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## THE BEAT OF LIFE

  
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INTEGRATIVE CARDIAC  
HEALTH PROJECT

Dr. Marina Vernalis '73  
a pioneer in the field of cardiology



Cristi Beeler holds a T-shirt that displays her winning design.

## Winning T-shirt design unveiled

For just \$15, you can purchase a new T-shirt featuring the original design work of junior Cristi Beeler. Available through the Campus Store, the shirts are the result of a marketing project conducted by senior Kristin Schellhase. She and other students in Dr. Bonita Kolb's business marketing strategies class worked with area businesses to assist them in developing new ways to promote their goods and services.

Working with Tricia Bausinger, campus store manager, Schellhase's goal was to help enlighten students that the store has much more than textbooks to offer. One of Schellhase's ideas was to give Lycoming students the opportunity to design a new T-shirt that would be sold in the store and online.

Campus store staff members doubled as contest judges and selected the top three designs from nearly 40 submissions by 28 students. The winning and runner-up designs were created by Beeler, an art education major from Selinsgrove, Pa.

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# Around THE QUAD

## Honors Convocation award-winners

Three Lycoming College faculty and staff members were honored with teaching and service awards at the College's Honors Convocation April 19. All three awards are given on the basis of their dedication and service to the College.

Dr. Richard Morris has been awarded the 2009 Constance Cupp Plankenhorn Alumni Award for Faculty Excellence. A professor of history, Morris began his career at the College in 1976. He grew up in Boston, Mass., which greatly influenced his interest in Colonial America and the American Revolution. His area of specialization and publications focus on the American Revolution because he believes it remains the central defining event in American History. Morris has published essays on the Revolution in the *Journal of Urban History*, *Journal of Social History* and the *New England Quarterly*. In addition to teaching courses on Early American History, he offers courses in women's history and Latin American history. Morris earned a bachelor's degree from Boston State College, a master's from Ohio University and a Ph.D. from New York University.

Dr. Todd Preston is the recipient of the 2009 Junior Faculty Teaching Award for excellence in teaching. He is an assistant professor of English and chair of the department. Preston, who joined Lycoming in 2003, is a medievalist with a specialty in Anglo-Saxon literature (c. 700-1100 AD) and the Old English language.

He has presented at numerous conferences in the United States and overseas, and has had articles published in *Notes & Queries*, *Melville Society Extracts* and *Comitatus*. He is working

on a book manuscript on the creation and subsequent uses of Alfred the Great's law code. Preston earned a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Geneseo, a master's from the SUNY Albany and a Ph.D. from Penn State University.

Larry Mannolini received the Makisu Award, which the student body presents to a faculty or staff member for extraordinary service and dedication. Mannolini, who joined the College in 2004, is the director of student programs and leadership development. He is responsible for the advisement of the Campus Activities Board, student leadership development programs, overseeing the operations of the Wertz Student Center and providing contract review for all clubs and organizations. Mannolini also helps to provide program planning assistance, advice and training to student organizations and their advisors. He earned a bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University and master's degree from Springfield College.



President Douhat, Dr. Richard Morris, Dr. Todd Preston and Dean Griffiths



Dean Miller, Larry Mannolini and President Douhat



Dean Miller, Francesca Piscitelli and President Douhat

## Piscitelli wins Chieftain Award

Francesca Piscitelli of Newtown, Conn., was presented with the College's Chieftain Award during Honors Convocation April 19. The award is the highest honor given to a graduating senior and recognizes the student who has shown the utmost dedication and leadership qualities while at

Lycoming and whose academic rank is above the median of the preceding senior class.

Piscitelli, a business management and psychology major, dedicated herself to serving the College both in and out of the classroom. She was the president of the Campus Activities Board, a member of the Student Senate and several College governance committees, and a sister of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, to list a few of her campus activities.

Piscitelli was also a member of several honor societies, including Psi Chi, for psychology, Delta Mu Delta, for business, and Gamma Sigma Alpha, for fraternity and sorority scholarship. She was also a student manager for the Office of Student Programs and Leadership Development, did work study for the Institute for Management Studies and a member of the IRUSKA honor society. Piscitelli has also completed internships at Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Allenwood Federal Prison as part of her coursework.

This fall, Piscitelli plans to attend Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., for a five-year doctorate of psychology program in clinical psychology.

### Leadership and Service

Co-curricular achievement on campus was recognized during Lycoming's third annual Leadership & Service Awards Banquet April 15, in the Recreation Center. The guest speaker was Dr. John Piper Jr., dean emeritus of the College, who retired in 2007 after 38 years of service to Lycoming. Piper joined the College in 1969 as an assistant professor of history and was appointed dean in 1993.

Piper was the second presenter in the Seuren Leadership Speaker Series, which was established in 2007 by Andrea D. Seuren, a 1976 Lycoming graduate, in memory of her parents. The purpose of the speaker series is to help build a culture of leadership at the College that espouses service, ethics and critical thinking.

The award winners are as follows:

**Female Intramural Sports Athlete of the Year:** Sabrina Kaiser

**Male Intramural Sports Athlete of the Year:** Jason Stopper

**Interfraternity Council Spirit Award:** Greg Sledzik of Tau Kappa Epsilon

**Interfraternity Council Service Award:** Nick Tomaskovic of Tau Kappa Epsilon

**Interfraternity Council Scholar of the Year:** Nick Lucas of Phi Kappa Psi

**Panhellenic Council Spirit Award:** Taylor Ramsay of Gamma Delta Sigma



Many of the award recipients at Lycoming's third annual Leadership & Service Awards Banquet.

**Panhellenic Council Scholar Award:** Amber Porter of Alpha Sigma Tau

**Fraternity Man of the Year:** Scott Reed of Tau Kappa Epsilon

**Sorority Woman of the Year:** Kirsten Snyder of Alpha Sigma Tau

**Fraternity/Sorority Advisor of the Year:** Andrew Kilpatrick of Kappa Delta Rho

**Chapter of the Year:** Alpha Sigma Tau

**Outstanding Program of the Year:** Class of 2011 Holiday Party

**Student Organization Advisor of the Year:** Larry Mannolini

**Student Organization of the Year:** Class of 2011

**Outstanding Leader on Campus:** Melissa Michel

**Outstanding Community Service Program Award:** Class of 2011 for Kids Night Out

**Outstanding Community Service Award:** Habitat for Humanity

**Volunteer of the Year Award:** Melissa Michel

**Sister Vincent Humanitarian Award:** Father John Manno, Annunciation Catholic Church

### Public relations materials win awards

Lycoming's Office of College Relations has received awards from two organizations for its outstanding work on a variety of public relations materials.

The College received four honors during the 24th annual Admissions Marketing Awards, sponsored by the *Admissions Marketing Report*. Lycoming was recognized with the following honors: gold award for its new media piece "A Thank You Goes a Long Way;" bronze award for its newly created *President's Report*; and merit awards for the fall 2008 issue of *Lycoming Magazine* and a direct mail advertising brochure "The Body Gendered." Lycoming won the awards in competition with colleges that have fewer than 2,000 students.

In the annual competition sponsored by CUPRAP—The Association of Communicators in Education, Lycoming won a Silver CUPPIE Award in the Emerging and New Media category for "Admissions Fall Open House Flash" and a Bronze CUPPIE for "A Thank You Goes a Long Way."

All of the award-winning pieces were designed by Murray Hanford, Lycoming's publications manager. He has worked at the College since 1991 and has earned more than 50 awards for excellence in publications and new media pieces. Jerry Rashid, director of college



relations, serves as editor of *Lycoming Magazine* and the *President's Report*.

The Admissions Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the nation. This year, more than 2,000 entries were received from more than 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools from all 50 states and several foreign countries.

Founded in 1980, CU-PRAP is an organization of communications professionals from colleges, universities and independent schools dedicated to advancing the understanding of higher education and enhancing the professional development of its members. The organization has nearly 400 members from 100 institutions who work in public relations, media relations, marketing, publications, sports information, Web and graphic design, and more.

### Alumni assist with mock interviews for student teachers

Thirty-one Lycoming College student teachers had the opportunity to hone their interviewing skills, receive valuable feedback and network with potential employers during mock interviews on April 29 in the Jane Schultz Room. Eighteen principals and eight teachers from three area counties

participated in the exercise, which was organized by the College's student teacher supervisors, David Bross (elementary) and Ray Huff (secondary).

During the two-hour event, 13 teams of interviewers conducted a total of 62 individual interview/feedback sessions with the student teachers. As a result, each student teacher had the opportunity to experience two such interview/feedback sessions. Lycoming's Education Department plans to continue to offer this experience, which began last semester.

Among the principals and teachers participating in the fall and spring sessions were Lycoming alumni: Tammy Anderson '94, Cathy Burger '85, Elaine Eck '73, Kirk Felix '93, John Killian '86, J. Scott McNeill '74, Dan Taormina '93 and Gale Weaver '77.

### Business students participate in outreach program

Sixteen Lycoming College interns from Dr. Bonita Kolb's business practicum took their laptops and resume-building skills to the Salvation Army's Project Breakthrough on April 8. Through the "Resume Outreach" program, students were paired up with a Project Breakthrough participant to

**"Until this workshop, participants did not know the real benefit of a resume. All the participants left very excited to 'sell' their abilities."**



*Lycoming business interns with clients from the Salvation Army's Project Breakthrough "Resume Outreach" program.*

assist them with preparing a resume for a job fair in May co-sponsored by the *Williamsport Sun-Gazette* and Salvation Army.

Anne Landon, internship coordinator for Lycoming's Institute for Management Studies, led the group with a short instructional presentation. A two-hour hands-on workshop followed. The student interns worked individually with participants to prepare a professional resume. In addition, students provided resume quality paper, folders and an electronic version to keep the resumes updated.

"Participants felt they created a first-rate resume that will give them an advantage in the job market,"

said Pam Hicks, coordinator of Project Breakthrough. "Until this workshop, participants did not know the real benefit of a resume. All the participants left very excited to 'sell' their abilities. What a service it was for our clients at The Salvation Army."

According to Landon, the "Resume Outreach" program will become an annual event for Lycoming's spring semester business interns.

### Students tour Goddard Space Flight Center

The Society of Physics Students at Lycoming College received a behind-the-scenes tour of the Goddard Space Flight



*Lycoming education alumni assist student teachers during on-campus mock interviews.*

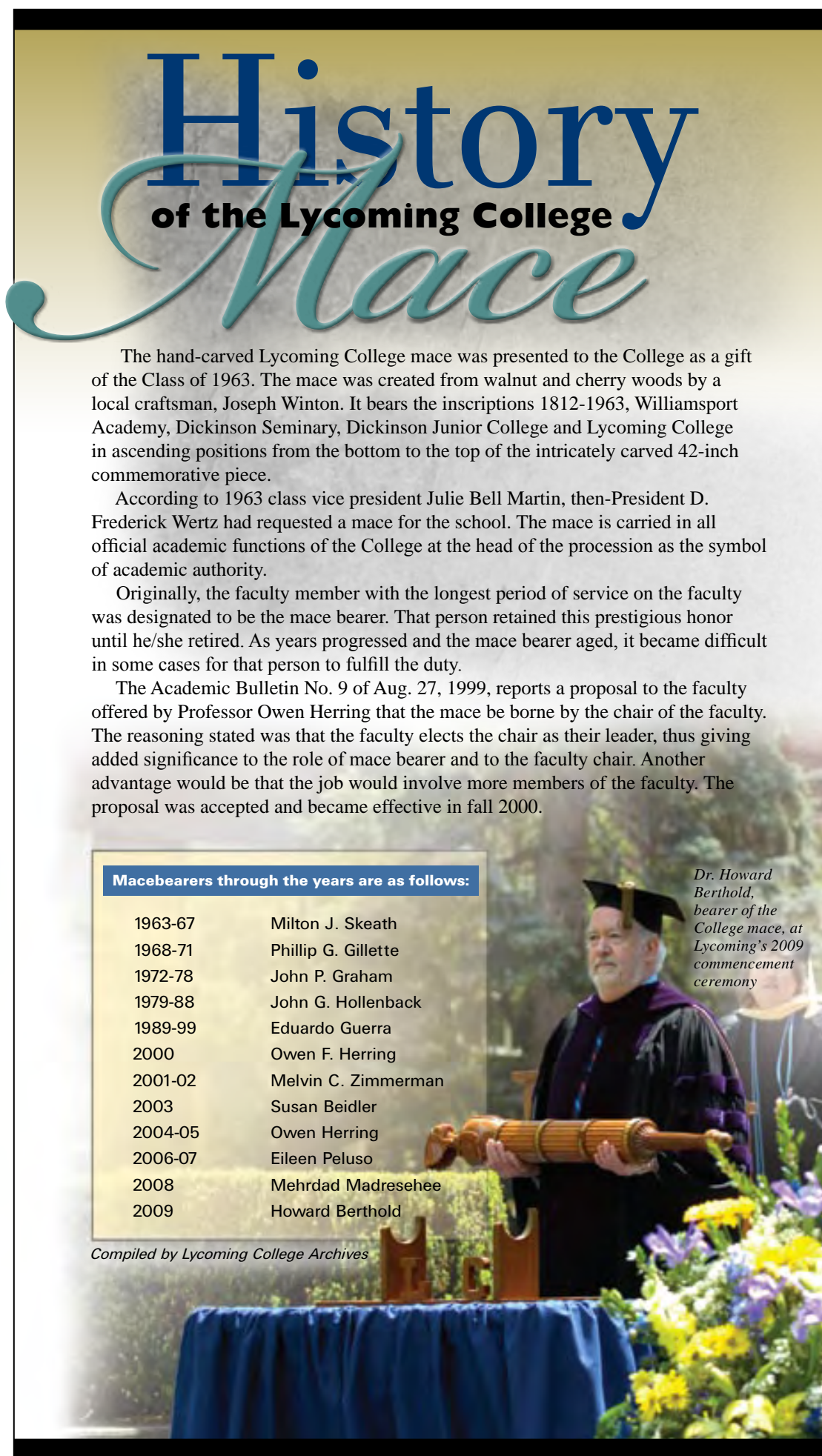


*Society of Physics Students and faculty members from Lycoming in front of the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.*

Center in Greenbelt, Md., on April 21. Participating were department majors Katherine Pazamickas, Amber Porter, Suzanne Smith, Bryan Deloe and Stephen Scripko. Also in attendance were Derrek Brown, Stephen Rostovskis, Dr. Christopher Kulp, assistant professor of physics and astronomy, and advisor to Lycoming's chapter of the Society of Physics Student, and Dr. David G. Fisher, professor and chair of the Department of Astronomy and Physics.

The trip was organized by Pazamickas, who has been working as a NASA summer intern since high school.

The group met with Dave Williams, the planetary and lunar curation scientist at NASA's deep archive for spacecraft data; Jay Friedlander, head of the visualization lab; D.J. Emmanuel, who runs Goddard's Public Affairs Office outreach efforts; and Paul Lowman, a planetary geologist and the first geologist NASA hired 50 years ago. The group saw several demonstrations of cutting-edge data visualization technology; demonstrations of Science on a Sphere, a spherical projection screen used for visualizing data mapped on the surface of the Earth, moon and other planets; full-scale mockups of Hubble Space Telescope hardware used in training astronauts for the STS-125 servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope; the Solar Dynamics Observatory; and a robotic system being developed to be attached to the Hubble Space Telescope for future servicing or an eventual de-orbit maneuver. They also visited with a wide variety of Goddard personnel along the way.



# History of the Lycoming College

## Mace

The hand-carved Lycoming College mace was presented to the College as a gift of the Class of 1963. The mace was created from walnut and cherry woods by a local craftsman, Joseph Winton. It bears the inscriptions 1812-1963, Williamsport Academy, Dickinson Seminary, Dickinson Junior College and Lycoming College in ascending positions from the bottom to the top of the intricately carved 42-inch commemorative piece.

According to 1963 class vice president Julie Bell Martin, then-President D. Frederick Wertz had requested a mace for the school. The mace is carried in all official academic functions of the College at the head of the procession as the symbol of academic authority.

Originally, the faculty member with the longest period of service on the faculty was designated to be the mace bearer. That person retained this prestigious honor until he/she retired. As years progressed and the mace bearer aged, it became difficult in some cases for that person to fulfill the duty.

The Academic Bulletin No. 9 of Aug. 27, 1999, reports a proposal to the faculty offered by Professor Owen Herring that the mace be borne by the chair of the faculty. The reasoning stated was that the faculty elects the chair as their leader, thus giving added significance to the role of mace bearer and to the faculty chair. Another advantage would be that the job would involve more members of the faculty. The proposal was accepted and became effective in fall 2000.

### Macebearers through the years are as follows:

1963-67	Milton J. Skeath
1968-71	Phillip G. Gillette
1972-78	John P. Graham
1979-88	John G. Hollenback
1989-99	Eduardo Guerra
2000	Owen F. Herring
2001-02	Melvin C. Zimmerman
2003	Susan Beidler
2004-05	Owen Herring
2006-07	Eileen Peluso
2008	Mehrdad Madresehee
2009	Howard Berthold

*Dr. Howard Berthold, bearer of the College mace, at Lycoming's 2009 commencement ceremony*

*Compiled by Lycoming College Archives*



Dr. Holly Bendorf, associate professor of chemistry

**Dr. Holly Bendorf** (chemistry) was awarded a \$65,000 research grant from the American Chemical Society - Petroleum Research Fund. Her research on “Rhodium(I)-Catalyzed Hydroacylation Promoted by Chelating Amines” aims at developing new methods for the synthesis of medium-ring nitrogen heterocycles, structures found in molecules that are of interest as pharmaceuticals. Funds from this grant will support a total of eight summer research students during the next four years and will also be used for the purchase of chemicals and supplies.

**Dr. Neil Boyd** (management) published two papers, “Implementing large-scale organization development

and change in the states” and “Administrative reform in the states,” in *Public Administration Quarterly* (April 2009).

**Dr. Barbara Buedel** (modern foreign languages) had an article, “El teatro comprometido de Elena Cánovas,” recently appear in *Estreno*, the only U.S. based academic journal devoted exclusively to contemporary Spanish theatre. The same study has been published in Spain in *Elena Cánovas y las Yeses: Teatro carcelario, teatro liberador*. This volume, edited by Patricia W. O’Connor, includes two plays by Cánovas and two additional essays.

**Jennifer Campbell ’02** (astronomy/physics) has written several articles for

Salem Press’ reference work, *The Solar System*.

**Dr. Cullen J. Chandler** (history) had an article, “Land and Social Networks in the Carolingian Spanish March,” appear in the journal *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance History*, third series, 6 (2009): 1-33.

**Lynn Estomin** (art) had projects appear in the following film festivals: Garden State Film Festival in Asbury Park, N.J.; M.A.L.I. Women’s Film & Performance Art Festival in Austin, Texas; and San Diego Women’s Film Foundation in Escondido, Calif. She participated in the following exhibitions: Digital Ritual, Open Concept Gallery in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Group Exhibition, Escondido Municipal Gallery in Escondido, Calif.; International Juried Exhibition 2009, Art Association of Harrisburg in Harrisburg, Pa.; and Good Art and Good Riddance, Load of Fun Studios and Gallery in Baltimore, Md. Estomin also served as a visiting artist at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, and was a panelist for the Art and Social Change program at Temple University. Estomin (animator and director) and **Seth Goodman** (illustrator) collaborated with Ritsu Katsumata (musician) on a short animation for the American Friends Service Committee.

**Dr. Sascha Feinstein** (English) published an essay, “William Matthews and Charles Mingus: Poems of Desire and Need,” in *Extempore*, an Australian journal on writing, art, jazz and improvisation. The essay was based on a lecture delivered at the Association of Writers

& Writing Programs Conference in New Orleans.

**Dr. Sue Gaylor** (vice president for planning) was an invited speaker at the 2009 College and University Performance Conference in Washington, D.C., in January. She gave two presentations, “Measure Outcomes that Matter for Programs and Institutions” and “Use Dashboard Measures and Other Strategic Indicators to Monitor Performance.”



Dr. Sue Gaylor

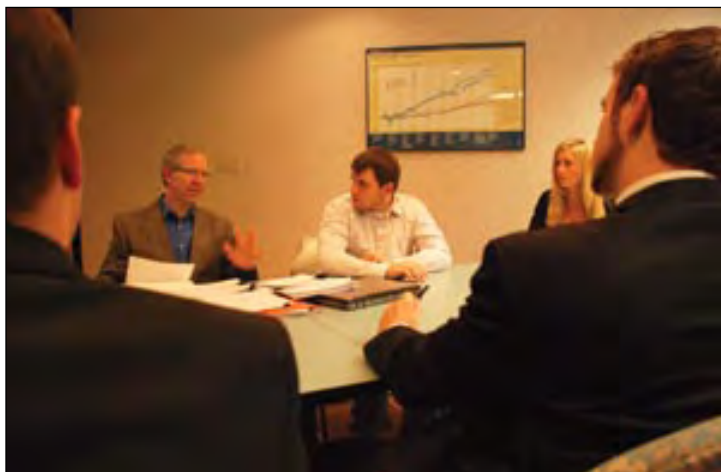
**Dr. Amy Golahny** (art) was elected vice president of the Historians of Netherlandish Art, the international organization of scholars of Dutch art history, and presented a paper “Rembrandt AND” at the College Art Association’s annual conference in Los Angeles, in February.

**Dr. Richard Hughes** (religion) published the essay, “Boston University School of Theology and the Civil Rights Movement,” *Methodist History* 47:3 (April 2009): 146-161.

**Janet Hurlbert** (director of library services) presented, “Reference Dilemma: The impact of Reference Universe,” at the American Library Association midwinter meeting for the Reference and User Services Association Products and Services discussion forum.

**Dr. Steve Johnson** (religion) published “New Testament Greek: A Beginning and Intermediate Grammar,” by Hendrickson Publishers of Peabody, Mass. He co-authored this revised edition of James Hewett’s grammar with friend Mike Robbins.

**Dr. Bonita Kolb**, (business administration) was among 14 acknowledged in April as “Women of Excel-



Dr. Neil Boyd, assistant professor of management





Dr. Bonita Kolb, associate professor of business administration

lence” by the Northcentral Pennsylvania YWCA for making a positive difference in the community. In March, she was selected to the Mayor’s Council of Economic Advisers by Gabriel J. Campana of Williamsport.

**Dr. Chris Kulp** (physics) and E.R. Tracy had a paper, “The application of the transfer entropy to gappy time series,” published in *Physics Letters A*, vol. 373, no. 14, pages 1261-67, March 23.

**Dr. Andrew Leiter** (English) had a manuscript, “Literary Figurations of the Black Beast in the Harlem and Southern Renaissances,” accepted for publication with Louisiana State University Press.

**Dr. Darby Lewes** (English) and Solo T. Dog (canine studies) were featured presenters at the Lilly East Teaching Excellence Conference held at the University of Delaware in March. Lewes’ latest book, “Double Vision: Literary Palimpsests of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries” (Lexington 2008), is now in its second printing.

**Larry Mannonlini** (director of student programs and leadership

development) received an Outstanding Service Award for his continued and excellent service to the Mid Atlantic Region of the National Association for Campus Activities.



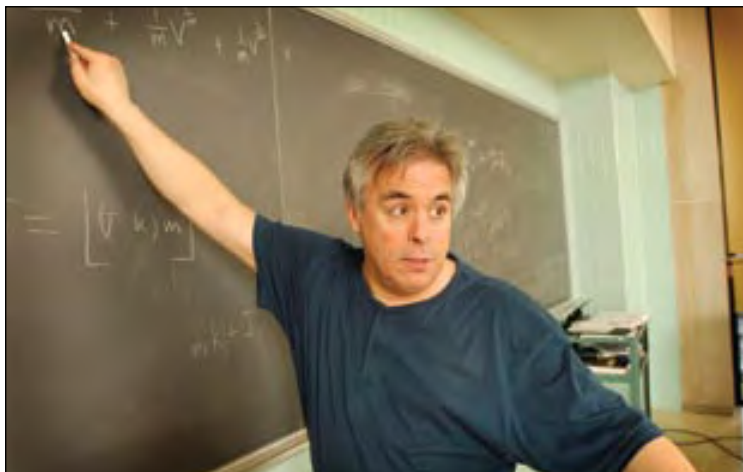
Dr. Chris Kulp

**O. Gustavo Plascencia** (art) had a photo, “Purgatorio para los Dioses,” in the group ex-

hibition “alter-ego” at the Nave Gallery in Somerville, Mass., in May. He also was the featured visiting artist at the Night of the Arts in Malone, N.Y., hosted by North County Community College.



O. Gustavo Plascencia



Dr. Gene Sprechini, associate professor of mathematical sciences

**Dr. Amy (Shaner) ’92 Rogers** (education) successfully passed her dissertation defense, “Becoming More Civic Through the Study of Local History,” at Pennsylvania State University. She will graduate with a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from PSU in August 2009.



Dr. Amy Rogers

**Dr. Gene Sprechini** (mathematical sciences) gave an invited presentation, “Surefire Sucker Bets,” on the Penn State DuBois campus March 26.

**N. J. Stanley** (theatre) presented a paper, “Where Worlds Collide: Hedda Gabler and Helen Jones,” at the 33rd annual Comparative Drama Conference in Los Angeles, in March.

**Shanna Wheeler** (Academic Resource Center/English) had her first book of

poetry, “Lo & Behold,” accepted for publication by Finishing Line Press in February. Most of the poems from the collection have



Shanna Wheeler

already appeared individually in a wide range of journals, from *Crab Orchard Review* to *The Christian Century*. The book is scheduled for release in November 2009.

At the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, in April, **Dr.**

**Jonathan Williamson** (political science) presented a paper titled, “Political Polling as Active Learning: Assessing the Use of Telephone Surveys



Dr. Jonathan Williamson

as a Teaching Tool in Introductory and Advanced American Politics Courses.” Williamson and **Alison Gregory ’97** (instructional services librarian) presented a paper titled, “Problem-Based Learning in Introductory American Politics Classes.” In addition, **Dr. Jinney Smith** (political science) served as a discussant for a panel titled, “Morality, Religion and Policy.”



Alison Gregory

### How did you become interested in chemistry?

I can't recall a specific event that spurred my early interest in chemistry, but I have to credit my parents for encouraging my interest in the sciences. There were books, trips to science museums and even the occasional "home experiment" with close supervision from mom. I had hoped for a chemistry set, but one never appeared; I think my parents were concerned about what might happen should I be left to my own devices. Mostly, they encouraged me to pursue my education with vigor. Neither of my parents attended college, so I think they were more excited about my college graduation than I was. I remember that moment every May when I don my cap and gown for Lycoming's graduation ceremonies.

Although I entered college as a chemistry major, my passion for the discipline didn't develop until I took organic chemistry during my sophomore year. I loved learning about the relationship between structure and reactivity and that chemical substances reacted in a (mostly) predictable manner. There is also an aesthetic aspect to organic chemistry – the arrangement of atoms in three-dimensional space – that really appeals to me.

### What do you enjoy most about teaching at Lycoming?

I enjoy being in the classroom, but I find working with students one-on-one to be especially rewarding. When I teach organic chemistry, I hold weekly evening review sessions where the students work on a problem set and I have the opportunity to answer their questions individually. I find out how well the students understand the material and I often adjust my approach in the classroom accordingly.

Opportunities to work closely with students are plentiful in the teaching and research laboratories. Helping my students develop their skills as scientists – through solving the structure of an unknown compound or applying theories discussed in class to predict the outcome of an experiment – is really a lot of fun. Mentoring research students can be especially rewarding. Chemical research is often frustrating; what looks good on paper doesn't always work as well in the reaction flask. Laboratory research requires persistence, optimism, hard work and the ability to think on your feet. When a student gets a new reaction to work or makes a compound that has never been prepared before, I get to share in that student's joy and feeling of accomplishment.

### What types of on-campus research opportunities are there for chemistry majors?

We offer a variety of ways for students to get involved, and in each case, a faculty mentor guides the student through the process of designing and conducting experiments, interpreting data and communicating their results. Research provides the students with the chance to apply their chemical knowledge, enhance their



**Dr. Holly Bendorf**

**Associate Professor  
of Chemistry**

problem-solving skills, hone their laboratory technique and make a contribution to science.

Most chemistry majors opt to take Chemistry Research Methods. Students enrolled in this course complete 8-10 hours of laboratory research each week along with a research paper, poster and a formal oral presentation. Students who are interested in doing research, but are not ready to register for this course, may opt to volunteer in one of the faculty labs. These very motivated students dedicate several hours to their research each week on top of a normal schedule of classes.

We run a summer research program where students work full-time with their faculty mentors and earn a stipend. This program, run nearly every year since 1988, has been supported by more than \$250,000 in grants from ACS-PRF, Merck-AAAS (shared by chemistry and biology), and Research Corporation. We are also fortunate to have the Chemistry Research Endowment, a fund sustained by alumni donations, as another source of support for our students. This summer, four students will be joining the chemistry faculty in their laboratories.

Current research projects in the department include the synthetic and physical organic chemistry of SmI<sub>2</sub>-mediated reductions (Dr. Chriss McDonald), the attachment of molecular layers to glassy carbon electrodes and their effect on the electrochemistry of dopamine (Dr. Jeremy Ramsey), and the investigation of the relationship between <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra, bond energies and bond lengths of ruthenium phosphine compounds (Dr. Charles Mahler). Lycoming students have presented their research results at conferences and have been included as co-authors on scholarly publications.

### What are your research interests?

The objective of my research is to develop methods for the facile synthesis of medium (7 to 11 atoms) rings, particularly heterocycles that contain sulfur or nitrogen. A number of these compounds are pharmaceuticals and the creation of novel medium ring compounds may ultimately yield new therapeutic agents. My research examines the use of rhodium-catalyzed hydroacylation as a tool for medium ring synthesis. Chemistry majors Tess Duffin and Kyle Ruhl will be researching nitrogen heterocycle synthesis in my lab this summer.

### About Bendorf

Dr. Holly Bendorf is an assistant professor of chemistry who joined the College in 1995. She teaches organic chemistry, spectroscopy and molecular structure, and organometallic chemistry. She also teaches a chemistry course for non-science majors, chemistry in context, and shares in the teaching responsibilities for both chemistry research methods and general chemistry.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University and a doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles.

# Art students *Explore* Washington, D.C.

By Kiera Dwyer '10

Washington, D.C., served as the site of the Lycoming College Art Department's spring trip to a metropolitan area rich in art. On March 13, students visited the National Gallery of Art, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, and a few of the other 19 Smithsonian museums. These included the Sackler Gallery, the Freer Gallery of Art, the National Museum of the American Indian, National Air and Space Museum, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, Museum of American History, American Indian Museum, Museum of Natural History and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

"This twice-yearly trip gets students into world-class museums, where they view great art, firsthand," said Dr. Amy Golahny, professor of art and department chair. "There is no substitute for looking at art directly. Sculpture is meant to be walked around, to be seen from a distance and up close, and from various points of view." She says texture and variations in color do not show up in reproductions, and cannot be appreciated in lecture halls.

During the excursion, students had an opportunity to participate in a scavenger hunt organized by the professors. Students had to find and describe various pieces of art, located throughout the entire east and west wings of the National Gallery of Art and the Hirshhorn.

Seth Goodman, assistant professor of art, lined up a behind-the-scenes lecture with contemporary artist and friend Seth Adelsberger, a painter from Baltimore, Md. Adelsberger earned a bachelor

of science in fine arts from Towson University in 2002 and recently won the top award for painting from the Maryland State Arts Council. Adelsberger showed students his latest project "Semi-Final Frontiers" at the Civilian Art Projects gallery and spoke about his work, techniques and life as an artist.

"The students gained a lot from being surrounded by the artwork; Seth Adelsberger is young, and students easily relate to him and his work," said Goodman. "It's encouraging for students who are about to graduate to see someone so young have success."

The National Gallery of Art is comprised of many paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs and other mediums from American, British, French, Italian and African artists, to name a few.

"The National Gallery of Art was my favorite because I was able to go into the different exhibits and actually recognize some of the things I have studied in class,"

said Stephanie Knaus, a junior who is a double major in photography and digital media communications. "I don't have one piece in particular as a favorite, but I really enjoyed seeing Titian's paintings. Plus the museum was so big and beautiful."

"My favorite exhibit was Rodin's 'The Kiss,'" said Joshua Knappenberger, a senior religion and art history double major. "It has always been one of my favorites. Although it is a small sculpture, the feelings it brings out in me are beyond anything that can be measured. It has so much passion and emotion, it always pulls me into it and holds me captive."

During the students' visit, a special touring exhibit was featured at the gallery titled, "Pompeii and the Roman Villa: Art and Culture around the Bay of Naples."

"For me, the special exhibitions are the best, because these shows include artwork that

comes from a great distance and not otherwise easily seen," said Golahny.

The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden houses contemporary and modern art of all media from the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Some of the exhibitions featured were Louise Bourgeois' "Black Box: Ori Gersht, Strange Bodies," and Dan Graham's "For Gordon Bunshaft."

The day provided a wonderful introduction to the Washington, D.C., museums.

▼ Students (from left) Lacey Gustafson, Jasmine Johnson, Kiera Dwyer and Christine Higgs in the East Building of the National Gallery of Art.



# THE BEAT



*Dr. Marina Vernalis with her parents, Mary and Peter Vernalis, in 2000 after she received one of her two military Meritorious Service Medals.*



**At age 3, Marina Vernalis '73 expressed an interest in becoming a doctor. As a teenager, she had her heart set on pursuing that dream at an Ivy League school. But her parents were adamant that she attend a small liberal arts college. Her school of choice became Lycoming College, which turned out to be the perfect launching pad for an extraordinary medical career.**

Within a male dominated profession and military medicine culture, Vernalis became a pioneer in the field of cardiology. She was the 14th chief of cardiology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in Washington, D.C., as well as the cardiovascular consultant of the Army Surgeon General—becoming the first woman appointed to these positions. She is also the first woman cardiologist to perform in simulated space flight a specialized examination of baboon hearts during weightlessness, known as a transesophageal echocardiogram, while doing research with NASA.

A retired Army colonel, Vernalis presently serves as the executive medical director at the Integrative Cardiac Health Project, a multimillion dollar federally-funded program on cardiac

prevention at WRAMC. The program is for military beneficiaries with the goal of optimizing human performance. Another aspect of the program includes identifying patients at risk earlier in life by diagnosing cardiovascular disease at the “molecular” disease stage. In her role, she is the principal investigator of the research program and responsible for its oversight. To date, her team has published more than 60 peer reviewed scientific publications. Ultimately, they hope to create a practical and sustainable model of preventive care not only for the military but for the public as well.

“I hate to say this, but they were right,” Vernalis said about her parents’ unwavering educational advice. “My experience at Lycoming turned out to be very positive. Our classes were smaller and the professors

were genuinely interested in our education and fostered a love of learning. I had a great education!”

While at Lycoming, she expressed her interest in pursuing a medical career to her freshman advisor, Dr. Neale Mucklow, who was head of the Philosophy Department. He told her it was imperative that she not narrow her education to the sciences, and that the best undergraduate background she could have for a career in medicine was to major in philosophy. She followed his advice and graduated from Lycoming with a dual-degree in philosophy and biology.

“Dr. Mucklow was not only right, but he was also prophetic, as my medical career taught me over the decades ahead,” said Vernalis, who earned a medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medi-

cine. “Medicine is as much an art as it is a science. The many complex challenges evolving within medicine and medical ethics require a keen understanding of humanity far beyond biology alone. My liberal arts education would shape my future, making me a patient-centric physician long before that concept was an accepted part of medical education. Lycoming prepared me with the tools to think critically and independently, outside the box, throughout my career. Philosophy shaped my views on what I believe and helped me evolve as a physician committed to the healing arts rather than the sterile practice of medicine as a mechanic alone. It is life-confirming to see, some 30 years later, that a more holistic, personalized medicine approach is finally being embraced in our health reform efforts.”

As Vernalis explored the array of specialties within medicine at Lycoming, she became increasingly drawn to the heart and cardiology. After her father suffered a heart attack during her sophomore year, she spent her college summers working as an aide in a coronary



◀ Vernalis, reading an echocardiogram, became the 14th chief of cardiology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1996.

▶ Vernalis traveled with a congressional delegation to the Middle East, where she met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (left) and U.S. Congressman Bill Young.



care unit trying to learn everything she could about heart disease. She also shadowed physicians during their morning rounds.

As one of the nation's leading cardiologists, Vernalis is quick to point out that the heart is the organ that reminds us how fragile life is because all of us are minutes away from death if the heart ceases to function.

"I would say that the human heart is the beat of life," Vernalis said. "Each day, the heart pumps life-giving blood through 12,000 miles of vessels. In an average lifetime, the heart beats steady and true more than 2.5 billion times. Each beat orchestrates the life preserving flow of blood to every other organ in the body. The heartbeats that sustain us reflect a rhythm so penetrating that it comforts the infant in the womb and feeds each cell at a molecular level, thereby enabling healthy body functions and immune defense. Twenty percent of the heart's blood flow feeds the brain and thereby enables the vast wonder of human creativity, manifesting the human mind and soul. It is no wonder that, in our dictionaries, there are at least 10 different

meanings for the word heart. Or why there are more than 825 biblical references to the human heart. The music, the poetry, the wisdom, the hope, the love, within the human heart, light the journey of humanity through the ages."

According to Vernalis, cardiovascular disease accounts for around 900,000 deaths annually in the United States and costs the nation's health system more than \$400 billion a year. Risk factors for developing coronary artery disease contribute to preventable early deaths and prolonged serious illness that adversely impact quality of life for patients and their families. She says risk factors such as obesity, smoking, high cholesterol, abnormal blood sugars, poor stress management, high blood pressure, poor sleep hygiene, excessive alcohol intake, poor nutrition choices and sedentary lifestyle are frequently seen in adolescence or even earlier.

She adds that some studies on college students suggest that a significant proportion of students have two or more cardiac risk factors, already defining their future health and limiting their

productive life span. There is an obesity epidemic, with 64 percent of the nation's population being overweight. As a result, Vernalis says, the incidence of diabetes is projected to double during the next 40 years.

"The good news is that coronary artery disease and its complications are preventable because many risk factors can be changed and early disease can be reversed," she says. "The message I would like to spread to the students at Lycoming is to take care of yourself now. Learn about heart disease, learn about your body and how to keep it fine tuned. Care for your body, the vehicle that carries your soul in this life, at least as much as you care for your car. Learn about your risks, start modifying your risks now."

For Lycoming students interested in pursuing a career in medicine, Vernalis says there are several things they should do.

"Students need to follow their heart, pursue their dreams and find equanimity...but it does not come without sacrifice along the way," Vernalis says. "We all need mentors and an

understanding that building a dream and professional competencies take time and require persistence and patience. I offer the students at Lycoming an example that the journey can be taken and milestones can be achieved. Listen to your inner voice as you explore options for your future and never be afraid to choose roads less traveled or directions that may appear blocked. God has given us free will; each of us needs to embrace, with courage, the uncertainty and challenges that are part of pursuing a dream. If your dream is cardiology or medicine, seek out mentors, teachers and friends who will support you in that dream.

"I have had several personal achievements and accolades through the years. However, I am most proud of my career as a military physician. I have been privileged to participate in the care of our brave men and women in uniform, our veterans and their dependents."

Vernalis may be reached via e-mail at [mvernalis@gmail.com](mailto:mvernalis@gmail.com).

**B**y most accounts, testifying before the U.S. Congress can be a daunting experience. But for Gene Dodaro '73, it's one of the activities he enjoys most about his position as the acting comptroller general of the United States and the head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office. In this role, he leads an agency that is often referred to as the "watchdog" of the Congress.

"By testifying before Congress, I am able to communicate directly with elected officials who must make many difficult decisions," said Dodaro, who earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Lycoming.

**"I would encourage everyone to find a way to engage in some public service during the span of his or her career."**

"Helping our national legislators deal with the critical challenges facing our country today is very satisfying. It's why I chose government service. I wanted to make a difference, and the occasion to sit before members of Congress is a unique opportunity to make that difference."

Dodaro has been a difference-maker with the GAO for 36 years. In fact, it's the only place he's ever worked. After receiving his Lycoming diploma in May 1973, he began working with the agency the very next month.

As head of the GAO, Dodaro has the monumental task of leading an agency comprised of 3,200 people working as accountants, economists, public policy analysts and computer scientists, to name a few. According to Dodaro, the GAO is an investigative body that's set up to support Congress. It's independently framed and does nonpartisan, non-ideological, fact-based professional work. It examines the full range of the federal government's activities from defense, to health care, to transportation. If the federal

government is involved in doing it, GAO is involved in reviewing it—and providing Congress with an independent analysis of facts.

"We testified last year at about 300 congressional hearings," said Dodaro. "We issue hundreds of reports and testimonies each year to help Congress make informed decisions, and also to save the taxpayers' money. Last year, our recommendations led to about \$58 billion in financial benefits and about 1,400 other non-financial improvements in government operations and services."

Working in public service has been a point of pride for Dodaro. While the United States is going through

# Accountability WATCH DOG

By Jerry Rashid

Gene Dodaro '73



unprecedented and difficult economic times, Dodaro and GAO have been given key responsibilities to help review matters such as the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) and the new American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which President Barack Obama signed into law in February.

Dodaro says the GAO's role is to make sure that the mechanisms that Congress has put in place to stabilize the country's banking system, stimulate economic recovery, and preserve and/or create jobs are working as intended. His agency will issue reports every two months on the TARP, as well as reports every few months on how states and localities are using the economic stimulus money to stabilize their budgets, create jobs and make infrastructure investments. Dodaro says it is important for the government to stay focused on monitoring these huge expenditures and making necessary refinements as the country moves forward.

As his agency diligently works to help Congress oversee these efforts, Dodaro said GAO has also made it clear that there's a need to modernize the financial regulatory system because it's outdated, fragmented and ill-suited to meet America's needs in the 21st century.

Dodaro, who spoke on campus March 23 as part of the College's Institute for Management Studies' James W. Harding Executive Speaker Series, says one way citizens can participate in making the country a better place is to become actively involved in public service.

"Public service allows everyone to give something back to the country," said Dodaro. "We live in a great

**"Lycoming College provided me with a good set of life experiences and a number of terrific friends with whom I remain close today."**



*The night before speaking at the College on March 23, Dodaro reconnected with several of his Kappa Delta Rho brothers at the home of Joe Grieco '76 in Williamsport. Shown in the back row are (from left): Grieco and Dan Langdon '73; middle row: Dan Wright '74, Dale Hutchinson '73, Thomas Beamer '74, Dodaro, Detlef Kern '72 and George Gerber '74; front row: Steve Wiser '74, Joe Cipriani '74 and Dan Hartranft '75*

nation, one that has been a leader in promoting democracy and free enterprise around the world. In this country, we all have benefited from the private sector's strong entrepreneurial spirit combined with a sound, stable form of government. I would encourage everyone to find a way to engage in some public service during the span of his or her career."

Well before he began his distinguished career with the GAO, Dodaro was a bud-

ding basketball star in his hometown of Belle Vernon, Pa., located just outside of Pittsburgh. Former Lycoming head men's basketball coach Dutch Burch recruited him to continue his athletic and academic career at the College. Unfortunately, his collegiate playing days were short-lived due to a series of injuries.

"While at Lycoming, I came to appreciate the full range of academic disciplines and broader perspec-

tives that I would need to succeed in life," said Dodaro. "Lycoming College provided me with an excellent education, a good set of life experiences and a number of terrific friends with whom I remain close today. Here I developed an ability to learn new things quickly, to sift through large amounts of data, to discern the key aspects of a problem and to set reasonable priorities. These skills, which have served me well throughout my career, were well-honed during my time at Lycoming.

"The college has meant a lot to me. Even after my injuries, Lycoming continued my financial backing and was very supportive. I am forever grateful to the college for the opportunity it afforded me."

*Editor's Note:* Dodaro has served as acting comptroller general since March 2008. He has officially applied for the comptroller general position. Under the GAO Act of 1980, the comptroller general is appointed by the president with the advice and consent of the Senate. When a vacancy occurs in the office of the comptroller general, the Congress establishes a commission to recommend individuals to the president. The commission must recommend at least three individuals to the president, and the president may request that the commission recommend additional individuals. The president then selects an individual from those recommended. The president's nomination must be confirmed by the Senate. Comptrollers general are appointed for one nonrenewable 15-year term.



*Dodaro with (from left) Lauri Kremer, visiting assistant professor of accounting, Xue Zhang, Kyle Crouthamel and Abbie Williams following a luncheon held on his behalf.*

# Open-air

By Jerry Rashid

**"Lycoming definitely gave me the ability to speak both the language of business and creativity"**

*Tony Rogers '81*

When Tony Rogers graduated from Lycoming College in 1981, he left a little something behind on campus for everyone to see. To this day, it can be found standing firmly outside the entrance that leads into the Academic Center and Snowden Library. Its dimensions are impressive: 8 feet high, 14 feet long and 7 feet wide. It tips the scales at around 2 tons.

*"Triad" is Lycoming's only outdoor sculpture.*



# expression

Although this outdoor sculpture has existed without an identification plate since its completion nearly 30 years ago, it's not nameless. In fact, his creation, "Triad," is the College's only open-air piece of art. According to Rogers, the name comes from the three ribbon-shaped forms that make up the piece.

"The transition of the three forms wasn't a deliberate intent at the onset," he said. "It was something I discovered as the piece was being created and the name happened upon that discovery."

Rogers says Jon Bogle, a Lycoming professor emeritus of art, was very instrumental in encouraging and assisting him with his art degree and the "Triad" project. Rogers earned one course credit for his senior honors project. He began laboring on the piece in a makeshift workshop in a nearby warehouse and when it was roughly halfway completed, a local crane company was brought in to move it to its present location. He finished the project on-site by spending countless hours using a hand trowel to apply cement to the sculpture's intertwined framework, which consists of welded bars and heavy wire mesh.

"I worked at that spot every day and there was obviously a lot of pedestrian traffic," said Rogers. "It was very interesting to watch people's reactions and interact with them on a daily basis. I heard countless comments and interpretations. One of the few that I still remember, and probably the biggest compliment I could get, was when someone said, 'I have no idea what it is, but it really looks like Lycoming College.' I felt like I had done my job."

After Lycoming, Rogers attended graduate school in Albany, N.Y., where he started a small foundry business to help pay the bills. He says



*In this scanned newspaper image from 1981, Tony Rogers '81 is shown working on "Triad," his senior honors project.*

that's where he was able to express himself creatively and develop as an entrepreneur. When he and his wife, Renee, moved to Newtown, Pa., he was fortunate to discover several companies that were involved in the creative and artistic side of consumer product development.

Twenty-two years ago, Rogers accepted a position with RJ Studios Inc., in Bristol, Pa. For the last 13 years, he's been the sole owner of the company,

which specializes in product development and offers services in design, engineering, prototypes and models to assist customers with getting their products to market. The studio is involved in developing toys, novelties, medical equipment, industrial innovations and electronic consumer products.

"Lycoming definitely gave me the ability to speak both the language of business and creativity," said Rogers. "I have mentored many young students about art school and I always recommended the liberal arts path as opposed to an art school. I believe that I was prepared to do so much more and it has paid off throughout my career."

When looking back at his profession, Rogers will always be able to refer to "Triad" as the starting point.

"I am proud of making that piece," says Rogers. "It was an incredible amount of work and it took a lot out of me to finish. I am disappointed though that it didn't lead to the creation of a sculpture garden on that spot. I think that both Jon and I thought that it would be the start of something. Hopefully it still will."



*Rogers is now the owner of RJ Studios Inc., in Bristol, Pa.*

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*Gene Landon '57 in his workshop with the unfinished replica of George Washington's "Rising Sun Armchair."*

# Best

By Jerry Rashid



hrough the years, the best seat on the Quad during Lycoming College's commencement ceremonies has belonged to the College's president. During this spring's event, Dr. James

Douthat had the honor of being Lycoming's first president to sit in a chair that was handmade and donated by Gene Landon '57.

Just days before the pomp and circumstance of May 10, Landon completed his final touches and presented the chair to the College. It is one of two replicas he fashioned of the 18th century "Rising Sun Armchair," which George Washington sat in during the 1787 Constitutional Convention.

Landon was commissioned by Dr. John M. Templeton Jr. to handcraft an exact replica to be given to the U.S. Park Service and displayed permanently in the Constitution Center in Philadelphia. There, it will periodically be used by visiting presidents and other dignitaries. Templeton gave Landon permission to create a second exact replica for Lycoming.

"The armchair is a wonderful addition to the College and will be used during ceremonial occasions," said Douthat. "Gene's thoughtful donation will be treasured on this campus for many years to come."

When Landon began to recreate the famed armchair, he says he had thoughts of a similar piece at his alma mater. "It's so appropriate," said Landon, who earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

"Lycoming has been such a big part of our family's history. I think we've had four generations go to school there, with my son being the last. So I thought, if I'm doing this, Lycoming should have one, too."

Landon is renowned for his ability to reproduce 18th century American furniture. He says he worked on the two chairs, which consist primarily of mahogany as well as some white oak, on and off for more than a year.

The gift of the armchair continues Landon's history of such donations to the College. His other pieces grace the Mary Lindsay Welch Honors Hall (the altar in the chapel and a tall case clock in the foyer), a bookcase in the President's Office, and numerous pieces in the reception area of the Drum Admissions House.

# seat in the HOUSE



## Did you know?

The original furniture of Independence Hall was burned by the British, probably as firewood, during the 1777-78 occupation of Philadelphia. The carved mahogany "Rising Sun Armchair" was made by Philadelphia cabinetmaker John Folwell in 1779 and used by George Washington while presiding officer of the 1787 Constitutional Convention. At the successful conclusion of the convention, Benjamin Franklin stated that he had looked at the carved sun at the top of the chair many times, but had never known whether it was rising or setting. With agreement on the Constitution, he announced that it was a rising sun, symbolic of the promising future of the United States.

*From [www.ushistory.org](http://www.ushistory.org)*

*Above: President Douthat sits in the newly donated "Rising Sun Armchair" while listening to Dr. Elijah Anderson deliver the keynote address at Lycoming's 2009 commencement ceremony.*

*Below: Landon hand-carves the intricate details on one of the arms of the chair.*

# Combating TERRORISM

By Sarah Feaster '09

"I hope to make a realistic contribution in combating terrorism." Those are the valiant words of Nicholas Zeigler, a Lycoming College junior majoring in criminal justice and Spanish, who has been selected to participate in the 12-week Federal Law Enforcement Training Center College Intern Program this summer in Glynco, Ga. He is one of only seven students nationwide who were accepted for this highly selective program.

"While I'm there to learn, I can only hope that my work will make a difference," Zeigler said. "That is what I've always wanted to do. Now I've finally been given the opportunity."

Participants in the FLETC internship consist of college students majoring in criminal justice, criminology or a related field of study. Once accepted, interns have

access to one of the finest law enforcement training centers in the world and have the opportunity to work collaboratively with all 85 federal agencies, such as Border Patrol, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Secret Service. Interns are encouraged to expand their career horizons by visiting with instructors and staff from agencies they are considering for employment following their college career. Additionally, interns are assigned a "mentor" from one of the training divisions to assist the student through the hands-on training and classes.

"I want to become a federal agent at some point," Zeigler said. "I'm not sure which agency I would like to work for yet, but the FLETC internship will give me the opportunity to explore pretty much all of them. I'm keeping my options open, but terrorism-related investigations interest me more than anything right now."

While in Georgia, Zeigler will spend 50 percent of his time attending various components of the federal law enforcement basic and advanced training programs,

and the remaining time working on meaningful law-enforcement training-related research and writing projects to advance the mission of FLETC under the guidance of his mentor. Throughout the internship, Zeigler will be working with a focus in counterterrorism.

"I requested to be placed in the counterterrorism division," Zeigler said. "Ever since my terrorism class with Professor Anderson (a former visiting instructor), who worked terrorism-related investigations during his career with the FBI, I have been fascinated by the concept."

The program consists of the design, development and delivery of high-quality training courses and programs relating to terrorism methodology, threat response and infrastructure protection, which is the number one job of the Counterterrorism Division. The CTD also operates a specialized anti-terrorism/physical security training facility to demonstrate and validate state-of-the-art hardware and provide students with a hands-on laboratory environment in which to learn. Classroom lectures, reinforced through various training aids, laboratory exercises and practical exercise applications, ensure students a meaningful learning experience. Courses

taught by the CTD staff in the center's basic training programs include: terrorism, bombs and explosives, first response, weapons of mass destruction and hazardous materials, physical security, weapons/explosives detection, operations security and man-portable air defense systems, among many others.

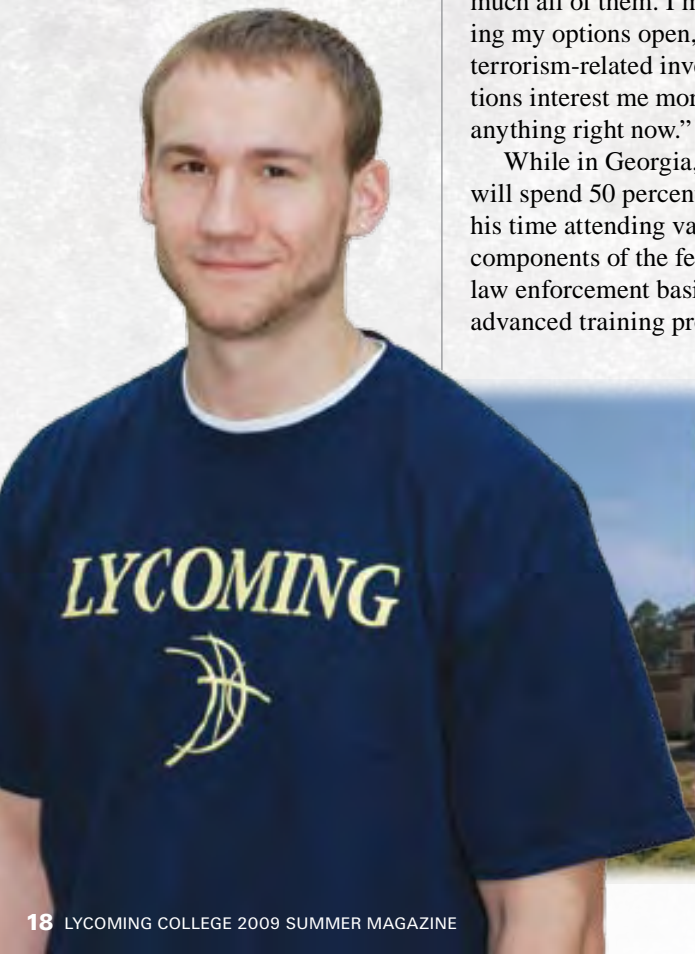
"I will definitely attend the Criminal Investigator Training Program because that course will be directly related to what I want to do in the future," Zeigler said. "Some more advanced classes that look interesting are critical incident response, weapons of mass destruction, active shooter threat, and law enforcement leadership classes."

Zeigler's credentials include an internship with the U.S. Marshals Service in Williamsport during the spring semester. He says the support system backing him throughout the entire application process was extremely valuable.

"I wouldn't have this internship if it wasn't for the small army of people I had helping me," Zeigler said. "I couldn't possibly name them all if I wanted to, but faculty and friends at Lycoming have done everything for me from letters of recommendation to helping with resumes, to making phone calls and more. Not only that, my parents have supported me in many ways, and my family and friends have always pushed me to do my best."

"If I could give one piece of advice to any student who pushes themselves to be successful academically and pursue selective internships or employment, it would be to surround yourself with good people. That's the only reason I am where I am. I'm a really lucky guy."

◀ *Nicholas Zeigler is spending his summer at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center College Intern Program in Georgia.*



## What will you remember most about your educational experience at Lycoming College?

“You can’t have a positive educational experience at Lycoming without taking a Chandler class.”

**Caitlin Mitchell**

*Graphic design/photography  
Mechanicsburg, Pa.*



“I will remember working with AIDS Resource in Dr. Boyd’s class the

most. We learned a lot about coordinating people and we got to work hands-on with a non-profit organization in the local community that really enjoyed their jobs and were passionate about their cause.”

**Cassi Kaiser**

*Business administration,  
minor in communications  
Allentown, Pa.*



“What I am going to remember most are the amazing people I met and spent time with—

the professors and administrative staff who were so helpful, and all of my friends and sorority (Alpha Sigma Tau) sisters. The best times I’ve had are the ones where we had no plans for the day and ended up spending the entire day laughing and loving college life. Those little moments are what I’ll remember.”

**Kirsten Snyder**

*Spanish and psychology dual  
major w/secondary education certification  
Reading, Pa.*



“The great staff here is what made my educational experience at Lyco so great.

They were the ones that kept me going through the last four years. I struggled with many of my classes and I wouldn’t be graduating this year if I hadn’t had their help and support. Thanks!”

**Jenna Klaue**

*Psychology and art  
Spring Mills, Pa.*

“I will remember the people. The teachers, students, coaches, athletes, roommates and friends; the people who taught me about myself and the ones I made lifelong memories with.”

**Josh Pray**

*English  
Keeseville, N.Y.*



“I will remember all the relationships that I made.”

**Andy Marino**

*History  
Feasterville, Pa.*



“The teachers you meet care about you and your education and they remember

you even after their class is over. You can be yourself at Lyco and not just a number in a crowd.”

**Lori Newton**

*Communication, minor in  
business  
Baltimore, Md.*



“Without a doubt, one of my most memorable educational experiences at Lycoming

College is what I like to call “The Ecology Adventure.” Morgan Reale and I traveled to Rider Park to complete a laboratory assignment. Our task was to follow a trail and count deer droppings! Before long we were no longer on the trail, we dropped our compass and were completely lost! We climbed up mountains and slid back down them, all while trying to find our way out. After several hours we finally made a breakthrough but looked like we literally ‘went through the war.’ I am by no means a ‘nature girl,’ so this is one experience I will never forget!”

**Ashley Cardamone**

*Biology  
Throop, Pa.*



“My educational experience has been great at Lycoming. I have had the opportunity

to learn from amazing professors and study abroad in Spain! At Lycoming, you are a person, not a number. I loved every minute of it.”

**Danielle Crayton**

*Spanish education  
Towanda, Pa.*

“I will remember what I learned from professors’ tangents and stories, my challenges in and out of the AC, my friends’ tears and laughter, and moments you really can’t get anywhere else but at Lyco. When you get 1,500 college-aged people together from all over the country and world, there are endless lessons to be learned. I don’t think I’ll forget any of them. The notes, lectures and grades may be what we came here for (and what will get us out), but I will remember them less than the life lessons I learned.”

**Melissa King**

*Archaeology and culture  
of the ancient Near East,  
French and religion  
Peabody, Mass.*



“Much like my father, a Lycoming graduate of 1975, says, after four years you

learn that college is more than an academic experience. The activities you participate in, lessons you learn and people you meet are all part of shaping the successful person you will become after your unforgettable years as an undergraduate student at Lycoming.”

**Gina Puchany**

*Business administration-  
marketing  
Canonsburg, Pa.*

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“Your challenge is to make this world a better place, not simply for yourselves, but for all. To meet this challenge, you will have to summon your individual strengths and seek out sometimes the tougher road. The way to adjust to this new reality is to possess a store of human capital, to build on what you have, and to share it with others, with ‘each one teaching one.’

We must more fully appreciate that human capital knows no color, no creed, no gender, and no nationality. It is universal. It knows no boundaries. Putting this principle into practice will go a long ways toward enabling us to deal with the great challenges before us.

You must use what you’ve learned to continue to build and to improve, but then to share your learning, your understanding, and your gifts.

The winds of social change are upon us, but these are challenges that I know we can meet. We must! Seize the moment, seize the time. Go forth, with Godspeed, and make the most of your lives in service to humanity.”

**Dr. Elijah Anderson,**  
*keynote speaker*  
*Doctor of Humane Letters*  
*honorary degree recipient*  
*William K. Lanman Jr.*  
*Professor of Sociology at*  
*Yale University*

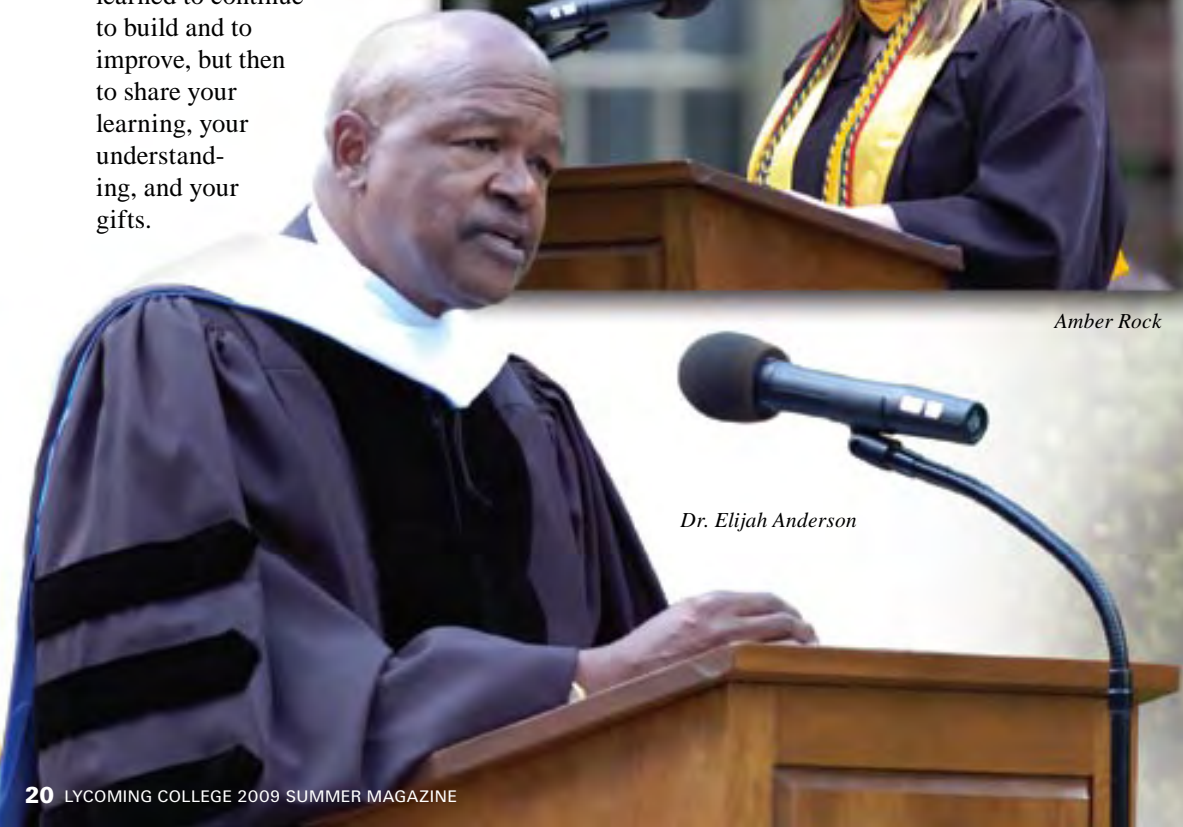
“First-class. There is no other way to describe a Lycoming education. No matter what your major, you are learning from some of the best in their field. Along with classes that teach you everything you need to know, Lycoming students also have amazing opportunities available for studying abroad, job shadowing, interning and other experiences that prepare you for the future.

Almost every senior I know has participated in a practicum, an internship with an outside organization or an independent research project of some sort. At the very least, many students have on-campus jobs within their major department. These experiences outside of the classroom are what truly set Lycoming students apart – we graduate with impressive resumes, already one step ahead of the competition. Lycoming’s history of placing more than 90 percent of its seniors in jobs or graduate schools within six months of graduation is a tribute to the quality of a Lycoming College education.”

**Amber Rock,**  
*senior class speaker*  
*biology major*  
*Chambersburg, Pa.*



Amber Rock



Dr. Elijah Anderson

# ENCENMENT



*New graduate Jade Dejoie celebrates with friends.*



*Senior class officers (from left) Brian Marshall, Emily Patton, Ashley Wislock and Joe Falchek*



*Baccalaureate speaker the Rev. Kenneth R. Arthur '58*

# Guest Speakers

## Archaeologist speaks about St. Paul and Cyprus

By Ashley Wislock '09

Research involving St. Paul and the historic island of Cyprus was the topic of a presentation at Lycoming College by Dr. Thomas W. Davis, director of the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute in Nicosia, Cyprus. His March 25 lecture was titled “St. Paul on Cyprus: Out of the Comfort Zone.”



*Dr. Thomas Davis*

Davis said the small, Mediterranean island of Cyprus first became a valuable spot in the ancient world due to its large supply of copper. In fact, he pointed out that “Cyprus” and “copper” come from the same Greek word.

According to Davis, Paul’s visit to Cyprus was the first time he had stepped out of his “comfort zone.” Davis described Paul as a merchant who knew how to travel efficiently and steadily. “This is a real road warrior,” he said. “This guy has logged more miles than Indiana Jones.”

Paul and St. Barnabas, who made the trip with Paul, traveled from a land which was Greek, Jewish and city-centered—Paul’s “comfort zone”—to the western end of Cyprus, which Davis said was Romanized, pagan and politically-oriented. He said the trip most likely marked the first time Paul and Barnabas dined with Gentiles—which went against Jewish custom—when they were invited to the home of the governor of Paphos, a city on the West Coast of Cyprus. He added that the governor of Paphos probably accepted Jesus in faith, as reported in the Acts of the Apostles, but was probably not baptized, most likely simply accepting Jesus into his wider pantheon of gods as a wise Roman governor would do.

According to Davis, despite Paul’s best efforts, Christianity took a long time to gain popularity in Cyprus. A series of violent earthquakes in the fourth century A.D., however, shook the faith of many on the island, which led them to seek another set of beliefs.

“It took 300 years for the gospel to make inroads in Cyprus,” he said. “The earthquakes made people question why such destruction would happen to them.”

Davis also spoke about his experiences working at the non-profit CAARI, which provides a place for the scholarly study of archaeology, history and culture in the Eastern Mediterranean. He said CAARI works with dignitaries from all around the world.

Davis has been active in archaeology for more than 30 years, having conducted archaeological excavations in Cyprus, Jordan, and Egypt, and cultural resource management excavations in various locations across the United States. He is the author of “Shifting Sands: The Rise and Fall of Biblical Archaeology,” as well as numerous essays and articles that concern biblical archaeology.

## Lycoming hosts software freedom activist

By Ashley Wislock '09

Richard Stallman, founder of the GNU Project, a free Unix-like operating system, and the Free Software Foundation, spoke at Lycoming College March 23 about his work and the theories behind his activism. He has received many honors, including the Association for Computing Machinery Grace Hopper Award, a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, the Electronic Frontier Foundation’s Pioneer Award, the Takeda Award for Social/Economic Betterment and several honorary doctorates. Stallman was introduced by Geoffrey Knauth, a part-time instructor of computer science at Lycoming.



*Richard Stallman*

“I’ve known Richard for about 25 years and I’ve never met anyone in my life whose vision is as powerful and pure as his,” Knauth said.

Stallman said he is a supporter of “software that respects the user’s freedom,” that allows users to see the source code for the program, make changes to it as they see fit and share their changes. According to Stallman, most computer software does not allow this, and instead “restricts, spies on and attacks” its users in a variety of ways.

“Right now, developers have the power,” he said. “In free software, users have the power and they can make sure there are no malicious features.”

For example, Stallman said the Windows operating system has “a backdoor so wide open that Microsoft can reach right through it.” He pointed out that the program can install updates without the consent of the user and does not share important information about the program with the user.

Stallman called the government’s use of copyright law to protect companies that limit users’ rights a “war on sharing,” which is a restriction on the general public. He argued that many new forms of copyright are not relevant in today’s society, which uses increasingly decentralized methods of copying and sharing information. He proposed a 10-year limit on copyright for artistic works, and said some artists are asking for an even shorter term, so they can regain the rights to their own work.

“They (governments) should say, ‘These (copyrights) cannot continue the way they are,’ but instead they are doing the exact opposite and expanding copyrights like never before,” Stallman said.

He urged the crowd not to accept any form of technology that limits users’ rights and prevents the free spread of technology and software.

“We have to reject products designed to restrict our freedom,” Stallman said.



## JACK HOLLENBACK HOUSE

# A plan for the future

John “Jack” Hollenback ’47 had a dedicated and fulfilling career as a professor of business education at Lycoming College. He joined the Lycoming faculty in 1953, which marked the beginning of a profession that spanned more than three decades. Achieving senior faculty status, Jack proudly carried the Lycoming mace as marshal at many commencements.

As a result of his deep appreciation for the College, Jack became a member of the Tower Society, which recognizes those alumni and friends whose commitment to Lycoming is evidenced by including the College in their estate plans, as a beneficiary of their retirement plan, or through a life income gift.

When Jack passed away Feb. 19, 2008, Lycoming was the beneficiary of a sizable gift through his estate. This spring, the College used a portion of his donation to respectfully establish the Jack Hollenback House at The Commons, Lycoming’s recently constructed apartment-style residence facility. His gift will also establish the John G. Hollenback Endowed Scholarship Fund, which will support students majoring in business administration.

Generations of Lycoming alumni and friends have made the future of Lycoming a philanthropic priority by making a planned gift. They have made gifts based on what best meets their estate planning needs while providing a gift to the College. Lycoming cherishes the trust that donors bestow upon it when making a planned gift and it is ever grateful for the generosity of those who have planned for the future of Lycoming and its students.



*The late John “Jack” Hollenback ’47*

For more information on planned philanthropy at Lycoming or to make a gift to the John G. Hollenback Endowed Scholarship, contact

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BY JOHN STARK '08

### Men's Basketball

The Warriors' men's basketball team finished its season under first-year head coach Guy Rancourt with an 11-13 overall record and 4-8 mark in the Commonwealth Conference.

Senior forward Greg Sye was named the team's Most Valuable Player and finished his career as a four-time All-Conference selection. During the 2008-09 season, he averaged 14.0 points and 6.3 rebounds per game while shooting a team-high 53.6 percent from the field. He was also second on the team in steals (39) and blocks (13).

Joining Sye on the All-Commonwealth team was junior standout Eric Anthony, who was a second-team pick. He completed his second season with Lycoming as the leader in scoring, recording 14.9 points per game. He led the team in 3-pointers made (55) and was the top shooter from the free throw line, hitting 86.5 (64-74) percent of his attempts. Anthony was second in assists (75) and recorded 23 steals while registering 3.8 rebounds a game.

### Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team had one of its better seasons in recent memory, finishing with an overall record of 15-9, the best mark since 2003-04.

Senior Andrea Cooper was named to the All-Commonwealth second-team. During the 2008-09 season, she led the team in scoring, averaging 11.6 points per game, while shooting 38.6



Andrea Cooper was the team's top scorer and second-leading rebounder.

(107-227) percent from the field. She was second on the team in rebounding, averaging 5.0 a game, and was the top defender with a team-high 29 blocks and a second-best 39 steals.

Allison Mock hit a team-high 58 3-pointers and was the team's second-leading scorer at 11.3 points per game. She also hit a team-best 87.7 (50-57) percent from the free throw line. Rebecca Leid led the squad in rebounding (5.4) and was third in scoring (9.4).

### Swimming

Lycoming's men's and women's swim teams performed well at the 2008-09 MAC Championships, with two seniors finishing first in their respective events.

Milvana Ban took the top-spot in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:14.19, a full two seconds less than her preliminary time. During the meet, she totaled 54 individual points and 94 team points, anchoring the 400-yard medley relay and the 800-yard freestyle relay. The 400 relay finished second while the 800 was third. In the 100-yard backstroke, Lycoming's Nichole Zoller and Caroline LeHota captured the first and second-place spots while Stephanie Conrad finished fourth.

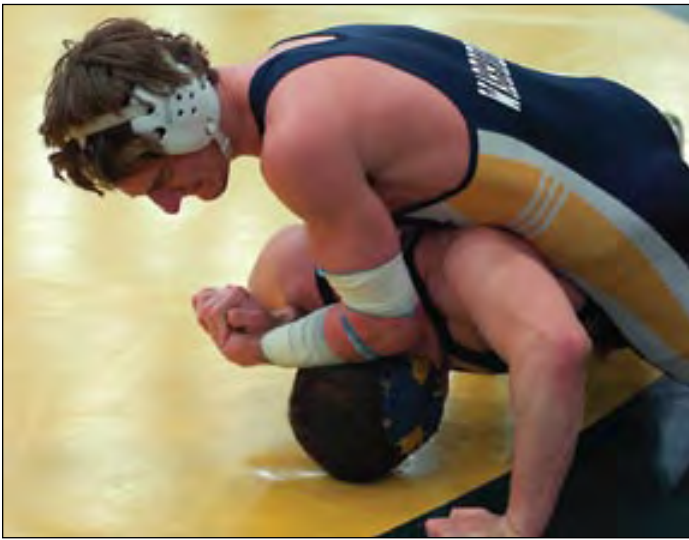
For the men, the 800-yard freestyle comprised of John Dougherty, Dave Zablocki, Brian Fausel and Derek Lupia earned a fourth-place finish, dropping 10 seconds from their preliminary time to a 7:35.69. Fausel had a personal best MAC meet, finishing second in the 100-yard butterfly (54.67) and third in the 200-yard butterfly (2:03.23). The men's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Chad Lemmons, Sean Berrier, Dougherty and Brandon Good finished in a time of 3:23.35, shaving four seconds from their seed time.



Milvana Ban



Brian Fausel



Chris Dahlheimer advanced to the 2009 NCAA Division III wrestling championships.

### Wrestling

Chris Dahlheimer won the 165-pound weight class at the Empire Collegiate Wrestling Conference and represented Lycoming at the 2009 NCAA Championships. At the national tournament, he finished in seventh place and was named an athletic and academic All-American.

As a team, the Warriors finished the ECWC tournament third out of eight teams. Along with Dahlheimer, Lycoming had five grapplers earn their way to the podium, including Steve Hinton at the 125-pound weight class (fourth), Troy Hayre at 174 (fourth), while 184-pounder Kyle Crouthamel and 197-pounder Brian Kopesky were each third.

### Men's Golf

Standout golfers Robert Wentzel and Sean Driscoll helped the Warriors capture a sixth-place finish at the 2009 Middle Atlantic Conference tournament. During the two-day event, Wentzel finished the 36 holes with an 85 on day one and a season-best 81 during the second round to lock up a 16th place finish. Driscoll also shot an 81 on day two, and combined with his 94 from day one, finished in 23rd place.

During the regular-season, the Warriors competed in six invitationals, including fifth-place finishes at the Dickinson and Suquehanna invitationals.

### Men's Lacrosse

The Warriors were 11-5 overall and had a conference mark of 9-1, which resulted in a No. 2 seed in the Middle Atlantic Conference tournament. Head coach Brian Anken and the Warriors put together a school record 10-game winning streak to end the regular-season.

Two Warrior midfielders were selected to the All-Conference team. Junior Ed Williams was selected to the first team and sophomore Ricky



The Lady Warriors celebrate a goal.

DeNenno was a second-team selection. Williams finished the season with a team second-best 46 points, coming on 33 goals and 13 assists. He was an integral part of the man-up unit, where he scored five goals. He played in all 16 games, including two starts. Playing in the midfield, DeNenno scored 28 goals and had six assists for 34 points. He had a shots-on-goal percentage of 55.6 and picked up 19 groundballs. A sophomore, DeNenno played in all 16 of the Warriors' contests.

### Women's Lacrosse

Erica Brown finished her first year at the helm of the Lady Warrior lacrosse program, guiding the team to a 9-9 overall record

and a 7-4 mark in the Middle Atlantic Conference. The team earned a first-round berth in the conference tournament.

Defender Danielle Gargiulo, attacker Megan McIntyre and midfielder Justine Titko were selected to the All-Conference second-team. Gargiulo completed her junior campaign with 39 groundballs, as well as 38 caused turnovers, which ranked third-best in the league. She also scored her first career goal and earned six draw controls. McIntyre had a banner season, scoring her 100th career goal in a 24-12 victory against Alvernia University on April 19. She wrapped her third season with the Warriors tied for a team-high 67 points on 38 goals and 29 assists. She also had 15 groundballs and grabbed 16 draw controls. Titko tied with McIntyre with 67 points, coming on 44 goals and 23 assists. A big part of the Warrior success through the midfield, Titko earned a team second-best 49 draw controls, while causing 15 turnovers and collecting a team-high 46 groundballs.

As a team, Lycoming broke a school record for most goals in a game during a 26-11 win versus Arcadia on April 4.



Ed Williams



Rebecca Spencer was named to the 2009 All-Commonwealth second-team.

### Softball

Under the direction of first-year head coach Dan Lazorka, the Lady Warrior softball team finished its season with an overall record of 12-22 and a 4-8 mark in the Commonwealth Conference, just missing out on qualifying for the conference tournament. On March 28, the Lady Warriors defeated Arcadia 4-3 in the opening game of a doubleheader to claim their first conference win since 2007.

Leftfielder Rebecca Spencer was named to the All-Commonwealth second-team. She finished the year with a batting average of .322, getting 28 hits in her 87 at-bats. She tallied 20 RBIs, 14 runs and hit a team-high three homeruns. She had a slugging percentage of .471 and an on-base percentage of .404. She capped the year with a .945 fielding percentage with 46 putouts and six assists.

### Men's Tennis

Bobby Brown and Alex Beattie combined in the first flight of doubles to achieve an overall record of 8-2 and a 4-1 mark in the conference. Both players were selected to the All-Conference team, honoring their achievements during the regular season. Brown wrapped up the year

with a 6-4 record in the top-flight, including 3-2 in the conference. Beattie completed the season with an overall record of 7-3 and was 3-2 in the conference.

### Stark named sports information director

John Stark '08 began his duties as the College's sports information director in January. His responsibilities include media relations, writing game stories, in-game statistics, designing publications and maintaining the athletics Web site.

A native of Lewisburg, Pa., Stark came to Lycoming from King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he worked as a full-time intern in the sports information office. At King's, he assisted with all aspects of covering for the Monarchs' 19 varsity sports. He worked closely with the football, soccer, basketball and nationally recognized field hockey teams.

Stark's experience also includes working as a student assistant for four years in Lycoming's sports information office. In addition, he was a four-year member of the Warriors' men's lacrosse team.



Athletic Director Scott Kennell (left) with Bekah Shipe and Greg Sye, who were named the College's 2008-09 Outstanding Female and Male Athletes of the Year

### Outstanding Male and Female Athletes of the Year

Seniors Bekah Shipe and Greg Sye were named Lycoming College's Outstanding Female and Male Athlete of the Year, respectively, for the 2008-09 academic year. The awards were presented during Honors Convocation on Sunday, April 19.

Shipe, a forward on the women's soccer team and a native of Northumberland, Pa., became Lycoming's all-time leading scorer during the first game of the season. She finished her career with 36 goals and 89 points. During the 2008 season, she scored nine goals and had four assists for 22 points. Shipe was named second-team All-Commonwealth and was tabbed as a Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week on one occasion.

Sye, a forward on the men's basketball team and a native of Chantilly, Va., finished the season averaging 14.0 points and 6.3 rebounds per game while shooting a team-high 53.6 percent from the field. He was also second on the team in steals (39) and blocks (13). For the fourth straight season, he was named to the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference's All-Conference team and was a three-time selection for the Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week.

Look for Lycoming's completely redesigned athletics Web site, which will be launched by the end of August. Stay connected with Warrior athletics at:

[www.lycoming.edu/athletics](http://www.lycoming.edu/athletics)



# Reflections

## Dear Friends,

Wondering what's going on at Homecoming this year?

We're excited about new and expanded activities.

An addition to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Friday night fireworks on the Quad will be an hour's worth of pre-fireworks entertainment courtesy of the all-alumni band Full Circle, comprised of Brian Clayton '93, John Oleniacz '92, Michael Saulnier '96 and Dan Ward '94.

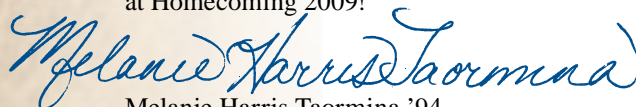
Saturday morning's welcome reception will include time to greet President Douthat on the occasion of his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year at Lycoming College. New last year and very popular, the Archives Open House will return to Saturday morning's schedule, with the addition of ongoing interactive presentations specially prepared for alumni by library staff.

Dr. John F. Piper Jr., dean of the College emeritus and professor emeritus of history, will be presented with the Alumni Association's Dale V. Bower Service Award at the Alumni Brunch and Awards Presentation on Saturday morning. Also receiving 2009 Alumni Association awards are Dr. Marina N. Vernalis '73 (Angela R. Kyte Outstanding Alumna Award) and V. Chapman-Smith '72 (Outstanding Achievement Award).

Lycoming's Student Senate is offering a new tailgate picnic on the Quad prior to the Homecoming parade and football game. After the game, we'll gather for the All-Alumni Reunion Social Hour at 33 East downtown. This is *the* social event of Homecoming weekend for alumni of all eras. Don't miss this time to relax, nosh and socialize at Williamsport's premier restaurant and lounge.

Rounding out Saturday's events will be a dessert reception in Welch Honors Hall in celebration of the successful completion of Lycoming's *Campaign for a Brighter Future*. All alumni are welcome. If you have yet to see the Honors Hall, you'll want to take this opportunity to enjoy one of the newer additions to campus, opened in 2005.

We look forward to your  
"Return to the Sweet Life at Lyco"  
at Homecoming 2009!



Melanie Harris Taormina '94  
Director of Alumni Relations



Dr. John Piper Jr.

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# STAY CONNECTED

A message from your

**Alumni Association Executive Board**

## Join the social network revolution!

In this age of technology, millions have latched on to social networking sites like Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter as an easy and practical means of communicating with our friends and loved ones. These sites are meant to bring people closer together and help make the world a little smaller.

Social networking Web sites function like an online community of Internet users. Depending on the site in question, many of these online community members share a common interest such as hobbies, religion, politics ... even Lycoming College! Yes, that's right – Lycoming College has a Facebook page, and there's even a Lycoming College alumni group on LinkedIn.

Facebook helps you connect and share with friends and loved ones in your life. Now you can stay connected with Lycoming. Join other Lyco alumni in the official Lycoming College Alumni Association Group administered by Melanie (Harris) Taormina '94, director of alumni relations. A second Lycoming Alumni Group on Facebook is administered by Jenn Uber '05. Alumni are encouraged to join both!

LinkedIn is a great resource if you are working in the professional arena, looking for a job or a change in career or simply interested in connecting with other professionals. LinkedIn is a free online network of more than 25 million experienced professionals from around the world. Visit the Lycoming College Alumni Group at LinkedIn.

Twitter is a service through which friends, family and co-workers communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent messages.

Once you are granted access to a socializing network Web site you can begin to find and read the profile pages of other members and even try to contact them. The transition from e-mail to social networking has escalated as friends and relatives use Facebook as a tool for sharing photos and updates about their everyday lives. The benefits are the instant feedback and the ease of sharing stories with friends and family at everyone's own personal convenience.

If you're an older Lyco alum, don't stop reading. While online social networks like Facebook and Twitter are better known to teenagers and younger adults, in recent months older generations have been taking to this vehicle at a faster rate than any other age group. Surprisingly, Facebook's popularity is growing most quickly among women older than 55. A survey conducted by Pew Internet and American Life indicates that more adults have created profiles on social networking sites, an increase from 8 percent in 2005 to 35 percent now. More specifically, 10 percent of adults 55 to 64 who use the Internet and 7 percent of those aged 65 and older have established their own social networking profiles, according to the survey.

With Lycoming alumni living across the world having the Internet to connect them, now more than ever it is easy to stay in touch. The next time you want to share your latest career move, personal achievements or milestones of marriages, moves or births, don't be afraid to share an online conversation and stay connected with your fellow alums.

Also, don't forget to send in your Class Notes by using the links under Contact Us on the College's Web site at [www.lycoming.edu/alumni/](http://www.lycoming.edu/alumni/).



### **AAEB pays tribute to fellow member**

If you were at Lycoming in the late 1980s and early 1990s, you probably noticed her – a tall girl with red, Annie-like hair and a personality to match.

Taunia (Halcrow) Oechslin '92 was a presence at Lyco. She was a Big Sister, a member of Circle K, the Political Science Club, and the Alpha Pledge Class of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. As an admissions tour guide, she was a wonderful ambassador for prospective students and their families.

After graduation, Taunia began a 17-year career with the American Red Cross as a donor recruiter in Philadelphia. She moved up the ranks to become the senior director of recruitment for the Greater Alleghenies Region, based in Johnstown, Pa.

In early 2006, she was diagnosed with Stage 2 breast cancer. From the beginning, she used her personal battle to become a community advocate. She established the "Girls Night Out" fundraiser to benefit the Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center.

Unfortunately, just weeks before the 2009 "Girls Night Out" event, Taunia became one of those women who lost their battle. She had insisted that instead of a funeral, her family host a party in her honor. Nearly 350 people turned out to celebrate her life.

Taunia loved Lycoming. She served as the College's Freshman Convocation speaker in 1998, and in 2006, she became an active member of the Alumni Association Executive Board.

▲ From left: Meredith (Rambo) Murray '92, Taunia (Halcrow) Oechslin '92 and Nancy (Dech) McGovern '92

# Alumni

H A P P E N I N G S

Events



*Snowden library staff members (from left) Lisa Barrett, Julie Dougherty and Alysha Russo review the scrapbook of Helen Bahrenburg Lewis, a 1920s Williamsport Dickinson Seminary student and mother of John Lewis '48.*

## Luncheon follows Tour Choir appearance

Thirty alumni, friends and family members of Lycoming Tour Choir students gathered following the choir's appearance during Sunday worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ephrata, Pa., on Feb. 15. Guests enjoyed a light lunch at Javateas coffee shop while reflecting upon Lycoming experiences and making new acquaintances. John Lewis '48 brought a scrapbook belonging to his mother, a student at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary in the 1920s, to donate to the College Archives.

## Alumni gather in Texas for meals and music

Concert performances by the Lycoming College Tour Choir in San Antonio and the Fort Worth area provided the occasion for alumni to gather on March 5-6. A dozen alumni and guests, joined by choir member Gina Puchany '09, met for a Mexican dinner in San Antonio prior to the choir's performance at Laurel Heights United Methodist Church. Gina's parents Fred '75 and Ann Puchany traveled from western Pennsylvania for the event. Nine alumni and guests enjoyed a potluck dinner at New Hope Lutheran



*Event organizer and choir alumnus John Cooper '81 (left) greets Dr. Fred Thayer, choir director, prior to the Fort Worth concert.*



*Texas alumni chapter organizer Jeff Reddall '81 (left) talks with choir alumni George '72 and Beth (Huskin) '71 Weaver during dinner prior to the Tour Choir's concert in San Antonio.*

Church in Keller prior to the choir's concert there. John Cooper '81, a choir alumnus and member of New Hope, coordinated the choir's visit and the dinner. Fellow choir alumni Tammy (Woodward) '80 and Jack '81 Coapman traveled from eastern Pennsylvania for the event and surprised choir director Dr. Fred Thayer. Jeff Reddall '81, of the Houston area, coordinates the Texas Regional Chapter of the Lycoming College Alumni Association. Interested alumni may contact him at [jeff@reddall-law.com](mailto:jeff@reddall-law.com).

## Alumni and friends gather in Hilton Head

Forty alumni and friends gathered with President James Douthat and Jennifer Wilson, interim vice president for college advancement, for a reception at the home of Robert '58 and Charlene Shangraw in Hilton Head, S.C., on Friday, March 6. Drs. Douthat and Shangraw offered an update on the College to attendees, who were both Carolina residents and northerners wintering in the area.

## Alumni help students prepare for the job market

More than 40 alumni gave of their time to attend Lycoming's student/alumni networking event, Careers: Conversations and Connections, in downtown Williamsport on March 27. By their presence at this annual event, alumni offer a non-threatening environment in which students can practice and develop their networking skills. Students attended on-campus networking and etiquette workshops presented by Career Services and the



Graduating seniors talk about career options with alumni board member Joe Bunce '63 (second from right) and chairman of the board Art Haberberger '59.

Institute for Management Studies prior to the event. Members of Lycoming's faculty and administration were also in atten

**D.C. area alumni meet for DuPont Circle social hour**

Four decades of Lycoming graduating classes were represented as 35 alumni and guests gathered at the Front Page in Washington, D.C.'s DuPont Circle neighborhood for an after-work social hour during Cherry Blossom Weekend, April 3. More than half of those in attendance were graduates of the past five years. The group was joined by Lycoming professor of economics Dr. Mehrdad Madresehee and his wife, Fattaneh Homayoun-Mehr. The couple plans to host an alumni gathering at their Reston, Va., home this fall.



Chamise Alston '08 and George Purcell '05 reconnect at the DuPont Circle Social Hour in D.C.

**2009 Homecoming Golf Outing**

Lycoming's annual Thomas B. Croyle '70 Golf Outing will be held Friday, Oct. 9, at the White Deer Golf Course in Allenwood. The \$70 registration includes green fees, cart, lunch, awards, gifts and door prizes. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun tee-off at 11 a.m.

**Start Homecoming weekend with a relaxing round of golf.**

**UPCOMING Events**

To register for any of these events, please call (570) 321-4376.

**Saturday, June 27 • Baltimore, Md.**  
**7th Annual Team Timeout at Camden Yards • SOLD OUT**  
 5:30 p.m. picnic • all-you-can eat buffet  
 7 p.m. game • Orioles vs. Nationals

**Saturday, July 18 • Harrisburg, Pa., area**  
**AAEB's 2nd Annual All-Alumni Summer Reunion at Allenberry Playhouse**  
 4:30 p.m. wine tasting / 5:30 p.m. social hour (cash bar)  
 6:30 p.m. dinner / 8 p.m. "The Producers"  
 \$5 – wine tasting (optional) / \$48 • dinner and theater  
 Register online at <https://www.lycoming.edu/Alumni/forms/Allenberry.htm>  
 or complete and return the form below by July 7.

**Saturday, Aug. 1 • Pittsburgh, Pa.**  
**Social Hour, Pirates baseball and concert at PNC Park • \$8**  
 Join fellow alumni on the North Shore for an informal social hour followed by a Pirates game and post-game Jo Dee Messina concert at PNC Park.  
 5:30 p.m. social hour/7:05 p.m. game

**Saturday, Aug. 29 • Totowa, N.J.**  
**4th Annual New Jersey Picnic at the Barnyard and Carriage House • \$30**  
 Reconnect with friends on the patio and enjoy hamburgers, BBQ chicken, ribs, beer, wine, volleyball, horseshoes and more.

**Saturday, Sept. 26 • D.C. Metro area**  
**Gathering at the home of Dr. Mehrdad Madresehee**  
 Alumni are invited to socialize and relax at the Reston, Va., home of Lycoming economics professor Dr. Mehrdad Madresehee.  
 Time TBA

**Saturday, Oct. 17 • Philly area**  
**Lycoming v. Widener Football Post-Game Gathering**  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Class year \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Names (and class years, if applicable) of other attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Wine Tasting: # of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

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# CLASS NOTES

## Class Notes submissions:

Lycoming College wants to join you in celebrating your career and life accomplishments. You may wish to share information about a birth, wedding, anniversary, career move, retirement, life-changing experience, etc. We reserve the right to edit submissions to meet *Lycoming College Magazine* style guidelines and space limitations. Only activities that have already taken place will be included in Class Notes.

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

Information received after May 8, 2009, will be used in a future issue of the magazine.

## Send your Class Notes information to:

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### 1958

#### Oscar M. Ostland Jr.

(liberal arts), a retired Army veteran and semi-retired newspaperman, has been writing a column, "Talking with Veterans," in honor of the nation's servicemen and -women. Most of the veterans in the column are residents of the Hollidaysburg (Pa.) Veterans Home, the largest of six such homes in the state. The column appears in the *Centre Daily Times* in State College, Pa.

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## A Love for Tennis

### Bill Humes'

longtime love affair for tennis has resulted in a major recognition for the 1958 graduate of Lycoming College. He was selected as a 2009 United States Tennis Association Eve F. Kraft Community Service



Bill Humes '58 (left) and Hank Merges, the 2009 Eve F. Kraft Community Service Award recipients

Award recipient. Bill was honored at an awards banquet before more than 600 community tennis leaders at the annual USTA Community Tennis Development Workshop held Feb. 14, at the Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa on Hilton Head Island, S.C. The USTA bestows the award upon individuals who embody the selfless mission of bringing the game of tennis to anyone who wants to play.

Bill, who resides in Princeton, N.J., is a beloved tennis coach who has played an integral role in the growth of tennis in the Princeton area for more than 40 years, guiding thousands of students of all ages along the way. With encouragement and support from Kraft, Bill, who had no prior tennis experience, agreed to coach the Princeton High School boys' tennis team in 1960 and continued in this position for 16 years. After a one-year stint as an assistant principal, he returned to teaching and an opportunity to coach the girls' team – a position he held for the next 23 years. Bill was one of the first coaches in the country to institute a no-cut policy, which allowed for an average of 50 to 60 students participating on the team at any one time.

In 1961, Kraft hired Bill as an instructor for the Princeton Tennis Program. The hallmark of the program is quality group instruction at affordable prices. Each year several thousand juniors and adults participate in PTP's instructional programs. In addition to his tenure with the PTP, Bill spent 35 years teaching tennis at the Princeton Adult School, and he served as director of tennis at the Bedens Brook Country Club for 20 years. He is a member of the Professional Tennis Registry and the USPTA and is a certified tennis official.

Bill has volunteered hundreds of hours of his time at numerous tennis workshops and clinics throughout the Princeton-Trenton area. He has been a member of the USTA Tennis Rules and USTA Tennis in the Parks committees, currently serves on the USTA Davis Cup and Fed Cup Committee and has volunteered regularly at the U.S. Open in numerous capacities. He has won many tournaments through the years, was ranked No. 1 in the New Jersey District in the 60 division and was ranked in the Top 10 in the Middle States for a number of years.



Classmates from the mid-'60s enjoyed lunch overlooking the Chesapeake Bay during a road trip to Havre de Grace, Md., in April. Seated from left are: Wade Pugh '67, Ray Desor '65 and Bill Bachardy '66; standing are: Roger Swain '65 and Walt Kinsey '67.

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## 1966

### Louise (Glicker) Shin

(psychology) is a business territory development manager for Office Depot (Business Solutions Division) in Richmond, Va. She is a member of the 100% Club for the Capital Region, a Capital Region Top Performer and has received several awards for exceeding sales performance during the past four years with Office Depot. Louise and her husband, Bill, live in Chesterfield County, a suburb of Richmond, Va. They have three sons: Andrew (32), Michael (30) and Brian (22). Louise can be reached via e-mail at Lous3@aol.com.



The Shins: Andrew, Brian, Louise '66, Bill and Michael

## 1967

**Lerna Barnes** (sociology) has written a book, "Dreaming of Ireland—A Journal of Discovery Through Music, Art, and Language." It is a daily journal of the three months she spent in Ireland, playing her hammered dulcimer in nursing homes, schools and pubs, taking Irish language classes, touring ancient sites and doing watercolors of local flowers and birds. The book includes her photos, artwork and a CD of her music. She works part-time as a music therapist for United Hospice of Rockland Inc., in N.Y., and resides in Brattleboro, Vt.

**Dale N. Krapf** (business administration) was named *Metro* magazine's Operator of the Year at the United Motorcoach Association Expo in January. Dale, a member of Lycoming's board of trustees, and his brother, Dallas '69, own Krapf Bus Companies, which operates approximately 1,200 vehicles with 1,400 employees in southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

**Ronald Travis** (political science) and his wife, Pamela, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Jan. 18. Ronald is employed as a partner with Rieders, Travis, Harris, Humphrey, Waters and Waffenschmidt. The couple lives in Williamsport and has two daughters and three grandchildren.

## 1969

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**State Sen. E. Eugene Yaw** (business administration) (R-Loyalsock) was named to the board of directors of Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport. He had served as Penn College's general counsel for more than 20 years.

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**Alum of the Year  
Rev. Gwen  
Bernstine '76**

The Rev. Gwen Bernstine '76 was honored as "Alum of the Year" by Lycoming College and the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce at the organization's annual Education Celebration event March 5.



Rev. Gwen Bernstine '76

Each year, the chamber recognizes alumni from Lycoming College, Penn College and Newport Business Institute who live in Lycoming County and have made outstanding contributions to the community.

Since 1991, Gwen has served as executive director of United Churches of Lycoming County, an ecumenical organization that helps its 180 member congregations to build relationships with each other and work together. Among the organization's many programs are the Shepherd of the Streets Ministry, which provides pastoral care and guidance to hungry, homeless, unemployed and troubled persons; a food pantry, which provides emergency food for more than 400 people each month; an emergency fuel bank, which has helped hundreds of families in the county; and coordination of more than 100 clergy and lay leaders from 15 denominations to provide worship services for more than 1,000 persons in 15 public and private nursing homes and prisons.

Under Gwen's leadership, the organization also provides a Web site that helps to link people to area churches, a weekly Religious News and Views Show that airs over WRAK each Sunday, and a 24-hour dial-a-devotion telephone ministry. It produced "Faith Odyssey in Lycoming County," a monthly news and issues television show that was recorded at the College's Communication Department and ran for seven years; coordinates a commission on Interfaith Dialogue to develop a deeper understanding and stronger relationships with neighbors of different faiths; conducts seminars to help pastors and church leaders deal with current problems and responsibilities related to enriching family life in today's world; and coordinates pastors to provide a weekly sermon editorial for each Saturday's *Sun-Gazette*.

As executive director of United Churches, Gwen has for nearly 20 years administered and participated in these outreach efforts that have touched the lives of countless members of our community. She is also a faithful supporter of her alma mater and has made herself available as a resource to students who are considering careers in the ministry.

In 1996, Gwen graduated from the Church Leadership Institute. She has been a member of the pastoral team of First Baptist Church of Williamsport since 2002 and was ordained in 2003. Prior to her work in the church, Gwen taught in the Montoursville, Williamsport and Loyalsock school districts.



Margaret Anne (Peggi) (Montgomery) Billman '74 (theatre) works for Aldersgate Renewal Ministries in Goodlettsville, Tenn. In March, Peggi and her husband, Frank, joined eight others from around the country to lead seminars in Kathmandu, Nepal, at the invitation of Pastor Devi Bhujel, United Methodist Church district superintendent for Nepal. Peggi also preached at Tammunna UMC in the Sunsari district of Nepal. In the above photo, she is shown preaching with Bhujel translating.

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**Richard Dill** (accounting) is vice president and CFO for Brodart Co., in Williamsport, Pa., where he resides with his wife, Pamela, and their three children.

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**Nancy (Gerber) Conrad** (psychology) is a recipient of the 2009 Take the Lead Award presented by the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania. She also is a newly-promoted partner at White and Williams' Allentown office.

## 1977

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**Linda (Nunan) Bell** (psychology) was named a 2009 Employee of the Year by DeSales University. She is the ACCESS director for the Easton-area campus and was honored for outstanding service to the university at the annual Service Excellence Dinner on April 21. Linda and her husband, Steve, have three children and reside in Forks Township, Pa.

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**Gary V. Hoover** (political science) is the new executive director of the Bellefonte (Pa.) Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce. He was most recently the executive director of South Central Employment Corporation. Gary resides in Bellefonte.



Los Angeles-area alumni pose with Garry Marshall at the Falcon Theater in Burbank, where his new play, "Everybody Say Cheese," premiered this spring. Pictured from left to right are Howard Fallman, Dave '79 and Nancy (Miller) Graden '79, Nancy Kachline '81, Marshall, and Carolyn (Carr)'80 and Steve Vodoklys '81.

**C. Lynn (Lusardi) Williams** (theatre) has been named the director of the Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library in Northumberland, Pa. She was previously the assistant youth services coordinator at the James V. Brown Memorial Library in Williamsport.

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**Sen. David G. Argall** (political science) won a seat in March in the Pennsylvania State Senate, representing the 29th District. He captured the seat in a special election. During the November general election, David was reelected to the State House of Representatives, where he had served since 1985. He resides in Rush Township with his wife, Beth, and their children, A.J. and Elise.

## 1981

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**Robert C. Ganoe** (accounting) was named president of McCoy Brothers Inc., in April. Bob has worked for the regional construction company based in Carlisle, Pa., since 1981. He lives in Boiling Springs, Pa., with his wife, **Anne (Goodyear) '81**.

## 1982

**Rev. Oscar S. Wodrig** (psychology) and his wife, Barbara, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 10, 2009. Oscar became an ordained deacon in 1984 and an elder in 1988. He has served churches in Williamsport, Middletown, Philipsburg, Shickshinny and Altoona. The couple has three children, two grandsons and one great-grandson.

**Deirdre Connelly** (business administration) joined GlaxoSmithKline in February as president, North Ame-

rican Pharmaceuticals and became a member of GSK's corporate executive team.

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**Julie (Hottle) Day** (criminal justice) has been named one of the top divorce attorneys in Washington, D.C., by *Washingtonian Magazine*. She is a partner in the law firm Culin, Sharp, Autry and Day in Fairfax, Va., and lives in Maryland with her husband and two children.

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**Maj. Lisa M. Bower** (nursing) returned in March from deployment in Mosul, Iraq, where she provided medical care to service members in the Multinational Division-North for 15 months. Lisa, a head nurse with 16 years of military service, is assigned to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center on Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga.

## 1993

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*Capt. George Tyger '89, a U.S. Army chaplain, proudly displays a Lycoming flag while stationed in Nuristan, Afghanistan.*



*Gamma Delta Sigma sisters from the Class of 1992 had their seventh annual reunion in Ocean City, N.J., in February. Top row from left: Erin (Hursen) Adams, Cathy (Swezey) Basillii, Elizabeth (Snowman) Baresh, Dawn (Kline) Bentley and Kathleen (VanDalen) Burkhard; bottom row from left: Megan (Roland) Cogan, Claudia (Tomasello) Mandler, Mary (Bowman) Behler, Amy (Atkinson) Hester, Debbie (Donnan) Kaiser and Marijo (Mullen) Montgomery.*

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**Maria Graziano** (psychology) is the director of KinderCare Learning Center in Scranton, Pa. The center is a Keystone Star accredi-

ted facility that offers early learning curriculum-based programs as well as school-age and summer programs. She resides in Dupont, Pa.

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**Stan Kadelski** (political science) was promoted to director - vice president of electronic banking and card operations for TD Bank in North America.

**Michael G. Charles** (accounting-financial) was appointed to the Pennsylvania Bankers Association Tax-Trust and Estates Advisory Committee on Jan. 1, 2009. Michael has been employed with C&N Trust and Financial Management Group in Wellsboro for seven years. He serves as the group's vice president and tax officer.

**Wendy (Schreffler) Fetzer** (nursing) has joined the palliative care team at Susquehanna Home Care and Hospice. She is part of the Gatehouse Hospice Unit team that works at The Williamsport Hospital and several long-term care and assisted living facilities. Wendy lives in Liberty, Pa., with her husband and two sons.

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**Carl L. Shaner** (nursing) has been selected as a program-proposal reviewer for the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association CHOICES alcohol education grant. CHOICES is a grant program for alcohol education. He is the director of the Student Health Center at Pennsylvania College of Technology.

**Brenda Bowser Soder** (political science and communications) was recently named the media relations director for Human Rights First, a non-profit, nonpartisan international human rights organization based in New York and Washington, D.C. She lives in Silver Spring, Md., with her husband, John, and daughter, Madison.

## 1999

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**Kimberly (Konkle) Stark** (psychology) is an attorney and has joined the Lancaster County Public Defender's Office.

**Anthony Worrall** (business-financial) has been promoted to president of Reynolds Restoration Services. He formerly served as executive vice president for the division. Anthony will retain his position as CFO of all the Reynolds companies.

## 2000

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**Tom Dufner** (business-marketing management), vice president of Strunk & Associates, L.P., was named head of sales in Ohio. Tom is in charge of sales for the company's profit solutions products and services. Strunk & Associates is a Houston-based financial institution services firm.

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**Kerri (Stauffer) Davis** (economics) earned an MBA from Wilkes University with a concentration in entrepreneurship in September 2008. She is teaching social studies at Abington Heights High School in Clarks Summit, Pa. Kerri and her husband, **Keith Davis '00**, reside in Dickson City with their daughter, Abigail.

# 2003

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**Jessica Heckman** (communication) has been named marketing coordinator of Delavan Art Gallery in Syracuse, N.Y. She also is the promotions coordinator for Light Work, a nonprofit photography organization located at Syracuse University.

**Nathan Tatro** (psychology) is an assessment manager with AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation, a not-for-profit organization in Washington, D.C. Nathan earned a master's degree in applied developmental psychology at George Mason University in 2008. He resides in Fairfax, Va.

# 2004

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**Sgt. Robert B. Neil** (criminal justice) has been mobilized and activated for deployment to an undisclosed overseas location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

# 2005

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**April Benz** (English literature) is an English teacher at Huntingdon (Pa.) Area High School. She previously taught at a middle school in Philadelphia for three years.

**Kristen Colgan** (biology) is a teacher at Durant High School in Plant City, Fla. She teaches honors biology to ninth- and tenth-grade students and is the varsity cheerleading coach.

**Laura Cooley** (art-commercial design photo/electronic) opened Cooley Dance Studio in Williamsport, Pa., in June 2008. Classes offered include tap, jazz, hip hop and ballet. Laura also works full-time as a photographer for Brodart Library Supplies and Furnishings.

**Gary R. Samuels** (music-education) is a student life coordinator at Lycoming College, where he works with Asbury and Skeath halls. In September 2008, he began a master's program in higher education through Drexel University's distance learning program.



*Michael E. Ruddy '05 (left) and Christian H. Shaffmaster '05 earned their master's degrees May 10 from Marywood University. They both graduated with honors, Michael with a master of business administration and Christian with a master's of arts professional studies in organizational leadership. Michael works as underwriter, complaint coordinator and technical writer in the underwriting department for Unitrin Direct Insurance. Christian is the associate director of the law school annual fund at Cornell University.*

# 2006

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**Sarah Reck** (English-creative writing) graduated in January with a master's degree in English and a master of fine arts in creative writing from Chapman University in Orange, Calif.

**Chad Gerard** (biology) is a social studies teacher at Warren County Technical School in Washington, N.J. He also is the school's new head cross country coach and assistant wrestling coach.

**Kristen Otto** (communication, history) graduated from Shippensburg University in December with a master's degree in applied history. She completed internships at the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Archives and Records Center in Harrisburg, Pa., the Cumberland County Historical Society in Carlisle, where her article "Richard C. and Paul C. Reed Architectural

Collection" was published in the winter 2007 issue of *Cumberland County History*, and the regional programs office of The Smithsonian Associates in Washington, D.C. She is the development services coordinator at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens in Virginia.

**Lindsey Welch** (chemistry) is a Ph.D. candidate in the chemistry department at Lehigh University. Her research involves studying model transition metal catalyst systems. She resides in Bethlehem, Pa.

# 2007

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**Richard Jasinski** (criminal justice) is one of five new recruits with the Lyndhurst (N.J.) Police Department. He completed 21 weeks of training at the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute in Mahwah.

**Brad Myhre** (political science) began a three-year term on the Frenchtown (N.J.) Borough Council in January.

**Lauren Paich** (English-literature and Spanish) graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a master of arts in teaching. She is a Spanish teacher at North Plainfield (N.J.) High School.

# 2008

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**Jessica L. Bugno** (astronomy and physics) presented research titled "Time Series Photometry of the High Mass X-ray Binary LPH 128 and the Delta Scuti Star GSC 03973-10698" at the 213th semi-annual American Astronomical Society meeting held Jan. 4-8. This work began when Jessica participated in an NSF-sponsored Research Experience for Undergraduates program at Brigham Young University last summer and was continued during her 2008 fall semester at Lycoming. Jessica is in a physics graduate program at BYU, where she is participating in a research project involving the study of high mass X-ray binary sources in the optical and X-ray portions of the electromagnetic spectrum.

**Rick Luchini** (business-marketing and management) spoke with St. Marys (Pa.) Area High School economics classes about the current economy and ways to invest for the future. He is a financial services associate for Prudential.

**Jeffrey A. Morcom** (digital media) is employed as a Disney asset specialist with Deluxe Digital Studios in Moosic, Pa. He resides in Waymart, Pa.

## Let your opinion be heard!

Lycoming College is preparing for its 2010-11 Middle States reaccreditation. As part of this process, the College would like to take this opportunity to ask its alumni about their educational experience at Lycoming. What prepared you most for your life after graduation (career, volunteer work, family, etc.). What could Lycoming have done better to assist you post-graduation? What are your current experiences with the College? How can Lycoming better serve you? The following link will direct you to a 15-minute survey that will provide us with invaluable information. We encourage you to participate.

**Go to [www.lycoming.edu/alumni](http://www.lycoming.edu/alumni) and click on Alumni Survey.**

**If you would prefer to complete the survey in paper form rather than via the Web, please contact Sue Gaylor, vice president for planning, at (570) 321-4219 or e-mail [gaylor@lycoming.edu](mailto:gaylor@lycoming.edu).**

## Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2009

# OCT. 9-11

Return to the  
*Sweet Life*  
AT LYCO

Check the Homecoming Web site later this summer for complete information and schedule updates:  
<http://www.lycoming.edu/alumni/events/homecoming>

### Featured Events

**Friday, Oct. 9**

**10:30 a.m.** • Thomas B. Croyle '70 Memorial Golf Tournament • White Deer Golf Course, Rt. 15, Montgomery

**2-2:45 p.m.** • Always Seen, Never Understood: Sculpture and Stained Glass Walking Tour with Dr. Amy Golahny • Fine Arts Building Lobby to Christ Episcopal Church and James V. Brown Library

**6 p.m.** • Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Social Hour and Dinner • Holiday Inn Downtown

**8 p.m.** • Entertainment: alumni band Full Circle - Quad

**9 p.m.** • 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming Fireworks – Quad

**Saturday, Oct. 10**

**9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** • Welcome Reception • Burchfield Lounge

**9-10 a.m.** • Greet the President • Burchfield Lounge

**10 a.m.-noon** • Archives Open House • College Archives, Academic Center (lower level)

**10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** • Alumni Brunch and Awards Presentation – Jane Schultz Dining Room

**10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.** • Tailgate Picnic • Quad

**11 a.m.** • Volleyball Tri-Meet: Lycoming/Moravian/Marymount (matches also at 1:30 and 3 p.m.)

**12:30 p.m.** • Homecoming Parade: "Return to the Sweet Life at Lyco"

**1:30 p.m.** • Football Game: Lycoming vs. Albright • David Person Field  
Reunion pictures taken during game

**5-6:30 p.m.** • All-Alumni Reunion Social Hour • 33 East, 33 E. Third St.

**8 p.m.** • *Campaign for a Brighter Future* Dessert Reception • Welch Honors Hall

**Sunday, Oct. 11**

**11:30 a.m.** • Class of 1959 Recognition and Heritage Club Brunch with President James and Emily Douthat • Jane Schultz Dining Room

# MARRIAGES

**Crystal (Metzger) '98 and Dave Hood '98**, June 28, 2008, at Wesley United Methodist Church, Nescopeck, Pa. Alumni in attendance were **Jessica (Summers) Gehr '01** (matron of honor) and **Brian Griffiths '98**.



**1 Brenda (MacPhail) '01** and Taylor Cromwell Kellogg, Oct. 18, 2008. The ceremony was held at Washington Memorial Chapel and the reception at the Sheraton in Valley Forge, Pa. Alumni in the wedding party were **Amanda Majetsky '03** and **Lindsey (Wertz) Allen '02**. Other alumni in attendance were **Dara (Berninger) Wesner '03**, **Katie (Eaton) Fredo '01**, **Joey Feerrar '02**, **Jaime (Mann) Plowman '01**, **Adam Allen '03** and **Lauren Evangelist '04**.



**2 Charlene (Bartolotta) '03** and Alfred Sterphone III, Oct. 4, 2008. Alumni in attendance were **Sara Greco '03**, **Sarah Martin '03** and **Allison (Baggott) Garcia '03**.

**3 Juliana J. (Caltagirone) '03** and Antonio Vernacchio, Sept 20, 2008. The ceremony was held at Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church and the reception at The Reading Country Club in Reading, Pa. Alumni in attendance were Beta Phi Gamma sisters **Heather Eggleston '03** and bridesmaids **Megan Dellinger '02** and **Lindsey (Wertz) Allen '02**. The couple resides in California.



**4 Caren (DelBove) '03** and Eric Holzhauer '02, Sept. 20, 2008. Alumni in attendance were **Debra (May) Sharp '03**, **Laurie (Rooney) Rodriquez '04**, **Jennifer Santa '02**, **Cara DeMotte '04**, **Amber Simchak '02**, **Meghan Jacobi '07**, **Amy McGarvey '04**, **Alicia (Matukonis) Kline '01**, **Kate (Gardner) Wanner '02**, **Jenny Eves '01**, **Kelly (Welker) Hill '01**, **Monica (Marcinek) Lizzul '00**, **Lisa (Lichtenwalner) Gridley '02**, **Jennifer Brown '02**, **Rebecca Goldman '02**, **John Wanner '02** (best man), **Laurie Scherer '02**, **Craig Temple '02**, **Josh Gridley '02**, **Michael Freeborn '03**, **David Christensen '03** (groomsman), **Jason Mathews '04** and **Jon Bennett '02**.

**5 Michele (Connors) '06** and Marc Witowski '06, July 27, 2008, in Hershey, Pa. Alumni in attendance were **Melissa Stubbs '06** and **Kelly Shpunt '06**.

**6 Kirstie (McKeever) '08** and Army Spc. Adam Potter, Dec. 7, 2008, at the La Massaria, Gilbertsville, Pa. Alumni and students in attendance were **Cassi Kaiser '09**, **Holly Andrews '10** and **Andrew Benkovic '10**.





# NEW ARRIVALS

**1 Justine (Paterno) '92** and Michele Giovinazzo, a daughter, Isabella Maria, Nov. 7, 2008.

**2 Stacy (Bree) '96** and Richard Wei, a daughter, Breelle Katelyn, Nov. 3, 2008.

**3 Kimberly (Orben) '97** and Jack McDaniel, a son, Liam Xavier Orben-McDaniel, Jan. 1, 2009.

**4 Erin (Page) '97** and Kyle Werking, a son, Garrett Ethan, Jan. 22, 2008. He joins brother, Jackson, 4.

**5 Amanda (Stanton) '98** and Brian Mahoney, a daughter, Addison Christine, Dec. 11, 2008. She joins brother, Aiden, 3.

**6 Amy and Pete Metzgar '98**, a son, Brentley James, Aug. 22, 2008.

**7 Carrie (Chamberlain) '00** and P.J. Gingrich, a daughter, Madilyn Kate, March 26, 2008.

**8 Sherisse (Liwanag) '00** and Richie Marion, a daughter, Samantha Ryan, Dec. 16, 2008.

**9 Adrianna (Kukla) '01** and Ryan Rupprecht '02, a daughter, Lily Mae, Feb. 16, 2009.

**10** Rebecca and **Keith Essig '02**, a son, Chase William, April 25, 2009.

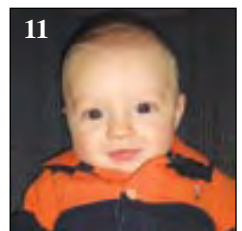
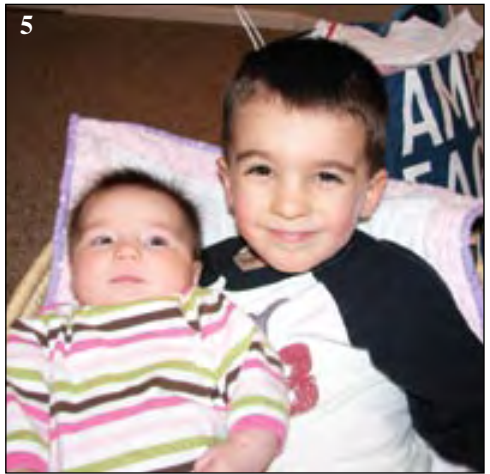
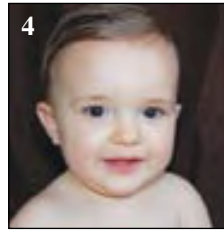
**11 April (Perry) '02** and **Jason Herres '02**, a son, Benjamin Edward, Oct. 23, 2008.

**12 Kerri (Stauffer) '02** and **Keith Davis '00**, a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, March 27, 2009. She is the granddaughter of **Richard Davis '67**.

**13 Andrea (Tinsley) '02** and Justin Keeney, a daughter, Erin Nicole, Sept. 30, 2008. She joins brother, Kevin.

**14 Virginia (Breining) '05** and William Weigle, a son, Kolin Weigle, Oct. 28, 2008.

**15 Crystal (Smith) '05** and Bruce Smallacombe, a son, Hunter Philip, Dec. 30, 2008.



# IN MEMORIAM

**1937 • Eleanor (Keagle) Bower**, of Waynesboro, Pa., Jan. 12, 2009. She is survived by a daughter.

**1940 • William D. Crooks III**, of Bethesda, Md., Feb. 20, 2009.

**Annetta H. (Maneval) Siebert**, of Beacon, N.Y., Feb. 26, 2009. She is survived by two daughters, including **Judith Siebert '67**, three sons, and a brother, **Dr. David R. Maneval '48**.

**1941 • Marion B. (Hartman) Jackson**, of Montoursville, Pa., Feb. 3, 2009. She is survived by a son.

**1942 • Ruth P. Carson**, of Port Deposit, Md., March 10, 2008.

**Rev. George S. Hewitt**, of Havertown, Md., March 7, 2009. He is survived by two daughters.

**Shirley J. (Venema) Mueller**, of Williamsport, Pa., March 4, 2009. She is survived by a son.

**1943 • Elizabeth M. Davis**, of Cleveland, Ohio, July 9, 2007.

**1944 • Evan Rhys Rosser Jr.**, of Williamsport, Pa., March 18, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, two daughters and a son.

**1945 • Elizabeth A. (Miller) Leach**, of Tuckerton, N.J., April 8, 2009. She is survived by her husband, John, and a son.

**1946 • Robert S. Coney Jr.**, of Winchester, Ky., March 14, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Paula.

**1949 • John S. Retkwa**, of Colonia, N.J., April 19, 2009. He is survived by two daughters and a son.

**1951 • Hatton A. Zimmerman**, of Rochester, N.Y., Feb. 12, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Jane, two daughters and two sons.

**1952 • Harold L. Hart**, of Williamsport, Pa., March 12, 2009. He is survived by two daughters and a son.

**Marjory W. (Whiteley) Cooper**, of Williamsport, Pa., March 6, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Albert, a daughter and a son.

**1954 • Milo H. Frey**, of Muncy, Pa., Jan. 27, 2009. He is survived by a daughter and a son.

**Lawrence P. Lundy**, of Williamsport, Pa., April 9, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Catherine, two daughters and a son.

**1955 • Robert B. Block**, of Stamford, Conn., Sept. 28, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Judith, and three daughters.

**1956 • Albert F. Zaremba**, of Marlton, N.J., Feb. 20, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, and a daughter.

**1957 • Norbert L. Coudriet**, of Montvale, N.J., Feb. 7, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Vincie, three daughters and three sons.

**Dr. William C. Reuter**, of Framingham, Mass., Feb. 21, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Frances, a daughter and three sons.

**1958 • Warren "Phil" Hyde Jr.**, of Watsonstown, Pa., March 9, 2009.

**Gail A. (Yeager) LeCrone**, of Altoona, Pa., April 4, 2009. She is survived by two daughters.

**1959 • Shirley (Adams) Crosby**, of Newark, N.Y., March 23, 2008. She is survived by a daughter and a son.

**William Gibson III**, of Williamsport, Pa., April 18, 2009. He is survived by a daughter and a son.

**Dr. Gilbert S. Macvaugh Jr.**, of Greenville, Miss., April 4, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Ann, a daughter and three sons.

**1960 • Arthur B. Kline Jr.**, of Williamsport, Pa., March 7, 2009. He is survived by his wife, L. Jane, and two daughters.

**Patricia (Zern) Solt**, of Honolulu, Hawaii, March 22, 2009. She is survived by a daughter and a son.

**1961 • Harold B. Gardner**, of Littleton, N.C., March 10, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, six daughters and three sons.

**William M. Meade III**, of Linwood, N.J., March 1, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, three daughters and two sons.

**1962 • George W. English Jr.**, of Boynton Beach, Fla., Feb. 9, 2009.

**Robert E. Pac**, of Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 22, 2009.

**1963 • Charles F. Yetter II**, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 23, 2007.

**1966 • George A. Grant**, of Wellsboro, Pa., Jan. 9, 2009. He is survived by a son.

**Mary (Willits) Harer**, of Jersey Shore, Pa., Feb. 1, 2009. She is survived by a daughter and two sons.

**1969 • Dr. Frank A. Richmond**, of Key West, Fla., Jan. 9, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Gail, and a son.

**1972 • Robert P. Kelling Jr.**, of Pelham, N.Y., March 23, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Paisley.

**1979 • Charles H. Bideaux**, of Waynesville, N.C., April 4, 2009. He is survived by a daughter.

**1980 • Bonny M. (Shaffer) Troisi**, of Williamsport, Pa., April 6, 2009. She is survived by her husband, David, and a daughter.

**1992 • Taunia A. (Halcrow) Oechslin**, of Johnstown, Pa., April 9, 2009. Taunia served on the College's Alumni Association Executive Board from 2006-09. She is survived by her husband, Brian, and a son.

**Dr. David Franz**, of Hughesville, Pa., April 21, 2009. He served as a professor of chemistry at Lycoming from 1970 until his retirement in 2005. Contributions in memory of David may be made to the Professor David A. Franz Chemistry Instrumentation Endowed Fund at Lycoming. He is survived by his wife, Beth Ann Myers, a son, a daughter, his brother and sister, and three grandchildren.

**Peggy L'Heureux**, of Williamsport, Pa., April 1, 2009. She served on Lycoming's board of trustees for 17 years and was an emeritus trustee. For 20 years, she owned the Peggy L'Heureux Real Estate Agency. In gratitude of her real estate efforts on behalf of the College, the board established the Margaret D. L'Heureux Endowed Scholarship in 2002. She is survived by her son, James, his wife, Katharine, and three grandchildren.

**James W. Sheaffer**, of Williamsport, Pa., April 8, 2009. He retired from the College in 1982 after serving for 32 years on the music faculty. He is survived by a sister, three sons and five grandchildren. One of his daughters-in-law, **Karen (Newhouser) Sheaffer '74**, is Lycoming's director of annual giving. The family asks that contributions in James' name be made to the College.

## VIEWPOINT

By Heidi Aigler '00

Of the mountains of useful information that I learned at Lyco, three important points serve me well almost each and every day.

1. Creatively illustrate your point. No one could illustrate a point like Dr. Phil Sprunger! In fact, his lessons on negative utility and sunk cost have stuck with me for more than a decade, probably because they involved a cigarette and a sandwich as illustrations. Every time I am trying to convey my message, I remember to vividly illustrate my point!

2. If you're working hard, it will pay off later. The difficulty I faced in deciphering Spanish literature and the slow pace at which I found the correct verb form was almost physically painful. But after years of struggling, one day, I found myself able to read a novel in Spanish effortlessly! Dr. Barbara Buedel and Dr. Sandra Kingery were always so patient and supportive, that I had no fear of trying, even if I didn't have the correct word or form. All the hard work paid off after graduation as I was able to converse comfortably while working in South America, Mexico and New Jersey. I'm getting a bit rusty, but I know all I have to do is dedicate myself to the task and I can be fluent again.

3. Believe in yourself! One day, I found myself sitting in Dr. Mehrdad Madresehee's office teary-eyed and panicked. I was utterly baffled by the numbers and letters on the board, and there was no way I could pass Managerial Economics. I would have to change my major. Dr. Madresehee looked my squarely in the eye and said, "Heidi, I know you and I will tell you honestly that you can pass this class. If you study hard and do the assignments, you CAN pass this class." Yes, I passed, with a 4.0. To this day, every time I become panicked and overwhelmed, I remember Dr. Madresehee telling me, "You can do it." And every time I tell myself I can, I succeed.

Lycoming College was my springboard into life. Professors didn't just give me the degree and the knowledge, they gave me the life skills to succeed. To my professors, I wasn't just a name on a file. Each one knew me personally, knew my abilities and skills, and honed them into the force I am today. I've spent the last 10 years traveling the globe, meeting famous people and high-powered executives, seeing my knowledge come to life in the "real world..."

A decade later, I've found my niche as part of the management team of one of New Jersey's busiest and best libraries. We even have a TV station! Overseeing 130 employees, more than a thousand visitors a day and a \$4.4 million dollar budget has all the challenges of a fast-paced corporation, but the heart of an academic institution. Lycoming gave me the tools to meet those challenges, which means I have the rare privilege of having found happiness in my work. And occasionally, I illustrate my point with a sandwich.

**Editor's note:** Lycoming alumni are encouraged to share their stories about how the College has had a positive influence on your lives. Your stories may be published in future issues of this magazine and/or posted on the alumni section of the Web site. To submit your story of no more than 500 words, please e-mail [collegerelations@lycoming.edu](mailto:collegerelations@lycoming.edu) or use our online form at [www.lycoming.edu/alumni/stories.htm](http://www.lycoming.edu/alumni/stories.htm)



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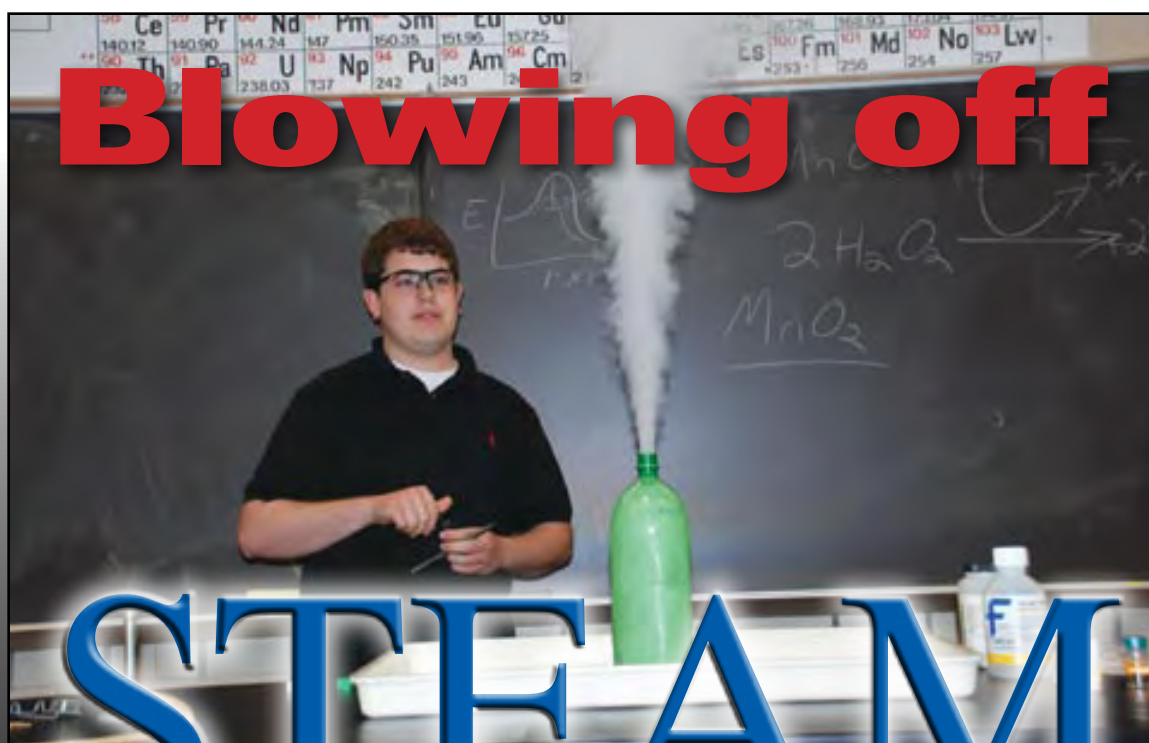
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# Blowing off

# STEAM

During a chemistry colloquium in April, senior Kyle Totaro demonstrated what happens when the catalyst manganese dioxide ( $\text{MnO}_2$ ) is added to decompose concentrated (30%) hydrogen peroxide ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ). Catalysts greatly accelerate chemical reactions. The reaction is very exothermic and makes water and oxygen. The water is converted to steam, which erupts through the top of the bottle.

At the College's 2009 Honors Convocation in April, Totaro was the recipient of the American Chemical Society Outstanding Chemistry Major Award. He is a member of the chemistry honor society Gamma Sigma Epsilon.

The chemical equation of the reaction is:  $2 \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$

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