A Focus on the Future

Board Chair Peter Lynn ’69 reveals the college’s top priorities

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The Lycoming College Board of Trustees has launched the search for the College’s 15th president. To assist with the process, two committees have been formed and a search firm has been hired. The preliminary timeline has the search concluding by November. Dr. James E. Douthat, who assumed the presidency in 1989, has announced plans to retire in June 2013.

“Jim Douthat has been an exceptional leader during his 23 years of service as president, repositioning the College for tremendous opportunities in her third century,” said Peter Lynn ’69, board chair and chair of the trustee selection committee. “On behalf of the trustees, I express our gratitude for Dr. Douthat’s deep commitment to strengthening Lycoming’s academic programs, to promoting the College’s reputation as a national liberal arts and sciences college, and to building a firm financial foundation to support the Lycoming student experience for generations to come.”

The College’s faculty and staff had an opportunity to share their views about Lycoming’s future needs and priorities during open campus forums hosted by presidential search consultant Dr. Tom Courtice of AGB Search during the spring semester.

According to Marshall D. Welch III, a trustee and chair of the presidential search committee, the candidate pool will be generated throughout the summer via nominations received from contacts with national education and foundation officials, inquiries at other colleges and universities, letters to friends and alumni of Lycoming, national advertising and the work of the search firm. Lycoming alumni and friends who know of people who could serve effectively as the College’s next president are urged to send suggestions to Courtice at tbc@agbsearch.com.

“The search committee is well aware that the success of our search depends on the involvement of all members of the Lycoming community,” Welch said.

Joining Lynn and Welch on the trustee selection committee are Stanley Sloter ’80, vice chair; D. Mark Fultz ’80; James Scott ’70; Cheryl Spencer ’70; and alternates Dale Krapf ’67 and Dr. Thomas Wolfe ’78.

The 16-person presidential search committee includes Welch, Fultz, Wolfe and trustees Charles Springman ’59, vice chair; the Hon. Marie White Bell ’58; Dr. Robert Bender ’59; Carolyn-Kay Lundy ’63; Nanci Morris ’78; and Dr. Robert Shangraw ’59 ’04H. From the faculty are Dr. Amy Cartal-Falk, assistant professor of French; Dr. Cullen Chandler, associate professor of history; and Dr. Chriss McDonald, professor of chemistry. David Heffner, associate dean and chief information officer, and S. William Hessert ’85, are representing the administration and the Alumni Association Executive Board, respectively. The student body is represented by Greg Vartan ’15 and Natalie Johnson ’13.

The search committee will make its recommendations of the candidates of choice to the selection committee after on-campus interviews. The selection committee will then make a final decision on behalf of the board regarding Lycoming’s next president.

To read the position profile and obtain important information and updates about the presidential search, please visit www.lycoming.edu/president/search.
Right at home
Peter Lynn ’69, a Williamsport native and chair of Lycoming’s board of trustees, reveals the College’s top priorities for the near future.

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The Freshman Dean’s Office provides a safety net for all students who transition to the College.

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Dick Yuengling Jr. ’66 has hit a homerun with his family’s brewery company.

A weekend to remember
More than 200 alumni enjoyed the Bicentennial Bash on the Quad and other fun activities associated with the inaugural Alumni Weekend.
Honors Convocation

Lycoming presented its top four awards during the annual Honors Convocation on April 15.

Dr. Susan Beery, an assistant professor and chair of the psychology department, is recipient of the 2012 Constance Cupp Plankenhorn Alumni Award for Faculty Excellence. She joined the Lycoming faculty in 1999.

Dr. Kerry Richmond, assistant professor of criminal justice, was awarded the 2012 Junior Faculty Teaching Award for excellence in teaching. She has taught at Lycoming since 2009.

Dr. Edward Gabriel, associate professor of biology, received the Makisu Award, which the student body presents to a faculty or staff member for extraordinary service and dedication. He has taught at the College since 1977 and has served as the Health Professions Advisory Committee chair for more than 25 years.

Joseph Andrie of Reedsville, Pa., was presented the Chieftain Award. First presented in 1952, the award is the highest honor given to a graduating senior. Andrie, who earned a bachelor’s degree in biology in May, was involved in numerous activities on campus, including Greek life and the Campus Activities Board, and served as a Spanish and organic chemistry peer tutor. He also was a standout performer on the men’s swim team and a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Andrie is spending his summer conducting research at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Children’s Hospital. This fall, he plans to attend Penn State’s Hershey College of Medicine to pursue a career in family medicine or pediatrics.

Ross receives inaugural award

Dr. Susan Ross, professor of sociology, received the inaugural Berthold Research & Information Competencies Award from the College. The award will be given annually to a faculty member who has exhibited a commitment to research and information competencies in assignments, collaboration, curriculum mapping, professional development and scholarship.

The award is named in honor of Dr. Howard Berthold, retired professor of psychology as well as the first and long-serving chair of the Faculty Library Advisory Committee. Berthold was a strong supporter of Snowden Library’s instruction program.

Darough participates in Fulbright seminar

Michael Darough, visiting assistant professor of art, participated this summer in “Diversity in German Education 2012: A Professional Development Seminar for U.S. Teachers to Germany,” administered by the German-American Fulbright Commission in Berlin.

The seminar was held at the University of Tübingen, where participants received an overview of the German school and post-secondary education system in order to enrich their own educational work. The seminar also discussed the changing educational structures in Germany and Europe and the resulting responses and opportunities for German schools, teachers and students. U.S. educators shared their teaching experiences with German colleagues, students and program partners.
Alden Trust grant to benefit physics and psychology departments

Lycoming’s physics and psychology departments received a $100,000 grant from the George I. Alden Trust in Worcester, Mass. The grant will be used to purchase physics laboratory equipment and upgrade psychology classrooms and labs.

“Lycoming College is grateful for the generous and continued support from the Alden Trust,” said Lycoming President Dr. James E. Douthat, noting that the College received a similar grant from the trust a few years ago for its biology department. “The upgraded labs will continue to foster a hands-on learning environment where our students gain valuable experience while engaging in collaborative research with our faculty. The grant will enhance the preparation of students in these two programs for graduate school and the many other paths that lead to their professional careers.”

The physics department will acquire equipment in the areas of mechanics, electromagnetism, modern physics and condensed matter, and thermodynamics. During the last 10 years, 40 percent of the department’s seniors went to graduate school in physics or astronomy, as compared to a national average of 35 percent, according to the American Institute of Physics, and in the same period, 45 percent of majors have been women, compared to just more than 20 percent nationally. Because of the department’s emphasis on lab-based instruction, majors and non-majors alike learn experientially beginning in the freshman year.

Psychology is consistently one of the two largest majors at Lycoming. The department enrolls an average of 450 students per semester, nearly one-third of the student body. Lycoming is among just 5 percent of institutions nationally that offer introductory psychology with a laboratory component. In addition to classroom and laboratory renovation, the grant will fund a centrifuge and computers, along with built-in cabinets, benches and tables for the department’s biopsychology lab.

Charter Day celebration

Lycoming College celebrated the 201st anniversary of the signing of its charter with several events April 1-2. The charter for the Williamsport Academy, one of Lycoming’s predecessor institutions, was received April 2, 1811. The College celebrated its bicentennial during the 2011-12 academic year in recognition of the school’s opening in 1812.

On Sunday morning, Dr. John F. Piper Jr., Lycoming historian, led a walk to the gravesite of the Rev. Benjamin Crever, a founder of the College, at the Williamsport Cemetery on Washington Blvd. Dressed in period attire and acting as Crever, he gave a brief history of the man who helped move the College forward.

Following the walk, the procession returned to Lycoming’s quad where excerpts from the charter were read, the alma mater was played from the Clarke Chapel carillon and a cannon was fired.

At noon on Monday, members of the campus community strolled along on a 1.3 mile Bicentennial Walking Trail, which stopped at historic sites around campus. An afternoon reception again featured an appearance and a few words by Crever, as well as a celebration cake.

Among the campus community members who participated in the Charter Day celebration were (top photo) Dr. John F. Piper Jr., dean emeritus of the College and school historian (aka the Rev. Ben Crever), President Douthat, Tyler Breech ’12 and Greg Vartan ’15 at the Flag Court. At Crever’s gravesite are Megan Cunningham ’15, Sarah Cox ’13, Stephanie Robinson ’12, Matt Ruth ’14, Vartan, Laura Klym ’12 and Robert Rinaldo ’13.
**Alcoa Foundation grant results in recycling bins**

Lycoming recently received nearly 1,600, 6-gallon recycling bins from the Alcoa Foundation, in partnership with Keep America Beautiful and the College & University Recycling Coalition, as part of its national bin grant program during the 2012 RecycleMania collegiate recycling competition. The program is an effort to help schools boost their results during the competition and expand their recycling collections throughout the year.

Lycoming has placed the blue bins in every residence hall room as well as faculty and staff offices and various common areas.

During the annual 10-week competition, participating schools vie for top awards in nine categories to see which schools recycle the most on a per capita basis, produce the least amount of waste and recycle the largest percentage of their overall waste. This year, the College recycled a total of 14,412 pounds of material, nearly 3,500 pounds more than in 2011. Lycoming ranked 47th in the nation in recycled weight per student for bottles and cans, 85th in corrugated cardboard and 156th in paper.

“The Alcoa Foundation grant helps Lycoming College execute its commitment to recycling and sustainability,” said Dr. Sue Gaylor, vice president of administration and planning. “The new recycling bins are one of several successful initiatives that the Sustainability Office has achieved in 2011-12.”

Established in fall 2011, Lycoming’s Sustainability Office is led by students Zeb Buck ’12, Alyssa Tomaskovic ’13 and Laura Walter ’13. In addition to spearheading the College’s 2012 RecycleMania competition, they led a “Flip It Off” campus energy conservation campaign and produced a PSA video to encourage others to recycle. The office also regularly contributes a sustainability article to Green Corner, a new column in The Lycourier student newspaper. The sustainability student team also supports the work of Lycoming’s Sustainability Committee, a group of more than 20 students, faculty and administrators who meet regularly throughout the academic year to discuss, plan and implement sustainability initiatives across campus.

**Leadership & Service Awards Banquet**

Lycoming recognized co-curricular student achievements on campus during its sixth annual Leadership & Service Awards Banquet on April 11.

The greeting was given by Andrea D. Seuren ’76, who established the event’s Seuren Leadership Speaker Series in 2007 in memory of her parents. The series’ purpose is to build a culture of leadership at the College that espouses service, ethics and critical thinking.

This year’s guest speaker was Carol (Marsland) Schoch ’73. She is the founder and director of the Detroit Children’s Choir, established in 2006. In the mid-1990s, she founded and directed the International Choir of São Paulo in Brazil, where she also established a choral program for children and teens. A native of the Philadelphia area, Schoch earned a master of music degree in choral conducting and vocal pedagogy from Oakland University. Early in her teaching career, her husband, David ’73, began his career with the Ford Motor Company, which took them to Ohio, Michigan, England, Brazil and South Africa. He is now chairman and CEO of Ford Motor China.
How did you develop an interest in medieval British Literature?

I can answer that in six words: Monty Python and the Holy Grail. In the summer of 1975, my teenage older brother was stuck with watching me for the day and took me to see the film. As soon as I saw that killer rabbit, I was hooked.

Of course, I didn’t really get into the literature until much later, as an undergraduate English major at SUNY Geneseo. It was there that I had my first real encounters with both the primary literature and first-class teachers who were excited about their material. If Python had me hooked, these professors reeled me in!

How do you make the subject relevant for today’s student?

Well, a lot of what motivates us today motivated people in the medieval period as well: sex, love, faith, greed, generosity and so on. So one way of making the material relevant is to tease out those similarities. In Beowulf, why does Grendel’s mom pop off one of the Danish warriors’ heads? Because he hurt her baby! If anyone partially dismembered one of my kids, I’d consider doing the same!

On the other hand, the stunning differences between our world and the medieval world can be fascinating and help students see how different others’ worldviews can be. Trying to get our minds around how people managed to live day to day in those times, or justify some of their particularly nasty customs (more dismemberment!), is a great exercise in critical thinking.


King Alfred, who ruled the Anglo-Saxons (i.e., the people living in roughly the southern half of modern-day England) from 871-99, was responsible for a revival of English written culture after the depredations of the Viking invasions. Along with religious and philosophical texts, Alfred produced a law code, or “domboc” in Old English. This code was a combination of biblical, earlier Anglo-Saxon and his own new laws. My book performs a close reading of the text, showing how Alfred very carefully chose and manipulated his sources to create unifying royal and national identities in the wake of the upheavals of the Viking onslaught. Further, the book traces the redeployment of this law code in the 12th and 16th centuries, continuing the work of fostering a unifying identity in times of national danger.

What do you read for fun?

To relax, I love reading about natural history and our relationship to the environment. Recently, I’ve been very interested in the whaling industry, and have read some excellent books on the subject, most notably Leviathan, by Philip Hoare, and In the Heart of the Sea, by Nathaniel Philbrick. For pure escapism, I love a good horror story, such as Let the Right One In, by John Ajvide Lindqvist.

About Preston

Todd Preston is an associate professor of English at Lycoming, where he has taught since 2003. He is a medievalist with a specialty in Anglo-Saxon literature (c. 700-1100 AD) and the Old English language. Preston, who earned a Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University, has presented at numerous conferences both in the U.S. and overseas, and has had articles published in Notes & Queries, Melville Society Extracts, Comitatus and Viator. He recently published a book on the creation and subsequent uses of Alfred the Great’s law code.
In the mid-1960s, Williamsport native Peter Lynn ’69 was an Army veteran and married with a young son. A non-traditional student, he had no interest in attending a large university.

“I found what I wanted in my own backyard,” said Lynn, referring to Lycoming College, where he now serves as chair of the board of trustees.

So he decided to follow a family tradition and pursue his undergraduate education at the same institution from which his father and uncle had graduated. Although he lived off campus with his family, Lynn still was very active at the College. He was elected the first president of the school’s chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honor society. As a senior, he garnered the John A. Streeter Memorial Award in Economics, annually presented for outstanding achievement in the discipline. By taking advantage of summer course offerings and through hard work and determination in the classroom, he graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in economics in just three years.

Lynn’s stellar academic achievement created the opportunity for him to consider two prestigious employment offers, one as a research assistant to an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia and the other as a management analyst with the U.S. Government Accountability Office in Washington, D.C. He accepted the latter.

Roughly 18 months into his new position, he was assigned the task of gathering information to respond to questions raised by the then-comptroller general, Elmer B. Staats, regarding the magnitude of the government’s unfunded liability associated with the federal civilian and military service retirement systems. Based on this task and many related subsequent questions from the U.S. Congress, during the next 15 years, Lynn became an expert in federal employee pension plans. By request, during his last 18 months with the GAO, Lynn was assigned to the U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs Committee to assist in designing a new retirement plan for federal civilian employees.

At the conclusion of his Senate committee assignment, Lynn decided to use his expertise to start his own company. He left the GAO in 1986 to establish Government Retirement & Benefits Inc., where he serves as president and CEO. GRB is a private benefits consulting firm that provides assistance to federal agencies’ human resources personnel and educates rank and file government employees regarding their federal employment benefits. Headquartered in Alexandria, Va., it was the first private firm to provide a comprehensive retirement benefits calculator. As a result of the firm’s outstanding success, Lynn was able to establish additional operations in Florida, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. GRB is now run by Peter and Joyce Lynn’s two sons, Peter Jr. and Michael. Today, the firm provides...
a complete range of services, including counseling, training and software technologies, to more than 1 million federal employees and retirees.

“Whatever success I may have attained I attribute to what I learned from my mother, my wife, my military service, my Lycoming College education and my GAO employment,” Lynn said.

The Lynns have five grandchildren, ranging in age from 5 to 17, and now spend their time in both Naples, Fla., and Laporte, Pa. Their sprawling homestead in Northeast Pennsylvania’s scenic Endless Mountains Region is just 45 minutes from campus. It’s the perfect location for Lynn to stay readily connected with his alma mater and also lead the board as it continually plans for the College’s future, which includes hiring a president for the first time in nearly a quarter century.

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On a micro basis, we simply want to give back to the institution that has been significantly responsible for the overall quality of our lives and the lives of our children and in some small way assist others to begin on a similar road. There’s no question that, for most students, attaining a higher education is very expensive, and we are dedicated to providing financial assistance to hopefully make it a more affordable proposition.

On a macro basis, my wife and I strongly believe education, not just in this country but in all countries, is essential in providing for the greatest potential for resolving world problems.

Dr. James Douthat has served as Lycoming’s president for the last 23 years. What comes to mind when you think about what he has accomplished at the College?

While a great many things have been accomplished under President Douthat’s leadership, perhaps his two most significant achievements concern the College’s endowment and national ranking. Because of his prudent management of operational costs, financial discipline, two very successful capital campaigns and investments, the size of the College’s endowment has increased more than six-fold. This translates to having an endowment per student of approximately $125,000—which is far greater than most all of our peer colleges.

In terms of status, Lycoming is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a Tier 1 higher education institution, and as one of the top select small, liberal arts colleges in the U.S.

Among the many ways you and Joyce support Lycoming is through endowed scholarships and capital projects such as the Joyce Lynn House at The Commons. What prompted you to support the College?

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What are the College’s top priorities during the next five to 10 years?

In terms of its plant and facilities, last year the board and administration adopted a long-term master plan for the campus. It identifies improvements and additions the College needs to consider in order to have the best-in-class facilities to support the College’s mission, academic programs and residential experience. In addition to the renovation of many of the College’s existing facilities, the plan includes two major construction projects—a new student union center and a multiuse planetarium facility. With respect to the latter, new developments in technology called ‘full dome video’ make it possible to use planetarium space for much more than physics and astronomy.

Academically, the College must focus on and consider what changes may be needed to enhance curriculums offered and ways in which to better prepare students for life after graduation. One of my particular areas of interest is seeing an increase in internship opportunities for students. Internships are very important because they allow students to apply what they have learned in the classroom. Students not only benefit from the opportunity to experience ‘life in the real world,’ but perhaps most importantly the opportunity to experience working in their endeavored field.

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

I’m afraid the financial future is bleak for many private liberal arts colleges and consequently, many will be forced to close. Due to ever increasing operational costs and decreasing student financial aid, these colleges have to draw down their endowments to fund current operations at an increasing rate. Lycoming is extremely fortunate. During the last 20 some years, President Douthat and the board of trustees together have brought the College a long way, but we can’t rest on our laurels. However, to help assure long-term survival, the College must continually strive to manage operating costs, increase the endowment and find more ways to make obtaining a higher education degree affordable.

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By Jerry Rashid

When Dr. Keith Sprunger began teaching at Bethel College in 1963, he probably had no clue that the town of North Newton, Kan., population 1,750, would become a launching pad for college professors. He and his wife, Aldine, raised their three children, David, Mary and Phil, in a house that’s just a stone’s throw away from campus. That proximity conveniently allowed their children to frequently roam around campus and, by osmosis, embrace the ethos of a private, liberal arts education.

Now an emeritus professor of history, Sprunger retired from North America’s oldest Mennonite college in 2001, after 38 years of service in the classroom. Bethel, with an enrollment of approximately 500 students, is the alma mater of all three Sprunger children. And all three have proudly followed their father’s scholarly calling: David is a professor of English at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.; Mary is a professor of history at Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia; and Phil is a professor of economics at Lycoming College.

Phil began his teaching career at Lycoming in 1993 after earning a Ph.D. in economics from Indiana University in Bloomington. Last summer, he moved one more rung up the academic ladder when he was promoted to provost and dean of the College.

“A college such as Lycoming was very attractive to me because I knew I liked the kind of academic community that a residential, liberal arts college offers,” Sprunger said. “And I’ve been here ever since. I guess I embraced Lycoming College because my focus wasn’t singularly on teaching economics, though I’ve absolutely enjoyed that and the students over the years. But I’ve also been very active in different kinds of governance, service and corporate work on campus for many years, which made it much easier for me to step into the role of provost.”
New challenges

For Sprunger, who has spent nearly 20 years in the classroom at Lycoming, the administrative move has brought a mixed bag of challenges. The biggest, he says, is that he is now in an active and influential position for filling a variety of faculty positions on campus. While it’s important to have qualified people on the job, he acknowledges that the key is recruiting well in the first place and then serving as a mentor, either directly or indirectly.

He also has had to learn new time management skills. Gone are the larger blocks of time he became accustomed to as a professor, as he now finds himself multitasking and shifting gears on an hourly basis.

And he is fully embracing his newfound role as one of the campus’ primary problem-solvers.

“I have to often try to do troubleshooting and find creative ways of solving problems that other people have found difficult,” Sprunger said. “If there were simple solutions, they wouldn’t be in my office. A lot of what I do is problem-solving, and I enjoy that because most resolutions don’t just happen – you have to work on them.”

While Sprunger is adjusting quite well to the demands of his position, he is quick to point out that his new livelihood also has given him a unique opportunity.

“As provost, one part of the job that I’ve enjoyed is that it’s a college-wide position,” Sprunger said. “I’ve been able to interact more with students from a broader variety of majors and interests than I used to as an economics professor. That’s been a refreshing change.”

As the chief academic administrator, Sprunger is charged with oversight of curricular and instructional affairs and supervision of the faculty, all in support of the College’s mission. He’s had a leg up on the ever-important role of building relationships with the faculty, because many of those relationships were forged through years of working side-by-side with his colleagues in the Academic Center and elsewhere on campus.

“Those relationships that I built among the faculty made my transition easier and now give me some insight into our programs as well as their challenges and issues,” Sprunger said. “I think faculty members approach me knowing that I’m someone who understands where they’re coming from. I thought there’d be a greater transition than there actually has been. I do wear a lot more ties now, so I look much different than I used to.”

Internal examination

At the forefront of Sprunger’s to-do list is guiding the College’s “blueprint committee,” which consists of a representative from each academic department. The group is tasked with carefully examining Lycoming’s course distribution system and related graduation requirements.

The committee has already begun to look at how the system fits into the College’s vision for education. This fall, it will begin reviewing the distribution or general education programs at other private, liberal arts colleges to see where Lycoming is doing well and where it might want to make minor or significant adjustments. Once that process is completed, the committee will draft a general blueprint for the graduation requirements. The following year, a smaller committee will take that blueprint and develop a detailed proposal. Ultimately, the faculty and board of trustees will have to approve it before any change is implemented.

Sprunger says Lycoming’s current distribution system is fairly traditional and very flexible and that there are not a lot of specific courses a student must take; English composition is the only required course. All others are part of a group that students can choose from based on their interests and talents.

“The idea of the program currently, and I expect into the future, is that in addition to the major, where students are focusing on a particular subject, the distribution system requires them to distribute the courses that they take across a broad array of disciplines and areas of study. Math majors have to take courses in the humanities and fine arts. And fine arts majors have to take courses in math, while business majors have to take courses in all of those areas. We want everyone to build a broad base, because you never know what area you’re going to need later in life.”

Embracing human interaction

New technologies are continually emerging on campuses across the country. As a result, the standard of a professor lecturing behind a podium is fading away. Printed textbooks are fighting for survival as classrooms become much more interactive. But even with these changes, Sprunger believes the host of benefits associated with attending a private, residential college will never die. While the burgeoning information technology world will continue to play a major role in the ongoing learning process, he says it’s paramount that students have the opportunity to mix technology with human interaction.

“Is the future where students will just go home and sit in their parents’ basement after high school and spend four years taking online courses and come out a well-rounded and well-educated person? I don’t think so,” Sprunger said.

He strongly believes that for students to successfully transition into the workplace and the world around them, they must learn to interact with others. There has to be that “back and forth and back and forth relationship,” which is developed through activities such as living with fellow students on campus, being involved in clubs and organizations, participating in varsity athletics and having the opportunity to play ultimate Frisbee on the quad in between classes. These types of actions, he says, recharge the batteries.

“The residential experience, the fact that everyone is in one place, allows people to move from activity to activity,” Sprunger said. “You can move from those activities in a way that could never be achieved in an all-electronic world. Electronics are going to open a lot of doors for us learning-wise, and we will certainly embrace them, but an all-electronic based education can never replicate the full experience that you get at a residential college such as Lycoming.”
Leadership change: Regina Collins has handed over the reins of the Freshman Dean’s Office to Andrew Kilpatrick.

Every student matters to the assistant dean for freshmen
On Sunday, June 10, prior to the arrival of soon-to-be-Lycoming students and their families for the first summer orientation session of the year, Andrew Kilpatrick, newly-appointed assistant dean for freshmen, addressed the students of his Summer Orientation Staff (SOS):

"Today, none of us are declaring our candidacy for president of the United States. Today, none of us are performing a lifesaving surgery on anyone. Today, none of us are flying to the moon. But today, what we are doing is welcoming young people and their parents into this Lycoming College community."

From its inception, the role of the Freshman Dean's Office has always been to help new students – freshmen and transfers alike – to transition to campus life and college-level work.

In 1964, Jack Buckle, dean of students, piloted the College’s first summer orientation program. Freshmen, accompanied by at least one parent, were invited to campus in groups of 50 or 60 for a two-day orientation. Students were tested, advised and given class schedules and library instruction. While they were occupied, the College provided a full program for their parents, including introductions to the academic and student life programs.

In 1990, as part of an effort to bolster retention, encourage academic achievement and build College loyalty, Mary Wolf became Lycoming’s first assistant dean for freshmen. She launched the freshman orientation program, Crossing Thresholds, which became an instant success, and remained in the position until Regina Collins filled the role in 1999.

“At Lycoming, we take pride in being a small, private, four-year, residential, liberal arts college,” says Kilpatrick, who transitioned from his role as director of residential life to the new position after Collins retired at the end of the 2011-12 academic year. “That’s who we are and that’s what we do. We strongly believe that integration and retention go hand-in-hand. The purpose of the freshman dean is not only to welcome people on day one, but to support them throughout that entire first year.”

In addition to summer orientation, that support includes First Weekend programming, academic support and the freshman community service project. The office works extensively with nearly every other department on campus.

“One of the things I enjoyed most about the position was the opportunity that I had to work with, I believe, every individual on this campus,” said Collins. “I don’t know that everybody can say that, but it has been a pleasure for me to get to know everybody, to work with them and to appreciate how generous and kind everybody was.”

Students and parents benefit tremendously from that level of integration. “One of the things I emphasized at orientation is to trust in the decisions the students are making, and also to trust in the fact that we as a campus community provide tremendous amounts of support,” continued Collins. “Students rarely make decisions on their own. They always have the guidance and the advice of their advisors, their coaches, their professors, their RAs and the student orientation staff. There’s an awful lot of support surrounding them.”

One of the connections the former assistant dean for freshmen enjoyed most was a “really special relationship” with Lycoming’s coaching staff. Now, Collins will enjoy the other side of that relationship, as she will take over as head coach of the men’s and women’s cross programs in addition to teaching part-time in the mathematics department.

Kilpatrick is transitioning smoothly into his new role, having just finished welcoming the third group of summer orientation students. “I loved my previous job, and I already love my new job.”

To the position, he brings the same philosophy that he held in his former role in residential life – that every single student who comes to Lycoming is unique.

“My role is to go after the one but never lose sight of the 99,” Kilpatrick said. “There may be somebody limping along in regards to academics, or dealing with social issues or something else. The freshmen dean’s role is to reach out to this person, and that’s the real blessing of a small college like Lycoming. Small is important, small is good and small is not a negative. It allows us to go after the one but never stop giving energy and attention to the 99.”
From baseball

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TO BARLEY

Dick Yuengling Jr. ’66 has the family
brewery business soaring

By his own admission, Dick Yuengling Jr. ’66 was quiet
and not too keen on speaking up in class. He once
naively caused quite a commotion with the campus
administration when he dangled a neon sign from his
residence hall window to promote his family’s brewery
business, D.G. Yuengling & Son Inc.
In all, he enjoyed his collegiate experience, especially having the opportunity to play baseball for Budd Whitehill. But at the time, he already knew what he wanted to do with the rest of his life. So, as an 18-year-old with an entrepreneurial bloodline, he left Lycoming College after just two semesters with his mind set on working at the brewery. Roughly 20 years later, he would buy the company from his ailing father and become president. And what he’s been able to accomplish since that time speaks volumes.

He is the fifth-generation Yuengling to own the business. When he assumed control in 1985, sales were sluggish and the company was on the verge of bankruptcy. Among the significant decisions he made to bolster sales were to reintroduce a decades-old lager and add a light beer to Yuengling’s product line. And by purchasing a production and distribution plant in Tampa, Fla., from Stroh’s brewery in 1999, he’s been able to increase overall capacity and make important inroads throughout the Southeast. From 1997 to 2007, Yuengling managed to double the company’s volume.

Today, according to the Brewers Association, which tabulates production statistics for U.S. breweries, of the top 50 brewing companies based on 2011 beer sales volume, Yuengling is ranked fourth behind the industry’s big three: Anheuser-Busch Inc., MillerCoors and Pabst Brewing Co.

“We went from 127,000 barrels when I bought the company to 2.5 million last year,” Yuengling said. “The three major breweries, which have about 80 percent of the beer business in the United States, their sales are flat or down. And here we are growing and we’re only in 14 states. So it’s kind of neat. It’s a really gratifying experience because we know where we came from.”

Family-owned and operated in Pottsville, Pa., since 1829, Yuengling Brewery proudly stakes its claim as America’s Oldest Brewery. Originally founded as the Eagle Brewery, the company is still identified with the qualities of strength and pride symbolized by the American eagle. Each Yuengling label bears the eagle trademark chosen by founder David Yuengling, who migrated from Wurttemberg, Germany.

Yuengling says success in the beer business comes down to one basic element—volume.

“You have to run your plants at capacity,” Yuengling said. “We’re certainly doing that here. We’re almost there at the Tampa plant—the first year we got about 60,000 to 70,000 barrels out of it and this year they’ll do close to a million barrels, so we’re growing in the Southeast. It’s just a matter of being patient when you try to develop new markets. And now it’s really taken off. We’re just really lucky. It’s been quite a ride. It’s interesting; there aren’t too many people going through that in the manufacturing business in this country today, whether it’s beer or something else.”

To produce palate-pleasing beer, Yuengling says it’s vital to have an understanding of the various yeasts and how they work. It’s the most critical ingredient, as it carries through in the beer’s flavor and character. He also says it’s paramount to maintain extremely clean facilities, because if the yeast gets contaminated and is used, “the beer won’t ferment correctly and you can really run into trouble.”

While the company is content with its product line that features seven different beers, Yuengling is not afraid to develop new flavors from time to time. Last year, the brewery introduced Oktoberfest.

“That was a real winner,” Yuengling said. “We only produced it in kegs last year, but we ran out before October 1. We started out with the draft because there’s really no investment other than the brew itself. By doing it in kegs, you don’t have to worry about packaging costs, such as labels and 6-pack cartons and carriers. We now plan to do Oktoberfest in bottles and so far the enthusiasm with the orders has been huge. Last year, our sales reps did a great job with it. They wanted me to do that to keep consumers’ interest on different products. And it worked well. That’s why you have salespeople and you listen to them. If you don’t listen to your people, there’s not much point in having them. And you always hire someone who’s smarter than you are, which in my case, is most of our employees. It drives the company.”

Lycoming’s Institute for Management Studies students and faculty members were all smiles after visiting the headquarters of D.G. Yuengling & Son Inc. in Pottsville, Pa., on April 13. They had the privilege of learning about the business side of the brewery during an exclusive presentation by president and CEO Dick Yuengling Jr. ’66 (far left), who also joined them on a guided tour of the facility.
Art, culture and the Great Wall
By Casey Spencer ’05

When Lynn Estomin, professor of art, began the department’s May Term abroad program in 1995, she aspired to take students to China to climb the Great Wall. “As a photographer, the place I dreamed of photographing was the Great Wall,” she said. That trip, out of reach at the time, was finally realized this May as 24 members of the College community spent 15 days in the country.

The travelers, which in addition to art faculty and students, included Lycoming alumni, an emeritus faculty member, a professor of theatre and a librarian, journeyed by plane, train, bus, cruise ship, dinghy, gondola, rickshaw and foot, meeting people and experiencing Chinese art and culture.

Highlights of the trip are almost too numerous to list. The course took the group to the former military factory complex that is now Art Zone 798 in Beijing, M50 contemporary sculpture center in Shanghai, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and the terra-cotta warriors.

The tour, which Kelsey Conahan ’14 called “the most enjoyable two weeks of culture shock ever,” included lunch with a family in the Hutongs historic district of Beijing, riding horses and bikes on the ancient city wall in Xi’an, cruising the Li and Yangtze rivers past gorges and rice paddies, a tea ceremony at a lush green tea planation, spicy food, bustling markets and a panorama view of the Shanghai skyline from Jinmao Tower.

Estomin and Howard Tran, assistant professor of art, taught many of the same courses traditionally offered on campus, including drawing, painting and photography, in addition to a survey class on the art of China.

“Students enrolled in the abroad course had the opportunity to not only study art, but experience a different culture, meet artists from another country, actually visit historical sites that they have studied in art history classes and explore the contemporary art scene abroad,” said Estomin. “These are experiences that are impossible to replicate in the classroom. Students of past abroad classes have described the experience as life-changing.”

Proving that it’s never too late to take advantage of Lycoming’s May Term opportunities, the 2012 course boasted outstanding alumni participation. Joining the course were Lois (Gilbert) Brown ’72 and husband, Curtis, Katie Ely ’01, Erin Girio-Herrera ’02 and husband, Leonardo, Amanda Mills ’06, Alison Lubold ’11, Ashley Lubold ’11 and recent graduate, Meggie Adams ’12.

Both alums and students echoed fond memories of some once-in-a-lifetime experiences. “We were able to meet and get the signature of the farmer that discovered the terra-cotta warriors while digging a well on his farm,” said Ashley Lubold. “The intense, detailed soldiers were breathtaking; it was hard to imagine so many of them were created by hand.”

Underwater Exploration
By Savannah Hanford ’15

Signing up for Dr. Mel Zimmerman’s tropical marine biology May Term course includes more than just three weeks of note-taking, studying and tests during the first month of summer vacation. The professor of biology has taken more than 200 Lycoming students to the Caribbean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico and Central America as part of the course.

This year, 16 students abandoned textbooks and tanks to spend a week on the island of Roatan, Honduras, at Anthony’s Key Resort in bungalows overlooking tropical reefs. While studying at the Roatan Institute for Marine Science (RIMS), a private teaching and research lab, they played with sea creatures, learned about local customs and had the time of their lives in paradise.

Those 16 students— including recent graduates Steve Wanner ’12 and Brittany Buckley ’12— were enrolled in the field-oriented class which focused
on creatures found in reefs, lagoons, turtlegrass beds and mangrove swamps. They studied how the organisms’ distribution is a reflection of their physical and chemical make-up.

The crew experienced life in the field, participating in two to three dive trips each day along the reefs to explore coral diversity and reef health. Their wide array of subjects included sponges, squid, octopus, sea turtles and a variety of tropical fish.

“Scuba diving was probably the best part,” said Dacin Kemmerer ’14. “It was amazing being under the water and swimming with all of the life we had just learned about in class. We’re all so used to just seeing things behind a glass.”

Fifteen bottlenose dolphins live at RIMS, where the students had access to a dolphin training and research facility. They heard lectures on dolphins’ ecology and physiology and were then able to snorkel with the dolphins.

Two other special diving trips were part of the package—a night dive and an optional shark dive. Students also had the opportunity to explore a shipwreck, take a tropical forest ecology tour and go on a zip-line canopy tour through the island’s central highland, ending at the sea with a night snorkel.

“We witnessed everything from the transiting of Venus across the sun to sharing a sunken ship with giant black groupers and a moray eel,” said Zeb Buck ’12. “The bioluminescence under the sea at night is a spectacle you must see to believe.”

Twelve of the 16 students who traveled to Roatan were SCUBA certified by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors. Even before their course began, they were training in the Loyalsock Creek in preparation.

Since 1984, Zimmerman has made 24 trips with Lycoming students. He and his wife, Gail, a certified biology teacher, served as directors of the Hofstra University Marine Lab in Jamaica. When the lab closed in 2005, he used a professional development grant to complete an eight-day workshop on tropical marine ecology at RIMS. Following this workshop, he organized Lycoming’s first May Term trip to Roatan in 2007.

Editor’s note: Guides for the trip were Larson, professor of history, and Dr. Len Cagle, assistant professor of German.

**History of Berlin**

**By Dr. Robert Larson**

Few cities have experienced the extremes of power, wealth and influence on the one hand and utter desolation on the other as has Berlin, Germany. All of this history and more was opened to 11 Lycoming students during a May Term excursion that offered three weeks in this great city, experiencing its excitement and variety.

From exhibits commemorating the 300th anniversary of the birth of King Frederick the Great of Prussia, numerous royal palaces and major art galleries to the darkest side of German history – the exhibition on the grounds of the former Gestapo headquarters, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, and Sachsenhausen concentration camp – and finally to remnants of the Berlin Wall, the group was on the go almost every day.

One of the major economic, technological, cultural, educational and political centers of Europe before the First World War, Berlin was a scene of total destruction after the Second World War and then a pawn of the Great Powers for 40 years of the Cold War. For the last 20 years, it has been one of the great building sites of Europe as old neighborhoods were restored and new ones built.

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**Students**

- Dacin Kemmerer ’14
- Zeb Buck ’12
- Brittany Buckley ’12
- Students in front of Sanssouci, King Frederick the Great’s summer palace in Potsdam
- Students at Rheinsberg, Frederick’s pre-kingship residence

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Residence halls re-opened, classes resumed and the dining hall offered brunch, but not for current Lycoming students. More than 200 alumni returned to campus for the festivities of the College’s inaugural Alumni Weekend, May 11-13.

A golf outing at the Williamsport Country Club kicked off the activities on Friday, followed by a beer and wine tasting with more than 180 alumni, guests, current and retired faculty and coaches.

“Classes” on Saturday were offered by Drs. John F. Piper Jr., Sascha Feinstein, Mehrdad Madresehee, Jeff Newman and Richard Hughes. Drs. Jonathan Williamson and Bonita Kolb lectured on the Marcellus Shale activity and its impact on the community.

Following a host of mini-reunions, the weekend culminated with Saturday’s Bicentennial Bash on the Quad, where 200 people enjoyed dinner, drinks, dancing and a live band under a massive tent. A photo booth provided fun for alumni of all eras.

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"The weekend had everything... reunions, reading books, napping on the quad, hanging out in the dorms with my sorority sisters, caf food and even classes. I loved meeting alumni from other decades and hearing about their times on campus. Surprisingly, they had very similar experiences that I had 20, 30 or even 40 years after them. I can’t wait until next year."

Annie DiSante ’06

"The Bash on the Quad had awesome food—four chefs available to cook a variety of tasty foods. And, the Williamsport Club was a great course to play - challenging holes with some very long par fours."

Joe Bunce ’63

"Alumni Weekend was like staying at an all-inclusive Lyco resort with a ton of close friends!"

Jamie (Rowe) Brown ’08

"Truly a great event; everyone involved in the planning deserves a big round of applause. From the dorm living, to the beer and wine tasting to the Bash on the Quad, I enjoyed every aspect. It was so great to see old faces and even meet alumni from years prior. Definitely a great opportunity for all who attended."

Lindsay (Martin) Courteau ’07
Dr. David Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, peppered his keynote address with references to President Harry S. Truman during Lycoming College’s 164th commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 6. He told the 249 seniors that Truman had three “boundary decisions,” dropping the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, racially integrating the United States military and firing General Douglas MacArthur.

When Merle Miller, Truman’s biographer, asked him how he responded to the pundits, politicians and others who were leery of his decisions, Truman said he told them, “I have done the best I can do. I have no regrets.”

Warren informed the seniors that to be able to say those words is to have found a centeredness in one’s life, an axis that connects one’s head with one’s heart around which one’s life can rotate. He says the point and the purpose of a liberal arts education is to help each person to find such a center, to find an axis and to know then to live and to work in an honorable way.

“Now into each life will come boundary decisions,” said Warren, who received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Lycoming. “Some will be highly personal. Some will be political and social and economic and cultural. But already this class of 2012 has made one personal boundary decision. You made it individually and you made it collectively. You chose to come to Lycoming College. And as a consequence, you are marked. You are marked by the experience of this place. Those people sitting adjacent to you and all around you have at some level shared a common experience. But you also have had to craft your own time and your own way and wherever you go, the mark of Lycoming College will be with you.”

Also receiving honorary degrees were Gene L. Dodaro ’73, comptroller general of the United States, Doctor of Laws; Bishop Neil Irons, Lycoming emeritus trustee and executive secretary of the United Methodist Church’s Council of Bishops, Doctor of Humane Letters; and Dr. Marshall D. Welch Jr., a longtime benefactor of the College, Doctor of Science.

Senior class speaker Megan Bullick of Phoenixville, Pa., a double major in creative writing and French, told her classmates, “An old friend of mine once told me that the most enjoyable advice he could offer was to always be honest. Class of 2012, that is the challenge I offer to you: be honest to yourself, and be honest to those around you. It’s simple enough, and that integrity will carry us.”

The Rev. J. Marco Hunsberger, who served as Lycoming’s campus minister from 1989-2007, was the baccalaureate speaker on May 5.
“I have done the best I can do. I have no regrets.”
“We’re neither pure nor wise nor good; we’ll do the best we know. We’ll build our house, and chop our wood, and make our garden grow.” – Leonard Bernstein’s “Candide”

The shower of applause that rose from the standing room only crowd following that final chorus was much warmer than the rain that fell outside the Mary Lindsay Welch Honors Hall on the late-April evening. Among the concert-goers and performers were family, friends, colleagues and students—both past and present—of Dr. Gary Boerckel, professor of music.

All had gathered for the first occurrence of the College’s Last Lecture Series celebrating the career of one of Lycoming’s most tenured faculty members.

It was both fitting and ironic that Boerckel should inaugurate the series. In his 30-plus years at the College, the teacher and pianist touched the lives of countless students. The program, however, was neither a lecture nor, does it seem, will it be the last the College or the community will see of the performer.

Acknowledging those who meant so much to him through the years, Boerckel presented “Encores,” a concert featuring his favorite works performed alongside some of the region’s finest musicians.

“If there’s one thing that I really must do tonight, it’s thank lots of people who have made my career a very happy one,” began Boerckel. “Of course, my musical colleagues and former students who have made music for me all these years and who still seem happy to do so. The College, which gave me a living for many years and educated two of my children; the College that built this fabulous hall and the people who donated to make this such a wonderful place to make music. And then, of course, you, who came to these concerts, week after week, noon concert after noon concert and allowed me to have the life that I wanted to have, a life making music.”

Those performing with Boerckel included Lycoming music instructors Leslie Cullen and Tim Breon, and alumna and instructor Yvonne Mitchell-Sarch ’91. A performance with his wife, Bernadette (Ulrich) Boerckel ’99, was preceded by a fond recollection of their meeting:

“Yes, I was with a group of faculty and students who went to New York to see a couple of Broadway shows,” began Boerckel. The following day, after the long trip, he was holding auditions for an upcoming show. “All of a sudden, as I was playing, a young woman started to sing. And I looked up because I thought she’d walked off the stage of the show I’d seen the night before … I cast her in every show I could and I decided that I just didn’t want to have any more acts without her.”

In a moving finale, Boerckel, joined by a host of former and current students, colleagues and friends, concluded his “Encores” directing excerpts from the first show he led at Lycoming, Bernstein’s “Candide.”

Said Lycoming College President James E. Douthat, “In great appreciation for 33 years of service, not simply to Lycoming College but to thousands of students, to the community of Williamsport and to many people at many other venues who have been a part of Gary’s life as he has been part of our lives, we are not saying goodbye, we’re saying farewell for a while. But we know we’re going to see [him] many times again.”

Boerckel joined Lycoming’s faculty in 1979 and long served as the chair of the music department. A native Philadelphian, he studied at the Settlement Music School and Temple University before earning undergraduate degrees in piano performance and European history from the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music. While a doctoral student at the University of Iowa, he served as pianist for the university’s Center for New Music. He has been a guest soloist with the Jupiter Symphony in New York City, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic and the Williamsport, Susquehanna Valley, Ohio University and Mansfield University symphony orchestras. Numerous solo recitals, including programs devoted to ragtime and early jazz, have taken him to artist series, colleges and universities throughout the country.

Boerckel was the founding director of the Lycoming College Artist Series from 1981-87 and served as the director of the Lycoming Scholar Program from 1989-2002. The College’s Concert at Noon series was inaugurated by Boerckel in 1980. He is the host of WVIA’s weekly radio program, “Music to My Ears” and gives pre-concert lectures for the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra and The Susquehanna Valley Chorale.
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FRIDAY, OCT. 19

8 a.m. to 9 p.m. • Registration
Burchfield Lounge, Wertz Student Center • Sign-in, pick up your complimentary football tickets and mingle with alumni.

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. • Archives Open House
The Archives, Snowden Library

10:30 a.m. • *Thomas B. Croyle ’70 Memorial Golf Tournament
11 a.m. shotgun start • White Deer Golf Course, Rt. 15, Montgomery, Pa. $70 per person

1 to 1:45 p.m. • Sculpture and Stained Glass Walking Tour
Fine Arts Building Lobby • Enjoy a walking tour of the art treasures in the nearby James V. Brown Library and Christ Episcopal Church with Dr. Amy Golahny. Included are marble sculptures that represent the Italian neo-classical style in Williamsport and stained glass windows analogous of those in French cathedrals.

6 p.m. • *Class of 1962 - 50th Reunion Dinner
33 EAST, 33 E. Third Street • $35 per person, contact Amy Dowling (570.321.4134) for registration and dinner choice

6:30 p.m. • *Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
Social Hour 6:30 p.m. • Dinner 7 p.m. • Recreation Center
- Michael Bonnes '01 men’s lacrosse
- Sean Cullen '07 wrestling
- Tim Deasey '02 football
- Keith Jenkins '99 football
- Morgan Mantle '07 softball
- Seneca Reilly '05 volleyball
- Tommy Wesner '04 men’s basketball

Contact Esther Henninger at 570.321.4110 or henny@lycoming.edu for registration

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. • #3rd Annual Beer & Pretzel Tent
Upper Quad • Don’t miss out on the chance to reconnect with alumni and friends under the tent with Tröegs beer and Snyder’s of Hanover pretzels! (Sorry, this event is not open to Lycoming students.) • Walk-ins welcome

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. • Homecoming Welcome Reception
Burchfield Lounge, Wertz Student Center • Sign in, pick up your complimentary football tickets, enjoy some light refreshments and mingle with alumni and friends!

9 a.m. • #AAEB 5K Run/Walk
Begin at Recreation Center, registration begins at 8:15 a.m. • Lace up your sneakers and support the AAEB by participating in its 5K Run/Walk starting on College Place and passing through scenic Brandon Park. Commemorative T-shirt included! Funds raised will benefit the work of the AAEB and its scholarship fund. $20 per person • Walk-ins welcome

9 to 10 a.m. • Lycoming College Choir - Open Rehearsal
Honors Hall • Join Dr. Fred Thayer for a choir rehearsal. All alumni who rehearse are eligible to sing the national anthem at the Homecoming football game immediately preceding the game.

9 a.m. • “Breakfast with Basketball”
Lamade Gymnasium • Join in the alumni men’s basketball game and socialize with fellow fans! Afterward, plan to watch the men’s basketball team as it starts the season with its first practice at 10 a.m.
9 to 10 a.m. Photo Op in the Rising Sun Armchair
The Alumni Association Executive Board (AAEB) is sponsoring a unique fund-raiser. You (and your family) can have your photo taken with President Douthat in the Rising Sun Armchair.

Appointments Available: 9, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45 a.m.
Cost: $25 includes the 5x7 photo in a Lycoming College silver frame. Extra photos $5 each. Funds raised will benefit the work of the AAEB and its scholarship fund.

To make your appointment, call at 570.321.4134
The Rising Sun Armchair was handmade and donated by Gene Landon ’57. It is one of two replicas he fashioned of the 18th century Rising Sun Armchair used by George Washington during the 1787 Constitutional Convention. Dr. John Templeton Jr. commissioned Landon to handcraft an exact replica to be displayed permanently in the Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The original chair and one replica are in Philadelphia on display and cannot be touched. However, Templeton gave Landon permission to create a second exact replica for Lycoming which you have the opportunity to sit in during Homecoming 2012!

9 to 11 a.m. • Archives Open House
The Archives, Snowden Library

9:30 a.m. • Class of 1962: 50th Reunion Campus Tour
Drum Admissions House

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. • Campus Tours
Drum Admissions House • Tours depart from the admissions house at 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

10 a.m. to Noon • Career Services Open House
Career Services, Wertz Student Center, 3rd Floor • Searching for a job? Considering a career change? Need help revamping your resume? Stop by the Career Services Office to get advice and discover all of the resources available to alumni.

10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. • Alumni Brunch and Awards Presentation
Jane Schultz Room, Wertz Student Center
■ Lauren L. Lawson-Zilai ’99 Taunia Oechslin Young Alumnus Award
■ Dr. John E. Marthinsen ’70 Outstanding Achievement Award
■ Gary R. Spies ’72 Dale V. Bower Service Award
■ Charles D. Springman ’59 Angela R. Kyte Outstanding Alumnus Award
$16 per person

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Dining Hall Open
Dining Hall, Wertz Student Center • $5.95 per person; cash only

11 a.m. and 3 p.m. • Volleyball Tri-Match: Lycoming vs. Moravian and Marymount (Va.)
Lamade Gym

Noon • Dedication of the Frank Girardi Bust
Shangraw Athletic Complex • Stop by the field to help us honor Frank Girardi, Lycoming’s legendary football coach.

Noon • Men’s Soccer Game: Lycoming vs. Arcadia
Shangraw Athletic Complex

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12:20 p.m. • Homecoming Parade

1 p.m. • National Anthem
David Person Field • Choir alumni who joined the rehearsal on Saturday morning gather at the west end of the football field before processing onto the field to sing the national anthem.

1:30 p.m. • Football Game: Lycoming vs. Widener
David Person Field

2:30 p.m. • Women’s Soccer Game: Lycoming vs. Arcadia
Shangraw Athletic Complex

3 p.m. • #Annual Blue/Gold Intersquad Swim Meet
Lamade Gymnasium Natatorium • A team/alumni/parent picnic in the atrium will follow the swim meet. Contact Coach Jerry Hammaker at hammaker@lycoming.edu to RSVP • No cost

4:30 p.m. • Post-game Reception
Shangraw Athletic Complex • Join coach Frank Girardi, head football coach Mike Clark ’93 and assistant head coach Steve Wiser ’74 as we celebrate the dedication of the Girardi bust and the new FieldTurf.

5 to 7 p.m. • #All-Alumni Social Hour
DiSalvo’s, 341 E. Fourth St. • Enjoy heavy hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar with Lycoming alumni and friends. Don’t miss out on this happy hour! • No cost

7 p.m. • President’s Annual Dinner
DiSalvo’s, 341 E. Fourth St. • This event is by invitation only. Seating begins at 6:45 p.m.

9 p.m. to 12 a.m. • #Lycoming All-Alumni Gathering
Old Corner Hotel, 328 Court St. • Enjoy late-night snacks, a DJ and cash bar with alumni and friends! • No cost

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

9:30 a.m. • *Heritage Club Brunch with President James and Emily Douthat
Jane Schultz Room, Wertz Student Center • $15 per person; Class of ’62, no charge

10:30 a.m. • Champagne Brunch in honor of Dr. Fred Thayer
Pennington Lounge • Join us for brunch, choir memories and a champagne toast in honor of Dr. Fred and Pat Thayer. • $25 per person.

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- Deadline for reservations (and cancellations) is Oct. 12. Refunds cannot be offered after this date.
- Complimentary football tickets will be available at the Welcome Reception.
- Please call the Alumni Office with any questions at 570-321-4376 or 800-345-3920 ext. 4376 or email alumni@lycoming.edu
- If you would like to have a printed Homecoming Registration Form mailed to you, please contact the Alumni Office.

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Richard Wienecke ’66 lives on a large plot of land tucked away in the middle of the Pennsylvania State Game Lands in Sullivan County. It’s the perfect location for the outdoor enthusiast and avid fisherman. Until he retired in May, he would leave the peace and serenity of the renovated hunting cabin he shares with his wife, Kay, and make the daily 40-minute commute to Lycoming College.

Professor Wienecke began teaching at his alma mater in 1982.

“The most gratifying experience has been seeing the success of the accounting graduates,” Wienecke said. “There have been so many graduates over the years who come back to visit that we recently setup an annual reception at homecoming just for accounting alumni. It’s great to see that, by and large, they are all very successful.”

For Wienecke, the success of the accounting department was surprisingly frustrating at times because he and his colleagues often had trouble meeting the needs of accounting alumni who wanted to hire new graduates. The 150 credit-hour program is demanding and students must successfully complete the outcome assessment exam before graduating, says Wienecke. “Our accounting majors have nearly a 100 percent job placement rate. They participate in internships between their junior and senior years and usually come back with a job offer at the start of their senior year.”

Wienecke feels strongly about the overall competency of Lycoming’s accounting graduates, so much so that he has hired several of them to work for him. Come February, five of the 13 employees at Wienecke and Verrastro PC, a thriving, full-service tax and accounting firm he founded in the mid-1980s that now handles more than 800 clients, are Lycoming graduates. Unfortunately, his daily commutes to the area will not cease any time soon because the business is located just a few miles from campus.

Wienecke has experienced a lot during his three-plus decades at Lycoming. He says there have been tremendous improvements during the last 15 years in the physical facilities, and the College as a whole is now financially very stable. “There also are a lot of very high-quality programs and departments on campus. The Office of Student Affairs is one example. They do a lot of really good things for the students. We are developing the whole person here, not just teaching them in the classroom.”

Wienecke is well aware of the benefits of aiding with the development of young people. Besides the numerous students he has taught and mentored at Lycoming, he and his wife, who have two biological children, David ’92 and Fred, have been longtime foster parents.

“Being the foster parents of 17 children meshed very well with the college students,” Wienecke said. “They would visit the campus to participate in all types of activities ranging from pumpkin carving contests to karate lessons to swimming.”

Although Fred never attended a class at Lycoming, he certainly benefitted from one of his many visits to campus. He met his wife, Dr. Kelli (Beitler) Wienecke ’07, during a chance meeting when the one-time UPS driver made a delivery to her room in Rich Hall. The couple now resides in Erie, Pa., where much to the delight of Professor Wienecke, they enjoy the outdoors, especially boating and fishing on Lake Erie.

While Wienecke has officially left the College on a full-time basis to concentrate on running his CPA firm, don’t expect him to be away for long.

“The College is a very friendly place where I have met a lot of wonderful people,” Wienecke said. “I plan to come back and visit and even teach now and then. I also plan to go to accounting society meetings and alumni events. I am going to miss the family atmosphere on campus.”
Shangraw Athletic Complex receiving upgrades

The Robert L. Shangraw Athletic Complex is in the midst of a major facelift. Projects include the installation of FieldTurf to replace the grass football surface at David Person Field and a prominently displayed bronze bust of legendary head football coach Frank Girardi. The field project is scheduled to be completed in time for the kickoff of the 2012 football season while Girardi’s bust will be officially unveiled during the Warriors’ Homecoming game Oct. 20. Along with improving the overall aesthetics of the football stadium, the addition of an all-weather surface will help eliminate practice space issues at the complex.

“We are incredibly excited about the installation of FieldTurf and the much-deserved recognition for Coach Girardi,” said Mike Clark ’93, Lycoming’s head football coach and director of athletics. “This project will help us to improve an already outstanding facility while at the same time honor one of the greatest coaches in college football history.”

A vast majority of the $1.1 million project was raised during a four-month period beginning in January. More than 325 donors, including many former football players as well as individuals from the Williamsport community and elsewhere, made gifts to honor Girardi’s legacy and strengthen one of the most storied NCAA Division III football programs. Fundraising efforts are continuing for both projects with special donor recognition available for major contributors. For more information, please call (570) 321-4395 or email bell@lycoming.edu.

“We’re very excited about the opportunity to improve the football stadium,” said Steve Wiser ’74, Lycoming’s assistant head football coach. “The improvement it will bring to the program as a whole and the advantage it will give us in recruiting under Coach Clark’s leadership will be great benefits. The time is right to honor Coach Girardi in this special way and to strengthen the program he played a monumental role in building through the years.”

Girardi and Whitehill a part of inaugural MAC Hall of Fame class

The Middle Atlantic Conference, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary, recently announced its inaugural Hall of Fame class, a list of 36 influential and awe-inspiring athletes, coaches and administrators associated with the conference during its first 100 years. Among that list are two legendary Lycoming coaches – Frank Girardi and Budd Whitehill.

“The fact that Lycoming College has two members in the inaugural MAC Hall of Fame is certainly appropriate,” said Mike Clark ’93, Lycoming’s head football coach and director of athletics. “Those two guys are certainly legends in each of their respective coaching fields.”

Both coaches will be honored for their induction at Lycoming’s Athletics Hall of Fame banquet Friday, Oct. 19. Girardi coached Lycoming’s football program for 36 years (1972-2007) and concluded his career as one of the most successful coaches in NCAA history. He compiled an overall record of 257-97-4 (.723), ranking him 15th in all divisions in victories. Girardi is one of only 29 coaches to record 200 or more victories at one school. He led the Warriors to 13 Middle Atlantic Conference titles and 11 NCAA playoff berths, including national championship appearances in 1990 and 1997. He was a 12-time MAC Coach of the Year and recorded 29 consecutive winning seasons (1975-2003).

“Any time you are inducted into a hall of fame, it is an honor,” Girardi said. “To be included in this first year of the MAC Hall of Fame with a very broad and deep class is truly an honor for me.”

When Whitehill started the wrestling program in 1956, he was just two years removed from the end of a career as a minor league pitcher. He was also just two years removed from a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference wrestling title at Lock Haven State Teachers’ College. For the next 37 years, until his death, Whitehill embodied the image that the athletic department came to embrace. He was tough-as-nails, but someone who cared about creating a family-like environment.

“The great success he had in wrestling is as good as anyone has had at the Division III level,” Girardi said. “To go in to the hall of fame with a guy like Budd is a very special honor.”

Whitehill coached 11 teams that finished amongst the NCAA’s top 20 and four amongst the top 10. He mentored the school’s first MAC champions in 1962.
and added nine more titles after that. His 1962 team finished third at the NAIA national tournament. He coached 38 All-Americans, 66 conference champions and four national champions. His overall career record was 376-172-6 (.683).

“He was the founding father of wrestling at Lycoming, and he is still being recognized for it 20 years after he passed,” said Roger Crebs ’87, Lycoming’s wrestling coach. “I think that’s awesome. Budd had a huge impact in my life. I continue to instill those values that he taught me.”

Hinton named Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar
Warrior wrestler Stephen Hinton ’12 (Montclair, Va./Forest Park) capped his spectacular senior season by being named an Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar by Diverse Issues in Higher Education in its May 24 issue.

Diverse Issues established the scholars program, named for the late tennis star, in 1992 to honor outstanding undergraduate students of color. Each sports scholar must be a non-freshman who competes in an intercollegiate sport, maintains a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.20 and is active on his campus or in the community. Hinton is one of 573 student-athletes in the nation to earn the award this year.

A three-time ECWC All-Academic Team member and a two-time NWCA Scholar All-American, Hinton finished his senior year with a 19-4 overall record, three pins and five major decisions. He went 12-1 in dual meets and won the ECWC title at 125 pounds en route to taking the ECWC Most Outstanding Wrestler award.

The criminal justice major finished with a 49-37 career mark at Lycoming. Besides his work on the mat, Hinton helped organize the wrestling team’s booth at the College’s Relay for Life and participated in the event three times. He also coached and provided wrestling instruction for the Rats Wrestling Club and participated in local flood cleanup efforts with the wrestling team in 2011-12.

Marasco and Strausser named Athletes of the Year
Football player Anthony Marasco ’12 and women’s lacrosse player Brooke Strausser ’13 were named Lycoming’s Male and Female Outstanding Athletes, respectively, at the College’s Honors Convocation. Cross country runner Michelle Herman ’13 earned the Sol “Woody” Wolf Award.

Marasco is the 19th football player to earn the award. The Philadelphia, Pa., native became the first Lycoming player to earn the MAC Defensive Player of the Year award in 2011, as he led the league in tackles for loss with 20, posted 8.5 sacks and finished the season with a team-high 59 tackles. In addition to earning the team’s MVP and defensive lineman of the year award, he was named to the AFCA All-American squad, the D3football.com All-American Second Team, the Associated Press Little All-America Third Team and the D3ProDay.com All-American First Team.

Strausser, a midfielder, has developed into one of the most talented players in the league, earning all-conference honors in each of her first three years. She turned into the Warriors’ top offensive producer in 2012, as she scored a career-high 52 goals and led the team with 55 points. She also led the team with 46 groundballs, 63 draw controls and 24 caused turnovers. The co-captain started the season with six straight hat tricks. Her 52 goals are the eighth-most in school history.

Herman immediately made an impact on the Warriors, running a school-record 24:14.90 during the NCAA Mideast Regionals as a freshman. She became the first cross country runner to earn All-MAC honors since 1995 when she placed 18th at the conference championships Oct. 29.

WARRIORS TO SPORT NEW LOOK
Since the late 1940s, Lycoming College has been represented by just two athletic logos: a profile of a Native American warrior and a block-letter L. That will all change this fall when a new logo is unveiled.

Phoenix Design Works has been contracted to lead the development of the new imagery, which must receive approval by the College’s board of trustees. To help guide its design efforts, the firm is using feedback from students, faculty, staff and alumni, who were surveyed by the College’s logo/mascot review committee. The nickname “Warriors” and the school colors of blue and gold will remain intact.

In 2005, the board voted to retire the warrior logo, largely in response to the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s restrictions on the use of Native American mascots and logos. Since that time, Warrior athletics has been represented by a block-letter L.

Members of the committee include Mike Clark ’93, director of athletics and head football coach; Sarah Cox ’13, executive vice president of student senate; W. Clark Gaughan ’77, president, Alumni Associate Executive Board; Dr. Sue Gaylor, vice president for administration and planning; Angelika Maryniak ’12, student representative; Dan Miller, dean of student affairs; Sarah Quigley ’14, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and women’s lacrosse player; Jerry Rashid, director of college relations; John Sibel ’15, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and football player; Gary Spies ’72, alumni representative; and Dr. John Whelan, professor of philosophy and faculty athletic representative.
Dear Friends,

Last fall, we took four Lycoming College seniors to Manhattan to job shadow with alumni who work in NYC and participate in a Student and Alumni Meet and Greet. Our goal was to offer practical experience in the fields the students were interested in pursuing, while learning the value of networking and building professional relationships. The day was met with overwhelming success and it never was more clear: Lycoming College alumni play a vital role in helping our current students to become first-rate candidates for today’s challenging job market.

By volunteering to mentor a student through a job interview, reviewing a resume or providing an internship experience, our alumni can help our students develop the competitive edge they need in the workforce. Lycoming alumni can also benefit from networking with other quality professionals to enhance or redirect their career.

A Networking & Mentoring Program has developed with the goal of pairing alumni with current students who wish to gain from the benefit of their experience. The long term goal of the project is to create new and exciting career possibilities for both the mentor and the student. Upon registering, mentors indicate their industry, characteristics of those who would excel in their industry and the area(s) of volunteer interest (including, but not limited to, speaking with a student over the phone about his/her profession, mentoring a student through a job interview process or offering a job shadow experience). Mentors are encouraged to attend Lycoming regional events in an effort to enhance their professional network and connect with other mentors.

Jack Tarditi ’63 and Audrey (Hons) Sherrick ’76 co-chair the Networking & Mentoring Program, a platform that they believe has the potential to significantly enhance professionally alumni and students alike. We ask you to please join the growing number of alumni who are seriously committed to helping Lycoming students succeed in every way!

REGISTER ONLINE AT http://www.lycoming.edu/alumni/networkingMentoring.aspx or call 570.321.4134.

Warmly,

Amy S. Dowling ’04

Students benefit from alumni vision in Philadelphia

A passion for community building and collaboration led to a unique experience at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (PAFA) for several Lycoming College students, faculty and staff. Following the 2012 Black History Month Dinner, speaker V. Chapman-Smith ’72 and her husband, Robert Smith ’73, returned to their home in a historic Philadelphia neighborhood. Soon after, they shared a vision for a student trip to Philadelphia that would merge art, culture, history and friendship. They spoke with a neighbor, David Brigham, president and CEO of PAFA, who eagerly agreed to lead a tour of the Henry Ossawa Tanner Modern Spirit exhibit.

Tanner was the first black student admitted to the PAFA in 1879. He gained international acclaim with his multiple appearances in the Paris Salon and later with his leadership of the Etaples Artist Colony in Normandy. Tanner is known for his masterfully painted portraits, history paintings, religious narratives and genre paintings.

Following a tour of the exhibit by Brigham and Brian Spies ’01, who was finishing his M.F.A. at PAFA, there was time to explore the museum’s other works.

Later, we were welcomed into V. and Rob’s home, where we shared lively conversation and stories about Lycoming in the 1970s and today around a robust fire. After a most incredible dinner, an impromptu photo shoot and fond farewells, we made our way back to Lycoming, never to forget all that we’d learned about art, history and the power of community and collaboration!
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Don Hughes '72 Hosts
Happy Hour at the Center Club -
Baltimore, Md.- March 29

Seneca Lake, N.Y. Wine Tour -
April 14

Washington D.C. Happy Hour at
Local 16- April 19

Frederick, Md. Happy Hour at
Isabella’s Taverna - April 20

Kelly Separa ’08, Laura DiStefano ’01,
David Zablocki ’11, Danielle
Mulvey ’11

Melissa (Wright) Webb ’06 (second
from right) and family

Danielle Palleschi ’07, Amy (Gate-
house) Smith ’07, Shannon Town ’07,
Sara Brown ’07

Paul Lamendola ’88, Vanessa
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(Brinegar) Jankowski ’03, Jared
Jankowski ’01

Jimmy Osborne ’07, Dustin Schulman
’10, Paul Broxson ’76, Chip
Edmonds ’98, Christine Coale

Julie and Sidney ’77 Gable

Andy Brown ’99, Colleen Heisey ’99,
Greg Bell ’99

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Johnson ’77, Dave Bleistein ’77

Don Hughes ’72, W. Clark ’77 and
Carolyn Gaughan

Daniel ’74 and Linda Wright

Kelly Rose ’11, Jamie Drucker ’09,
Sabrina Eddington ’11

Carolyn (Bourne) ’69 and Don Court

Flo and Hugh ’51 Councill

Joe ’62 and Jane Bunce

Katie (Wuestner) Bell ’00, Bill Corson
’59, Rebecca Brocious ’90, Greg Bell
’99, Anne Landon, MaryJo (Caschera)
Campana ’87

Megan (Miller) Kirk ’05, Jim
Burger ’72

Gerald Lechliter ’67, Bud Frampton ’66

Ben Landon ’89, Seth Burch ’89

Dinner at The Wharf in Lewes, Del. - April 21

33 East Happy Hour, Williamsport, Pa. - June 1
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Saturday, Sept. 8 • Delaware Valley College Football Stadium
Football Game: Lycoming vs. Del Val - 11:30 a.m. picnic, 1 p.m. kickoff
Show your Warrior Pride! Enjoy a picnic lunch with alumni, parents and friends under a tent at Del Val’s football field, then take to the stands to cheer for LYCO!
$10 per person, RSVP by Sept. 4 preferred, walk-ins welcome

Friday, Sept. 14 • Manayunk Brewing Company
Networking Happy Hour, 6-8:30 p.m.
4120 Main St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Join us for Happy Hour in Manayunk! Your first drink and appetizers are on us. Network and socialize with fellow Lycoming alumni and friends living in the greater Philadelphia area.
No cost, RSVP by Sept. 12 preferred, walk-ins welcome

Friday, Oct. 12 • Alexander’s Tavern, Fell’s Point
Networking Happy Hour, 6-8:30 p.m.
710 South Broadway, Baltimore, Md.
Celebrate the end of the work week with complimentary appetizers, happy hour drink specials and Lycoming alumni! Network and socialize in support of your alma mater.
No cost, RSVP by Oct. 10 preferred, walk-ins welcome

Friday, Nov. 9 • Mad Hatter, DuPont Circle
Washington, D.C. Student and Alumni Meet and Greet 6:30-8:30 p.m.
1319 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D.C.
Network with fellow alumni in the greater D.C. area while sharing your memories from Lycoming and real world experience with Lycoming students job shadowing in D.C. Complimentary appetizers and cash bar in the Mad Hatter’s Up Bar.

Saturday, Nov. 10 • Tröegs Brewing Company, Hershey
Brewery Tour and Reception 5-7 p.m.
200 E. Hersheypark Drive, Hershey, Pa.
Take a self-guided tour of Tröegs Brewing Company’s new Hershey facility before joining alumni and friends in the Barrel Aging Room for handcrafted beer and hors d’oeuvres.
$20 per person, RSVP by Nov. 1
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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Send your Class Notes information to:
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1951
The Rev. William Alberts (social studies) recently published a book, “A Hospital Chaplain at the Crossroads of Humanity.” William, who retired last July, served as chaplain at Boston Medical Center from 1992-2012. The book is based on his visits with 53 patients and their families. He and his wife, Eva, have four daughters and a son, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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1965
Patricia (Gortner) Dietrich (biology) has been appointed to the board of directors of the Indiana County (Pa.) Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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Kathryn Lentinhal (sociology) retired in 2007 as director of probation and community corrections for Tompkins County, N.Y., after 21 years of service. She is relocating to Rio Rico, Ariz.
State Sen. E. Eugene Yaw (business administration) received the Israel Unity Award at the Central Pennsylvania State Israel Bonds Dinner on April 22 in Williamsport.

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Ray Campbell (biology) has been appointed director of environmental health and safety at Astro Pak Corporation in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Edgar recognized as leader in nonprofit sector

Bob Edgar ’65 has been honored by The Nonprofit Times in its annual “Power & Influence Top 50” listing of nonprofit executives.

Edgar is the president and CEO of Common Cause, a nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to restoring the core values of American democracy, reinventing an open, honest and accountable government that works for the public interest, and empowering ordinary people to make their voices heard.

The list celebrates some of the nonprofit sector’s top executives and strategists. Edgar is in good company, appearing along with leaders such as Bill Gates, co-founder of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Brian Gallagher, president and CEO of United Way Worldwide. This is the fourth time Edgar has received the recognition.

Edgar has led Common Cause since 2007, arriving there with a long history of leadership and public service that includes 12 years in Congress. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974, and during six terms he led efforts to improve public transportation, fought wasteful water projects and authored the community Right to Know provision of Super Fund legislation. He served on the committee that investigated the deaths of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and President John F. Kennedy and also served on the Veterans Affairs Committee, working on issues involving Agent Orange and readjustment counseling to treat post-traumatic stress disorder.

Edgar was the general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S. for seven years before arriving at Common Cause. He is the author of “Middle Church,” a call to progressive people of faith to take back the moral high ground from the extremists and make America a better and less divided country.

In addition to a bachelor’s in history from Lycoming, Edgar earned a Master of Divinity from the Theological School of Drew University and holds five honorary doctoral degrees.

An alumni band reunion at Bethany United Church in Palmyra, Pa., in June. Seated from left are Melinda Alford ’67, Evie (Curtis) Mann ’67 and Gretchen (Pasel) Ward ’67. Standing are Dr. Glen Morgan, Barb (Seese) Dearing ’77, Donna Shambaugh ’78, Scott Gelnett ’75, Andy Bucke ’71, Gloria (Bodtorf) Clark ’67, Art Montgomery ’70, Richard Clark ’68, Carol Lindsay ’72 and Robert Winter ’68.

Alumni from the Classes of 1974-77 reunited for some golf in the Poconos. Pictured from left are Jeff Swenson ’76, Kelsey Green ’74, Andy Herb ’76, Steve Keech ’76, Greg Bussy ’74, Bill Mellor ’76, Dave Melick ’77 and Wayne Grear ’74.
Martha “Mattie” (Parker) Schadt (sociology) has been recruiting for a wide variety of companies in the Boston area for the last 20 years and also has fun dabbling in community theater. She hopes to audition for Cirque du Soleil.

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Nancy (Beecher) Christy (psychology) retired after working for 35 years as a high school counselor. She volunteers at her church, enjoys collecting American cut glass and is planning an October wedding for her daughter.

Haydn McLean (biology) had an article, “One More Hat in the Ring,” accepted for web access through the George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health on their SOERCE link for spiritual assessments.

1977
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The Rev. James D. Anderman (business administration) is the new pastor of Covenant United Methodist Church in Springfield, Pa. He served as pastor of Salem United Methodist Church in Allentown for the last five years.

1978
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Debbie (Maisano) Dunne (sociology) published a co-authored article, “Teaching Tolerance with Culture Clubs,” in the January “Multicultural Literature” issue of Book Links, a literature-based resource for the classroom. She has been teaching for 34 years.

1979
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AAEB offers photo in Rising Sun Armchair with President Douthat

The Alumni Association Executive Board (AAEB) is sponsoring a unique fundraiser at Homecoming this year. You (and your family) can have your photo taken with President Douthat in the Rising Sun Armchair. The chair was handmade and donated by Gene Landon ’57. It is one of two replicas he fashioned of the 18th century Rising Sun Armchair used by George Washington during the 1787 Constitutional Convention. Dr. John Templeton Jr. commissioned Landon to handcraft an exact replica to be displayed permanently in the Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The original chair and one replica are in Philadelphia on display and cannot be touched. However, Templeton gave Landon permission to create a second exact replica for Lycoming, which you have the opportunity to sit in during Homecoming 2012!

Make sure you call to reserve a time to support your alumni board and take advantage of this special opportunity!

Appointments Available:
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 • 9, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45 a.m.
Jane Schultz Room, Wertz Student Center

Cost:
$25 for photo in a Lycoming College silver frame. Extra photos $5 each.

Call today to make your appointment
570.321.4376
No walk-ins

Funds raised will benefit the work of the AAEB and its Scholarship Fund.
At 6:30 a.m. on June 6, a Lycoming College contingent stood at low tide on Omaha Beach. The sun was low on the horizon and the air was quiet – a late spring day and a perfect morning for a walk at the water’s edge. This scene was far different from Omaha Beach on the same date in 1944, when thousands of men lost their lives crossing the Normandy beaches during the largest military invasion ever staged: D-Day, the ‘Debarquement’ that led to the end of WWII.

Only a few dozen other hardy souls had come out to mark the exact time the landings began. Like D-Day, however, the tide was low so the visitors could appreciate the great distance the invaders had to cover – some 400 yards – before they found their first cover. For two members of the tour, the moment was especially poignant: Pam Walsh’s father had landed on Omaha on D-Day and Bob Fredrickson’s uncle landed on Utah just a few miles away.

Organized through the Office of Alumni Relations, Bob and Mike’s Excellent European Battlefield Adventure included 23 alumni, professors and friends of the College led by Dr. Robert Larson, professor of history, and retired Col. Mike Ellicott, a former instructor at West Point and a 26-year Army veteran.

The tour began in London on June 1 with visits to the Imperial War Museum and Churchill’s War Room, an underground labyrinth of map rooms, encryption equipment, radio installations and living quarters used by the British high command. The weekend was also the beginning Queen Elizabeth II’s Diamond Jubilee; London was decked out in its finest bunting and the streets were filled with people celebrating her 60th year as queen.

The group then crossed the English Channel, following closely the route taken by the Canadian forces. The boat trip became very special when several members met some returning British veterans of D-Day who were on an annual pilgrimage of remembrance. For many, the opportunity to talk with these veterans was the highlight of the entire trip.

Upon arriving in Normandy, the tour spent the next four days in the beautiful, rural province walking the many miles of famous beaches where British, Canadian, French and American troops gained their hold on Europe.

The quiet landscape of fields and hedgerows served as the setting as Larson and Ellicott described the strategy, tactics and heroism of those who fought during those first few days in June 1944. The American Cemetery above the beaches was a particularly moving site as the group witnessed the morning flag-raising.

The journey ended with two days in Paris, where Allied troops marched down the Champs Elysee during liberation, with a marvelous dinner cruise down the Seine River, slowly drifting by the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame.

Besides learning about one of the seminal events in 20th-century history, the trip was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to renew old friendships and forge new ones.
**Connelly to lead Human Genome Sciences**

Deirdre Connelly ’83 will take the helm as president and CEO of Human Genome Sciences following the company’s acquisition by GlaxoSmithKline, one of the world’s leading research-based pharmaceutical and health care companies.

HGS, headquartered in Rockville, Md., exists to place new therapies into the hands of those battling serious diseases.

Connelly has served as president, North America Pharmaceuticals, of GSK since February 2009, and previously led Eli Lilly and Company as president of U.S. operations.

A native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, Connelly earned a bachelor’s degree in economics and marketing from Lycoming. She graduated from Harvard University’s Advanced Management Program in 2000. Among her many accolades, she has been named one of “The World’s 100 Most Powerful Women” by *Forbes* and one of *Fortune* magazine’s “50 Most Powerful Women in Business.”

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**Tom Woodruff** (theatre) was presented with Loyalsock Township (Pa.) School District’s first-ever Distinguished Alumni award in May. He is co-owner of Amalgamated Dynamics Inc. in California.

**1981**

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**1984**

Michael Morelli (music) received the Certified Executive Chef designation from the American Culinary Federation. A culinary instructor at Lincoln College of New England from 2008-11, he is the chef garde manager at The Sagamore Resort in Lake George, N.Y., this summer. His self-published book, “A Concise Guide to Culinary Management,” is available on Amazon.com.

**1985**


**1986**

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Andrew Ripic (accounting) has been appointed to the board of directors of the Tuscarora Wayne Group of Companies of Wyalusing, Pa. He is the general manager of the Wyalusing facility of Cargill Meat Solutions Corp.

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**1989**

David Bonsick (political science) has been named president and CEO of Harrisburg-based company TechQuest.
David Wilk (history) joined the personal injury law section of Lepley, Engelman & Yaw LLC of Williamsport.

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John “Ed” Frick (history) was recently honored with selection, based on a competitive application process, to the American Educational Research Association Division K Graduate Student Seminar. AERA is an international professional organization that seeks to advance educational research and its practical application. He also received the Outstanding Professional Employee of the Year Award from Donegal School District in Mount Joy, Pa.

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Brian Wingard (accounting) was promoted to senior vice president and chief financial officer of County National Bank and principal financial officer of CNB Financial Corporation in Clearfield, Pa. He and his wife, Laura, reside in Curwensville, Pa.

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John McNear (physics) has been named web developer at MoJo Active, an integrated marketing company in Watstown, Pa.

1998
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1999
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Seth Brahler (business) and Martin Burke (sociology) completed the Tough Mudder in Mount Pocono, Pa., in April. The 13-mile endurance course contained 23 obstacles designed by British Special Forces to test strength, stamina, mental toughness and camaraderie.

Colleen Heisey (biology) has been named a 2012 Rising Star by Law360. The award honors attorneys under age 40 whose accomplishments in major litigation or transactions belie their age. She is a partner with Hunton & Williams LLP in Washington, D.C.

2000
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Katie (Wuestner) Bell (business) received an Innovator of the Year award highlighting her work on behalf of regional industries during the recent Manufacturing Innovation 2012 event in Orlando, Fla.

2001
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Dr. Mitchell Marzo (biology), serving the U.S. Army in Fairbanks, Alaska, was recently promoted to Major. He is an army physician, board certified in internal medicine and is chief of the Internal Medicine Department at Bassett Community Army Hospital.

Nicolle (Slapikas) Schnovel (criminal justice) has been named executive director of Berks Connections/Pretrial Services of Reading, Pa.
10th Annual Team Time Out

Seventy-five Lycoming alumni and friends came out for the “Beltway Series” between the Baltimore Orioles and Washington Nationals at the 10th Annual Team Time Out at Camden Yards on Saturday, June 23.

Images from Spies’ show, “Can’t Find My Way Home”

**2002**

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David Geer (art) exhibited a collection of his oil paintings at 6 On The Square in Oxford, N.Y. The paintings depicted scenes that ranged from adobes in New Mexico to chateaux in France.

**2003**

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Tom Coale (political science) was elected to the board of trustees of The Columbia Foundation, which raises, manages and distributes funds to support nonprofits in Howard County, Md.

**2004**

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Christopher and Kendra (Brookhart) ’06 McKee, Scott ’06 and Kirby (Brookhart) ’05 Baker, and Don ’72 and Yvonne Hughes
Kirsten (Newman) Heck (communications) has been named assistant director of development in neurology at the Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine in Baltimore, Md. She also assists the Robert Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins in securing research dollars in the quest for a cure for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Gloria Neeld (criminal justice, psychology), a criminal investigator, recently attended the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s Hope Awards and a Congressional Breakfast where she had the opportunity to speak with John Walsh of “America’s Most Wanted” and Stacia Hylton, the current and first female director of U.S. Marshals.

2005

Kristen Dart
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Rodman Berfield (business, economics) has been promoted to the position of operations manager in Baltimore for Aluma Systems, a worldwide provider of concrete formwork products as well as shoring and industrial services.

2005

Rodman Berfield ’05

Gloria Neeld ’04 (center) with John Walsh and Stacia Hylton.

Gamma Delta Sigma sisters from the Class of 2004 pose at Hoover Dam. From left are Laurie (Rooney) Rodrigues, Lauren (Derrick) Marsh, Faith (Leichliter) Rodill, Lauren (Stickley) Kohl and Cara Demotte.
Carrie Firman (art) has accepted a full-time, tenure-track position as an assistant professor of graphic design at Edgewood College in Madison, Wis.

Robert Cook (physics) earned a Ph.D. in polymer science and engineering from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is employed with Lancer Systems in Allentown, Pa.

Trevor Dolan (business, economics) earned an M.B.A. with a concentration in management from Centenary College in Hackettstown, N.J., in January.

2006

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Rebecca Bogash (psychology) earned a Master of Science in occupational therapy from Philadelphia University. She is working for Genesis Rehab.

Sarah (Hughes) Begley (art history, religion) earned a Th.M. from Holy Cross Seminary in Brookline, Mass., in May.

Erin Dunleavy (history, psychology) has been accepted into Marywood University’s Ph.D. program in human development with a focus in higher education administration. Her co-authored abstract, “Examining the Influence of Aggressive Retention and Case Management with High-Risk HIV Patients,” was selected for presentation at the XIX International AIDS conference held in Washington, D.C., in July.

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Glenn Smith (business) was recently named director of development at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

2007

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2008

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Arielle (Blanton) Schaub (psychology, theatre) earned a master’s in mental health counseling from Medaille College in May. She is working toward her New York State licensure.

Barry Schaub (theatre) earned a Master of Science in education-literacy from Medaille College in May and now has permanent certification to teach in New York.

Lisa Steuer (creative writing) is the senior associate editor at Advanced Research Media, a fitness magazine publishing company based in Long Island, N.Y. She edits and writes columns for online and print publications, which include Fitness Rx for Women, Fitness Rx for Men and Muscular Development.

The Arrow Yearbook is back! The 50-page Class of 2010 edition is finished and available to order. Members of the class are depicted by their graduation photo. Preview the book at www.lycoming.edu/yearbook. Check back soon for the 2011 and 2012 editions.

You now have the ability to add pages to the yearbook, personalizing it with your own text and the photos and memories that matter most to you! Purchase The Arrow as is or with additional pages and include as many pictures and personal memories as you want.

The new customization is an exclusive feature of KCI Custom Yearbooks. Should you need additional information, contact KCI at kci@customyearbooks.com.

For information on ordering copies of books 2009 and earlier, please call the Office of Student Programs and Leadership Development at (570) 321-4118.
Bicentennial Cruise
Twenty-one Lycoming alumni, friends and family enjoyed the first Lycoming Alumni Cruise to Bermuda onboard Explorer of the Seas. What a wonderfully diverse group of people who have a passion for Lycoming! Andy Lunt ’66, who organized the adventure, shared that based on the success of the first excursion, an alumni cruise will be an annual trip! Stay tuned for more information on the next Alumni Cruise.

Hannah White-Gibson (political science) was hired by the central Pennsylvania law firm of Saidis, Sullivan & Rogers. She is a recent graduation of Widener University Law School.

2009
Ashley Wislock
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Gordon Bergstresser (music, political science) graduated from New England Law – Boston in May. He plans to take the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar examinations this summer, and resides in Nazareth, Pa.

2010
Pamela Burke
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Rodney Knock (history) has been named the head football coach at Line Mountain High School in Herndon, Pa.

2011
Bethany Herring
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Lynn Detwiler (creative writing) is a web content developer and copywriter at MoJo Active, an integrated marketing company in Watsontown, Pa.

2012
Corey Fischer ’12 poses with his middle school French teacher, Debbi (Whitield) Lenig ’77. Corey held summer employment at his hometown school district in Clinton Township, N.J. He recently was named an associate investigator with U.S. Investigations Services LLC, which is based in Falls Church, Va.

Register online as part of your Homecoming 2012 registration or call 570-321-4376.
To read a listing of alumni and friends in attendance at many of the weddings shown on this page, please visit www.lycoming.edu/alumni.

1 Erin (Girio) '02 and Leonardo Girio-Herrera, May 23, 2009.


3 Emily Larimore and John A. Bohn II '04, July 30, 2011, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

4 Kirby (Brookhart) '05 and Scott Baker '06, Jan. 21, 2012, in Westminster, Md.

5 Amy (Gatehouse) '07 and Brian Smith '06, Sept. 24, 2011, at Rolling Hills Country Club in McMurray, Pa.

6 Sarah (Hughes) '07 and Philip Begley, Aug. 21, 2010.

7 Rachel (Skinner) '08 and Tyler Barth '08, July 23, 2011, at the First Church of Christ in Lock Haven, Pa. A reception followed at Haywood's on the Water in Williamsport.

8 Victoria (Trotter) '08 and Brandon Wilkinson '09, Sept. 10, 2011.

9 Frances (Faulkner) and Brian Marshall '09, March 3, 2012, in Augusta, Ga.

10 Gillian (Robbins) '09 and Timothy Miller '09, May 20, 2012, in Mount Holly, N.J.

1 Maria (Pizzella) ’91 and Craig Sohns, a son, Landry Flynn, Dec. 1, 2011. He joins brother, Hunter Aiden, 8.

2 Amy (Galka) ’00 and Shaun Mackrell, a daughter Aubrie Ann, May 27, 2011. She joins sister, Ella Mae, 3.

3 Elizabeth (Groft) ’00 and Jay Shallenberger, a son, Grant Flynn, April 10, 2012.

4 Kendra (Craig) ’01 and Kip Seaver, a daughter, Maren Grace, March 5, 2011. She joins brother, Owen.

Kristen (Fedora) ’01 and Terry McLaughlin ’98, a daughter, Molly Shae, Feb. 7, 2012. She joins brother, Grady, 2.

5 Dr. Heather (Wilt) ’01 and Dr. John Coco, a son, Miles Xavier, Feb. 14, 2012. He joins brother, Joseph, 2.

6 Emily (Mingle) ’03 and Stephen Hershberger, a son, Mason Edward, Nov. 25, 2011.

7 Caroline (Iglio) ’04 and Robert Cusson ’05, a daughter, Clara Elizabeth, Sept. 27, 2011.

8 Marijana (Cicak) and Tomislav Cutura ’05, a son, Lovro, March 20, 2012.

9 Krystal (Ray) ’05 and Ryan Brooks ’05, a daughter, Hannah Campbell, Jan. 1, 2012.

10 Lindsay (Morrison) ’06 and Austin Bennett, a daughter, Mackenzie Ann, March 2, 2012.

11 Megan (Carl) ’07 and Glenn Smith ’07, a son, William Jackson, Feb. 25, 2012.
1940
Mary (Shollenberger) Pearson, of Warrenton, Va., Nov. 3, 2011.
Marvin W. Sears, of Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 14, 2011.

1941
John J. Kohberger, of Williamsport, Pa., May 23, 2011.

1942

1943

1947
Paul R. Fullmer, of Duboistown, Pa., June 17, 2012.

1948
John B. Hauze, of Reading, Pa., Dec. 20, 2011.

1949
Barbara J. (Christensen) Andrews, of Lancaster, Pa., June 1, 2012.

1950
John J. Gray, of Columbus, Ohio, June 6, 2012.
J. Nolan Smith, of Williamsport, Pa., March 16, 2012. Among survivors is son, Matthew Smith ’82.

1951

1952

1953
Calvin J. Hill, of Philipsburg, Pa., April 14, 2012.

1956
Andrew E. Spuler, of Williamsport, Pa., May 18, 2002.

1958

1960
Carol A. (Hane) Schofield, of Wilmington, Del., May 9, 2012.

1961
Kenneth L. Koetzner, of Patchogue, N.Y., April 27, 2012.

1962
Thomas P. Davison, of Canton, Pa., March 24, 2012. Among survivors are daughter, Dreste (Davison) Oeler ’86, and son, Michael Davison ’93.

1963

1965

1967

1972

1973
James M. Jones, of Danville, Pa., June 16, 2012.

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Dr. David G. Fisher, professor of astronomy and physics at Lycoming College, eagerly watched the live feed of the Curiosity rover landing on Mars during the early hours of Monday, Aug. 6. Although he stayed up all night to witness history as it unfolded, he was back on campus working the very same day and was kind enough to share his thoughts about the momentous $2.5 billion space project.

Fisher has taught at Lycoming since 1984 and has extensive practical experience with several projects coordinated by the Johnson Space Center of NASA’s History Office. He has participated in setting up a CD database on the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo manned missions, prepared a corrected air-to-ground transcript for the Apollo 11 first lunar landing mission, and compiled CD collections of transcripts from the first several shuttle missions. Fisher is also the author of numerous scientific and professional research papers, and has been co-editor of *USA in Space* and *The Solar System*, a pair of three-volume sets published by Salem Press.

**What type of inspiration will Curiosity provide?**

This is the kind of thing that will spur on kids the way [astronaut] John Glenn spurred me on as a kid to do what I now do. Not everybody is going to be able to grow up and work in the space program. When I was a kid, a lot of us wanted to become an astronaut. The vast majority of us did not, but a lot of us went into science, engineering, became doctors or something professional that otherwise we might not have because we were spurred on to strive for excellence.

This is the perfect thing to get kids interested in what we really must push these days – science, technology, engineering and math. We are moving as a culture in a different direction and this is really going to come back and haunt us. We are getting evermore technological, but you have to have people who know how to build that stuff in the first place. If that base gets less and less, we are not going to continue to enjoy the kind of things that we take for granted. We need things like this to get kids to realize that it is cool to be a scientist or engineer.

**What were you thinking as you watched the landing?**

I have to admit that I was hoping for the best but was prepared that it might not work out. The rover is almost the size of an SUV. It is a really big laboratory that is mobile on the surface of Mars and it carries a lot more scientific instrumentation than previous rovers. It’s either going to answer a lot of questions or allow us to begin to ask new questions. Science is a never-ending quest for answers. This may provide us with results that make us think in new ways.

It is kind of interesting that this is taking place at the same time as the Olympics. This indeed was an international event. It was largely the United States, but involved some other countries as well. To use an analogy from the Olympics, we pulled off a perfect 10, really hit gold on this one. It was a tremendous risk. A quote from President Theodore Roosevelt fits really well here. He said, “Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checked by failure ... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that know not victory nor defeat.” We risked a lot and could have been defeated, but we earned victory.

**Why is there a fascination with Mars?**

Some people, especially young people, are really gung-ho about Mars. Getting there with people would be marvelous. That is the next big challenge – human exploration. For me, I’d still like us to go back to the moon and finish what we started. For some of us older folks, we’d like to see us go beyond the Apollo moon landings and go to Mars. The fascination with Mars is that it helps us figure out a rather important story. There are three planets (Earth, Venus and Mars) in this solar system that are in the habitable zone. Mars is a little smaller than Earth and a little further out, but it is still in the range where it could have conceivably had life. It has a very thin atmosphere and is very cold. Water has been found on Mars – subsurface, frozen water. There is strongly suggested evidence that water activity played a role in modifying the surface. And geology suggests that water was involved in how some of the sedimentary layers we formed. The fact that Mars has water still – that it must have had a lot of water – gives us the curiosity to figure out why is Mars different from Earth and if there is still life there, which is a possibility. That is part of the fascination.
Barb was raised the daughter of a United Methodist minister. At one of the denomination’s conferences, her parents were so impressed by a speaker – Walter McIver, director of the Lycoming College choirs at that time – they brought her to central Pennsylvania to visit campus. Though she had resolved not to attend a school her parents picked for her, the beauty of the College, the friendliness of the students and a generous financial aid award quickly changed her mind.

While attending the graduation ceremony of his pastor’s daughter from Lycoming, David had his first encounter with the Lycoming College Choir under the direction of McIver. He too, became impressed with the school, and his attendance at a youth rally of the United Methodist Church held at the College cemented his desire to enroll.

“I had to convince my father that I could attend a private school,” said David. “He was quite certain that Lycoming would not be affordable. Thanks to my financial aid, though, I was able to attend.”

So a love of music, ties to the ministry and financial assistance brought Barb from southern New Jersey and David, with deep family roots in Tyrone, Pa., to the College.

Barb studied French, secondary education and music, and David studied music as a pre-ministerial student. Eventually, the two met in a music appreciation course.

“On occasion, I would stay after class to chat and David would wait for me and we’d walk to lunch together,” remembered Barb. “I was not one to carry an umbrella, so on rainy days, he’d wait for me and he always had his umbrella! Our friendship grew and my senior year we officially started dating!”

They married on June 10, 1978, after graduating from Lycoming and before David began studying at Drew Theological Seminary.

David, who felt called to ministry from the time he was in sixth grade, has served Pennsylvania United Methodist Churches in Lock Haven, Williamsport, Huntingdon, Mechanicsburg and currently at Wesley UMC of Selinsgrove. He has been the accompanist of the Chi Rho singers (the conference pastors’ choir) for 29 years, and has also served as conference organist and as a clinician for the conference. David continues to use music as a large part of his ministry.

Though she majored in French, Barb’s career path took a musical course. She has directed many church choirs, led music workshops and served as an organist. She also worked at a nursery school in Williamsport as a music teacher. Barb did utilize her French degree, teaching in the Huntingdon (Pa.) Area School District from 1996-2003. She is currently the music director at Wesley UMC.

More than 10 years ago, Barb (Seese) ’77 and David ’77 Dearing joined the Lycoming College Tower Society by making a bequest to the College.

“If it were not for the wonderful financial aid packages that we both received, we would not have been able to attend Lycoming,” the Dearings commented. “We are proud of our alma mater and we are still in contact with many of our friends as well as professors! We support Lycoming because of the great impact it had on our lives.”

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