The Warrior men's soccer team huddles before its Sweet 16 game at Amherst in the NCAA Division III Championship on Nov. 21, 2015.
WOMEN’S ATHLETICS AT LYCOMING
A LOOK BACK TO SEE FORWARD

Women’s athletics at Lycoming College have evolved dramatically during the past century. Gone are the days when loose hairpins and billowing bloomers could be blamed for a loss.

It’s about more than school spirit. Even in 1902, people recognized the importance of athletics for young women. Playing with a team helps one develop both academically and professionally, improving leadership and teamwork skills and building strong, supportive relationships with one another.

One thing that has remained a constant since those early days of basketball is that athletics continues to serve as a cornerstone of student life at Lycoming College. A strong sense of community is what many students love about our campus, and it’s what keeps them coming back as alumni. Athletics has been, and will continue to be, a big part of that lifelong bond that so many alumni form with their alma mater.

PICTURED: Dickinson Seminary Ladies’ basketball players from the classes of 1902 and 1903 pose, in uniform, for a portrait.
As a young journalist, I worked in the sports department of a big-city paper. The sports editor was an ink-stained wretch straight out of central casting, down to his shabby trench coat. The kind of guy who refers to the Breeder’s Cup as “Our National Championship.”

That same editor also once offered me this nugget: “Sports comes down to two simple things. It’s about people doing amazing things with their bodies, and stupid things with their money.”

It’s easy to be similarly cynical about sports today: athletes manipulate their bodies pharmacologically, and professional franchises are valued higher than the GDP of a small country, while major athletic conferences serve as their de facto minor leagues.


Our student-athletes are exactly that — and in that respective order. They enter our gates with the drive to succeed at both, and they hone that discipline during their time here. This same discipline not only translates to Lycoming’s classrooms, where our student-athletes retain at the same or higher rates than their peers, but it is also foundational for their success as leaders across a spectrum of professions and vocations: physicians and accountants; soldiers and teachers; artists, executives and legislators.

In this issue, LC Magazine celebrates one of the College’s greatest teachers in the field of leadership, Coach Frank Girardi. His selection to the College Football Hall of Fame caps off a remarkable year of success for Lycoming on the pitch, the hardwood and the mats. We also honor the leadership of one of Coach Girardi’s good friends, and a true “team captain” both at the College and in the community, Bob Shangraw.

Meanwhile, our own team at the magazine has a new point guard, and we welcome Marla Kramer, who is already running the floor on this summer issue. Let’s go, Warriors!
In a former role as the government relations advisor for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Marty fostered partnerships with legislative and executive branch officials and community stakeholders alike.

Marty also served a four-year term on Williamsport’s City Council from 2006-10, and is past chairman of the Pennsylvania College of Technology Foundation.

Patrick Marty
Executive Director, Communications and External Relations

As executive director, Marty coordinates the work of the Department of Marketing and Communications, and additionally manages the College’s relationships with federal, state and local governments.

Marty earned a bachelor’s degree in government and philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 1991, where he was commissioned a Regular Army field artillery officer with assignments in West Germany and Ft. Carson, Colo. In 1996, he earned a master’s degree in journalism from Northwestern University, then served as the sports editor for the internet edition of the Chicago Tribune and editor-at-large at Freeskier Magazine.

For 11 years, he was responsible for the operations, sales and marketing for commercial-industrial general contractor J.B. Gibbons Construction, Inc., a Williamsport-based family business. He remains the co-owner of The (Re) Imagination Group, a Williamsport-based design-development, marketing and management company focused on adaptive reuse of existing buildings in Lycoming and Clinton Counties.

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Marla Kramer
Associate Director of Advancement Communications

Kramer provides strategic communications support for college advancement and fundraising, and leads efforts in writing, editing and producing various digital and print materials for the College.

As a public relations and marketing professional with more than 20 years experience, Marla has a background in helping leaders and multinational organizations with key message development and delivery of the news, including NTT Communications/Verio, where she spent six years.

Kramer holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Ohio University.
Etched on a plaque inside Lycoming College’s Shangraw Athletic Complex is one of Coach Frank Girardi’s favorite sayings. “DARE TO BE GREAT.”

The words are simple, but the message is timeless. For hundreds of student-athletes that competed for Lycoming College between 1972 and 2007, Coach Girardi was an inspiring source of support and encouragement, as not only the legendary head football coach that will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in December, but also as the school’s director of athletics for 24 years.

To pay tribute to his commitment to Lycoming’s athletic success, LC Magazine asked alumni, students and fans of the Warriors to share their unedited insights on Facebook and Twitter. These are only a handful of the many stories and congratulations shared on Lycoming’s social media sites.

**John Phillips**, My favorite quotes from him were: “Dare to be great,” and “If you chase after perfection, you will achieve excellence.” Congrats Coach! You are the best!

**Bobby Frazier**, “A little hard work for a lifetime of great memories” was great saying/mantra stated by Coach G & Coach Wise!

**CFB Legends @CFBLegends**
Congrats to great Frank Girardi on his CFB HOF induction!

**Lycoming Football @WarriorsFBall**
Took over a struggling program and won 257 games and 13 MAC Titles in 36 years.

**Pat Taylor @CoachTaylor_OL**
Coach G was a great coach and he’s a better person. The main reason I went to Lycoming! Congrats G
Kara Stauffer Reber, Congrats G. You truly are amazing and I’m so glad I had the chance to work for you. Well deserved!!!

Jim Scott, Congratulations, Frank...absolutely most well-deserved!

Steve Weigle, Outstanding. Way to go G.

Mary Manzoni @MaryManzoni
So proud of my uncle! Positively impacting and providing mentorship to others.

Guy Cipriano @GCIMagazineGuy
Incredible news. I have covered a lot of special people and Frank Girardi is near the top of that list.

Mitch Rupert @Mitch_Rupert
The 1,400 words I wrote on Frank Girardi’s election to the Hall of Fame may have been the easiest 1,400 words I’ve ever written

Frank Girardi: “We got here with a whole lot of help from a whole lot of people.”

Just spent over an hour listening to stories from Frank Girardi ... Best hour on the job I’ve had in a long, long time

Kara Stauffer Reber, Congrats G. You truly are amazing and I’m so glad I had the chance to work for you. Well deserved!!!

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Senator Gene Yaw @SenatorGeneYaw
Congratulations to Coach Frank Girardi on being named to 2016 @cfbhall Class!

John Scanlan @scanz12
Coach G finally gets his due as one of the best Coaches ever in the country, and he is an even better MAN!
Fulfilling its mission to expand international study, Lycoming has added yet another study abroad option for aspiring young scholars. The College announced an exchange agreement with the Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (UPAEP), paving the way for Lycoming students to enhance their studies with travel to Puebla, Mexico, and likewise for UPAEP students to study at Lycoming. Every year, through the generosity of Mrs. Helen Lowry, Lycoming’s Study Abroad Ambassadors receive financial support to study in another country, and upon their return, work on campus to promote study abroad opportunities for other students.

Lycoming also established international study relationships with Athena Study Abroad and Université Grenoble Alpes in Grenoble, France. With these new additions, study abroad options for Lycoming students have expanded to include opportunities with institutions in China, Australia, Argentina, Germany, France, England and more.

President Kent Trachte has been named chair of the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Presidents’ Council Executive Committee. He will serve a two-year term beginning in the fall, leading the council in the implementation of the MAC’s strategic plan, as well as in the identification of a new brand for the conference.

Additionally, Trachte has also been appointed to the board of directors for the Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP), an organization that educates policymakers, media representatives and civic and corporate leaders about the benefits, value and quality of education at 88 of the Commonwealth’s independent colleges and universities. He will serve a three-year term beginning in September and running through June 2019.

On a more local level, the president was recognized by the Williamsport Sun-Gazette as the 2015 Person of the Year for his positive impact on the Williamsport community, acknowledging the College’s efforts to revitalize neighborhoods surrounding the campus, and building relationships with the community.
WELCOME BACK; LYCOMING’S NEWEST TRUSTEES

Lycoming College named six new board of trustees members to help ensure the College continues to make progress toward its long- and short-term goals.

John DiMarco ’76 recently retired from Day & Zimmermann as the CEO and president of SOC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Day & Zimmermann, where he had served as its vice president of business strategies. Previously, he held executive positions with both Lockheed Martin and GE.

The former Warrior basketball Hall-of-Famer remains passionate about athletics and is currently involved in several joint ventures in the golf and restaurant industries. He also served as treasurer of the Voorhees Soccer Association for 13 years and coached his four children in basketball and soccer. He lives in Voorhees, N.J., with his wife, Gwendolyn, a 1976 graduate of Lycoming.

John earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Lycoming College in 1976 and a master’s in business administration from Monmouth University.

Colleen M. Heisey ’99 is a partner at the nation’s largest law firm, Jones Day, focusing on food and drug law. Colleen is a member of the American Bar Association, where she serves in a leadership role in the Health Law section’s Life Sciences Interest Group. She is also a member of the Food and Drug Law Institute and the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

Colleen received a bachelor’s in biology from Lycoming College in 1999, a master’s in Public Health from The Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and her juris doctorate from The George Washington University Law School. She resides in McLean, Va.

Leigh T. Howe ’78 is an investment and finance professional with more than 30 years experience working with private equity and commercial banks to evaluate the credit risk and returns of real estate projects in the senior housing and healthcare markets. She most recently provided her expertise with planning, budgeting and constructing new or renovated investment assets as the executive vice president and chief operating officer for Windsor Healthcare Equities.

Leigh graduated from Lycoming in 1978 with a bachelor’s in economics and business administration. She holds a master’s in business administration from Loyola University and lives in Lutherville, Md.

Dr. James M. Jeffries III ’78 is certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery, and has been practicing plastic and reconstructive surgery for 22 years. After his general surgery residency, he served his National Health Service Corps Scholarship as a commissioned officer in The Public Health Service at the U.S. Penitentiary Leavenworth, in Kansas. He then returned to New Jersey to complete his general surgery and plastic surgery training.

James earned his bachelor’s in biology from Lycoming College in 1978. He subsequently earned his doctor of medicine in 1983 from University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School. He currently resides in Peoria, Ill.

John E. Marthinsen ’70 is an award-winning professor of economics and international business and the distinguished chair in Swiss economics at Babson College. John has taught
Internationally and is the author of numerous books and articles on global economics and financial topics. He served on the board of directors of Swiss-based Givaudan SA for nearly a decade and worked for two Swiss-based financial companies. John also has extensive consulting experience with domestic and international companies, as well as with the U.S. government. He has served on the United Nations Association’s Economic Policy Council.

John received his bachelor’s degree in economics from Lycoming College in 1970, as well as a master’s in economics in 1971 and a doctorate in economics and international trade in 1974, both from the University of Connecticut. He lives in Sherborn, Mass., with his wife, Laraine ‘77.

J. Michael Schweder ’71 is president of AT&T Mid-Atlantic States. He directs the corporate efforts in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. He has held jobs of increasing responsibility at AT&T for more than 30 years.

He served three terms as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives (1974-1980), and also served as a member of the Bethlehem, Pa., City Council (1998-2010), where he was elected president three times. He serves on numerous industry boards across the Mid-Atlantic region.

Michael graduated from Lycoming College in 1971 with a bachelor’s in political science, and completed the executive education program in business at the University of Michigan in 1987. He resides in Bethlehem, Pa., with his wife, Annette ’72.

**SENIOR ART STUDENTS SHOWCASED AT LYCOMING COLLEGE’S DOWNTOWN GALLERY**

The Lycoming College Art Gallery, located in downtown Williamsport, hosted the annual Senior Show, a competitive exhibition that showcases a cohesive body of work and artist statement by every Lycoming senior art student, and is juried by an outside expert. Throughout the year the gallery hosts various exhibitions as well as visiting artists. Most exhibits are free of charge and open to the public. The downtown location of the gallery provides a window into the Lycoming College student experience for the Williamsport community.

**THE GREAT OUTDOORS**

Winter camping, backpacking and kayaking are just a few of the events that tested the mettle of the intrepid as Lycoming College launched its new Outdoor Leadership and Education program. Jae Ellison, the program’s director, said “There’s no better way to teach innovation or leadership than by offering safely planned experiences where students can test their approach to leadership and creativity by adapting to new situations with limited resources.” He plans to work closely with faculty to reinforce concepts learned in classes as the program continues.

**NO SUBSTITUTE FOR EXPERIENCE**

Twenty-one Lycoming students benefitted from the 2015 Williamsport Internship Summer Experience (WISE) program, gaining first-hand knowledge in a professional area of interest to them. WISE acknowledges that internship experiences are critical to post-college job placement, but are often non-paid positions, which poses hurdles for many students. The WISE program seeks to overcome internship barriers by providing resources and housing. Interns, the College and business partners work together to create specific learning objectives to maximize the experience for each student.

**WE MADE THE LIST!**

Lycoming College was named a “great college to work for” by The Chronicle of Higher Education, taking honors in the “collaborative governance” and “confidence in senior leadership” categories.
The last Friday of the fall semester brings a Lycoming tradition that eases the stress of upcoming project deadlines and final exams. For more than a decade, Snowden ’til 2 has marked the kick-off of finals week in a bustling, yet informal environment that combines study, fun and relaxation for students who are eager to finish the semester on a high note.

Starting at 9 p.m., professors host study groups that allow students to review and prepare for their final exams as a class. Tutors from the Academic Resource Center and the Writing Center help perk up papers, and math tutors assist in clearing up murky concepts.

“Snowden ’til 2 is one of the highlights of the fall semester because I get to work with my students in a laid-back atmosphere and provide one-on-one attention throughout the evening,” said Christopher Reed ’05, instructor of mathematics and director of the Math Center. Reed, who has participated in the event since its inception — while he was still a student — teamed up with Jason Mifsud ’13, assistant professor of mathematical science, to offer a study session for Calculus with Analytic Geometry. “The event provides an efficient way for me to answer each student’s specific questions so they are prepared for their final exams,” said Reed.

Cullen Chandler, Ph.D., associate professor of history, also attended the first Snowden ’til 2 in 2003 and has hosted a study session every year since. This year, his large crowd of students settled comfortably into chairs and beanbags with their notebooks and beverages, ready to spend the next two hours studying.

“I have participated in Snowden ’til 2 ever since ... well, for a long time. I really love it,” said Chandler. “I can get at what the students really need. Essay questions for exams in Western Civilization can be pretty involved, so it’s a good opportunity to solidify the material in everyone’s minds. Plus, we get to do that while eating cookies and drinking cocoa.”

Along with the snacks, pizza and homemade cookies, students can give their brains a break by playing games, doing puzzles and coloring. Students can also sign up for a free chair massage from a massage therapist and enter a raffle to win free prizes.

Even students who do not have a professor hosting a study session attend.

“I’ve gone a few times over the years, usually when a professor had a study session,” said Lexie Miller, a senior creative writing and commercial design major. “However, this year I decided to attend to get some of my studying done and enjoy my time with a chair massage and playing games with friends.” Senior Erin Szogi, a creative writing and psychology major, agrees: “I love Snowden ’til 2. I’ve gone all four years I’ve been at Lycoming, whether or not one of my professors held a study session. The massage and games help me wind down after a busy semester.”

The event is organized by Library staff and sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Office of the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, the Office of the Dean of First-Year Students and the Academic Resource Center.
Lycoming College welcomed 15 new faculty members for the 2015-2016 academic year.

From left to right, sitting: Meghan Andrews, Jessica Munson; first row: Lorena Cuya Gavilano, Douglas Hines, Patrick Coyle, Michael Kurtz, Courtney Dexter, Biliana Stoytcheva-Horissian, David Andrew; second row: Sarah Holstein, Kristi Good, Jason Mifsud, Andrew Brandon, Justin Medina, Ceaphas Stubbs.
FACULTY

David Andrew
Assistant Professor of Biology
B.A., Oberlin College
Ph.D., University of Arizona

Meghan Andrews
Assistant Professor of English
B.A., Brown University
M.A., University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin

Andrew Brandon
Assistant Professor of Mathematical Sciences
B.S., Arizona State University
M.S., University of Maryland
Ph.D., University of Maryland

Patrick Coyle
Assistant Professor of Business Administration
B.S., Rowan University
M.B.A., Rowan University
M.S., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Ph.D., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Lorena Cuya Gavilano
Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish
B.A., Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
M.A., Pennsylvania State University
Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University

Courtney Dexter
Visiting Assistant Professor of Education
B.A., Southern Methodist University
M.Ed., Texas State University
M.Ed., Pennsylvania State University
Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University

Kristi Good
Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre
B.A., Kutztown University
M.A., Villanova University
Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh

Douglas Hines
Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry
B.S., Baldwin Wallace University
Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

Sarah Holstein
Assistant Professor of Psychology
B.A., Randolph-Macon Woman’s College
Ph.D., Oregon Health & Science University

Michael Kurtz
Assistant Professor of Economics
B.S., Quinnipiac University
M.A., University of New Hampshire
Ph.D., University of New Hampshire

Justin Medina
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice-Criminology
B.A., University of New Mexico
M.S., University of Pennsylvania
Ph.D., Temple University

Jason Mifsud ’13
Visiting Instructor of Mathematical Sciences
B.A., Lycoming College
M.A., Binghamton University

Jessica Munson
Visiting Assistant Professor of Latin American Archaeology
B.A., Princeton University
M.A., University of Arizona
Ph.D., University of Arizona

Biliana Stoytcheva-Horissian
Assistant Professor of Theatre
B.F.A., National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria
M.A., University of Oregon
Ph.D., University of Oregon

Ceaphas Stubbs
Assistant Professor of Photography
B.A., Rutgers University
M.F.A., University of Pennsylvania
Lycoming College has a long history of educating bright and talented students who were first in their families to attend college. Identifying and recruiting these students on a national level, however, requires deliberate planning and strategic partnerships with charter school networks. In 2013, Lycoming forged a partnership with the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP), a national network of premier charter schools. KIPP has provided a strong pipeline of bright and talented students from across the country who endeavor to receive a first-rate education in the liberal arts.

In response to Lycoming’s continued dedication to first-generation college students, two Lycoming College trustees, Peter Lynn ’69 ’15H emeritus chair of the board, and Marshall Welch III, have endowed a new KIPP Scholarship. The scholarship will support students from KIPP schools, or similar charter school programs, who have demonstrated significant academic promise, as well as financial need.

We want to continue to forge a partnership with an organization that is dedicated to supporting high school students, especially those growing up in a challenging environment, so they can achieve their best.

“...”

Marshall Welch III
“We want to continue to forge a partnership with an organization that is dedicated to supporting high school students, especially those growing up in a challenging environment, so they can achieve their best,” said Welch, CEO at AutoTrakk, a leading automobile leasing company, who has served on Lycoming’s Board of Trustees since 2007. “Dedicated financial support from the College will assist these students in benefitting from a liberal arts education.”

Lynn, a Washington, D.C., area business owner who has served on the board for 14 years, agrees. “Both Lycoming College and I strongly believe all qualified high school students should be provided the opportunity to pursue an affordable college education.”

The scholarship will be given to a KIPP freshman every fall and will fund the student throughout his or her four years at Lycoming.

The scholarship is only part of the equation for KIPP students. Because most of these students are the first in their families to go to college, and can’t necessarily rely upon their parents to help them navigate the channels of academic life, the students are enrolled in a mentoring program for their first two years.

“We realize that learning happens in the context of the relationships students build with faculty, staff and their peers,” said Andrew Kilpatrick, associate dean of student success and academic services. “The mentoring program is one of the highlights of our services, helping KIPP students adapt to the greater expectations of college life.”

Kilpatrick works with Jessica Hess, director of admissions, and Dr. Dan Miller, vice president for student life and dean of students, to enroll and counsel KIPP students.

The mentoring program entails having Lycoming professors meet with students individually and as a group throughout each semester. These faculty and professional staff advise them on coursework and help them evaluate and select a major, if they haven’t already done so. They also organize a number of activities tailored to the needs of their group, like mini-classes on time management and research skills, introductions to campus resources and social events like snow tubing.

When discussing the program’s success, Kilpatrick thinks of Naheem Height ’19, a political science major who is considering working toward civil rights for low-income minorities. “For me, KIPP has been a lifesaver. Growing up in Newark, N.J., I didn’t think college was an option for me. Graduating from high school alone was a major achievement for someone in my circumstances — and now I’m at Lycoming. None of this would have been possible without KIPP.”

Another KIPP student, accounting and finance major, Deborah Sharp ’18, discussed her passion for helping first-generation college students and minorities. “KIPP helped me change my path by showing me that I had choices. When I go home, I always visit KIPP Baltimore to talk to students from lower-income neighborhoods who don’t think they have an opportunity to go to college. KIPP has taught me that it’s all in your mindset, and I try to help others understand this.”

About three dozen KIPP alumni are currently enrolled at Lycoming College. The first scholarship was awarded to Nathalie Montoya ’20 of Houston.

“This scholarship is a wonderful addition to our school’s commitment to making sure that everyone who dreams of becoming a doctor, a lawyer or an entrepreneur has a path toward their goal,” said Kilpatrick. ♦
Today, most people don’t visit their local tavern to read the newspaper or listen to a political debate. But in Colonial America, the tavern was a gateway to the outside world and by default, often became the local community center. Tavern owners often found themselves immersed in town politics and therefore thrust into military leadership positions.

Discussions of cultural aspects that influenced Revolutionary War soldiers, like tavern ownership, are now available on a new website, parevolutionarysoldiers.com, founded by Lycoming College students in October 2015.

“Details about everyday life help us recreate the world of the ordinary soldier,” said Christopher Pearl, Ph.D., assistant professor of history at Lycoming College, who guided the student-led effort. “The website showcases the methodical attention to detail our students give their research and helps them preserve and honor our heritage.”

The website avoids the typical overview of the war’s events readily available in other publications. Instead, it aims for a more nuanced view by offering short, well-crafted biographies about ordinary Pennsylvanians who fought in the war — where they came from, what influenced their decision to serve, and how they supported military efforts. The site also has short essays that explore the historical context of Pennsylvania in the revolutionary era, such as land disputes and rebellion in 1760s Northumberland County, and the impact of Benedict Arnold’s treason on the war effort and the morale of the citizenry.

“We are very excited to be sharing our hard-earned research with the public and providing a collaborative venue for all students,” said history major Maggie Slawson ’17, one of the site’s founders. “Students from other majors have helped us design, copyedit and fact-check. Others are encouraged to contribute essays on important cultural influences, like music, literature, occupations and leisure-time pursuits.”

Pearl praises the students’ innovative approach to the site. “They plan to use the latest technology to add to current scholarship. For example, they plan to document where soldiers lived using geographic information systems software (GIS) to pinpoint previously unidentified historical hot spots and to map the dramatic mobility of veterans in the post-war years.”

The website is the outcome of a Mellon Foundation research grant given to the college to support faculty-student research in the humanities as part of the college’s mission to provide students with career-enhancing academic experiences. Pearl and his students received a portion of the grant.

For now, the website will be dedicated to scholarship about the history of the period and the lives of approximately 3,000 Revolutionary War soldiers who applied for pensions as Pennsylvania veterans. Pearl expects students to add nearly a dozen stories to the site every year.

Students are developing the guidelines for submission criteria, now open only to Lycoming College students and alumni, and will post them on the website. The project’s scope may change in future years as the site matures.

Alumni who have Revolutionary War memorabilia, are encouraged to send a scanned copy or a digital, high-resolution photo of the object to pearl@lycoming.edu. (Please, do NOT send the object itself.) If an electronic submission is not possible, contact Pearl to discuss. — Miriam Mylin

Christopher Pearl, Ph.D., assistant professor of history
El Naranjito Coffee Farm
1. Farmers in a remote mountain community in the Dominican Republic grow natural coffee under a shade canopy.
2. Farmers hand-pick coffee cherries from their mature trees as they ripen and then remove the coffee bean from its cherry fruit.
3. Beans are dried on wide open patios which requires constant tending by the farmers and their families for up to a week.

Building Partnerships
4. Our non-profit partner, ACES North America, purchases the El Naranjito coffee and transports it to the United States.
5. Our for-profit partner, Golden Valley Farms Coffee Roasters (GVF), roasts and packages the coffee.
6. Our campus partners, Parkhurst Dining Services, Café 1812, and the Streeter Campus Store, serve this delicious and responsible coffee to the Lycoming community.

Educational Opportunities
7. Revenue generated from Warrior Blue sales and donations from GVF are used to fund service learning opportunities for Lycoming students in the Dominican Republic.
8. Students and El Naranjito farmers work together to improve coffee quality, increase family incomes and the community’s quality of life.
9. Students benefit from the high impact academic experience gained from their work with coffee, community and economic development, and other interdisciplinary projects to help launch them toward careers of significance and lives of meaning.

For more information visit www.lycoming.edu/coffee/warrior-blue
The Mongol Rally has only 3 rules:

1. You must raise at least £1,000 for charity.
2. You must travel in a car that has a 1.2-liter engine or less.
3. You are completely on your own.
It happened in Mongolia. Kristina Manente ’09 crashed — physically, emotionally. Tired and cold, Manente got sick in the middle of the Mongol Rally, a charity motor vehicle rally that stretches 10,000 miles from London, England to Ulan Ude, Russia.

“It’s adventure travel at its most insane because they give you a starting line, some parties along the way, if you can find them, and a finish line. That’s it,” said Manente, who also noted that the terrain in Mongolia was awful and the roads nonexistent. Manente and her team kept getting lost and spent hours going in the wrong direction. “We had to really make our own roads,” she said. “It was rough going and we had already lost a day going the wrong way. We ended up getting stuck in the sand.”
Although a definite setback, this part of the trip was also a turning point for Manente and her team. “We all worked together to push the cars out. At one point, I just started laughing to myself. ‘This is ridiculous. I have a chest cold in the middle of nowhere—Mongolia, we’re lost in the Gobi Desert, and I’m pushing a car out of the sand in a valley. What is my life?’ We ended up finding the road a few hours later and didn’t get lost again.”

Although Manente admits becoming frustrated often while in Mongolia, she said giving up was never an option. “Even when my morale was at its lowest and I was cranky and annoyed and feeling awful, we had to finish. Not finishing wasn’t even in my mind. I wanted to do this for three years. I planned the majority of it. We were going to finish. End of story.”

And the trip was for charity — the Mongol Rally is literally about “Saving the World.” They ask every team to raise a minimum of £1,000, at least £500 of which goes to their official cause, Cool Earth, an environmental charity that works in partnership with indigenous communities to protect rainforests that, without intervention, are scheduled to be destroyed within the next 18 months. “I literally googled adventure travel one day and the rally popped up,” said Manente. “It looked hilariously dangerous and something I wouldn’t forget anytime soon. That was around three years ago. This was the first year everything lined up and I went for it.”

The Mongol Rally states that “you can get to Ulan Ude however you want.” The entire rally was tackled in a ’94 Vauxhall Corsa, which had no business making it to the finish line. “It was a beast of a little car,” said Manente. “We called him ‘Eddy.’ He was our home for those four and a half weeks and something we could always rely on. Through border crossings, rivers, rocks, sand, mud and who knows what else, he was our rock. Whenever we spent more than a day somewhere, getting back into Eddy was like going home.”

Manente knew one person on her Rally team, but their other two passengers were complete strangers. “Sora has been a good friend of mine for a few years and she said she wanted to travel more, so I convinced her to jump into the deep end,” said Manente. “Scott and Maartje are both ‘professional travelers’... we literally all met two days before hitting the road.”
“I became enamored with seeing as much of the globe as I can. My time at Lycoming was instrumental in this, and I will always be incredibly thankful for the opportunity I was given to go abroad.”

But the trip wasn’t without peril. One night after driving through some really awful roads, Manente’s team came to a dangerous river crossing in Mongolia, where three rivers had come together because of flooding. “Crossing the first two was fine,” said Manente, “but the third river was really deep. Cars and buses being pulled over were draining a lot of water. We unplugged everything, stuffed plastic into various holes, took everything off the floor and hoped for the best.”

Three of us piled into the tractor as Scott stayed in the car with one of the workers. At the third river, Eddy began to float suddenly, then tip. Scott frantically rolled up the window and we all screamed as the car started to float downstream, dangerously close to tipping. Thankfully it didn’t and we didn’t actually take on any water. But it was a tense moment. I wondered if we were going to have to pull Scott out of that car.”

At Lycoming, Manente double-majored in history and archaeology. Two months after graduating, she moved to Japan to teach English for a year. After that, London for three years. Manente admitted: “Living away from home, or the States, is more of my norm than anything else. I got hit bad with the travel bug after I did a semester abroad in London my junior year and was able to jump all over Europe thanks to its low cost of travel. Without having studied abroad — Dr. Cullen Chandler’s Barcelona May Term, and the dig at Tel Gezer, Israel, as part of my archaeology major — I never would have seen so much of the world in such a short time. I became enamored with seeing as much of the globe as I can. My time at Lycoming was instrumental in this, and I will always be incredibly thankful for the opportunity I was given to go abroad.”

Manente started on a Master of Arts in medieval history at King’s College London before ultimately switching to a Master of Arts in radio at Goldsmiths University of London. She spent some time as a DJ at the Lycoming radio station and was working as a radio host at Key 103 in Frederick, Md., up until she left for the rally. Today, Manente does everything from writing to audio editing and mixing. She also runs an award-winning podcast, “The Baker Street Babes.”

“I read an article a few years ago about micro-lives and how there are many people who live certain lives for a year or two at a time and then move on,” said Manente. “That’s me. I get restless if I’m in a place for too long. There’s too much of the world to see!”

Eventually, Eddy would start breaking down, and Manente said it was a bit heart-wrenching. “His fan belt screeched almost constantly. the exhaust pipe had snapped and kept falling, the treads on our tires had evaporated,” she said. “But Eddy made it. We roared across the finish line — a very loud roar.”

Summing up the entire journey, Manente said: “Patience is key and people are inherently good. We experienced our fair share of unsavory people … but the vast majority of people in this world are kind and curious. We had people take us in without a question. When we were stuck in the freezing cold and wet Siberian forest because our exhaust pipe kept dropping and dragging against the ground, a man crawled under it and banged it back into place without asking for anything in return. Later on we would meet him in the next town and he gave us food as well. Did you know you can eat pinecones? Whenever we broke down, someone would eventually stop to see if we needed help.”

In the end, Manente and her team raised $3,000. Donations came from sponsors, friends and family who donated via FUNraiser and GoFundMe. She and Sora, Manente’s good friend and Rally partner, even extended their trip, spending two weeks in South Korea and then a week in Japan before heading back home. “We literally went around the world,” Manente said.

When asked if she would do the Rally again, Manente laughed and said she thought so. “But give me a few years to forget all the bad stuff that happened.” Ultimately, Manente said not to be afraid to do crazy things. “Just go for it,” she said. “Take the leap. It’s worth it.”

For more about the team, you can find everything about their Mongol Rally adventure at www.nerdventurists.com.
his past June, Lycoming College joined with the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania and the Lycoming County United Way to honor the generous spirit of their greatest collective champion. On the first anniversary of his passing — and, coincidentally, what would have been his 83rd birthday — friends and former protégés joined leaders of the organizations to which he had dedicated, in the words of Trustee Don Failor ’68, “his time, talent and treasure.”

Robert Shangraw ’58, H’04 was one of Lycoming College’s all-time most ardent and energetic advocates. He worked tirelessly to advance the College, and was a generous benefactor as well. Shangraw was possessed of many remarkable qualities, though no list of adjectives could paint a full picture of the man, or of the influence he had on Lycoming College and the community where he lived and worked.

In his remarks, President Kent Trachte referenced the American spirit of philanthropy and volunteerism that French writer Alexis de Tocqueville famously observed in his mid-19th century writings: “I’m pretty sure that de Tocqueville did not meet Bob Shangraw in 1831, but Bob certainly epitomized this quintessential American spirit of volunteerism and philanthropy that de Tocqueville discerned. He understood as did de Tocqueville, that this habit of forming associations to solve problems and create public goods is one foundation of a healthy, vibrant community. He was a man that devoted his time, energy and resources to the public good and it is that spirit of Bob that we honor today.”

Born in Jersey Shore, Pa., Shangraw was the youngest of four children in a family of modest means. He loved sports growing up and excelled at football especially, and played on the 1949 Jersey Shore High School team that was its last to go undefeated.

Shangraw lived in Williamsport for most of his adult life. After attending Lycoming College, he began his professional career with Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania, and in 1961 joined Merrill Lynch, eventually rising to the rank of First Vice President of Investments, a post he held until his retirement in 2001. Shangraw was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by Lycoming College in 2004.

In 1985, Shangraw was invited to join the board of trustees of Lycoming College, where he began three decades of service to the school, and was appointed chair in 1989. He was the first person from Williamsport in seven decades to serve as chair of the board, and he remained chair until 2005, later serving as a chair emeritus.
Daniel Fultz ’57, a fellow board member, remembers hearing the news of Shangraw’s appointment for the first time. “Bob worked at Merrill Lynch, and I was thinking, ‘What the heck does a stockbroker know about being chairman of the board?’ But I have seen a lot of board chairs come and go, and I have to say that Bob is right up there with Robert Rich—who helped turn Lycoming into a four-year school—as chairs that have had the biggest influence on the College.”

One place where Shangraw had the most resounding impact was in growing Lycoming’s endowment. “Under Bob’s leadership, we determined that we wanted to reach a $100 million endowment,” Fultz recalled. “It was a hell of a long way, but with the new president at that time, James Douthat, they pulled it off.”

“Bob and I took office on the same day in 1989,” said Douthat. “We had roughly a $15 million endowment at the time. When
Bob retired from the board, we had over $100 million. To put this in context, if Bob as chairman of the board had been able to double our endowment in ten years it would have been extraordinary, but the increase was six-fold."

"The impact of a stronger endowment cannot be overstated," explained Trachte. "Growing the endowment like that in terms of the percentages is almost unprecedented, and as we enter an era of intense competition over price, we are now at a competitive advantage over our peers. Lycoming can offer the kind of financial aid we need to attract the strongest students, and given our excellent debt ratio, we can borrow if necessary to take advantage of growth opportunities. More than the athletic center, more than the buildings, the endowed professorships, more than all that, creating the strong foundation for Lycoming was at the center of Bob Shangraw’s leadership."

"The future of the college and the country is going to be its demographic diversity, and that can be an enormous strength for the country and the college, but you have to be able to help get students through financially. Bob was a visionary and understood that early on," Douthat attested. "He connected the dots and saw that long-term health and growth of the college was fundamentally connected to the growth of the endowment."

In addition to his work on the board, Shangraw was chair to three fundraising campaigns, bringing in $36 million for the college. Perhaps because Shangraw was such a legendary fundraiser, "He was the kind of guy you hated to see coming, because you knew what was coming," joked long-time friend Hugh “Pete” Sides ’60, who was on the board with Shangraw. "You’d walk away poorer, but richer for the experience, and you really felt pretty good."

Fultz recalls with mirth the period when he was acting treasurer at Lycoming, commuting from Rochester, N.Y., each week to work. Shangraw had tapped him for a donation to renovate the Hiawatha riverboat, a popular tourist draw for Williamsport. “Three months later he calls about a children’s home. I said, OK, how much? It became a way of life. I thought, ‘Shangraw is after me when I don’t even live here! What will he do if I move back?’ ”

But of course, Shangraw’s generosity began at home. “Bob was a born leader, and he never asked anyone to do something that he wouldn’t — or hadn’t already — done himself,” emphasized Failor. Bob’s wife, Charlene Shangraw, concurred. “He gave away as much as he kept for himself and his family, and wouldn’t have had it any other way.” Beyond the College, the list of organizations, churches, institutions and charitable foundations he supported included nearly every nonprofit in the Williamsport area, and many outside it.

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Carl Hieber ’63 was a close friend and colleague of Shangraw’s. They worked together at Merrill Lynch for 35 years. “He was a great role model for his work ethic, and maybe the hardest worker I ever knew. At Bob’s funeral, I was astounded when people started talking, one after the other, about things he had done for them and their causes. As close as I was to him, I never had any idea about many of the things he had done.”

Lycoming College, though, was Shangraw’s passion, and he worked tirelessly in myriad ways to make it a better institution. “The kind of relationship I had with Bob was that he was more of a consigliere, since he had officially retired from the board, and we did conspire a few times,” said Trachte. “He was a man who had at least five ideas of how the College could be made better every day of his life. It’s hard to choose just one, but with student debt a rising issue, Bob reached out to me and said that we needed to do something about it. We came up with the idea of the Trustee Retention and Debt Reduction Fund, which allows us to identify students who are at the higher level of debt and give them some relief from that with additional scholarship money. That really exemplifies how much Bob cared for the students at Lycoming. With every idea he had their best interests in mind.”

D. Stephen Martz ’64 recalls working with Shangraw on the board of trustees. “One of the important things to know about Bob was that, besides vision and philanthropy, he served as a mentor in his leadership role at the college to other trustees, administration and faculty. He actively led things that he wanted to see happen. He didn’t just talk about it and hand it off; he really got involved and followed through.”

“My father had a big heart and was a great man,” said Nancy DeSanto ’93, who attended Lycoming along with her three siblings. “Our family has wonderful friends and memories purely because of my father having so much success — and fun — working with the great people at Lycoming.”

Shangraw was deeply devoted to his family. He had four children with his first wife, Mary, who died of cancer in 1988 leaving him a single father. Two years later Shangraw met Charlene, who was working at a local club. “He was always a gentleman, and a very, very nice person. She confessed, “The first time he asked me out it went right over my head! He asked me what night I was off, and I said I didn’t have any nights off. But he didn’t give up and asked me again the next week. We went out to dinner and began a wonderful relationship that lasted 25 years.” The couple married in 1992. “He was bigger than life. He had a real presence. When Bob walked into a room you knew he was there.”

Together, Bob and Charlene endured two tragedies: the deaths of Bob’s son, Doug, in 2008, and of Charlene’s son, Alan, soon after that. “It was of course difficult,” said Charlene, “but Bob worked very hard with both Doug’s wife and Alan’s wife. He always took good care of them.”

Charlene said Bob once told her that the impetus for his life’s work as a philanthropist came from a significant brush with mortality in 1979: “He made a commitment that if he lived through the surgery he would spend half his time and give half of what he had to charities. He made it through, and kept that promise going right until the end.”

“Bob always felt he got more back than he gave. Every chance he got he told people that, and he really meant it,” said Sides. “We will never replace him.”

— Contributed by Patrick Marty

Left to right: Daniel G. Fultz ’57 ’01H looks on while Douthat presents Shangraw with an honorary doctor of laws degree in 2004.

Frank Girardi is quick to point out that much of the recognition that has come his way since he was selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame in January is due to the care and hard work of many people. He talks of the program as a family, from the players to the assistant coaches to the fans and supporters.

It was the support system that made being a Warrior different, and during the program’s rise on the national radar in the 1990s, one of those biggest pillars of support was the college’s chair of the board of trustees, Bob Shangraw.

“When I think of Bob, the first two things to come to mind are his generosity and how he really was involved and extremely interested in Lycoming athletics,” Girardi said. “There’s no question in my mind that he was the driving force behind the building of the new stadium. He had a vision and he kept after it.”

Opened in 1998, the Shangraw Athletic Complex was a substantial upgrade for all of Lycoming’s athletic teams, providing a significant increase in locker room space for all of the outdoor teams, an updated press box and handicapped access. It was a $1.5 million project that came as a labor of love for Shangraw, whose interest in the Warriors was well known.

“He’d be up at practice quite a bit,” Girardi said. “You could just see the pride he had when he walked through the locker room or coaches’ room. It was sincere.”
GIBBONEY’S GROUP

MEN’S SOCCER ENJOYS A SEASON FOR THE AGES

It’s no secret that in three years, Nate Gibboney, head coach of Lycoming College men’s soccer, has boosted the team to new heights. In his first year, the Warriors won a shootout in the MAC Commonwealth semifinals against a mighty Messiah team that went on to win the NCAA Division III title. Lycoming’s team then proceeded to win its first conference title and reach the NCAA Championship for the first time in program history.

It was a legacy made in one year, but it didn’t stop there. A consummate grinder, Gibboney continued to rework the Warriors, finding talent in Maryland, New Jersey and, naturally, Pennsylvania, and in the course of that, has recruited possibly the most diverse group of student-athletes in the history of the College. In 2015, student-athletes on the team were born in seven different countries, from Kenya and Ivory Coast to France and Colombia.

“The difference in the players’ backgrounds makes it really fun to work with this group,” Gibboney said. “It’s not just that they are from different countries — we also have students from inner cities and others from extremely rural areas, so the dynamics are truly unique. But the bottom line is this: They are all great young people. They work hard, they believe in this team and they aren’t selfish.”
After an opening day loss in overtime to Eastern, the team didn’t lose again for 81 days. In that time, the Warriors recorded a season for the ages.

It could have gone south quickly for the team, too. In their third game, the Warriors fell behind York, 2-0, before scoring twice in the final nine minutes to force overtime. Abdullahi Abdi, a Somali refugee born in Kenya, provided the game-winning penalty kick goal in the 105th minute. In their next outing, the Warriors fell behind rival Susquehanna in the Battle of the Boot before a three-goal outburst ensured a 4-2 win, Gibboney’s first over his alma mater.

“We knew coming into the season that our first few games were going to be really difficult,” Gibboney said. “Our backs were up against the wall after losing to Eastern, and then trailing York. With no seniors on the squad, those younger players had to step up and play at a higher level. I give all the credit to our guys, who continued the battle. That is the game that got us going and feeling good about ourselves.”

As the weeks rolled past, wins continued to add up and even when it looked like the team would be stymied, it found a way to answer the adversity. Down 1-0 at Arcadia, Kyle Stettenbauer drilled a goal in the 87th minute to ensure a tie. In their next outing, the Warriors stopped Messiah’s 52-game MAC Commonwealth unbeaten streak, as Abdi and All-American Kyle Thomas scored in the win.

Lycoming had to break second-half ties in each of its last four regular-season games, and did so with aplomb each time, beating Alvernia, 2-1; Lebanon Valley, 1-0; Hood, 4-2; and Widener, 2-0; to wrap up the first undefeated conference slate in the 58-year history of the soccer program.

“If we get into the second half of a game and it is still tied, we feel we’re in a good spot,” Gibboney said. “One of the things we pride ourselves on is being one of the fittest teams in the country. Another thing we have is great depth. A lot of teams will play with three or four substitutes, but we played with eight to 10, so as a game went on, we were able to wear a lot of teams down. That played out with so many of our goals coming later in games.”

The MAC Commonwealth Tournament found the team leaning on a new hero. Freshman Sainclair Tueno, from Ivory Coast by way of Maryland, scored winning goals in both tournament games, with a mighty kick into the right corner of the net for a 1-0 conference championship win over Messiah.

In the process, Lycoming ended Messiah’s season shy of the Division III Championship for the first time in 18 years, doing it in front of a jam-packed crowd at the Shangraw Athletic Complex that rushed onto the field to celebrate as the final horn blew.

“The atmosphere and support provided by the student body, faculty, staff and even fans from the Williamsport community was tremendous,” Gibboney said. “Once we got to the end of the year and into the postseason, the atmosphere from all of those games was a huge advantage. The team loved playing in front of those big crowds full of family and friends.”

After winning the program’s second MAC Commonwealth title in three years, the Warriors — once an outsider on the national scene — had begrudgingly won the respect of the pollsters and the NCAA rankings committee, leaping to 15th in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll.

The NCAA rewarded the Warriors for their fine work, as Lycoming College was announced host of a four-team regional for the first and second rounds of the championship, the first time in 11 years the College hosted an NCAA postseason event in any sport. In front of packed crowds on a mid-November weekend, Lycoming posted a 1-0 win over Johnson & Wales and a 2-1 win over Dickinson to reach the Division III Sweet 16, where eventual national champion, Amherst, finally knocked Lycoming out of the tournament with a 2-0 loss.

That 81-day stretch without a loss, though, left one heck of a string of memories — a school-record 20-game unbeaten streak, a school-record 18 wins, a school-record 13 shutouts. Several players transformed into stars — Abdi and Jordan Logan were both Second Team All-Mid-Atlantic Region and First Team All-MAC Commonwealth selections. Thomas, the team’s central back, not only earned Second Team All-American honors, but was also named the MAC Commonwealth Defensive Player of the Year. All three players were just sophomores.

“This is a solid group that we were able to build around,” Gibboney said. “As long as we continue to push each other like we have and play together as a group, the future continues to be bright.”

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It all began with a handshake. That’s all it took for Frank Girardi to begin a journey with Lycoming College that still hasn’t ended, even some four-and-a-half decades later. There was no plan for more than 30 years of coaching football for the Warriors when Girardi became the school’s sixth head football coach following the 1971 season, a job he agreed to with nothing more than a handshake from then-College President Harold Huston.

Girardi couldn’t afford to look ahead decades, or even years. His only plan was to take one step at a time. First, conquer a recruiting class. Second, prepare for the season ahead. Finally, go week-by-week to find the best possible way to win a football game.
Frank CHANGED the CULTURE of the PROGRAM
For 36 years this was Girardi’s plan. It worked out pretty well, as he won 257 games as the Warriors’ head coach from 1972 until his retirement in 2007. It’s still the 16th-best win total in college football history. Since he was hired in 1971, his name was synonymous with Lycoming College. And come December, his name will forever be linked with the school when he is inducted to the College Football Hall of Fame as one of two coaches and 14 players who were recently selected to join the hall. Girardi will be the first person associated with Lycoming College to be inducted when he is enshrined on Dec. 6, at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

“I didn’t have a long-term plan, to be perfectly honest,” Girardi said recently as he sat behind the desk of his long-time assistant coach Steve Wiser ’74 in the Lycoming athletics office. “I knew that the program had been struggling for quite a while. I just felt that if we can get this thing to be competitive first, then we could go somewhere.”

Girardi couldn’t focus on long-term success when he began his tenure because football at Lycoming College had never really been successful. Since becoming Lycoming College in 1947, the school’s football program had just five winning seasons among the 27 years it played football before Girardi took the reigns as the head coach.

He changed the culture of the program, though. And by changing the culture he changed expectations. He understood football’s place at the Division III level, knowing the vast majority of his players would never get the opportunity to play professionally. So he developed a program that allowed players to showcase their talents as they grew as men and students.

The entire transformation of a college football program from bottom-feeder
to perennial champion started with that first recruiting class. Girardi sat in living rooms promising that first class they’d have a winning season by the time they graduated from Lycoming. At its surface, it didn’t seem like too bold of a promise. But in the 1960s, the Warriors had just one winning season under head coach David Busey. (Busey actually posted four winning seasons in his tenure from 1954-1966, including three winning seasons in a row from 1956 to 1958.)

Lycoming went 2-6 each of Girardi’s first two seasons and 3-6 his third year. But he kept his promise to those players in his first recruiting class. As seniors, that group finished 6-2 with only a 14-0 loss to Albright and a 7-0 loss to Upsala blemishing the record. It was a proud moment for Girardi. He had seen the growth in the program over the first three seasons, but this was the culmination of the changes he had made, his first steps toward making the program relevant.

“In 1974 I saw the light at the end of the tunnel. I think we lost three or four games by less than a touchdown that year. Then we had that winning season their senior year,” Girardi said. “From that point, that’s where we set the bar. So let’s increase our level of expectation. When you increase that level of expectation, now you increase the level of achievement. Now our goal is to win championships and get to the national playoffs. And if we’re good enough, let’s see just how far we can go. But at first, I just wanted to survive.”

Those teams from the 1970s still hold a special place in Girardi’s heart. He saw what those kids put themselves through to help him build the program. It’s no surprise when it was announced he had been selected for the College Football Hall of Fame, the first phone call he received at his home while he and his wife Lynn watched the announcement, was from a player from one of those squads from the 70s.

Part of the culture change when Girardi began at Lycoming was to create a family atmosphere among the football team. He valued loyalty and always wanted to make sure he was approachable to all of his players. It’s why when any recruit came to visit the Williamsport campus, he invited them all in to his office to sit down for a meeting with him.
He explained his philosophies and answered any questions the players had. It was how he let those players know it was OK to come to him with anything. “It went well beyond the football field. I always remember that first meeting we had when he became head coach and how he stressed loyalty,” said Hon. Thomas I. Vanaskie, a 1975 Lycoming graduate who is now a Circuit Court Judge for the United States Court of Appeals. “That was a great message that meant a lot to me.”

Girardi didn’t just preach loyalty, he lived it. All his coaches did. It’s why some of his most trusted coaches were with him for the duration of his coaching tenure, which ended following the 2007 season. Robb Curry ’69 coached with Girardi for all 36 years. Wiser joined Girardi’s staff after graduating in 1974 and was promoted to defensive coordinator in 1977 and still holds the position today under Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach Mike Clark ’93.

That loyalty created the kind of family atmosphere Girardi always wanted. His players were devoted to him, and to this day still are. They speak of him in reverent terms and when they see him, his players always greet him with a hug. Girardi never forgets a name. The faces of those players have changed, and occasionally Girardi will need some help pairing the name with the face of one of his former players. But hearing that name triggers a flood of memories like water crashing through a broken dam. Girardi will immediately begin to spout off play after play that made the player indelible in the 76-year-old’s mind.

“He had a way of making everybody feel important, not just the great ones,” said Clark. “I think he had a really unique ability to interact with people and to make everybody feel special, which is really hard to do.”

“Frank made it fun. I loved playing for the guy and I loved practicing for the guy. He had a way of motivating you to go the extra mile because you wanted to succeed for him,” Wiser said. “I was very fortunate that Frank hired me and took me into the family. He’s like my second dad. I learned a lot about the game of football from Frank over the years, but I learned a lot more about life and how to treat people.”

It’s why people just enjoy being around the jovial Girardi, who always carries a smile on his face. Find him at any number of Lycoming sporting events, including football games, and at some point there will be a crowd around him as he holds court. Just wait for it, at some point Girardi will induce a good belly laugh of the men around him, whether they’re in their 30s, 40s, 50s or 60s.

Girardi traverses around Lycoming’s athletic events like a politician, shaking every hand, listening to the stories the people have to share with him and sharing stories of his own. He’s more than just the former football coach at Lycoming. He’s an institution. Maybe no coach or player in the Middle Atlantic Conference is as recognizable with a program as Girardi is with Lycoming. So much so that a bust of the former coach stands at the entrance to David Person Field at the Shangraw Athletic Complex.

And when that statue was dedicated and unveiled prior to a 2012 game, former players moved heaven and earth just to be there to see Girardi and his family remove the sheath that had covered the bust since it had been installed earlier that week. Girardi never worried about the legacy he was leaving as a coach during his 36 years leading Lycoming. His focus never wavered from the plan that he instilled in his first year; there was no time to ponder a legacy. But since retiring as a coach, he’s wondered at times how he got to this point. He could spend hours rattling off the names of the people who helped him reach this point, and given the chance, he just might try. He knows it was never a one-man journey. It was the journey of a family.

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**THE NUMBERS**

- **257 Wins**
- **11 NCAA Playoff Appearances**
- **29 Consecutive Winning Seasons**
- **13 MAC Championships**
- **2 National Championship Appearances**

And it all started with a handshake.
In October, Lycoming College’s eighth-year men’s basketball head coach Guy Rancourt talked about the first time that he met John Monkam. It was in the winter of 2011 and Monkam’s DuVal High School team had just lost a playoff game to Bowie High School. Rancourt joked that Monkam didn’t seem interested in talking after the loss.

Four years later, Lycoming’s 2015 homecoming king was a key part of the men’s basketball program’s improbable run to a MAC Commonwealth Championship because of his intangibles—an always positive attitude, work ethic, and his ability to overcome adversity.

“Whatever my team needs me to do to win, I do it,” Monkam said. “That role may adjust year-to-year or game-to-game, but keeping a positive outlook on what I can do to help the team win is important to me.”

A three-time team captain, the versatile player played every position Rancourt could dream up for him—something that Rancourt is quick to point out as central to the team’s success, especially during Monkam’s senior year when he led the team to the NCAA Division III Championship and a 19-10 record.

“His leadership qualities show in everything he does,” Rancourt said. “What position John plays is what position we need him to play.”

That attitude is something that has opened new horizons for the Lanham, Md., native. As a sophomore, he headed to Estonia for an international tournament with the USA East Coast All-Stars, coached by University of South Carolina head coach Frank Martin and assisted by Rancourt.

He played with players from Syracuse, Iowa and Arkansas during the trip. “It was an eye-opening experience. I got to see how Division I athletes play, and I got to see that they put on their socks and their shoes the same way I do every morning.”

At the end of his junior year, the political science major and French and corporate communications minor took an opportunity to do an internship with Paradigm Companies. Even without a business background, he finished the internship with the second-most properties leased. On campus, Monkam was president of the Black Student Union, a member of the student senate and the recruitment chair for Lambda Chi Alpha, not to mention the countless athletic events he worked.

“Getting out there and meeting new people, asking questions and being put in uncomfortable situations for your own growth,” Monkam said, “I find that very important.”

John Monkam ’16

By Joe Guistina

“Whatever a team needs me to do to win, I do it”
Peifer’s pilgrimage

Tom Peifer ’95 walked along the edge of David Person Field, watching as the Lycoming College football team practiced. If you looked closely enough into the sunglasses that covered his face, you could see the pride and the memories flash through them — Middle Atlantic Conference Championship seasons in 1991 and 1992, NCAA Championship victories, the three touchdowns that he scored for the Warriors.

The field looked different, that was for sure. Behind him, a set of bleachers erected in 1998 transformed David Person Field into one of the nicest facilities in the small college football arena. Underneath him, the turf surface replaced the grass in 2012. But there was also no doubt that Peifer felt right at home.

Familiar faces soon gathered around him — his teammate Mike Clark ’93, now the head coach of the Warriors, dropped over to congratulate him before Steve Wiser ’74 and Mike Weber ’89, longtime defensive coaches for the Warriors, briefly left their huddles to seek out the returning former player. Joe Lumbis, the long-serving equipment manager, even wandered over to wish him good luck.

As the whistles blew and footballs flew through the air during the training camp workout, Peifer, an offensive coordinator at Red Land High School and a school nurse in the West Shore School District, exclaimed that he was missing his own team’s camp and he needed a football fix.
Peifer left the field as quietly as he had entered it and soon after, he was back in South Williamsport, waiting to manage his next game at the Little League World Series. For a two-week period in late August, Peifer’s Red Land Little League team from Lewisberry, Pa., was the talk of the nation.

Although Peifer was never a star with the Warriors while he was working toward his nursing degree, he was someone that Frank Girardi, his coach, said he could always use as an example for work ethic.

“He was an excellent kid,” Girardi said. “He was one of those tough guys that played fullback and he did very well for us.”

Peifer, meanwhile, credits Girardi with a lot of the style that he tries to use as a coach.

“Even then, I thought I was lucky to be playing for a hall of fame coach,” Peifer said. “I have great, great memories of playing for him. We had fun at practice but we also practiced hard. We wanted to please him as much as anything. He certainly had a huge impact on the way that I want to coach. A lot of the things I learned from him, especially when I am coaching football, I like to pass on.”

Clark, Peifer’s teammate for two years, was also quick to praise him for his competitiveness. “Like most of the guys that I played with, Tom was a really competitive guy and a really good player during one of the high points in the history of our football program.”

By the time that he had a chance to visit his old stomping grounds, a generous three miles from Howard J. Lamade Stadium, Red Land had already dispatched their first two opponents by scoring 27 runs. His son, Kaden, hit a home run in his first Little League World Series at bat, and he caught nearly every pitch Red Land threw during its five games at the tournament.

“That was the first time I had tears on the bench to see him running around the bases,” Peifer said of Kaden’s opposite-field, two-strike homer. “It was a dream come true for him and myself. To see all the hard work pay off for him and all the boys like that was just great.”

The boys from Northeastern York County went on to post a 3-0 win over Texas in the U.S. semifinal and again dispatched Texas, 3-2, in the U.S. final with a walk-off hit in front of a Little League World Series record 45,716 fans.

The next day, Red Land played for the Little League World Championship, falling to Japan, 18-11, in front of 42,000 more fans. Even with the loss, the kids from the little town of Lewisberry, population 362, had captured America’s hearts and imaginations.

“I use the word surreal a lot when I talk about it,” Peifer said. “I still haven’t watched the games on TV because if I do, it will bring tears to my eyes. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the kids and coaches. It was just incredible.”
JULY
The men’s and women’s tennis teams each earned the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Award for the 2014-15 academic year … Pat Dougher ’15 was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Honor Court for the second straight year.

AUGUST
Kelsey Harshman ’16 was named to the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association Academic Honor Roll.

SEPTEMBER
James Hamm ’18 and Jacob Miller ’17 both finished in the top-20 to lead the men’s cross country team at its first meet of the year, the Delaware Valley Invitational … Bethany Richardson ’16 became the eighth volleyball player at Lycoming to reach 1,000 career kills and finished her career sixth in school history with 1,260 kills … The men’s soccer team scored three times in the final seven minutes of the first half in a 4-2 win over Susquehanna in the Battle of the Boot, the team’s first win in the rivalry game since 2011 … Meghenn Jackson ’17 broke a women’s soccer record when she scored in her fifth straight game in a 5-2 win over Summit … Ryan Umpley ’16 is named a National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete … Hannah Rinaldo ’16 scored in the 83rd minute to lift the women’s soccer team to a 1-0 victory over Penn College to win the Battle for the Lumber for the second straight year.

OCTOBER
Jordan Logan ’18 became the first men’s soccer player in seven years to post a hat trick in a 4-0 win over Albright … A school-record nine members of the softball team are named National Fastpitch Coaches Association Scholar-Athletes — Caroline Lapano ’15, Nikki Marianelli ’15, Katie Pugh ’15, Ashley Burger ’16, Chelsey Poorman ’16, Kristi Weaver ’16, Kelcie Crabb ’17, Samantha Fischer ’18 and Ashley Schoenstadt ’18 … Samantha Bruckart ’16 and Ashley Stover ’18 reached the quarterfinals of the third flight of doubles play at the Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Women’s Tennis Championships … The men’s cross country team ended Messiah’s 52-game MAC Commonwealth winning streak with a 2-0 win thanks to goals from Abdullahi Abdi ’18 and Kyle Thomas ’18 … Blake Bowman ’17 tied a school record two weeks in a row by scoring four touchdowns against King’s and FDU-Florham. He finished the year with a school-record 18 touchdowns … Sarah Donovan ’17 and Lindsay Decker ’18 each posted season-best top-20 finishes to lead the women’s cross country team at the Lebanon Valley Last Chance Run Fast … Jackson tied the women’s soccer team’s record for goals in a season with 15, as she scored in the season finale against Widener. Teammate Jordan Lazarich ’18 fell one goal short of the record for the second straight year, but the pair led the team to a 9-9 record, the program’s best since 2007.

NOVEMBER
Kyle Thomas ’18 was named the MAC Commonwealth Men’s Soccer Defensive Player of the Year and Nate Gibboney was co-Coach of the Year … Catherine Burger ’18 was named to the second team all-conference volleyball squad after leading the MAC Commonwealth with 9.38 assists per set … Karen Shaddock was named the head women’s lacrosse coach after one year as an assistant at RIT and two as head coach at Medaille … The football team scored 22 points in a row, including nine in the last minute to defeat 19th-ranked Delaware Valley, 43-42 …
Morgan Mantle ‘07 was inducted into the West Branch Valley Sports Hall of Fame. The softball pitcher’s 1.13 career ERA is 23rd-best in Division III history … The women’s swim team defeated Stevenson, 129-102, to give Jerry Hammaker his 100th win with the women in his 15 years as head coach … Wrestling coach Roger Crebs ’87 won his 350th career match in his 23rd year, as the team defeated McDaniel, 28-15, in the season opener … In his final game, Ryan Umpleby ‘16 set a school record with 241 receiving yards as the football team downed Misericordia, 38-14. Umpleby and Matt Patterson ’16 were both named First Team All-MAC days later.

DECEMBER
In the final National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll, the men’s soccer team was ranked 10th, as the team reached the NCAA Sweet 16 for the first time in program history.

JANUARY
Former head football coach and director of athletics Frank Girardi was selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame Class of 2016. Girardi won 257 games, 16th-most in NCAA history, during 36 seasons as coach of the Warriors from 1972-07 … A record group of 63 Lycoming student athletes earned a slot on the 2015 MAC Fall Academic Honor Roll. Five of Lycoming’s six fall athletic programs set or tied program records for Academic Honor Roll selections, with the football (21), men’s cross country (8), women’s cross country (9), women’s soccer (10) and men’s soccer (8) teams all breaking or setting new marks for selections … Seth Lansberry ’17 won his first conference title by taking first at 149 pounds at the Empire Collegiate Wrestling Conference Championships … Thomas picks up his second All-America honors of the year in men’s soccer, as he earned second-team accolades from both the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and D3soccer.com … Nolan Barger ’17 wins the MAC wrestling title at 165 pounds, becoming the first Lycoming MAC champion since 2006 … Jerry Hammaker reached 200 career dual meet wins with a double-dual meet sweep, as the men’s swimmers posted a 176-79 win over King’s and 183-64 win over FDU-Florham and the women won by scores of 144.5-111.5 and 186-62, respectively … The women’s swim team earns Collegiate Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-American Team honors for the fourth straight semester.

FEBRUARY
The women’s basketball team clinched a spot in the MAC Commonwealth Championship for the third time in five years. The Warriors won the conference championship with a dramatic 78-73 win over Arcadia, as Nyk King stripped a defender and hit a layup with 22
The Lycoming men’s basketball team celebrates winning its first MAC Commonwealth title after defeating Arcadia on the road.

Seconds left to seal the win. Chris Wallace was named the MAC Commonwealth Tournament MVP after averaging 15.7 points and 5.0 rebounds during the three-game tournament … Barger (165) and Lansberry (149) both finished second at the NCAA Mideast Regional hosted by Lycoming to earn berths in the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships. Lansberry became the fifth wrestler in school history to reach 100 career wins during the event.

March

Rachael Shady threw 6 2/3 innings of no-hit softball in the season opener as Lycoming posted a 3-2 win over Emory & Henry … Assistant football coach Tim Landis was named the interim golf coach, replacing Jamie Spencer ’01, who served for 15 years in that capacity … Barger finished third at 165 pounds and Lansberry fourth at 149 pounds to earn All-American honors and help the wrestling team finish 13th at the NCAA Championships. It was the team’s top finish at the event since 2000. Barger finished the year 36-2, as he crossed the 100-win mark in his career during the tournament. Lansberry finished his campaign 38-5 … Barger and Brandon Conrad ’18 were each named National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-Americans … Jackson tied the women’s lacrosse team’s single-game points record by posting eight goals and four assists in a 16-6 win over Misericordia.

April

The women’s lacrosse team posted an 18-7 win over Arcadia for the team’s ninth straight win to open the year, as the streak was the second longest in program history … After missing more than a year and a half due to an injury, Sean Reilly came back to lead the men’s lacrosse team by posting 11 points in a 16-8 win against Arcadia to help him earn the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association South Offensive Player of the Week award … The women’s tennis team notched wins over Lancaster Bible, Stevenson and Keuka, the first time since 2003 that the team won three in a row … Jackson broke the school record for points in a season with her 93rd in a 19-8 win over Hood, smashing a record set in 2000. Kelly McGinniss ’19 set the school’s mark for draw controls in the same game, surpassing the single-season mark of 88 set in 2013 … Barger and Jackson were named the college’s Male and Female Athletes of the Year, respectively, and Lansberry was named the Sol “Woody” Wolf Award as the College’s most improved junior athlete … Four Lycoming College student-athletes earned recognition as Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars by the periodical Diverse Issues in Higher Education. Senior women’s soccer player Bree

Nolan Barger finished third at the NCAA Division III Championships at 165 pounds to earn All-American honors for the second straight year.

Seth Lansberry ’17 took fourth at 149 pounds to take his first All-American nod at the wrestling championships.
Nishibun and junior men’s tennis player Son Phan were first-team selections in their respective sports while junior cross country runner Donald Keys was a second-team pick and junior football player Adin Hines was fourth team … Zach Layser ’16 finished eighth to become the first Lycoming golfer to earn all-conference honors since 2007, taking second-team honors … The softball team finished 20-19 overall, notching its first .500 season since 2005. Shady finished the year with school records of 24 pitching appearances, 146 innings pitched and 18 complete games … Hailey Fricke ’18 became the first Warrior in school history to earn All-MAC honors in women’s golf, finishing fifth at the conference championships … Mike Weber ’89 retired after 28 seasons as an assistant coach with the football program … Zackary Collevecchio ’16 finished the season third in school history with 23 combined wins after posting a singles and doubles win against Albright for the men’s tennis team.

MAY
Jackson was named the MAC Commonwealth Women’s Lacrosse Offensive Player of the Year after finishing third in Division III in points per game (6.65) … Lazarich was named First Team All-MAC Commonwealth after finishing second behind Jackson with 5.41 points and 1.82 assists per game … Ed Dougherty ’92 is selected for induction into the MAC Hall of Fame. The quarterback was a three-time All-American for the Warriors, leading the football team to the 1990 national championship game … Morgan Kunes was named Second Team All-MAC Commonwealth after hitting .398 with five home runs, 11 doubles and a .663 slugging percentage for the softball team, finishing in the top 10 in the conference in all four categories … Barger and Conrad became the fourth and fifth Lycoming College wrestlers to earn CoSIDA Academic All-District 4 honors on the association’s at-large team … Jackson earned second team all-region honors, becoming the first women’s lacrosse player since 2010 to earn the accolades.

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We are deeply grateful for the Keipers’ generosity that assures future students will have the opportunity to enrich their educational experiences through participation in varsity athletics,” said President Kent Trachte. At Lycoming, about one-third of students participate in one of the school’s 17 intercollegiate sports. Even more participate in the College’s dozen sports-related clubs and intramural programs.

As a history and mathematics student, Doug Keiper was a member of the wrestling and track teams, active in the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity and president of his senior class. Keiper later served as the College’s associate dean of students and the associate director of admissions. Dawn worked as an elementary school teacher in Montoursville. After leaving the College in 1983 to pursue other interests, the Keipers remained engaged in the Williamsport community.

“As a young man, I chose Lycoming College based on its great wrestling program,” said President Kent Trachte. At Lycoming, about one-third of students participate in one of the school’s 17 intercollegiate sports. Even more participate in the College’s dozen sports-related clubs and intramural programs.

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Lycoming College Open House days are coming up! Go on a student-guided tour of our beautiful campus, meet faculty, learn about studying abroad and great internships and enjoy lunch at Lyco! Register for either Open House, October 8 or November 12, at:

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND exceeds expectations

Homecoming 2015 fulfilled its promise of uniting alumni, students and friends through a wide range of fun and interesting activities. More than 800 visitors gathered on campus the weekend of Oct. 23-25 to reconnect, network, honor alumni accomplishments, celebrate philanthropy and cheer on the Warriors.

Lycoming alumni from classes in the 80s and 90s take a break from cheering for the Warriors during homecoming.
Along with the annual Thomas B. Croyle ’70 Memorial Golf Tournament, the weekend featured a retrospective art exhibition by emeriti faculty Jon Bogle and Roger Shipley at Lycoming’s downtown art gallery, as well as tours of the new Lynn Science Center.

Several experts provided insight into various topics including Dr. Philip Levesque ’00, who discussed biomanufacturing, Emeritus Professor Robert Larson, Ph.D., who outlined the strategies of Eisenhower and Rommel during World War II, and Professor Caroline Payne, Ph.D., who discussed the politics of coffee as part of the launch of Lycoming’s newest coffee variety, Warrior Blue.

The famous Sixth Annual Beer & Pretzel Tent featured beer by Rusty Rail Brewing Company, which was launched by alumni Paul John ’85 and Eric John ’90. The weekend included gatherings for choir alumni, fraternities and sororities, the President’s Dinner and an “Around the World” mug party featuring food and drinks from different countries.

The alumni association executive board honored four individuals at its annual awards ceremony for successes in their respective fields, dedication to the College and impact on social issues (see page 44).

The Class of 2015 and college officials dedicated the class gift, Logjam, an outdoor classroom inspired by Williamsport’s logging history. The artfully-designed benches were installed on the north lawn of the Academic Center to serve as a beautiful and functional outdoor classroom and gathering space.

Several Warrior athletics teams saw success with victories for men’s and women’s soccer, football and women’s swimming. Alumni tailgating before the competitions provided a lively atmosphere and included affinity gatherings for political science graduates, clergy and Greek life alumni.

The weekend closed with a Lycoming Baroque Choir and Orchestra concert in Clarke Chapel, featuring alumni, students and members of the Williamsport community.

More information about the awards, Logjam and Homecoming 2015 can be found on Lycoming’s website: www.lycoming.edu. Additional photos are available on the Alumni Association Facebook page.
LYCOMING COLLEGE GRADUATES HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MANY WAYS

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Alumni Association Executive Board President Joanne Hullings stands with three of the award winners (from left): James Tkach ’78, David Oot ’66, Dr. Patrick Carey.

Among the honorees:

Adam P. Makos ’03 of Broomfield, Colo., received the Taunia Oechslin Young Alumnus award for significant contributions to his profession, leadership and accomplishments, as well as for outstanding service to the College in his first 15 years following graduation. Makos is a founder of Valor Studios, a family business that honors veterans by telling their stories both in print and on canvas. He is a New York Times best-selling author whose third book, "Devotion," was recently released. Valor Studios has donated more than $50,000 to veteran organizations and the United Way.

David A Oot ’66 of Arlington, Va., earned the Dr. James E. Douthat Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition of his significant professional accomplishments. As the director for two international health organizations, USAID and Save the Children, Oot spearheaded a number of initiatives to increase life expectancies and improve quality of life for women and children worldwide.

Dr. Patrick J. Carey of Williamsport, received the Dale V. Bower Service Award for outstanding service rendered to Lycoming College. For 25 years, Carey has supported Lycoming athletics as the attending physician at home football games and other athletic competitions. His extraordinary commitment to Lycoming student athletes on and off of the field make him a vital part of the athletics program.

James G. Tkach ’78 of Milford, Del., earned the Angela R. Kyte Outstanding Alumnus Award. The award recognizes an alumnus or alumna who has demonstrated a lifetime of service to humanity and whose life exemplifies those qualities encouraged and fostered at Lycoming College. Tkach, a retired high school teacher and coach, has influenced the lives of countless students and communities through the Bo Tkach Foundation, a memorial he and his wife, Sandi, created for their son who lost his struggle with obsessive compulsive disorder. The foundation creates awareness about mental health issues while providing funding for youth athletic programs, scholarships and otherwise inaccessible individual mental health screening and treatment.

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AUG. 7, 2015
Honey Brook Golf Club: Honey Brook, Pa.

Jennifer (Adams) '11, Savannah and Robert '11 Beamon

AUG. 13, 2015
Camden Riversharks: Camden, N.J.

John '75 and Terri Lewis, Sharon Gravatt, Jake Lewis '11, Steve '10 and Jamie (Rowe) '08 Brown

SEPT. 6, 2015
Trenton Thunder: Trenton, N.J.

Paul '66 and Louise (Gossler) '65 Henry

SEPT. 24, 2015
Hofbräuhaus: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bethany Mingle '05, Krystal (Ray) '05, Hannah, Oliver and Ryan '05 Brooks

OCT. 8, 2015
Alabaster Coffee: Williamsport

David '00 and Katie Petersen, David and Lisa (Stutzman) '05 Hoffman

NOV. 19, 2015

Brian Belz '96 and Katie Bowne, Barbara (Dodd) '85 and Bill Arnold

FEB. 27, 2016
Tröegs Brewing Co.: Hershey, Pa.

Dick Raudabaugh '60, Andrew '81 and Beth (Wyworski) '81 Persun, James Gessner '81, Doug Kepler '78

APRIL 1, 2016
The Barnyard & Carriage House: Totowa, N.J.

Todd Broccolo '90, Rich and Joanne (Marchesano) '90 DiGeronimo, Michael Holland '89, Kelli (Gallagher) Romano '92

APRIL 21, 2016
Painting With A Twist: Bethlehem, Pa.

Sandra (Utsch) Jameson '01, Christine (Shawver) Stewart '01
Florida alumni gathered to enjoy dinner and a Flamenco show.

MARCH 5, 2016
The Columbia Restaraunt:
Ybor City, Fla.

Downsizing and unsure of what to do with cherished Lycoming College memorabilia? Consider donating items to the Lycoming College Archives. Items of interest include photos, awards, trophies, yearbooks and other documents. Items related to Lycoming College or its predecessor names, or its logos or mascots are also welcome.

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12 p.m. Gates open
1:35 p.m. Game
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Join alumni, friends and families for a BBQ picnic lunch in Pavilion V at Knoebels Amusement Resort, America’s largest free-admission park!

12:30 p.m.
Picnic - $10 per person
Discounted ride tickets are also available.

Enjoy a day in the ballpark for an all-you-care-to-eat BBQ with alumni and friends on the party deck, then enjoy the SeaWolves baseball game!

6 p.m. Picnic
7 p.m. Game
$20 per adult
$15 per GOLD (Graduate of the Last Decade)
$10 per child under age 12
Join fellow Lycoming alumni in Monmouth County region for an evening at BeachHaus Brewery. Share memories, catch up with friends, and wind down the week with fellow graduates over appetizers and a cash bar.

5 – 7 p.m.
$5 per person

Bob ’63 and Bjorg (Storbye) ’65 Little invite alumni to their home on the Chesapeake Bay for an afternoon of fun with alumni and friends. Enjoy lawn games, sharing memories and wading/swimming in the Bay, all in the company of your Lycoming family.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages provided. Please bring a dish to share. This is a family event.

Slide into home base for an all-you-care-to-eat BBQ with alumni and friends on the PenTeleData Party Porch, then enjoy the IronPigs baseball game!

5:30 p.m. Picnic
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CELEBRATING

We want to celebrate with you! Please share your births, weddings, anniversaries, career changes, retirements and other life accomplishments with us at www.lycoming.edu/classnote.

1963
Ann (Bennett) (business administration) and Ron Zeisloft and Sandra (Hopf) (Russian) and Gerdi Kelsey (biology) hold a Lycoming College banner at a stop along their cross country adventure in September 2015.

1964
Patricia (Gortner) Dietrich (biology) received the Office Support Award for demonstrating exceptional commitment and service to the American Red Cross from the Chestnut Ridge Chapter/Indiana on May 20, 2015.

1966
Lois (Loncoske) (sociology) and Dave Shoemaker (accounting) recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at a yacht club in Point Pleasant, N.J. Several Lycoming alumni attended.

1968
Terry Wild (English) was selected to showcase his photography in the Art Corridor gallery space of the Yale-New Haven Hospital’s St. Raphael Campus throughout the month of February.

1969
Sandra Lea Derr (English and elementary education) recently retired to coastal Delaware. After teaching in Williamsport for 2½ years, she taught in Loudoun County, Va., until her retirement in 2000. She was an administrative aide for Edward Jones Investments from 2002 to 2010. She is hoping for wonderful relaxing days in Delaware.

1970
Chuck Wells (German), president of Wells Insurance in upstate New York, has opened a second office in the Phoenix, Ariz., area. The insurance agency specializes in property and casualty insurance for businesses. After graduating from Lycoming in 1970, Chuck was a high school German teacher and then a road patrol police officer. He was also an executive bodyguard who received a medal of bravery for protecting police officers, aid workers and politicians immediately after Hurricane Katrina. And yes, as a Lycoming 1968 MAC swimming champion, he still swims, although a little slower!

Ray Keller (accounting), Jack Myers (accounting) and Wally Skok (psychology) had an anniversary with a party at a yacht club in Point Pleasant, N.J. Several Lycoming alumni attended.

From left to right: Karen (Dohrman) Gibson ’65, Leona (Glenn) Foore ’65, Lucy (Dersham) Fessler ’65, Louise (Gossler) Henry ’65, Paul Henry ’66, Lois (Loncoske) Shoemaker ’66, David Shoemaker ’66 and Gloria (Zeigler) Greevy ’68.

Linda Murdock ’69, center, poses with the Public Safety Business Partner of the Year award for Lyndon Academy with the Holly Springs police department honorees.

More about the school is available on Facebook or at www.lyndonacademy.org.
impromptu get together in Scottsdale, Ariz., in February when Jack and his wife from Boise, Idaho, were there visiting their son and playing some golf. Ray, from Toms River, N.J., was there for a business conference. They had a very nice lunch at the Village Tavern and have committed to trying to make it an annual event, to which they hope other grads of 1970 might be able to attend.

1971
Rev. Larry Baird (religion) retired in July following 43 years of ministry with The United Methodist Church. For eight of those years, he served as a district superintendent, and was elected to the General and Jurisdictional Conference as a delegate from The Western New York Conference and The Upper New York Conference.

Dr. John Carlson (chemistry) has been honored as a top physician on Geisinger’s Wall of Fame. Carlson is a neurologist for the Geisinger Medical Center.

1972
Janet (Turzak) Barlett is now working as a fundraising consultant for Advancement Advisors.

Paul Betlyn (physics) was recognized on television and various internet platforms in January for fixing a furnace for free for a woman whose husband was deployed overseas.

1973
Joe Montesano (business administration) was named the Greater Lehigh Valley Chief Financial Officer of the Year in the category of “private company with revenues up to 25 million.”

1974
Dr. Bruce Carpenter (economics) received the President’s Coin at Mansfield University’s spring commencement. This is a new tradition in which the student government chooses four faculty or staff members who best exemplify the core values of the Mansfield creed: character, scholarship, culture and service.

Three Lycoming College graduates met at the United Methodist Communities’ Board Retreat, Feb. 19, 2016, at the Oyster Point Hotel in Red Bank, N.J. The Rev. Virginia Samuel Cetuk ’72, chairperson of the board of directors (center), Norman Cetuk ’72 (left) and the Rev. John Callanan ’84, corporate director of mission and pastoral care (right), swapped stories about Dean Buckle, John Piper and campus life during different decades.

1975
Lois S. (Smires) Rowland (biology) retired after 24 years at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc. (BI), where she monitored the bio analysis of clinical trial samples for the past 12 years. Before that she worked in the lab for 12 years at BI, seven years at Merck, and six years at the University of Pennsylvania Dental School. Prior to that, she raised her children, Scott and Kelly. Her husband, Bob, is a retired pilot teaching others how to fly. They have two grandchildren, Camden and Riley Jones.

1976
Hadyn McLean (biology) had a paper, “Perfect Timing” accepted by the Dangerous Ideas program, sponsored by Wisconsin Public Radio. The paper advocates for the placement of seminary-educated and clinical pastoral education (CPE) trained non-sectarian chaplains in the public school systems, to provide pastoral care and didactic instruction in religion in the high school classroom. The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling published “Scar Tissue” and “Promises, Promises,” and Sharing the Practice,” a publication of The Academy of Parish Clergy, has published the article, “The Second Reformation.”

1977
Susan Petniunas ’77 and her husband Raymond

Susan (Fracaroli) Petniunas (political science) and her husband, Raymond, traveled to China and Japan this past October. They visited Hong Kong, Shanghai, and saw the Three Gorges River Dam (Ziling, Wu and Guntang Gorges) via a cruise on the Yangze River. They also visited Guilin, Xi’an and Beijing and concluded their trip by staying in the heart of Tokyo near the Emperor’s Palace.
1979
John Piazza III (history) was admitted to the United States Supreme Court Bar on April 6, 2015. His wife, Kathleen, and son, James, attended the ceremony.

Kristine L. Waltz, Esq. (history) is a partner in the law firm of Dinges, Dinges & Waltz, LLC, located in Loyalsock Township, near Williamsport. Kristine, who has practiced law in the Williamsport area for more than 30 years, specializes in the areas of estate planning and administration, business planning and transactions, real estate and contracts. She can be reached at kwaltz@dingeswaltz.com. Kristine, her husband, Stephen Sorage, and their two daughters reside in Montoursville, Pa.

1982
Cindy Bell, Ed.D., (communications) conducted the 2015 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Region VI Chorus in Newtown Square, Pa., and was recently selected to guest conduct the 2016 Delaware All-State Women’s Choir. She is associate professor of music and music education at Hofstra University on Long Island. Nancy Hoerner (communications) retired on October 23, 2015, from Vanguard after 31 years of service. She began as an associate in the Client Service Department and ended her career as a project manager in corporate real estate and facilities management.

1984
Emilio “Jack” Morrone (accounting) opened a second location of his business, One Financial Services, in Bethlehem, Pa. One Financial Services offers financial strategies and advice delivered through personalized care while offering planning services in the areas of retirement, estate, special needs, education and taxation. His other office is located in Allentown, Pa. He also recently wrote an article for the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) titled “The Experience of Special Needs Planning.” The PICPA also asked him to participate in a video interview, which has been posted on YouTube. The article is available on the PICPA news site.

Peter C. Smith, DPH (biology) practicing in Lancaster, Pa., became president of the Pennsylvania Podiatric Medical Association (PPMA) Nov. 7, 2015. PPMA represents more than 850 podiatrists across Pennsylvania.

1986
Charles Wharton (business administration) recently met fellow alumnus met Jack Eidam ’66 (sociology) in Lund, Sweden. Wharton, founder of CollegeMatch4U, and Eidam, retired dean of admission and financial aid at Wyoming Seminary in northeastern Pennsylvania and member of the ASSIST Board of Directors, a scholarship program for international secondary school students, met to discuss various collaborative initiatives. Eidam was visiting Sweden from the United States, while Wharton relocated to Ahus, Sweden, in 2013.

Jay Thomson ’86 (business administration) and Bob Davidson ’81 (political science) met by chance driving an equipment truck to the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree years ago. Bob was presented with the Silver Beaver Award, a high honor for distinguished service to youth in the Patriots’ Path Council in Jay’s community in February 2016.

1987
Matthew A. Clarke (art), the business administrator and board secretary for the Springfield Board of Education, served as second vice-president of the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials during the 2015-2016 school year.

1988
William C. Frick, Ph.D., (religion), associate professor in the Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education at the University of Oklahoma, was selected as a Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar to study at the Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University in the Republic of Georgia for nine months. Frick recently earned the Rainbolt Family Endowed Education Presidential Professorship. He earned his doctorate in educational theory and policy from The Pennsylvania State University.

1989
Bill Abrams (business administration) the PGA head golf professional at Balmoral Woods Country Club in Crete, Ill., was named the 61st recipient of the Illinois PGA Golf Professional of the Year Award. He lives in Orland Park, Ill., with his wife, Kathleen, their daughter, Leigh, and sons, Charlie and Tommy.
Lycoming College football alumni gather on June 6, 2015, at the Thomas J. Hartman, Sr., memorial scholarship fundraiser for Bishop McDevitt High School. In attendance was Gene Gibbons ’92, Ed Dougherty ’92, Steve Goodwin ’92, Gerry Lanoza, Bob Frazier ’93, Cory Sheridan ’94, Tom Hartman ’92, Darrin Kenney ’92, Dan Greenberg ’92, Jerry Gibbons, Jim Muth ’92, Tim Kinney ’94, Vic Olear ’91, Rob Klump ’95, Mike Clark ’93 and Andy Durkin ’95.

1990
Yvonne (Harley) Lehman (business management) was approved as a board member for the Greater Clearfield Area Chamber of Commerce and appointed as marketing chairperson. She is the president of RayMark Broadcasting Co. Inc. and works with her father as sales manager of WOKW 102.9 FM, their family-owned radio station in Clearfield, Pa.

1991
Eric Zerbe (English) was promoted to creative director at Quattro, a full-service ad agency in Berwyn, Pa. He oversees content and design development for clients such as Ditech Mortgage, Mutual of Omaha, Banfield Pet Hospital, Evergreen Health and U.S. Bank. Eric joined Quattro as a senior copywriter in September 2014. He lives in Wilmington, Del., with his wife Kristin (Spengler) ’92 (music) and their two sons.

1993
David Becher, Ph.D., (business management) earned a doctorate in higher education management in the executive program at the University of Pennsylvania in April.

1994
Mary Ann Wagner-Graham, Ph.D., (biology) joined Philadelphia University in the fall as an assistant professor of biology and assistant director of undergraduate health science programs. Along with teaching and administrative duties, the position gives her time and resources to work with undergraduate students on a research project focused on the molecular effects of artificial sweeteners. In her spare time, she continues to serve as a part-time organist and cantor at her church and directs the bell choir.

1995
Michael Bonislawski (nursing), lieutenant commander, served as a direct care provider for the United States Public Health Service in Monrovia, Liberia, for two months in February 2015, caring for those affected by the Ebola epidemic. In 2014, Bonislawski deployed with the USPHS to our nation’s borders for the Unaccompanied Children’s Mission. He joined the Federal Bureau of Prisons in 2009 and currently serves as the Northeast Regional nurse consultant for the prison system managing programmatic nursing functions for 16 locations.

1996
Zachary M. Rubinich (political science) a partner in the Philadelphia office of Rawle & Henderson, LLP, was the Moderator of a panel of insurance industry experts for the session “Loss Mitigation of High Value Workers’ Compensation Claims” at the American Bar Association’s Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section’s Workers’ Compensation Midwinter Conference on March 11, 2016, in New Orleans, La.

Dr. Matthew Geromi (biology), was named associate medical director at Magellan Health/Blue Shield of California in San Diego.

1997
Darren Hengst ’99 (theater) has become the drama department chair at the Haverford School in Haverford, Pa. A fellow alumnus who Darren looked up to as a student, Matt Kator ’97 (theater), is the theatre department chair at Tower Hill School in Wilmington, Del.

1999
Heather Myers (music) accepted the position of IT training specialist with Weis Markets, Inc. located in Sunbury, Pa. Heather volunteers for a number of organizations including: Central PA Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, several dance and theater groups and Toys for Tots. For the past five years, she has received the Gold Level President’s Volunteer Service Award for volunteering more than 500 hours per year.

Lauren Lawson-Zilai (English literature) was named the PR News PR Professional of the Year in the Nonprofit/Association category for her role in leading communication efforts that led to increased donations, as well as increased awareness for her organization, Goodwill Industries International. In addition, she was awarded the PR News Top Women in PR award. The inaugural award honors the top 40 female PR professionals nationally who...
Dr. Darrin Mangiacarne (biology), became the new medical director for Fairbanks, a non-profit organization that focuses on recovery from alcohol and drug problems, in June. Mangiacarne is certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine and the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians.

While on vacation in Jacksonville, Fla., in January, A. Sue (Bingaman) McCormick ’59 met a fellow Lycoming College alumna, Natalie (Cherry) Rickey ’00, and her husband, Josh Rickey, and their three children, Ella, Sloane and Halley. The families met by chance on the beach, starting with “Where are you from?” Once they realized they were from the same state, they mentioned colleges and realized they graduated from Lycoming. Sue was the director of alumni relations at the College while Natalie was a student and their paths had never crossed until now.

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Amanda A. Batz, Esq., (physics) recently accepted an associate position with the law office of Bryan M. McQuillan in Harrisburg, Pa. Her practice focuses on criminal defense and family law matters. In January, she was also elected as 2016 chair of the Dauphin County Bar Association’s Young Lawyer Section and serves on the board of directors.


Jessica (Martin) Peragine (archaeology and history) was hired in November 2014 as a natural history curatorial assistant at the Charleston Museum, where she oversees extensive renovations for exhibits on South Carolina’s low country. Peragine also participates in paleontology, field work and teaching the science portion of programs to visiting school groups. In her spare time, she volunteers for the archaeologists at Charles Town Landing.

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he leads volunteerism and employee giving programs at the West Chester office. In 2015, employees completed more than 5,000 hours of service and raised $375,000 dollars.

In November 2015, Ashley Concini ’06, Laura Lockard ’05, and Erin Karschner ’05 traveled to South Africa to visit Laura Smith ’06, who currently lives and works in Pretoria. They went on a three-day safari outside Kruger National Park and enjoyed the sites of Cape Town, including the penguins at Boulders Beach.

William Joseph Anthony (criminal justice) graduated with honors from Kutztown University, earning a master’s in social work. He was a member of Phi Alpha National Social Work honor society, and was the commencement speaker for the School of Liberal Arts, Visual Arts and Sciences. He is a case manager at St. Luke’s University Hospital in Fountain Hill, Pa.

Ryan Bolig (accounting) is now an active chartered financial analyst after having passed the level 3 CFA exam in June 2015.

David McElwee (history and political science) graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C., with a Master of Divinity degree in May 2015. He is serving with the McElhatten United Methodist Church in McElhatten, Pa.

Jennifer Fenn (creative writing) sold her young adult novel, “Flight,” about an airplane thief on the run after fleeing a juvenile home and stealing not one, but three airplanes, to Roaring Brook Press, a Macmillan imprint, in a two-book deal. The novel is slated for a Spring 2017 release. Jennifer is represented by Amy Tipton at the Signature Literary Agency and is a graduate of Rosemont College’s Master of Fine Arts program. Her short stories have also been published in numerous literary journals. She lives with her husband and daughter in Downingtown, Pa.

Jackie (Purcell) Pollard, Ed.D., (psychology) completed her doctorate of education in school psychology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in August 2015. She has been practicing as a full-time school psychologist with Red Clay Consolidated School District in Wilmington, Del., since the completion of her master’s degree and school psychologist certification in 2010. She is the psychologist on the District Autism Team.

Brad Myhre ’07

Brad Myre (political science) was sworn-in for a four-year term as the Mayor of Frenchtown Borough, N.J., on Jan. 1.
in the county. Tompkins County, home to the city of Ithaca, has been recognized by multiple publications as one of America’s smartest cities.

2009

David Yanick (actuarial math, economics) became a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in March 2015. Attaining the fellowship designation requires candidates to complete a number of courses, exams and seminars in a particular specialty. Yanick’s specialty track is in “Group and Health,” which is intended for actuaries who desire to work in the field of actuarial science focusing on group benefits and health insurance. This track reflects his current position as an actuary with Anthem, Inc. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Anthem is one of the largest health benefits companies in the United States, serving members all across the country.

2010

Jordan Hollander, Esq. (political science, French, international studies) was admitted to the bars of New Jersey and New York and recently completed a clerkship with the Honorable Francis J. Vernoia, presiding criminal judge in New Jersey Superior Court, Monmouth County. He has been accepted to the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to pursue an LLM in gaming law and regulation, and has been awarded a merit scholarship from the Nevada State Bar Association, Gaming Law Section.

Molly (Quinn) Phipps released her debut novel in a new adult dystopian trilogy called “Ultraxenopia,” in April 2015, with the first sequel expected to be released this year.

2011

Jennifer (Adams) Beamon (chemistry) was promoted to a QA1 analyst on the bulk team at Bayer HealthCare, where she has been working since 2011.

Robert Beamon (chemistry) was transferred to a first shift QA1 analyst on the raw materials team at Bayer HealthCare where he has been working since 2011.

Bobby Moore (French, political science) is an avid education-technology enthusiast, who has used his entrepreneurial skills to develop a start-up organization in Baltimore called Students Opportunities and Academic Resources (SOAR). SOAR is a web-based platform that will profile Baltimore students and connect them with resources to support their needs, interests and passions. He says that his passion for developing SOAR stems from his experiences teaching in West Baltimore.

Melody Johnson (creative writing, psychology) joined Southeast Georgia Health System’s marketing and public relations department as the coordinator of digital media. She is working with fellow alumna Jacqueline Weder ’86.

2013

Jenna Miller (psychology) accepted a full-time teaching position at Big Spring High School in Newville, Pa., where she teaches children with autism and multiple disabilities.

Morgan Churchill (psychology) graduated from The Pennsylvania State University in August 2015 with a master’s degree in applied clinical psychology. She has accepted a position as a professional counselor in Williamsport.

John Piazza IV (business finance, managerial economics) was admitted to the University of Chicago where he will pursue a master in business administration.

Michael Ludwig (biology) recently received a Master of Science in anatomy from The Pennsylvania State University’s Hershey College of Medicine, where he is pursuing a doctorate in anatomy.

2014

Alyssa Young (English literature) accepted a position as an administrative assistant with Cannon Cochran Management Services. She works in the Manchester, N.H., office that specializes in workers’ compensation claims and continues to learn about the insurance industry.

Chris ’15 (chemistry) and Rory ’15 McAtee (chemistry) (left and right in photo) met Jeff Newman, professor of biology at Lycoming College, after the University of Michigan football game on Sept. 26, 2015. The McAtee brothers, who are enrolled in the doctoral program in chemistry at the University of Michigan, took biochemistry with Professors Jeff Newman and Chris McDonald.

Julia Cuddahy (creative writing), who is pursuing a master’s degree in library and information science at Rutgers University, was awarded the Carol A. & Norman Barham Foundation Scholarship for the Fall 2015 academic term. One of her course projects was featured on the Rutgers’ School of Communication and Information home page.

Victoria C. Yuskaitis

Victoria C. Yuskaitis (archaeology, creative writing) is a doctoral student at the University of Leeds, where she was awarded an Arts Cross Disciplinary Research scholarship.

Kayla McQuaid (psychology) graduated in May 2016, from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social and Public Policy with a master’s in social work.
Cory Barbiche (criminal justice) graduated from the Maryland State Police Academy, April 29, 2016, to become a Maryland State Trooper. In attendance were his former wrestling coach, Roger Crebs ’87, Jean ’66 and Bill Bachardy ’66, Sam Batchelor ’15, Brian Watkins ’15, and Tyler Evans ’15 and Matt Bloom ’15.

Timothy Vasey, a senior at Lycoming, is the third-generation of Vasey men to attend Lycoming. His grandfather, Dr. Carey E. Vasey, graduated in 1953. Tim’s father, Rev. Brian D. Vasey, in 1981. Tim’s mother, Joanne (Masser) Vasey ’83, also graduated from Lycoming as did his aunt, Janet (Masser) Fitch ’81.

What’s your legacy?
If you have three or more extended family members who attended Lycoming, send your legacy story to marketing@lycoming.edu.

We would love to hear about it.
MARRIAGES

Roisin (Smalley) and Matthew G. Wixted ’88, Dec. 19, 2014. The wedding was held at St. Matthew’s church in Conshohocken, Pa., and the reception was at Normandy Farms in Blue Bell, Pa. In attendance were: David Gibbons ’88, Don McGinley ’89, Antoinette Lettini-Montague ’89, Michael Montague ’88 and Eric Schreiner ’88.

Melissa (Karpinski) and David Markowitch ’04, July 11, 2015 at Flanders Valley in Flanders, N.J. Lycoming alumni in attendance: Jessica (Alden) Hagedorn ’03 and Kyle Hagedorn ’04, Katie (Montague) Gettman ’05 and Tyler Gettman ’06, David Kaiser ’06 and Laura Seifert ’06.

Danielle (Quinnette) ’98 and David Demblowski, May 2, 2015, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Simpsonville, S.C.

Kathy (Kallen) ’99 and Anthony Scheirer, May 2, 2015.

Danielle (Heaney) ’11 and Zachary Russell, July 4, 2015, at Greenwell State Park, Md. In photo: AXiD Sisterhood in attendance.

Kyle Latham ’08 and Shannon Latham. Back, from left: Chris Lee ’08, Jason Austin ’08, Amilcar Guzman ’08, Jeff Morcom ’08. Front: David Pearson ’08, bride Shannon Latham, groom Kyle Latham ’08, Amanda Bulmahn ’08, Bill Bulmahn ’08.

Related to Marissa (Hastings) ’09 and Ryan Becker ’09, June 13, 2005, at Glenmaura National Golf Club in Moosic, Pa. Alumni in attendance: Emily Donlin ’09, Lauren Carey ’09, Andrea (Cooper) Tiedgen ’09, Kirsten Snyder ’09, Marybeth (Langdon) Ptasiewicz ’09, Brittany (Boas) Alfinito ’09, Dylan Becker ’19, Whtni Williamson ’08, Ronny James ’09, Eric Gerber ’07, Michael Monastr, Carlie (Mowatt) Gerber ’09, Greg Sye ’09, Terra (Erway) Sye ’09, Patrick Taylor ’09, Kristen Fahey ’09, Jemayne Nowlin ’09, John Seese ’08, Michael Pinto ’09, Andy Marino ’09, and Megan (Doud) James ’08.

Megan (Diehl) ’13 and Samuel Raymond, July 3, 2015, in Williamsport.


Megan (Day) ’11 and Garrett Profitlitt, July 10, 2015, at Bell Mountain Estate in Lewistown, Pa. Maid of Honor was Erika Day ’15.
Cynthia (Teets) ’96 and Robert Kane, a son, Jackson Robert, May 9, 2015.

Katie (Wuestner) ’00 and Greg Bell ’99, a daughter, Marie Catherine, Sept. 27, 2014. Marie joins big sister, Annie.

Gwenn (Ackerman) ’02 and Andrew Miller ’04, a daughter, Adelyn Grace, March 4, 2016.

Ashley Deitrick ’09 and Matthew Winder, a daughter, Charlotte Sophia, Dec. 10, 2014.


Christina (Groves) ’03 and Tim Bracey, a son, Oliver Demetrios, July 7, 2015. He joins big brother, Cole.


Cara (DeMotte) ’04 and Michael Izaj, a daughter, Eva Grace, Aug. 25, 2015.

Caroline (LeHota) ’10 and Chris Dempsey ’07, a son, Aiden, April 6, 2015.

Kimberly (Hengst) ’04 and Chuck Fernald, a daughter, Karenza Lily, April 9, 2015.

Laura (Charnick) ’05 and Keith Zielinski ’05, a son, Matthew Thomas, July 10, 2015. He joins big sister, Allison.

Olivia (English) ’05 and Patrick Zapel, a son, Grayson Matthias, Oct. 29, 2014. He joins older siblings, Isaac and Tesla.

Jennifer (Adams) ’11 and Robert Beamon ’11, a daughter, Savannah Mae, March 6, 2015.


Theresa and Steven Hawley ’06, a son, Ryan Michael, Aug. 13, 2015.

Lindsay (Morrison) ’06 and Austin Bennett, a son, Jackson David, Oct. 26, 2015. He joins big sister, Mackenzie.

Stephanie (Bomgardner) ’07 and Zach Shatto, a daughter, Cora Jean, July 3, 2014. She joins big sister, Kendall.

Jillian (Marshall) ’07 and Kevin Zvorsky, a daughter, Hannah Grace, Aug. 12, 2015.

Kimberly and Matthew Jenkins ’02, a daughter, Camryn Grace, Feb. 18, 2015. She joins big brother, Carter.

Emily (DiMarco) ’04 and Colin Murray, a son, Liam Bailey, Sept. 4, 2015. He joins big brother Lucas. Liam is the grandson of John DiMarco ’76 and Gwen (Bailey) DiMarco ’76.

Lynnette and Joshua Wallace ’05, a daughter, Lillian Rose, Aug. 3, 2015.

Courtney (Brewer) ’11 and Alex Hunter ’09, a daughter, Gabriella Esther, Sept. 26, 2015.

Kaylin (Boyles) ’13 and Mike Kane ’13, a daughter, Eleanor Ruth, March 21, 2015.
1937  

1940  

1941  

Martha (Loidermilk) Knudson of Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 28, 2015.


1942  

1943  


Dorothy (Ferrall) Dingman of Lewisburg, Pa., Oct. 31, 2015.


1945  
Betty (Dunkle) Hitesman Minnemoyer of Watsontown, Pa., Dec. 12, 2015.


1946  


1947  

Among survivors is his wife, Virginia (Moore) Dahlgren ’47.

Among survivors is her sister, Doris (Heller) Teufel ’54.

Among survivors is her son, William. R. Kaufman ’84.

Patricia (Ferguson) Lockspeiser of Towson, Md., June 8, 2015.

1949  
Paul C. Mellen of Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 8, 2015

1950  
Louis R. Blasi of Marysville, Ohio, June 30, 2015.


1951  
Thomas A. Carl of Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 6, 2016.


Harry R. Walters of Baltimore, Md., April 8, 2016.

1952  


Hermon H. McFadden of Wilmington, Del., June 11, 2015.  
Among survivors is his wife, Nancy (Hill) McFadden ’52.

1953  
Among survivors is his wife, Carol (Taylor) Badger ’50.


1954  


Charles A. Starr Jr. of Montoursville, Pa., Sept. 12, 2015.


1955  
Among survivors is his son, Richard C. Haas III ’84.


Marjorie Ann (Steel) Ratcliff of Austin, Texas, Nov. 23, 2015.

1956  

1957  
Robert E. Davidson, Sr. of McVeytown, Pa., Dec. 23, 2015.  
Among survivors is his son, Robert E. Davidson, Jr. ’81.


1958  
Among survivors is her husband, Richard K. Hayes ’57.


1959  
Frank A. Casale, Sr. of Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 11, 2015.  
Among survivors is his wife, Sylvia (Fischer) Casale ’59 and grandson, Frank A. Casale III ’13.


1960  
Among survivors is her husband, Robert L. Bender ’59.


Mary Lu (Connolly) Seelig of Wilmington, Del., Dec. 6, 2015.

1961  

Among survivors is her husband, Allen Norris ’61.


1962  
Linda J. (Greendy) Goodman of Montoursville, Pa., March 27, 2016.

Lauralee Jones of Woodbury, Conn., Nov. 10, 2015.

1963  
Marvin T. Hudson, Jr. of Williamsport, March 1, 2016.


IN MEMORIAM


Lawrence L. Verdeckal Sr. of Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 20, 2015.

1964
Fred T. Feigley of The Villages, Fla., Oct. 17, 2015. Fred was inducted into the Lycoming Athletics Hall of Fame in 2006 for Soccer.


Jay L. Morris of Lebanon, Pa., Sept. 8, 2015. Among survivors is his wife, Carol (Blaker) Morris ’64.

1965


John H. Tracy of Springfield, Vt., Oct. 7, 2015. Among survivors is his wife, Sandra (Rogers) Tracy ’68.

1967


1968
Phyllis (Egleston) Buckingham Shafer of Linden, Pa., Aug. 29, 2015. Among survivors is her son, L. Jay Buckingham III ’73, and daughter, Ruth (Buckingham) Bennett ’77.


Philip B. Piper of North Stonington, Conn., June 13, 2015. Among survivors is his wife, Margaret (Mac Clay) Piper ’68, brother, David Piper ’64. Philip’s grandfather, E. Foster Piper, and great uncle, Charles Piper, were alumni of Dickinson Seminary.


John D. Zettelmyer of Quakertown, Pa., March 9, 2016.

1971


1972
Anne M. (VanBramer) Demick of Stephentown, N.Y., May 12, 2016.

1973

Donald L. Souder of Mechanicsburg, Pa., Nov. 15, 2015.

1975
George B. Gross Jr. of Williamsport, Nov. 11, 2015.


1977


1978
Steven B. Barth of Lewisburg, Pa., March 16, 2016. Among survivors is his brother, Brian L. Barth ’82.

1981

1984
James F. Finkler of Hughesville, Pa., June 27, 2015.

1986
Patricia (Witas) Dietrich of Montoursville, Pa., Sept. 8, 2015.

1991
Thomas Michael Hall of South Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 22, 2015. Among survivors is his brother, T. Max Hall III ’88.

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Bryant L. Miles of High Point, N.C., July 12, 2015.

THE REVEREND J MARCO HUNSBERGER

The Reverend J Marco Hunsberger, 74, of Williamsport, passed away Feb. 17, at his home. “Marco” was the campus minister for Lycoming College from 1989 to 2007, retiring after 18 years of inspired service to the Lycoming Community. During his time at the College, he was awarded the Sister Vincent Humanitarian Award and the Dale V. Bower Service Award.

Among Marco’s accomplishments was his role in the Habitat for Humanity program at Lycoming College. He coordinated at least 15 Collegiate Challenge spring break trips where hundreds of Lycoming students had life-changing experiences as they built homes and served others. Marco also created the Community Service Center on campus, partnering with local community service groups allowing Lycoming students to get first-hand community volunteer experience.

Marco was a graduate of Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and received his master’s degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He was an ordained United Methodist minister serving the Halifax United Methodist Church for 19 years along with the Lycoming College community.

Surviving is his wife, Beverly A. (Smith) Hunsberger, four sons and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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FRIENDS

Mrs. Ruth L. Engel of Williamsport, June 18, 2015. Ruth was a housekeeper for Lycoming College for 27 years.

Bernadine Hileman, April 16, 2016. Bernadine served as Office Services Coordinator.

Dr. Michael “Ben” Hogan, who served as Dean of Student Affairs at the College from Aug. 1992 to June 2000, passed away on Sept. 25, 2015, in Wilbraham, Mass.

Dr. Robert Maples, Associate Professor Emeritus of Foreign Languages, Feb. 6, 2016.

Excerpt from WRECKAGE:
My Father’s Legacy of Art & Junk

ne Wednesday in the fall of 1980, the start of my high-school senior year, I returned home within minutes of a dump truck’s delivery: an entire load of cement chunks piled like a ransacked Maya ruin. The deposit filled an empty space by a fire hydrant just a few yards from our New York brownstone. My father stood wide-eyed before the mass, and I walked to his side.

“Put your things inside the house and get back out here,” he said. “We’ve got to get this the hell outta here before the police come.”

In my typically slavish response, I didn’t ask many questions and got to work quickly. (If the mountain will not come to Mohammed, Mohammed will go to the mountain.) I feared the police—or rather, I feared the thought of my father being charged with a fine—and his mortality influenced my young adulthood immeasurably. Just half a year earlier, my mother had died of cancer at the age of 47. My father was 65, and although he retained the driving energy of a Ukrainian immigrant, my image of him as an indestructible force had faded to sepia three years earlier when he suffered a massive heart attack. Lifting and lugging chunks of concrete could threaten his life.

But he insisted we remove the wreckage before his art students arrived at seven that evening, and I knew his tone: no discussion. So I dumped my book bag and began the vigorous schlepping. Being New Yorkers, few people seemed particularly intrigued, although a Jewish woman down the block stopped in front of the heap, glanced up and down the sidewalk, and asked, “Ver did it come from?” It was a reasonable question, but I didn’t have the time or knowledge to answer what no doubt would have been a series of follow-ups had I engaged her: “Ver are you going to put this?” “Vut are you going to do vit it all?” How many times would I have to say, “I don’t know”?

But I could answer her now. A block away from our home, my father had spotted workers jackhammering the sidewalk and loading their dump truck. The moment coincided with plans he had for building a wall at the far end of the courtyard behind our brownstone. He wanted sheer bulk to defray the cost and time of shaping fresh cement, so he asked if they’d be willing to deliver part of a load. “Sure, Mister.” And why not? It would save them a trip to the landfill and the dumping fee. He had planned to limit the deposit, but the truck had tipped its bed before releasing the back flap and belched the entire haul onto the city street.

Reaching the courtyard would have meant moving each hunk another sixty or seventy feet, and we didn’t have the time. Instead, we piled each piece in a semicircle outside the brownstone, an entryway used in other buildings for a stairway to the second floor. Fearing the strain on my father’s heart, I focused on the largest pieces, some the width of my body, most of them three or four inches thick. I’d been physically active that summer, swimming and playing tennis daily, but I began to tire before we’d made a significant dent. And then, like an apparition, one of my father’s students arrived—he’d been telephoned—and his presence renewed my resolve, even my strength.

We finished before dark. I washed up and started dinner, but before we ate, I asked my father to take a Polaroid of me sitting in the center of the reshaped rubble. My hair’s long and full—shoulder length—and I’ve retained the summer’s tan. My body’s two-toned: brown socks match my brown shirt; blue sneakers match my jeans. The walls of broken cement rise as high as six feet behind me, and I’m smiling broadly, my elbow casually positioned on an accidentally constructed armrest. I could easily be digitally transferred onto a sofa.

—Sascha Feinstein
Lycoming’s 168th Commencement Ceremony

On May 7, Lycoming College marked its 168th commencement ceremony with hundreds of parents, family members and friends enjoying a sunny day on the Lycoming quad, while President Kent C. Trachte and Philip W. Sprunger, provost and dean of the college, awarded more than 240 diplomas to new graduates.

Commencement began with an invocation by the Rev. Jeff LeCrone, director of spiritual life and community service, followed by a welcome message from Trachte. Jonathan Gowin, a graduating senior with a degree in psychology, delivered the senior class greeting.

The College conferred several honorary degrees to alumni, including Dr. Marina Nikki Vernalis ’73 for blazing new trails in cardiac medicine and for breaking gender barriers in the military and medical fields; Jean R. (Alpert) Staiman ’47 for her contributions to the local community during a span of seven decades; and Rafael Moreno Valle ’91 for his years of dedicated public service in Mexico.

Valle, the 38th governor of the Mexican state of Puebla, delivered the keynote address, sharing his experiences with facing prejudices and working through challenges during his time at Lycoming. Through those stories, he encouraged students to hold fast to their values and persevere to achieve their own personal and career goals.

Lycoming College’s chorus and band provided stirring music throughout the event, and a reception following the graduation ceremony topped off the day’s festivities.

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STUDENTS CAN COUNT ON SUPPORT FROM MATH MAJOR ALUMNI

Honoring the financial and intellectual support they received as Lycoming College students is important to Harriet (Hooven) ’69 and Mel Fleming ’68, who met as college students and married in 1968. That is why they have named Lycoming College as beneficiary of portions of their IRAs.

Both majored in mathematics — a solid foundation that propelled them into successful careers. Mel pursued a 27-year career with the FBI that took him all over the country, while Harriet, who entered the workforce after raising their three children, quickly rose in the ranks at a local bank to become a branch manager.

As recipients of financial support while at Lycoming, they know first-hand the financial travails of students who come from modest means.

“My wrestling coach, Budd Whitehill, helped me navigate the financial aid system to offset much of my costs, leaving only about a third of the bill to be paid with loans,” Mel said. “For that I am very grateful.” Harriet was in a similar financial situation with student loans. “As we began to plan for our lives together after college, we had few belongings and significant debts,” she said.

Reflecting on their time at Lycoming, the Flemings know it was an ideal school for them.

“My advisor, Professor Frances Skeath, opened my eyes to what a liberal arts education really meant,” said Harriet. “At her suggestion I took several classes outside of my major, including a music appreciation class, which I loved. I recall driving my roommates crazy by listening to assigned pieces over and over again in our room.”

Mel agrees Lycoming was special. “Our professors knew our names and the smaller classes enabled us to get engaged,” he said. He recalled one of his first experiences with English professor, Jerry Madden, who helped him to grow academically.

“We feel very blessed for our good fortune and want to share that with others,” said Mel. “We maintain a close relationship with friends, fraternity brothers and their spouses, and we make a point to visit Lycoming, especially for Alumni and Homecoming events.”

The couple also contributes to the college through the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity scholarship, the Budd Whitehill Endowment and the Lycoming Fund. “It’s very rewarding to help others have the same opportunities we’ve had.”

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