, Pa.

2008

Amil Guzman amilguzman@gmail.com

Christopher Ciccarelli (psychology) is in his third semester at Saint James School of Medicine, Bonaire campus.

Elaine Seward (communication) recently earned a Master of Fine Arts in film and electronic media from American University. While there, she completed internships with National Geographic, the Washington, D.C., Office of Motion Picture and Television Development, and 8112 Production Studios. She is a motion graphics designer at Rhed Pixel, a visual communications company in Falls Church, Va.

Shawna Snyder (psychology) earned a master’s in education and a school counseling certification from Monmouth
University in January 2011. She also earned national certification through the program by passing the National Counseling Examination.

2009
Ashley Wislock
awislock@gmail.com
Andrea Cooper (biology) recently graduated from St. Francis University’s master of occupational therapy program. She received the program’s library research award for her master’s thesis, “Fear of Falling and Activity Avoidance in Community-Dwelling Elderly Population.” She also was voted the Outstanding Occupational Therapy Student in 2010.

2010
Pamela Burke
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Sam Foreman (art) recently displayed his work at artspace105 gallery in Homestead, Pa. His exhibition, “Dialogue,” is comprised of his most recent work, including unique glass sculptures and abstract oil paintings. During the past six months, he studied glassblowing at the Pittsburgh Glass Center and has a piece on display in its show 10x10x10, which features 200 accomplished glass artists.

2011
Bethany Herring
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Jennifer Adams (chemistry) is a research analyst at Bayer Health Care in Myerstown, Pa.
Danielle Hawley (business, corporate communication) is a marketing campaign coordinator in the web reach department of Yellowbook. Her nonprofit, Teens Against Texting and Driving (TAT), which she began while at Lycoming and was featured in the 2011 spring issue of Lycoming Magazine, will be partnering with Road Radio to spread its message to schools in the Philadelphia area.
Casey Spall (actuarial mathematics, economics) began a broker trainee program with Charles Schwab & Co. in July.

Lycoming College has expanded its annual giving program. Launched July 1, the Lycoming Fund now encompasses additional giving opportunities, ranging from the Tour Choir to the Warrior Club, while still supporting financial aid, academic programs and student services.
As always, your gift will touch the lives of all Lycoming students and provide much needed resources to:

To make a gift to the Lycoming Fund, please use the enclosed envelope, call 570.321.4036 or visit www.lycoming.edu/giveonline.

The $1,000 or more to any and all areas of the College. We celebrate the extraordinary impact 1812 Society members have on students, faculty and the life of the institution. For more information about joining the 1812 Society, please call 570.321.4231.
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 Janet Terrill and Edward L. Smead II ’50, April 9, 2011.

Sandra (Myers) ’70 and John Varesic, May 14, 2011, in Houston, Texas.

2 Elizabeth (Finkler) ’80 and Daniel Hanasaki, June 4, 2011, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in San Jose, Calif.

Patricia Lynn Haws and Douglas Walther ’84, April 2, 2011.


Following a honeymoon on Captiva Island in Florida, the couple is residing in Falls Church.

4 Katelyn Bowne and Brian Belz ’96, on Dec. 4, 2010, in Clarke Chapel at Lycoming College.


7 Kathryn Lubash and Corey Henfling ’04, June 5, 2010.


8 Brooke (Gemberling) ’06 and James Manley ’06, May 14, 2011, at Lighthouse Sound in Ocean City, Md.

9 Melany (McGillvray) ’07 and Jun Sung An, Feb. 5, 2011. The ceremony was held at Alliance Church Centre in Oakton, Va. A reception followed at the Grand Atrium in Dunn Loring, Va.

10 Jennifer (Mease) ’07 and David Goodpaster, May 29, 2010, at Trinity United Church of Christ in Bethlehem, Pa.


Forthcoming book to detail Lycoming’s history

This fall, in conjunction with the College’s bicentennial celebration, Dr. John F. Piper Jr., dean of the College and professor of history emeritus, will be introducing his new book “Lycoming College: On the Frontiers of American Education.”
1 Kerri (Bloom) ’92 and John Frick ’92, a son, Jameson Edward, Nov. 21, 2010. He joins brothers, Avery, 8, and Christian, 6, and sister, Brielle, 2.

2 Nancy (Dech) ’92 and Andrew McGovern, twins, Aidan John and Gabriel Robert, Nov. 21, 2010. They join sister, Madeleine, 7.

3 Kerry (Mechan) ’92 and John Orsingher, triplets Ryan Kelton, Brandon Michael and Emily Josephine, May 27, 2011.

4 Dina (Ward) ’92 and David Desmet, a daughter, Isabella Frances, Feb. 2, 2011.

5 Deborah (DiOrio) ’94 and Mike Weaver, a daughter, Ava Grace, Jan. 17, 2011.

6 Tina and Jamie Jurgaitis ’95, twin daughters, Molly Elizabeth and Grace Catherine, Dec. 1, 2010.

7 Erin (Page) ’97 and Kyle Werking, a son, Benjamin Grant, Sept. 21, 2010. He joins brothers Jackson, 7, and Garrett, 3.

8 Holli and Brian Artim ’99, a daughter, Emmalyn Ann, April 26, 2011. She joins sisters Gracie, 4, and Gabriella, 2.

9 Julie (Harrs) ’99 and Michael Ranelli, a daughter, Sophia Mae, May 19, 2011. She joins sister, Eliana.

10 Jennifer (Snyder) ’00 and Michael Smith ’99, a daughter, Savannah Caitlyn, May 18, 2011. She joins brother, Zachary, 3.

11 Jennifer (Brooks) ’01 and Robert Carter, a daughter, Trinity Rose, Oct. 3, 2010. She joins brother, Brayden, and sister, Kirah.

12 Sara (Davern) ’01 and Ryan Mika, twins, Ellen Fay and Ethan Finn, July 2, 2010.

13 Sara (Deardorff) ’02 and Keith Heil, a daughter, Keira Allison, April 8, 2011.

14 Jennifer (Leader) ’02 and Matthew Anderson, a daughter, Audrey Jane, Sept. 29, 2010.

15 Tara (Stepanchick) ’02 and Greg Mentzer a son, Owen Michael, Oct. 22, 2010. He joins brother, Gavin (3).

16 Jill (Broschart) ’03 and Mark Oettinger, a daughter, Autumn Kelly, Oct. 6, 2010.

17 Joanna (Stout) ’04 and Brian Katherman, a daughter, Quinn Avery, Feb. 24, 2011.

18 Olivia (English) ’05 and Patrick Zapel, a son, Isaac Francis, June 2, 2010.

19 Mallory and Hans Bottesch ’06, a son, Declan Hans, June 3, 2010.

20 Allison (Raymond) ’07 and Bradley Faust ’06, a son, Ethan Alexander, Feb. 23, 2011. Aunt is Amanda Raymond ’09.
IN MEMORIAM

1939 • George R. Long, of Falls Church, Va., May 13, 2011. Among survivors are his wife, Virginia (Felix) Long '56, sister, Jean (Long) Dunkleberger '47, and brother, Henry L. Long '56. George was the son of Dr. John W. Long, former Lycoming president.


1944 • Barbara (Sykes) Henry, of Clearfield, Pa., May 19, 2011. Regina M. Robinson, of Roaring Branch, Pa., April 24, 2011.


1948 • Jack Meckler, of Reisterstown, Md., May 24, 2011.


1951 • William H.C. Huffman III, of Williamsport, Pa., March 9, 2011. Among survivors is his wife, Kay (Stenger) Huffman ’60. Philip N. Pulizzi, of Montoursville, Pa., April 24, 2011.


1954 • Charles H. Nuss, of Clearwater, Fla., Feb. 28, 2010. Among survivors is his wife, Janet (Brooker) Nuss ’52.


1957 • Donald K. Kahler, of Hughesville, Pa., April 12, 2011. Eugene E. Landon, of Montoursville, Pa., June 1, 2011. Among survivors are his wife, Jane (Keyte) Landon ’55, and son, Benjamin Landon ’89.


1965 • Bernard J. Deime, of Levittown, P.R., May 1, 2011.


1967 • Stephen D. Reed, of Williamsport, Pa., March 30, 2011. Among survivors is his wife, Heather (DeWeerdt) Reed ’68.

1968 • Theodore L. Connolly, of Winter Springs, Fla., April 6, 2011.


1975 • Kathleen A. Kennedy, of West Orange, N.J., April 1, 2011.


1990 • Lonnie F. Blakeman, of Athens, Pa., July 9, 2010.

Dr. Timothy S. Carter, of Town Creek, Ala., April 24, 2011. He was a former professor and chair of the College’s criminal justice department. Tim received Lycoming’s 2006-07 Makisu Award, presented yearly by the student body to a faculty or staff member for extraordinary service and dedication to the College.
Two young men waited in line outside the famous Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria. It was 1972, and Roger Kyte and his friend, having recently completed military service in Vietnam, were on a 69-day tour of Europe. As the queue crept along, the men were approached by two young women – Lycoming College students studying abroad during their May Term. Angela (Vaira) Kyte ’73 and Barbara (Edleman) Block ’72 asked them if they had found the line for the riding school. Roger, in his self-professed smart guy fashion, replied, “It better be because we have been waiting here for 45 minutes!”

The group laughed and the two ladies joined the young veterans in line, pleased to be in the company of other U.S. citizens. Roger and Angela soon found they had something in common – a mutual acquaintance, Otis Cooke, from Roger’s hometown of Boonton, N.J. Cooke was a good friend of Angela’s brother-in-law, John Crowe ’71, who married her sister, Carol (Vaira) ’71. Conversations continued, the women accepted an invitation to dinner and though Roger and his friend were on their way to Budapest, they later returned to Vienna to see them again.

Upon their homecoming to the States, Roger continued to visit Angela, travelling often between his residence in northern New Jersey and Lycoming. Thirteen months later they married in Angela’s hometown of Washington, Pa., with the Rev. Dr. John F. Piper Jr., dean emeritus of Lycoming, officiating. Barbara (Edelman) Block ’72 and Sherrie (Burton) Smith ’73 were in the wedding party.

The newlyweds soon returned to Roger’s hometown, where Angela found employment in the insurance industry and rose quickly through the ranks at several agencies to become an executive at Marsh, Inc. Roger returned to his pre-Vietnam job at Johanson Manufacturing. In 1978, the couple celebrated the birth of their son, Morgan.

The Kytes remained closely associated with Lycoming through the years. Angela served on the alumni board and was a trustee. Morgan considered engineering at Lafayette and Lehigh, but he fell in love with Lycoming, graduating in 2000. He fell in love again, this time with Sarah (Wolferz) ’01, to whom he proposed atop the Eiffel Tower.

On July 25, 2001, Angela and Roger made a commitment to give back to Lycoming. The College had, in so many ways, positively impacted their lives and the lives of their loved ones. That day, they signed an agreement to fund an endowment for the Kyte Family Scholarship. The three wanted to make it possible for more New Jersey students to experience the distinguished liberal arts education that Lycoming offered Angela and the son who followed in her footsteps.

Less than two months later – Sept. 11, 2001 – Angela, who normally worked in Midtown, was scheduled to hold a meeting on the 90th floor of the World Trade Center’s North Tower. As for so many, the lives of Roger and Morgan forever changed that day when two jet airliners struck the Twin Towers, taking the lives of Angela and thousands of others.

“It was her meeting so I’m sure she was there early to make sure everything was ready,” said Roger. “She’s an organizer and a strong person. She was probably leading everyone down after the planes hit or making sure everybody got off the floor.”

Angela’s memory triggered a huge outpouring from classmates and fellow alumni.

Roger Kyte with son, Morgan ’00

A service of remembrance in Boonton brought together many from the Lycoming community. Morgan’s fellow Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity brothers served as ushers. J. Marco Hunsberger, campus minister at the time, presided at the service that included memories of Angela by Piper; Dr. Robert Larson, professor of history; Dr. James E. Douthat, president of the College; and Robert Burns ’85, a representative from Marsh, Inc., who had been hired by Angela and regarded her as a mentor.
As the support continued, Roger and Morgan gratefully watched the endowed family scholarship grow. But Roger wanted to do even more. In 2009, he made a bequest to the College, one that he believes will significantly help to strengthen the Lycoming legacy the family wants to leave in Angela’s memory. Roger wants to see the scholarship’s endowment grow substantially to offer even greater assistance to future generations of Lycoming students, some of whom will be peers of his and Angela’s three grandsons: Liam, Graysen and Declan.

Approaching the 10th anniversary of 9-11, Roger and Morgan experienced yet another remarkable Lycoming connection in their lives. This past year’s Kyte Family Scholarship went to a deserving New Jersey student, Kelly Arendacs ’11. Unknownst at the time to the financial aid office which granted the award, the office of Kelly’s father was in the Twin Towers on that fateful day. Thankfully, he was at a meeting away from the buildings, but Kelly couldn’t help but be moved by the amazing twist of fate.

The scholarship from the Kyte family enabled her to gain the same valuable opportunity Angela so often mentioned—the experience of a Lycoming College education.

Endowed funds, such as the Kyte Family Scholarship, provide future generations of students the opportunity for a Lycoming education. This year’s scholarship recipient, Kelly Arendacs ’11 of Bloomingdale, N.J., chose to attend the College because of the psychology program and the dance club.

“I always wanted to be a doctor, but then I found the brain,” she said. “It seemed so much cooler to help people with psychological problems.”

Arendacs is incredibly thankful for receiving the Kyte Family Scholarship. “I can’t express my gratitude for it enough,” she said. “It is great that they continue to support the College. Now, so many more can have the experiences Lycoming gives its students.”

As a student, Arendacs was a four-year member of the dance club and president of the Raging Stitches—Lycoming’s student-run knitting club. Often, she found herself involved with a variety of other organizations, mainly because her friends needed help with their clubs. “I was always there to help,” she said.

When she was not busy studying or dancing, Arendacs spent time with her close friends—her favorite Lycoming memories. “It was always great to unwind with a couple of friends, watching a movie or just talking together,” she said.

Apart from lifelong friendships, Lycoming has provided her with a solid education. “I value how much I have learned, all the different experiences I had and the variety of information I’ve acquired,” she said.

This fall, Arendacs plans to attend William Paterson University to pursue a master’s in counseling along with her professional counseling license. “I want to help children,” she said. “Children are a group that need more help because they are more susceptible to their environment than adults are.”

This summer, she is keeping active in the psychology field as a camp counselor for children with autism.
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