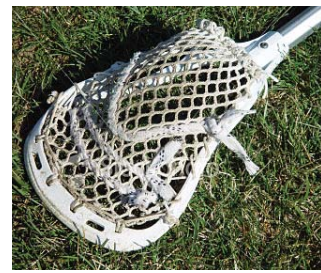




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## Student Senate works to improve college life



By  
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The Student Senate of Lycoming College is making great improvements since the beginning of the fall semester.

"I know there wasn't a good overall student opinion of Senate, but we're working to change that," Bob Hamell, president of Student Senate, said.

These changes are not easy to make, however. It has taken lots of work and hours of meetings with students, meetings with administration, organizing events, writing proposals, creating surveys, and other tasks that must be completed to accomplish anything on the campus.

"Homecoming probably took a good 1,000 hours of work at least," Jeff Rosenheck, vice president of senate, said.

Homecoming was a success this year due to the accumulation of man-hours as well as the cooperation of everyone involved. This year, Lyco students sent in the most votes for king and queen that have been seen in many years. Also, the parade route was extended.

One of senate's greatest accomplishments of the year has been making the pool table located in Jack's Corner free. The idea came to the Executive Board when the pool table broke in the beginning of the year. Through Student Programs, who conduct hourly checks on the Wertz Student Center, the board was informed that usage increased dramatically when students did not have to pay to use the table. After it was repaired, complaints increased and use of the table decreased. It was evident what the students wanted.

With the help of Larry Mannolini, director of Student Programs and Leadership Development, and Dr. Dan Miller, dean of Student Affairs, the pool table is now free to use. In order to celebrate its accomplishment, senate sponsored a Late Night Snack last week.

The next step to improving Jack's Corner is in the discussion stage. Talk has emerged about replacing the foosball table with a pinball machine.

Senate also is trying to maintain student representation on the various committees throughout campus. According to Hamell, the food committee has increased quality and provided students with more of the food choices that they want. Participation has also increased, such as with the Top Chef competition and the fan page on Facebook. Late Night Snacks with entertainment have become a staple in the food committee plan.

The Safety and Security Board is working diligently. This year an audit will be used to determine what is working and what is not working with the Department of Safety and Security.

"The last evaluation was in 1995," Rosenheck, who is also the student chairman of the board, said.

A proposal has been drafted. The audit will consist of looking at the department as a whole and determining what it is lacking as well as what is going well. The audit provides a chance for the department and the board to work together in an effort to make things better for the students.

Other Safety and Security department issues being worked on include timely notification of events that occur on and near campus, as well as the testing of the college's emergency system. The siren was tested for 90 seconds and text messages were sent out at 4:15 p.m. Feb. 4. All registered cell phones received the text message in less than 12 minutes. Because of the test, the board can know where the siren is not heard and can find ways to supplement it.

"We hope we never have to actually use it," Rosenheck said. Hamell also stated that internal changes are in the near future for the SSLC. After perusing the Constitution and By-Laws, some parts have been found to no longer be relevant to students today or faults have been discovered. These will be changed shortly.

As the college enters budget season for the next academic year, changes have been made to the process through which clubs and organizations must ask for allocations. There is now a better evaluation form which is easier to fill out. These changes were possible through student input from those who have submitted budgets previously as well as the hard work of Ashley Lubold, vice president of Finance.

Town meetings have changed. Since the beginning of the semester, members of the college administration have been invited for question and answer sessions with senators. Past guests have been Donn Troutman of Safety and Security and Andrew Kilpatrick of Residential Life. Ideas for the March town meeting include Peter Stark of Sodexo or a member of Buildings and Grounds.

Yet another project the SSLC has undertaken is bringing a speaker to campus.

Samantha McConnell, parliamentarian, is arranging to bring motivational speaker Bobby P. to Lycoming. Details are unavailable at this time.

Overall, Hamell is pleased with the SSLC where it stands today. Big strides have been made and even more are in the works. He believes that all members of the Executive Board, which also includes Rosenheck, Allison Lubold, Ashley Lubold, and McConnell, and Senate in general provide exceptional ideas and input. "We've had our ups and downs, but at the end of the day, we all love each other," Hamell said. If students have any serious concerns, the Executive Board is always available to listen. Student input is always welcome and can be e-mailed to [senate@lycoming.edu](mailto:senate@lycoming.edu).

## Love is in the air at Haitian earthquake fundraiser



By  
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The Lycourier Staff

Valentine's Day lasted a whole week this year for members of United Campus Ministry as they organized "Hugs 4 Haiti," a love-themed charity fundraiser benefitting the island nation that was recently devastated by a record-breaking earthquake.

About \$300 was raised. One of the event organizers, Sophomore Christopher Bernstorf, came up with the idea for the unique fundraiser during a lunchtime conversation with some fellow UCM members, "Mary Clausen (senior), Drew Alan (freshman), and Joe Bell, (sophomore) came up with the idea. I thought it was a really good idea, so I discussed it with a few other people, including (UCM) President Abbie Williams, who told me to run with it."

The idea quickly gained support from both his fellow UCM members and members of other organizations, who worked hard to put the event together in a short amount of time.

"Hugs 4 Haiti," which lasted the week before Valentine's Day (Feb. 8 through 11), offered students two donation options. One option was to purchase mixed bags of Hershey's Kisses and Hugs for \$1, which were sent to students' special some ones on the Friday before Valentine's

Day through campus mail. The second option was to donate 50 cents to the fundraiser and receive a physical hug from one of the event's designated "huggers."

Although the event was organized by members of UCM, many other on-campus organizations joined and represented their clubs at the "Hugs 4 Haiti" table in the cafeteria by both selling bags of candy, and giving out hugs. Other campus organizations that assisted in the event included Alpha Sigma Tau and Tau Kappa Epsilon, as well as individual participants.

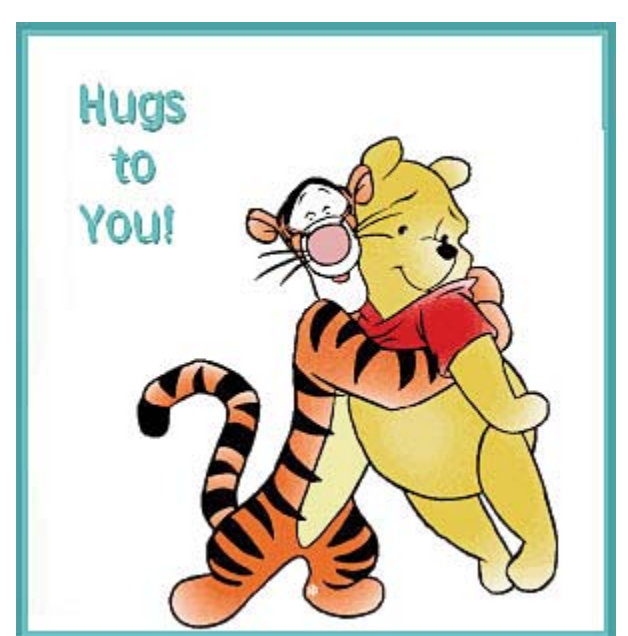
"AST had their own fundraiser going at the same time," Bernstorf said, "so we were especially thankful that they came out to help."

Much to the surprise of both Bernstorf and event organizer, Sophomore Joshua Davinsizer, "Hugs 4 Haiti" was a far more successful fundraiser than anyone could have expected. According to Davinsizer, the event raised "a grand total of \$293.69" and sent out "over 100 bags (of candy)" through campus mail.

"I didn't expect it to be successful at all. I thought it would be fun and make \$5. Instead, we made almost \$300," Bernstorf said.

Bernstorf believes that because "people were generous and wanted to help and it was a good cause," the event was as successful as it was. Additionally, "people wanted to get hugs. It was a good, easy way to spread love," Bernstorf said, adding, "plus, there were pretty AST girls."

Not only were students enthusiastic about donating to "Hugs 4 Haiti," they also took the event's light-hearted spirit to creative new heights, often sending physical hugs to special faculty members or certain classmates, which put many in awkward, yet humorous situations. "That part



was a blast," Bernstorf said. "It was so much fun."

Overall, "Hugs 4 Haiti" was one of the most successful campus fundraisers aimed at providing aid to post-earthquake Haiti.

Bernstorf and UCM are "really thankful for all the people that helped us out. We probably had about 20 people that helped us out and who knows how many donated."

## Lycoming profile: Print shop coordinator Marilyn Smith

By Tehrim Umar

The Lycourier Staff

Students pass by brightly colored professional posters when walking through campus buildings; they peruse through schedules, pamphlets, programs -- but few ask "Where did these flyers come from?" And, that is precisely where Lycoming College's Print Shop comes into play. The Print Shop, located in the Mass Communications building, is home to Lycoming PDF files coming to life.

A major coordinator of the department is Marilyn Smith. Cornering 14 years at Lycoming in August, Smith is certainly no amateur to the printing world. She works with Ric Cowher, who is the manager and press operator.

A 1978 graduate of Pennsylvania College of Technology (the former Williamsport Area Community College) Smith earned her degree in advertising art.

Though her degree is in advertising, Smith married into the printing business.

"I used to be a part of a family printing business called Smith Printing Co., and unfortunately it closed after 100 years of business," she said of her prior work experience before Lycoming. "Back then, all work was done by hand -- the only computerized equipment were compugraphic edit writers, which fit bodies of type. It was a lot more cumbersome," Smith said.

Printing is by no means a mindless job that is finished with just one click of a button. As Smith explained there is a set process that goes into printing.

First, she receives a PDF file via e-mail. Next, the item goes into a 42-inch HP color printer, where it is then configured for size and height. After the item is printed, if it's a poster, then that's all that needs to be done. However, if it's anything else, once the item is dry, the item is either folded or collated.

Certain printing projects can get monotonous at times, such as the hand collating of commencement programs, Smith said. Collating is the process of putting several pages together into one set. Normally, this process is done by a machine, but items like the commencement programs are done in large quantities near 2,600, and require hand



Tehrim Umar/The Lycourier Staff

Marilyn Smith has been responsible for printing multiple READ posters, as well as making all of the important PDF's sent to her come to life on paper.

collating. Aside from this task, Smith appreciates a particular type of poster that students can see throughout Snowden Library.

In terms of student organizations wanting to get things printed Smith recommended the following:

"The first thing to do is state your intentions to Jean Wool in student programs. She will provide you with a GL account number. The organization can send the file via email, and then stop in the Print Shop to fill out the work order, complete with all necessary information including the GL number. Posters are priced according to size and will be charged to the GL number if approved by Student Affairs. Posters normally take three to five working days, as is our average time frame for most projects."

"I enjoy the 'Read' posters, because it's always interesting to see what books the individuals are holding along with their surroundings. Plus they're easier to make," she

said with a smile.

When Smith isn't aiding in the decoration of Lycoming's walls, she thoroughly enjoys figure skating on the weekend. An avid figure skater for the past 45 years, she is the president of the Figure Skating Club in an ice rink in Sunbury.

Along with conducting group lessons for figure skating, she is also the founder of a youth hockey program. A native of Williamsport, Smith also is mother to three grown children.

Though some may not find the printing business their cup of tea, Smith truly enjoys her work.

"I love that there are several varieties of projects every day," Smith said, commenting on the endless supply of artistic ideas that require her assistance for coming to life. "When they're going through their lab manuals, they can now think of the print shop," she said.

### The Comics Corner

**BLUNDERGRADS** by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)

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## News Briefs

### Three Lycoming College students named to intercollegiate band

Three Lycoming College students have been chosen to participate in the 63rd annual Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Band Festival, scheduled for March 11-14 at West Chester University.

The students are Lucas Reckling, a sophomore archaeology and culture of the ancient Near East and religion double major; Robyn Price, a junior archaeology and culture of the ancient Near East and French double major; and Britta Spaulding, a senior archaeology and culture of the ancient Near East and art history double major.

Students are selected for this honor from nearly 30 Pennsylvania colleges and universities. The students will perform under the direction of Dennis Fisher, conductor of the symphonic band, associate director of wind studies and professor of music in conducting and ensembles at the University of North Texas.

The festival is being held in conjunction with the Eastern Division Conference of the Collegiate Band Director's National Association.

### Lycoming College announces new fundraising challenge

Through the campaign "1,000 Ways to \$100K," an anonymous donor from Lycoming College's Class of 1966 is challenging fellow alumni to join or rejoin Lycoming's family of donors.

She has graciously agreed to donate \$100,000 to the College when 1,000 first-time donors, as well as those who have not given to the Lycoming Annual Fund since June 30, 2008, make a gift of any amount by June 30, 2010.

The alumna has chosen to make alumni participation the cornerstone of this challenge. Approximately 18 percent of Lycoming's alumni donated to the College last year.

The percentage of alumni who contribute to the College each year plays a vital role in Lycoming's reputation and national ranking in publications such as the U.S. News and World Report and The Princeton Review.

This challenge is counting on all Lycoming alumni. Every donation will make a difference. For more information about the challenge, visit [www.lycoming.edu/1000ways](http://www.lycoming.edu/1000ways) or call (570) 321-4036.

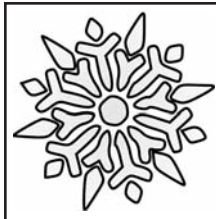
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2/6/10	Criminal mischief	Skeath Hall
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2/7/10	Harassment and stalking	Academic Center
2/9/10	Criminal mischief	Skeath Hall
2/10/10	Criminal mischief	Crever Hall
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2/13/10	Criminal mischief	Wesley Hall
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2/13/10	Purchase, consumption, possession of alcohol	Skeath Hall
2/13/10	Criminal mischief	Asbury Hall
2/13/10	Criminal mischief	Skeath Hall
2/14/10	Purchase, consumption, possession of alcohol	Washington Blvd.
2/14/10	Purchase, consumption, possession of alcohol	Ross St. Apts.
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## Williamsport Weekend Weather

**Friday**

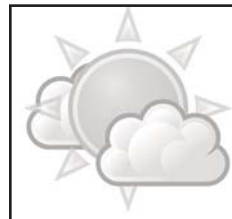
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**Saturday**

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**Sunday**

*Partly Cloudy*



High: 37°  
Low: 25°



# Lycoming celebrates black history month



By Allie Lyke

The Lyncourier Staff

Despite the fact that Lycoming College is a predominantly white school, it still appreciates the diversity that keeps it going strong. For Black History Month, February, the College planned events to appreciate the African-American students and their culture, and to expose other cultures at the college and raise their awareness and knowledge of African-American history.

Tonight through Sunday there will be a movie screening of the film "Precious."

Co-sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies, "Precious" is the film adaptation of "Push," a novel by Sapphire about an overweight, illiterate African-American teen from Harlem who discovers an alternate path in life after she begins attending a new school. Directed by "Monster's Ball" producer Lee Daniels, it features Paula Patton, Mariah Carey, Mo'Nique and Gabourey

Sidibe as Claireece Precious Jones.

The movie will be shown at 7 p.m. tonight and Friday; 10:45 p.m. Saturday and 8 p.m. Sunday in Heim G-11. Following the screening tonight, there will be a discussion led by Elizabeth Moorhouse, assistant professor of economics, Dr. Amy Rogers, assistant professor of education, and Sarah Silkey, assistant professor of history.

To conclude the events, there will be a final movie screening of the film, "C.S.A.: The Confederate States of America" in Heim G-09 at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Through the eyes of a British "documentary," the film takes a satirically humorous, and sometimes frightening, look at the history of an America where the South won the Civil War. Moorhouse, Rogers and Silkey will lead a discussion following the documentary.

The activities started with a fireside chat presented by Dr. Richard Hughes, professor of religion.

As a participant in the Civil Rights Movement, Hughes discussed the pivotal Selma campaign and offered personal eye-witness observations.

He also emphasized the rule of Sheriff Jim Clark, state police brutality, the murders and the marches that took place during that time.

The members of Black Student Union, as well as the Men's basketball team and college administrative staff, came together at the fifth annual Black Alumni Dinner held in the Jane Schultz Room.

Dance Company performed a traditional African dance routine in Burchfield Lounge as a teaser before everyone was seated and dinner was served.

After the dinner the troupe went to Clark Chapel where they offered traditional African step dance lessons to Lycoming students.

A second fireside chat involving the Civil Rights movement was presented by Dr. Andrew Leiter, assistant professor of English.

The discussion centered on Walter White, a life-long civil rights activist who directed the NAACP for 25 years from 1931 to 1955; authored two novels and multiple works of non-fiction; and was an influential figure of the Harlem Renaissance.

The controversial White was a light-skinned African-American capable of "passing" as white person.

Early in his career he frequently used his color to his advantage to investigate lynching and mob violence throughout the South in his early career.

## Club's basket raffle to benefit Haiti

Le Club Franco, the campus French Club, is having a basket raffle to benefit Haiti this week. The Coffee Basket includes Jazzman's Coffee, a travel mug, Gertrude Hawke Chocolate and a box of Biscotti.

The group is also raffling off a Vera Bradley belt. Tickets are 50 cents, \$1 for three, and \$3 for an arm's length. The winners will be drawn.

Members of the club are selling tickets in Pennington Lounge near Jazzman's from 12:30 -2:30 p.m. daily. Tickets also are available by contacting Jordan Hollander (holjords@lycoming.edu) or Kim Morris (morkimb@lycoming.edu). All funds raised will be donated to the American Red Cross for Haiti Relief.



### Caught Studying!

The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta making use of the Collaborative Study Room on the 3rd floor of Snowden Library.



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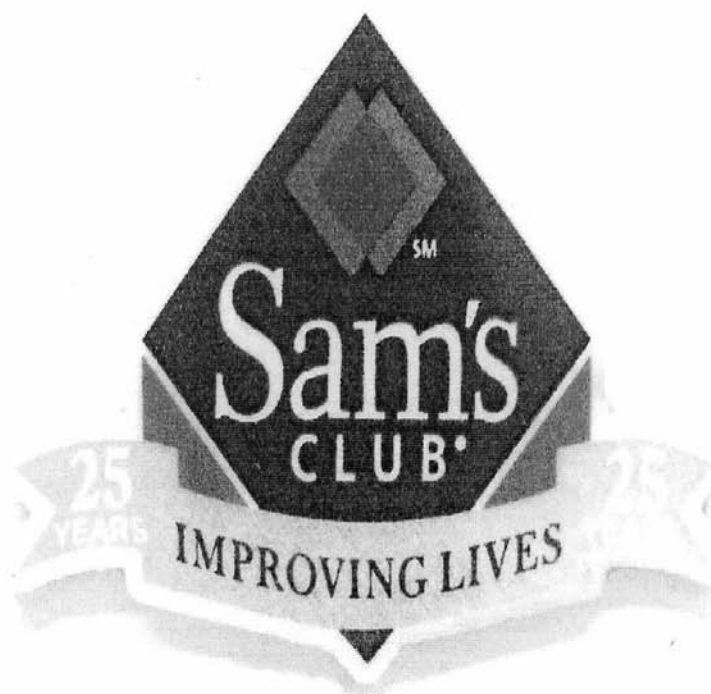
The Lyncourier's weekly meeting is at 9 p.m. tonight in the Mass Communications building

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## Campus Scrapbook

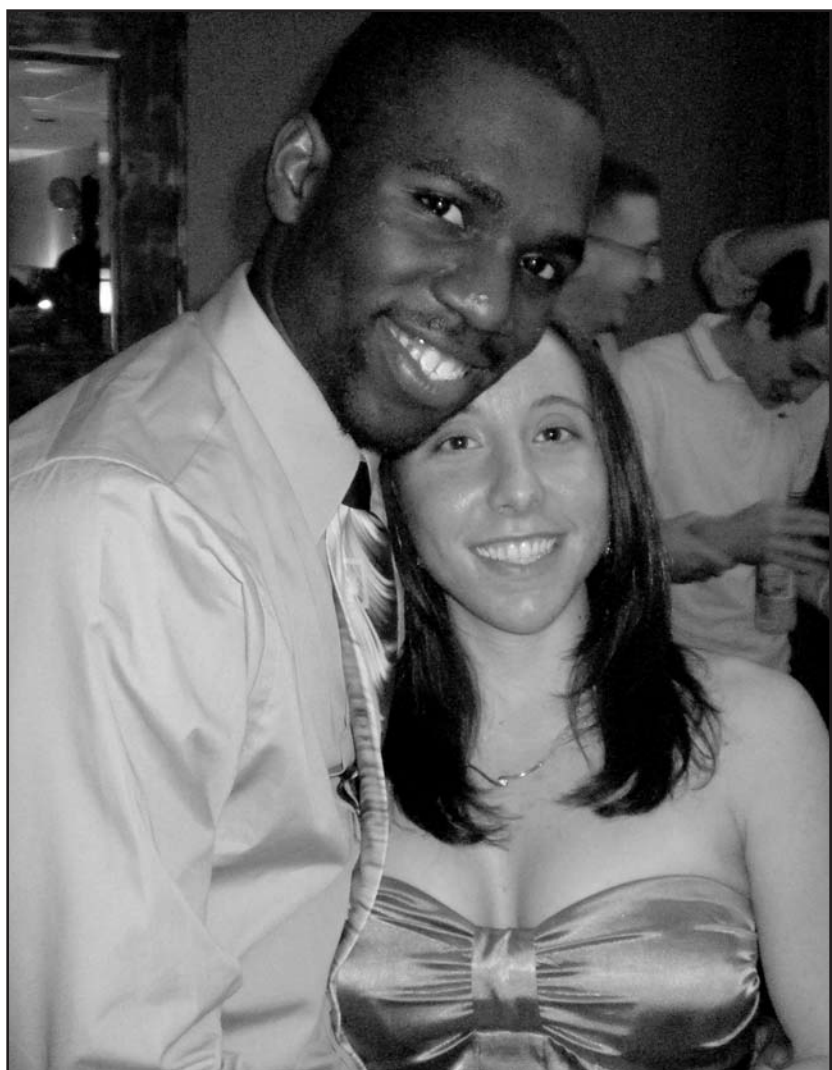
CAB Mardi Gras Formal and Snow Angels on the quad

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Photos by Andrew Benkovic/The Lycourier



Junior Bob Hamell hangs out with his masquerade mask at the Mardi Gras formal waiting for his special someone to come by.



Seniors Matteuw Hines and Allison Batties enjoying themselves at the Campus Activities Board Mardi Gras formal held at the Best Western.



Junior Ashley Lloyd, Travis, Dr. Edward Gabriel and junior K.C. Failor pose during the snowstorm last week. These four spearheaded "Snow Angels on the Quad" and raised more than \$100 for St. Anthony's Center.



The dance floor is jammed as members of CAB and friends dance the night away.

## tempting **treats**



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# 'Chlorinated Chefs' win Lycoming Top Chef



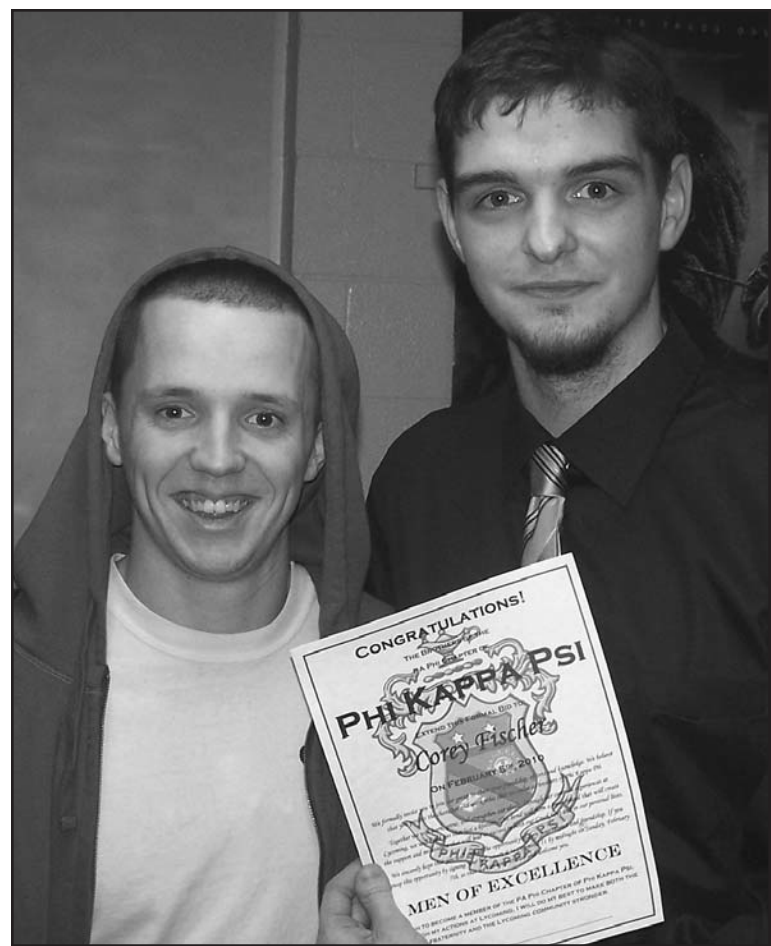
From left, Herb Read, Myles Biggs, Joe Kuder, Michael Tonart, and Jerry Hammaker strike a winning pose after their victory in the Lycoming Top Chef competition. The team prepared a winning dish of chicken curry with rice.

# Strong turnout for Greek life this semester



Photo provided by Shannon Morgan

Top from left to right: Valerie Caswel, Jessica Evans, Brittany Freeman, Hannah Eyler, and Natalie Johnson. Bottom from left to right, Amber Schuetrumph, Amanda Watsula, Stephanie Goldberg and Jenna Miller pose after receiving their bids from Alpha Xi Delta.



Edward Jesse Frick Jr./ The Lycourier

Sophomore Corey Fischer receives his bid from senior pledgemaster Kyle Hickman. Phi Kappa Psi will be putting 9 new members through their pledge program this semester.

# Vancouver offers more than just Olympic sights

By Pamela Burke

The Lycourier Staff

As most people know, the Winter Olympics 2010 is set in the beautiful city of Vancouver, British Columbia in Canada. Besides being the host of this year's Olympics, Vancouver has some amazing experiences to offer.

According to Lonely Planet, Vancouver has consistently ranked as one of the best cities in the world to live in. When exploring the downtown, visitors will see breathtaking snowcapped mountains in between the skyscrapers.

Canada prides itself on multiculturalism and one of the best places to take it in is at the Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. The beautiful garden is located on the outskirts of Chinatown. Vancouver's Chinatown is one of the largest, following closely behind San Francisco and New York. The garden promotes tranquility and harmony using a balance of water, rocks, plants and architecture. There is a balance of yin and yang prominent throughout the garden. The garden is open daily between March and November.

For a taste of some of the best Japanese sushi, head to Tojo's on West Broadway. Salmon and tuna are some of the favorites, but specials change based on seasonal availability. Tojo faithfully uses locally grown ingredients found at the Granville Public Market. This market has everything from fresh seafood and meats to wines from nearby vineyards.

After filling up on the local food, visitors should head up to Pacific Rim National Park for a breathtaking view. This has one of the most challenging hikes on the continent for experienced mountain climbers. There are some less demanding walks for the novice hiker. Wildlife is prominent throughout the park. Sea lions, whales and even some bald eagles can be spotted throughout the year. Be careful during November to February because it



tends to be very stormy. One of the best times to visit is in March when about 20,000 whales migrate north.

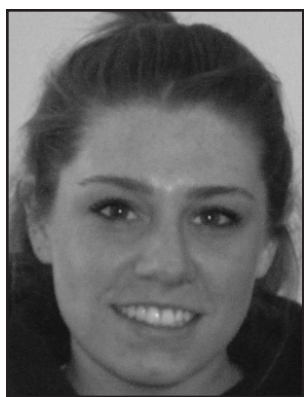
If you can't make it in March, then try for July through September and visit Stubbs Island whale watching. Stubbs owns two vessels that travel into Telegraph Cove in hopes of spotting some 200 of the orcas that inhabit these waters. A 3 1/2 hour trip costs around \$70.

For the museum lover, visit the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia. This museum has a large collection of Native American art and culture. There is also a remarkable totem pole collection. The museum is both adult-and-kid-friendly with many informative tour guides.

For the adult tourists who enjoy a good beer, visit Gastown for a pub crawl through Vancouver's best breweries and pubs. Gastown is located a few miles from Chinatown and is full of culture. Meet some friendly locals in order to really get a feel for this fantastic city.

While cheering on the United States during the 2010 Winter Olympics, remind yourself of the fun that you could be having in Vancouver. The northwest city is one of the most picturesque in the world. You can walk from one block surrounded by skyscrapers to a nearby park with bald eagles, and then get on a boat and spot killer whales. Any tourist who loves the wildlife would feel right at home in Vancouver!

## Question of the Week: *What are you doing for spring break?*



Jacki Calbi  
Senior

"With the Womens Lacrosse Team in Dallas, Texas."



John Roland  
Junior

"Going home to Connecticut."



Ashley Lubold  
Junior

"Hot air ballooning in Taos, N.M., with Habitat for Humanity."



Jon Kreitler  
Senior

"Walking dogs."



Amy Richards  
Senior

"In North Carolina with tour choir."

## The Olympic Games can transcend politics

By  
Jordan Hollander



The Lycourier Staff



viet Union, boycotted the 1984 Olympic games, which took place in Los Angeles. A domestic terrorist marred the 1996 Atlanta Olympics by detonating a pipe bomb in Olympic Park during the games, in the name of his political agenda.

There are examples where countries have overcome politics at the Olympic games. At the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece and the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Turin, Italy, North Korea and South Korea, who have been at war with each other since the 1950s, marched together arm-in-arm at the opening ceremonies.

In the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, and the games under way in Vancouver, both Iran and Israel sent delegations of athletes to compete. 2008 was the first time that both of these countries participated in the same Olympic games since the Islamic Revolution in Iran in 1979.

Despite the historical trends for terrorism or for political grandstanding, the spirit of the Olympics rings true; the love of sport, the love of competition, and the love of country. The 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver are a perfect example. This was shown during the opening ceremony when all countries showed their solidarity after the death of fellow Olympian and competitor, Nodar Kumartashvili, from Georgia, who died Friday during a practice run in luge.

## Overheard

The best quotes on campus overheard by Lycourier staff members

"Oooh, she's a baby."  
"A hot baby!"

-Mass Comm. Building

"Lycowireless is like the at ant map on the Verizon commercial."

-Pennington Lounge

"The rubbery cheese tastes like rubber."

-4th St. Apartments

"The coastal region is known as the 'porn belt'."

-The Academic Center

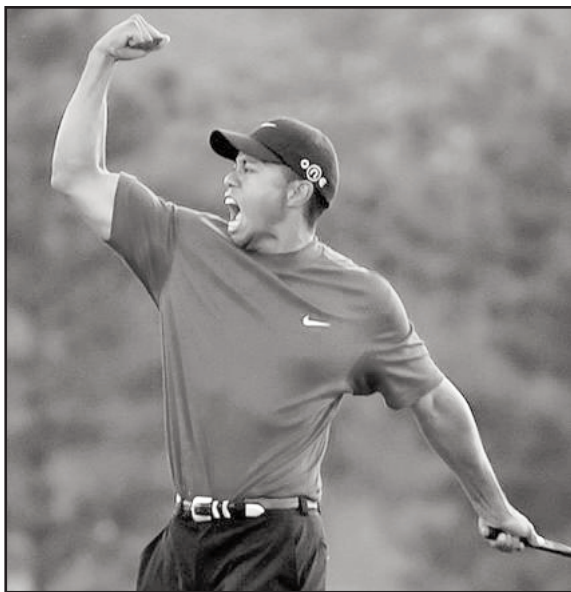
Have an Opinion?! Contact Andrew Benkovic at [benandr@lycoming.edu](mailto:benandr@lycoming.edu) for details

## God-like status: A Comment on the Tiger Woods scandal

By  
Allison Lyke



The Lycourier Staff



track down the hotel room numbers of athletes by simply calling the front desk and asking for them by name and those who make numerous attempts to get VIP passes to nightclubs and bars to be that much closer to the "star athletes."

Woods unfortunately decided to take sexual interest in these types of women. And that is the two way street of adultery.

At the same time, although it is legally wrong for men and women to commit adultery, especially married men, that is not the major issue here. The problem is how society and the media escalate the situation as if adultery was invented by Tiger Woods.

The incident is so outrageous to the point where companies are refusing to endorse Woods two major ones be-

ing Gillette and AT&T. He has lost a lot of fans due to his adulterous ways, as well. On Popeater.com a majority of the bloggers referred to Woods as a "man whore," "sex addict," and a "jerk." There was only one post that was in Woods' favor. On Dec. 8, JIMBO wrote: "It doesn't matter if he has balled 2 or 200. It is none of our business. All of you that are casting stones at Tiger—are you a perfect person (who has) never done anything wrong?" This very comment brings into play the important fact that people, men in particular have been adulterous for thousands of years.

Adultery has been around since the Old Testament; in fact, the seventh commandment is "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Although it was an abomination of the holiness code, cheating didn't stop in those times. People continued to practice adultery and still cheat in this day in age. According to womensavers.com, as of 2008, 22 percent of married men have admitted to committing adultery at least once in their married lives and 60 percent are estimated to eventually have an affair in their lifetime. It is rare in America to be jailed on adultery charges, more importantly however, cheating on a spouse remains a criminal offense in 10 states. What makes Woods any more different than the average American male? Do his athletic abilities shield him from doing anything wrong? Or does society puts celebrities on high pedestals as if they were gods, which means that they are not allowed to mess up or act immorally?

Woods is no god. He does not have any super powers. But, can play golf exceptionally well. So well, that he just happens to be one the best golfers of our time. Unfortunately he also has a fetish for attractive bartenders/strippers. There is no relation between the athleticism of Tiger Woods and his personal life. Woods adulterous habits do not take away from his incredible skill. Regrettably, society cannot function without knowing every single detail about celebrities and ripping their private lives to shreds.

## Witty Observations of the Week

Sodexo survey asks if I would renew my meal plan, aren't I forced to have one?

Can the toilet paper in the restrooms be any more uncomfortable or cheap?

A new pastime: watching intoxicated people walk up the hill by Heim.

## Retrospective Movie Review: 'Home Alone'



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For some students at Lycoming College who were born in the late '80s, 1990 doesn't seem like it was that long ago. For kids that grew up in the 1990s, there were many movies and television shows that, now as adults, people look back on and fondly remember; "Home Alone" being one of those movies.

It is hard to believe that it has been 20 years since the world was introduced to Kevin McCallister; the smartest eight-year-old to ever be left alone to deal with burglars and a scary old man with a snow shovel.

Kevin (Macaulay Culkin) accidentally gets left behind when 16 of his family members go on Christmas vacation to France. However, since Kevin got into a fight with his brother, Buzz (Devin Ratray), the night before everyone leaves and gets banished to the attic, he thinks that he got his wish of his family disappearing.

Little does Kevin know, "The Wet Bandits" (Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern) have been targeting the McCallister house and plan on robbing it while the family is gone for the holidays.

Kevin also has to deal with other things such as: climbing on top of Buzz's shelves to get money for food and fabric softener, ordering his own cheese pizzas, Buzz's tarantula, Old Man Marley that shovels the snow with the salt that "turns to bodies," stealing a toothbrush, and the furnace in his basement.

Once Kevin learns about "The Wet Bandits" and how they want to invade his home, his survival skills come into play, and he booby traps the house, which leads to hilarious ways of getting injured.

All in all, people look back on this movie with good thoughts. It had

good characters, it was really funny, and most importantly, especially now, it has great quotes that people still say today.

Some of the memorable quotes from the movie are:

"Kevin, your such a disease."

"Look what you did, you little jerk!"

"When I grow up and get married, I'm living alone!"

"I don't want another family. I don't want any family. Families suck!"

"I don't want to sleep with Fuller. You know about him, he wets the bed. He'll pee all over me, I know it."

"Buzz, your girlfriend! Woof!"

"Hey! I tell you what I'm gonna give you, Snakes. I'm gonna give you to the count of 10 to get your ugly, yellow, no-good keister off my property before I pump your guts full of lead! One, two, ten!...Keep the change you filthy animal."

Like most successful movies, "Home Alone" had to have a sequel. "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) was actually a good movie to continue the adventures of Kevin McCallister and the renamed "Sticky Bandits."

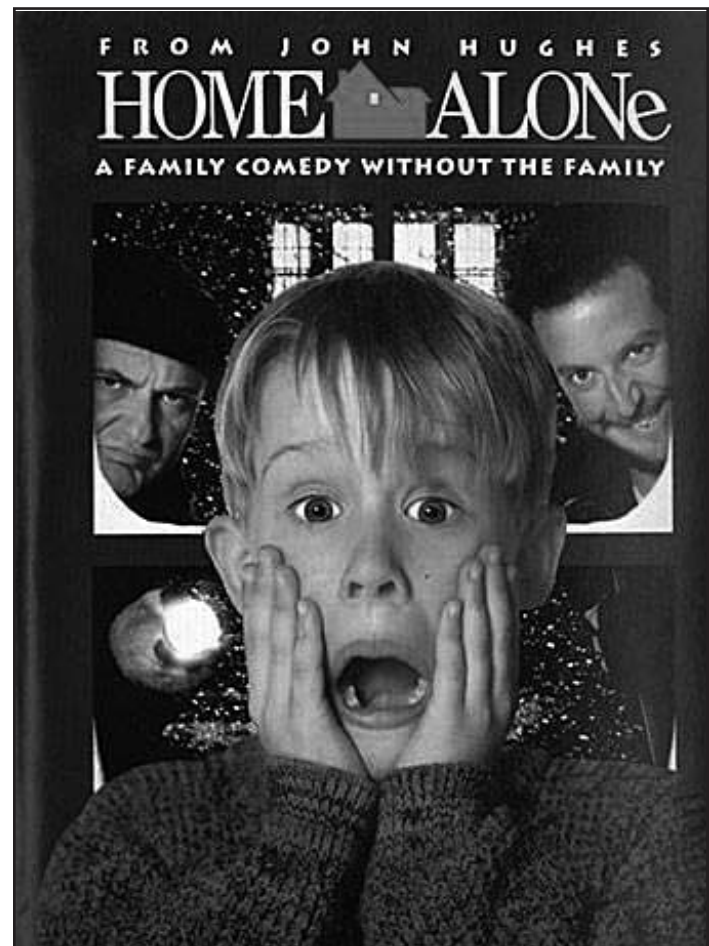
But, all things have to come to an end. With that being said, the third installment of the series, released in 1997, went a totally different direction.

It had a different kid from a different family, a different house, and different burglars. Fans of the original two, especially the kids that grew up with those, didn't care too much for the movie without having Kevin involved; and in most opinions, the third one should've never been made.

There was also a fourth film released, which was a made-for-TV movie. This time Kevin and Marv are characters in the film, but were replaced by other actors. Again, the movie shouldn't have been made.

Even though the "Home Alone" series got ruined by sequels, the last two can't take away the nostalgia of the first two.

Everyone who enjoys this movie should go home and grab it from their personal collection, or rent it and celebrate the 20th year of Kevin McCallister and "Home Alone."



## 'The Lovely Bones' tugs at heart strings; fails as book adaptation



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Many of Hollywood's greatest films have been adapted from even better books. From 'The Wizard of Oz' to 'The Shining,' many box-office best sellers have been derived straight from the works of author's who had most likely never dreamed that their story would be made into a film.

'The Lovely Bones' directed by Peter Jackson, based on the novel of the same name by Alice Sebold, focuses on the in-between area of heaven and earth after a suburban Pennsylvania town is rocked by a mysterious and grisly murder.

Set in the 1970's, Saoirse Ronan plays Susie Salmon, the 14-year-old daughter of the Salmon family. While walking home from school one afternoon, she is murdered by her neighbor, George Harvey (Stanley Tucci).

As Susie watches from an in-between stage of Heaven and Earth, she observes how her family responds and reacts to her death -- and the fact that Harvey covers up the murder -- leaving the investigation to grow cold.

Fans of the book most likely will be disappointed in the film. As with every film adaptation, certain storylines have to change (or be dropped entirely) in order to keep the audience entertained and engaged; it's practically impossible to condense a 400 page book into a 135-minute movie.

As most of the film is told from Susie's standpoint in the 'in between' of Heaven, there is an abundance of special effects CGI, or computer generated imagery, used to represent this location. Although at times it seems overdone, the overall look of the film is called beautiful by many

critics.

However, the number of these filmed scenes could be reduced for a cleaner, more personal tale. The special effects at times took away from the film's characters and their development.

Despite these slight aversions, fans will appreciate the almost spot-on performances by Susie's father, Jack (Mark Wahlberg), Grandma Lynn (Susan Sarandon), and murderer George Harvey, all of whom truly captured the essence of Sebold's characters.

'The Lovely Bones' has received mixed reviews among top movie critics. Film critic Robert Ebert gave the film 1.4 stars out of 5 calling the film 'deplorable' but praised the acting of the cast. Review aggregate Web site 'Rotten Tomatoes' currently holds the film at a 36 percent rating based on a total of 168 reviews.

On the flip side, Rolling Stone gave the film 4 stars out of 5, citing that the film had 'remarkable performances.' Overall, it seems that most critics agree that the film couldn't hold a candle to the novel.

Despite negative criticism, 'The Lovely Bones' has been nominated for several awards. Tucci was nominated for a Golden Globe for 'Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture,' an Oscar for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role, an Academy Award for 'Best Supporting Actor' and a Screen Actors Guild Award for 'Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role.'

In addition, the film has received nominations from the 2009 Broadcast Film Critics Association for Best Art Direction, Best Cinematography and Best Visual Effects.

Although 'The Lovely Bones' will not be joining the aforementioned movies among the ranks of successful cinematic book adaptations any time soon, if you're simply looking for a film to tug on your heart strings, this is the one to see.

'The Lovely Bones' is rated PG-13 for mature thematic material involving disturbing violent content and images, and some language. 'The Lovely Bones' is now playing in theaters nationwide.



## Video game reviews: 'Bayonetta' and 'Tatsunoko vs. Capcom'

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### 'Bayonetta (Xbox 360/PS3)'

"Bayonetta" is Platinum Games Inc.'s answer to the masculine, gore-obsessed action genre. Its eponymous character is a charismatic, reluctant mother sporting a tight leather bodysuit with guns attached to her heels. She strikes provocative poses after slicing a room full of demons in half, but she refuses to be objectified. In fact, she's the only worthy opponent to the game's endless onslaught of creepy, baby-faced demons. After all, the men in "Bayonetta" are incompetent wimps.

The game itself is a refinement of combo-based action games ("Devil May Cry" or "God of War") filtered through the most ridiculous scenarios and boss fights I've ever seen. You fight gigantic demigods who make enemies in "Shadow of the Colossus" look like pet hamsters and you get to guide a defeated boss across the solar system and into the sun.

This wouldn't be so impressive if it weren't for the amazing visuals, fluid animation and addictive combat that complement these set pieces.

It's refreshing to find a Japanese game so willfully silly, starring a heroine who doesn't feel like a brainless sex doll or stand-in for a male. While some might find "Bayonetta" more ridiculous than postmodern, it's a very well-designed and well-paced game that will appeal to any action junkie.

Grade: A

### 'Tatsunoko vs. Capcom: Ultimate All-Stars (Wii)'

The most unexpected gaming trend of 2009 was the return of fighting games. "Street Fighter 4," "Tekken 6" and "BlazBlue" were met with unlikely critical praise and commercial success.

Japanese audiences also received the latest entry in Capcom's "versus" series, last seen with the hugely popular "Marvel vs. Capcom 2" a decade ago. Six months later, "Tatsunoko vs. Capcom" has made it overseas with more characters, online play and other additions.

Tatsunoko, a Japanese animation studio, might not hold the weight of Marvel Comics, but the roster is filled with colorful, distinct anime characters of the more proportionate type, popular in the '70s.

Like previous games in the series, "Tatsunoko vs. Capcom" is very friendly to inexperienced button-mashers and veterans alike. The crisp visuals and animation make for wonderful eye candy, which is good for friends waiting for their turn to take the role of Ryu, Mega Man or a giant, waffle-shaped mech, a walking vehicle.

Online play is unfortunately hampered by bad net code and the Wii's pesky friend codes, but this is a game best played with friends within slapping distance. Fighting games can often seem daunting to outsiders, but Tatsunoko's presentation and accessible controls will make it a nice alternative to "Super Smash Bros." at your next party.

You might have to shell out for a couple of extra classic controllers, but it'll be worth it, whether you plan to button-mash or pull off 40-hit combos.

Grade: B+



## Men's lacrosse looks for conference title in 2010



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The men's lacrosse team has high expectations this season and Coach Brian Anken is setting the stakes high.

"Our expectation is to win the conference championship 100 percent. That is our expectation every year, but this year it is higher than ever."

Last season, the Warriors lost to rival team Widener University in the MAC semifinal. The loss has fueled Anken and the team to be more focused than ever since last year they when they were disappointed.

"Every year, we go back and forth with Widener on winning and losing. We beat them in the regular season, but they beat us in the semifinal. This is a huge rivalry for us and we plan to come out on top this season, in both match-ups," Anken said.

The Warriors roster has 42 players on it, and Anken plans to play about 25 to 30 players a game which is more than most teams.

"Our team gives smaller roles to more players instead of giving huge roles to a select few. Luckily we have the talent to allow us to go deeper," he said.

The Warriors' three captains, Nate Walter, Kevin Devenney and Ed Williams are all focused on taking the team as far as they can. Anken sees them as great leaders.

"Ed, Nate and Kevin are all captains because they blatantly are leaders and they have been doing a phenomenal job so far. They clearly want this responsibility on and off the field," he said.

This preseason, the men are working very hard with their new strength and conditioning coach, Chris Lucas.

"It's good for the guys to have someone else yelling at them, pushing them and training them besides me," Anken said. He is focusing on the team's athleticism.

"Our preseason has probably been the hardest and most challenging one we have had, but we're looking better than other preseasons before this," Devenney said.

Williams believes that Lucas has a lot of experience and pushes the team.

Walter agrees and believes that with his help they will be completely ready for their first game and there on, which at home on Feb 27.

"One of our team sayings this year has been poise and perseverance. In past seasons, a lack of poise has hurt us,



Above: Senior Ed Williams was second in scoring for Lycoming with 46 points in 2009. Below: Senior Kevin Devenny started all but one game for the Warriors in 2009.

so we are putting emphasis on that," Anken said.

A way that Anken has worked on creating this is by putting the men in awkward situations in practices so that they are able to expect the unexpected. At a practice re-



Coach Brian Anken talks to his team during a 2009 contest in which the Warriors finished 11-5.

cently in the gym, the coaches blasted music loudly to see the response of the players.

The three captains and also senior Mike Doherty are the key returning players for the Warriors.

"We have a three-headed monster on offense. Nate is our attacker. Ed is our midfielder and Mike does our face-offs, and has been a Pre-season All-American now for the second season in a row. Then we have Kevin in the back as our anchor who helps set the tone," Anken said.

Two other team mottos are "never be satisfied" and "one more."

Devenney, Walter and Williams all believe that "never be satisfied" is the best motto.

"It sums up our team completely because it is our mentality and we're a scrappy team," Walter said.

"I will preach to never be satisfied everywhere I go because I always believe you can be doing more than you are. We see the talent, now it's just time to execute," Anken said.

Never being satisfied will play a role in the season throughout because the Warriors have goals to be met.

"Our out-of-conference schedule is really demanding and if we do well in that we will create a good name for us there," Williams said.

"Also, on top of that, we want to win our own conference, the first ever for lacrosse here at Lycoming and then have our first ever NCAA berth," Walter said.

## Senior spotlight: Lyco Women's Jessica Zerbee



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Jessica Zerbee will end her senior season breaking a record in both assists and steals for the Lady Warriors basketball team. As a four-year starter and co-captain, Zerbee shows leadership on and off the court.

She will be second in steals and third in assists for all-time records. The Warriors still have three more games which will count toward her overall record.

In addition to those records, Zerbee was named to the Lycoming All-Tournament team her sophomore year.

As the go-to point guard, Zerbee is the main decision-maker on the court.

Teammate Renee Freeden, a senior, has played with Zerbee the past four years.

"Jess makes things happen on the court because she sees the floor, makes the smart pass and always encourages her teammates."

Erin Connaghan, sophomore for the Warriors, looks up to Zerbee.

"Zerb brings heart and passion. She's a team player to the fullest. She wants to see everyone succeed and will try her best for that to happen."

Zerbee started playing basketball when she was in third grade. "My brothers are really the ones who got me into it because they are both older than me, and I was sort of a tomboy."

Since then, Zerbee hasn't stopped playing; even a plan-



Zerbee plays defense against Alvernia College in Lycoming College's PinkZone game.

tar fasciitis injury to her foot that forced her to sit out a couple games but couldn't stop her. She fought back quickly into the game.

"I didn't want to sit out my last season, so I have been fighting through because I know someone out there isn't getting the chance that I am," Zerbee said.

That determination is something that her teammates notice. Alli Mock, a senior, believes "Zerbee is a very determined individual and her determination drives her to-

wards success."

Connaghan agrees. "She's determined and hard working. She didn't let it bring her down and she pushed through so she could finish out her senior season."

Zerbee loves the game but also loves to compete. "Competition and playing for pride are my two biggest motivators. We always have a hard league and competitive schedule."

The Lady Warriors only have three games left, but play-off hopes were cut short after a loss to Alvernia University, Reading, on Saturday. After these last games, Zerbee will miss more than being on the court.

"I know what I will miss the most will be my teammates and our trips, and pretty much the whole team atmosphere, there's really nothing like it," she said.

Throughout the years, her teammates have been her fans, but her parents have been the biggest.

"My parents are my biggest role models, especially my mom. She is kind and caring and always put us first growing up. She's my biggest fan with support and love."

A favorite memory teammate Mock has involving Zerbee happened this year.

"We counted down for the "Twilight" movie for about two months by posting stuff about it on each other's Facebook walls. Then we sat in the movie theater two hours before the midnight showing even though we had a test the next day."

Freeden, who is Zerbee's roommate, couldn't pick just one. "I have a thousand memories with Jess and choosing one is totally unfair. Every day is a memory with her!"

As a psychology major, Zerbee has high career hopes for her future.

"I would love to work at a college right away and get a master's degree in guidance counseling eventually, and definitely have a huge family I can come home to."

## United States eyes Olympic Gold; Canada, world have other plans



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With the 2010 Winter Olympics being going on in Vancouver, it is only natural that ice hockey, Canada's national sport, would be the primary attraction in the 21st staging of the games.

Internationally, there are hundreds of National Hockey League stars representing their respective nations, and the host country will field what is undoubtedly one of the most talented rosters present.

However, don't discount the United States. The USA has one of its most capable lineups in recent history, maybe more so than the 2002 squad that captured a silver medal in Salt Lake City. That roster included NHL legends such as Jeremy Roenick, Mike Richter, Brian Leetch and Mike Modano.

This year, the United States is infused with young, proven talent at the highest level of competition, including one of the best goalies in the NHL this season: Ryan Miller.

If they place in these games, it will be in no small part to the East Lansing, Mich., native. At the break, Miller is in the Top 5 in the NHL in most major statistical categories, including goals against average (2.16), save percentage (.930) and shutouts (5). He leads the Buffalo Sabres in wins with 30, and has the team in position to make the playoffs this season.

On the offensive, the United States has a stable of dynamic wingers, including Ryan Callahan, Zach Parise, Bobby Ryan, and Patrick Kane.

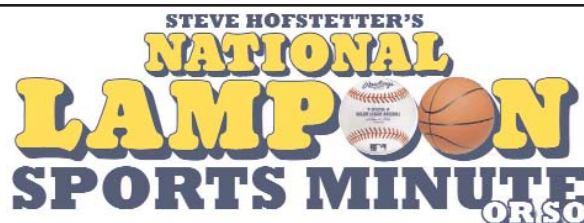
Of the 21 players on the roster, only 5 are over age

29. Kane, one of the youngest players representing the nation, proved himself last season for the Chicago Blackhawks, scoring 70 points and leading them to a berth in the Western Conference Finals. This season, he has matched his goal total from last year already with 25, and is on pace to better his points total as well. His skills will be integral to the success, or failure, of the U.S. to place in Vancouver this year.

Canada fields one of their best rosters in history for this year's games, including NHL superstars Sidney Crosby, Joe Thornton, Jarome Iginla, Jonathan Toews, Chris Pronger and Martin Brodeur. Many believe that Canada is poised to be an unstoppable force in Vancouver, following a disappointing seventh place finish in the 2006 games, just four years removed from gold in 2002.

Russia also will field an impressive team this year, and are in the hunt for Olympic Gold as well. They have big name players in Evgeni Malkin, Ilya Kovalchuk, Alexander Semin, Sergi Gonchar and Evgeni Nabokov. Russia finished fourth in the 2006 games, with their last medal coming in the 2002 Olympics, a bronze.

In all, the 2010 Olympic hockey field looks to be a deep one, as there are several other nations that have a realistic hope of placing their high-octane offenses and punishing defenses on the podium at the end of the games.



More than 10,000 American families now have a child named Kobe. No telling yet how many families have a child from Kobe.

Michael Jordan has said he wants to buy the Charlotte Bobcats very badly. Perfect, since he's already running them very badly.

Former NBA All-Star Carl Braun has died at the age of 82. The New Jersey Nets have offered him a 10-day contract.

The Florida Marlins are planning to host the 2015 MLB All-Star Game. Which is great for fans who thought they'd fold by then.

And authorities seized thousands of items that didn't belong at the NBA All-Star Game, including counterfeit jerseys, unlicensed t-shirts, and David Lee.

108,000 fans attended the NBA All-Star Game in Dallas. It's the largest crowd ever to be bored by a professional basketball game.

David Stern expects the Charlotte Bobcats to be sold in the next 60 days. We look forward to discovering which fool and his money will be parted.