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Tuition to increase by three percent



By Allie Lyke

The Lycourier Staff

For the upcoming school year, Lycoming College is raising its tuition costs by three percent, and room and board costs by five percent. Currently, tuition is \$30,240, room is \$4,358 and board is \$4,184.

Two factors came into play when the Board of Trustees approved the increase: the current economy and its impact on students and families as well as the growing costs associated with delivering the Lycoming experience, Dr. Susan Gaylor, vice president for administration and planning, said.

"The college must provide the same experience for 1,400 students from 30 states and 12 foreign nations who consider Lycoming their home away from home," she said. About 90 percent of students at Lycoming receive financial aid. "Outside assistance comes from our endowment which is currently \$120 million; some of which goes toward scholarships, maintenance, and campus development. The college also must be able to guarantee sufficient funds to support financial aid and employment for faculty and staff," she said. Salaries and benefits total 56 percent of the college's operating costs.

Gaylor said that current economic factors require the college to plan very carefully so it has sufficient resources to support students' financial aid, provide the highest quality educational experience possible and meet operating costs. There are no plans to reduce the college's faculty or staff, nor is there a hiring freeze.

At the same time, room and board increases yearly to compensate for the 3.5 percent increase in Sodexo's annual rates (personnel and food) and the anticipated 40 percent spike in utilities (electricity, water and sewer) that impact both the operation of residence halls and dining services. These two factors accounted for five percent (\$208) of the standard room and (\$200) board increase.

However, "Lycoming currently is in the bottom third of Pennsylvania private colleges in terms of total cost of at-

tendance," Gaylor said. "With the increase for 2010-11, we expect to remain in a similar position."

The Technology fee for resident students will be \$410 and \$210 for commuter students. The student activities fee will remain at \$150 per year.

Gaylor said, "We are very aware that Lycoming students and their families make tough choices to pay for their education. To help with this issue, the Board of Trustees authorized a 6.2 percent increase in the financial aid budget (the equivalent of \$1.1 million) which will bring the total financial aid provided by Lycoming College to over \$19 million for students enrolled in 2010-11."

She also said the president and senior staff (provost and dean of the college, vice president for administration and planning, dean of student affairs, dean of admissions and financial aid, and vice president for college advancement) worked very hard to balance the college's budget so that tuition, room and board can continue to best support the academic and co-curricular experience of students.

"For students, a balanced operating budget means tuition, room and board dollars are being maximized in support of the educational experience," she said.

As wonderful as these tactics sound, students are still worried about the increase in costs for next year. Some wonder how they will be able to afford the increase; others may possibly consider transferring to less expensive schools.

When questioned about the tuition increase most students were adamant. Some cursed. "Why is our tuition being raised? I didn't even know," freshman Leannie Custodio exclaimed.

Sophomore Austin Smith jokingly responded with "Forget that! I'm not paying it." However, it appears that the incoming freshmen class does not find the cost a problem.

According to Gaylor, there is a significant increase in the number of student applications since last year. She hopes that they will only continue to increase. She said,



"Enrollment deposits for the freshmen class in the upcoming semester are slightly ahead of our historic numbers and we expect to hit our target of 400 new students."

"Their parents must really want their children to get a good quality education," says freshman Nicole Crowe. "With a graduation rate of 70 percent (98 percent will either get a job or go to grad school within six months of graduating), their parents must be saying, this better be money well spent."

At the same time, Lycoming's long-term plan entails maintaining the same enrollment size as it has done in the past. Unlike similar institutions, who have tried to increase revenue by increasing enrollment, Lycoming only fills up its residential space as close to 100 percent as possible.

Gaylor said, "In closely monitoring similar institutions, the Board of Trustees has noticed these schools are facing operating deficits and do not have the resources to support their students in the present or long-term." Therefore, Lycoming College never pulls in more students than they can handle, she said.

History Club set to host 'Medieval Lyco'



By Aliza Davner

College Life Editor

Pennington Lounge will be transformed into a medieval castle fit for a king (or queen) as History Club hosts its second-annual "Medieval Lyco" on Sunday.

This year's theme is based on feuding 12th century rulers Eleanor of Aquitaine and her husband, King Henry II, as seen in the Oscar-winning film "A Lion in Winter."

The event will run from 1 to 4 pm, with lunch served from 1 to 2:45 pm. The food selections will mirror traditional medieval fare and include chicken drumsticks, a vegetable soup bowl and wassail, a hot, cider-like drink.

While admission to Medieval Lyco is free for Lycoming students, food will cost \$3 per meal, according to History Club President Amanda Burt, a Junior. The price of admission for non-Lycoming students and visitors is \$2, or \$5 with lunch.

In addition, many other campus organizations are contributing to Medieval Lyco and will sponsor attractions throughout the event.

They include the Fencing Club's human chess board and fencing demonstrations, demonstrations of the Physics Department's trebuchet at 1:30 and 2:15 pm, and Amnesty International's life-size Snakes and Ladders game (the Indian ancestor to the popular children's game "Chutes 'n Ladders").

Also planned to appear at Medieval Lyco are acrobats sponsored by Campus Activities Board. They will be performing

small tricks from 1:30-2:30 pm, with a larger demonstration from 3:30-4 pm. Additionally, members of Equestrian Club plan to bring a pony to the event for the younger visitors. The pony will be for petting only, and no pony rides will be offered, said History Club officer Ian Shade Shepherd, a senior.

Creative Arts Society also will make an appearance at Medieval Lyco. CAS members will act as a band of medieval pirates, wandering through Pennington Lounge singing and pick-pocketing visitors who aren't keeping a close eye on their "treasures."

History Club will provide entertainment throughout the afternoon, with activities such as tricycle jousting, which is open to all visitors, demonstrations of fire eating at 1:10 and 2:15 pm and a magic show at 2 p.m. by History Club member Matthew Martin, a senior.

According to Shepherd, one of the afternoon's highlights will be the "lively debates and speeches" held by Medievalists Dr. Cullen Chandler, a history professor and History Club adviser and Dr. Todd Preston of the English Department at 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., respectively.

While the idea of professors lecturing on a weekend might seem boring, Chandler and Preston will be spicing things up by dressing as medieval royals Eleanor of Aquitaine and King Henry II. Eleanor is well-known for her support of a revolt against her husband, King Henry II, in the late 1100s.

Whether some feuding will occur at Medieval Lyco is unknown, but the possibility is always there. Medieval Lyco's special guests this year will be Bill Hawkes, who will be presenting on Medieval weaponry from 2:30 to 3:00 pm, and blacksmith Dan Bourtolos.

This year's Medieval Lyco promises to be better than last year, which was held in the Rec Center and was a day-long event. History Club "hopes to make this event better every year," Shepherd said.

Lycoming welcomes new water polo club

By Bethany Herring

The Lycourier Staff

If you happen to walk by the pool and see a group of students throwing something similar to a volleyball around, don't be alarmed. It's not a confused volleyball team, it's the newly-formed Water Polo Club led by junior Michelle Pastrano.

According to Pastrano, the rules of water polo are fairly simple. Six players on each team try to get the ball past the opponent's goalie into a solid-backing net to score a point. The team who gets the most points within the four, seven minute quarters wins.

During play, team members can only touch or hold the ball with one hand or the opposing team gets possession of the ball. The offense only has 30 seconds to pass the ball to a teammate until the ball is surrendered to the other team, in a rule called the "shot clock."

Players must tread water while staying in one spot, but may have to "sprint" to get the ball from their opponent. After three personal fouls, also called ejections, a player is kicked out of the game. Examples of fouls are holding an opponent down in the water, yanking an opponent's swim suit, or grabbing an opponent's arm.

The idea for starting a water polo club at Lycoming came from Pastrano's experience with the sport since her freshman year of high school.

"It's something I always wanted to continue in college. If Lycoming had an actual varsity water polo team I would definitely play. It is an exciting and fierce sport," Pastrano said.

Having a Lycoming faculty member with experience didn't hurt either. Mark Douthat, the new director of recreation, coached water polo at Boston College. Douthat encouraged Pastrano to start the club, and now serves as the faculty advisor.



er. "Lycoming already had all of the equipment we needed to get started and to be able to play, so money wasn't an issue in becoming formed," Pastrano said.

Larry Mannolini, director of student programs, said that student programming records say that a water polo club existed between fall semester 1999 and spring semester 2004, but probably died out due to lack of student interest.

To spread awareness of the new club and gain new members, Pastrano started a group on Facebook, but "there was definitely more interest on Facebook than in reality." She hopes to bring in more members from the incoming freshmen class.

Pastrano's goals for the inaugural year include getting members comfortable with the rules and playing the game, playing scrimmages, and gaining new members. She would eventually like to join the Water Polo Club Association.

Besides for Pastrano and co-captain Derek Lupia, the active members are Meg Emery, Kate Shillington, Hope Weber, Joe Andrie, Mike Tonart, Katie Baldwin, Alex Bause and Tyler Johnson.

The club meets every Monday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the recreation center pool. It is open to all Lycoming students regardless of swimming or water polo abilities.

Is a double major worth all the work?

By Kelci Lynn

Guest Columnist/Lycourier

The idea of having a double major is very appealing; you graduate with two degrees and a larger breadth and depth of knowledge than if you had focused on only one area. And yet not many students are able to complete a double major during their time in college. What are the pros? What are the cons? And which is right for you?

Before you decide on double majoring or not, consider the following and how it applies to your own, personal situation:

Think of the reasons why. Why do you want a second major? Is it for your career? A passion you have for another subject? To please your parents? To make yourself more marketable after graduation? Make a list of all the reasons why you think you should go for it.

Think of the reasons why not. What will you have to do, change, or pay for if you double major? What will you have to sacrifice? What are the reasons why you wouldn't get a double major? What hardships would you encounter? What are you worried about?

Talk to your adviser. Once you've made your why/why not list, talk to your faculty adviser. If you plan on double majoring, he or she has to sign off on your plan anyway, so getting the conversation going early is a smart idea. Your adviser may also have advice about the pros and cons of double majoring at your school that you hadn't considered yet.



Talk to other students who are double majors. In particular, try to talk to students who are majoring in the fields you're interested in. What has their experience been like? What are the course requirements in their senior year? How heavy is the workload? Is double majoring worth it? Manageable? A great decision? A big mistake?

Consider the financial implications. Getting two degrees in the time it takes to get one may sound like a great idea. But will you have to take an extra-heavy course-load? Will you need to take additional courses online? Over the summer? At a community college? And if so, how much will those courses (and their books) cost?

Consider the personal implications. Is your first major in a program that is notoriously difficult? Will you have time to relax and enjoy the other aspects of college if you decide to double up? What things will you have to sacrifice (if anything) as you get nearer to graduation? What will your experience be like? And which will you regret more: Looking back in 10 years and not having gone for both, or looking back and seeing all you may have missed out on by double majoring?

Three false beliefs of college graduates

By Kevin Cormac

Greek Columnist

1. "I deserve a job because I worked hard to get my degree"

Many college grads on the job hunt believe that they are essentially entitled to employment because they worked long and hard for their degree.

It is indeed true that dedication and hard work go a long way – but that guarantees a student graduation, not a job. Some students say that their excellent GPA, extra-curricular involvement, internship experience, or even their degree's major entitles them to a good-paying entry level position at a Fortune 500 company.

All of these are factors that may help you in your job search, but none are golden tickets toward employment. This kind of thinking makes a college graduate a passive job seeker which is the last thing anyone wants to be.

Instead, job seekers should write down their past experience, skills and qualifications and see how they can best brand themselves. Then, they should use job interviews as opportunities to explain to hiring managers why they are indeed the best candidates for the position.

Stop believing: "I deserve a job because I worked hard to get my degree."

Start thinking: "How can I show companies that I am the best possible candidate for this job?"

2. "That's not my ideal job, so I won't bother applying."

The recession has decreased the quantity of jobs available for recent graduates, and those jobs that are available are often not the "ideal" jobs grads are looking for.

The biggest difference today is between a college graduate having a job or not having a job, not between living in Seattle and living in Miami, or between working in the tech industry and working in the entertainment industry.

A job seeker must realize that a job that reasonably falls within their major is a pathway to career advancement, networking opportunities, and of course, and income.

3. "If I only knew the CEO/VP of a company, my life would be set!"

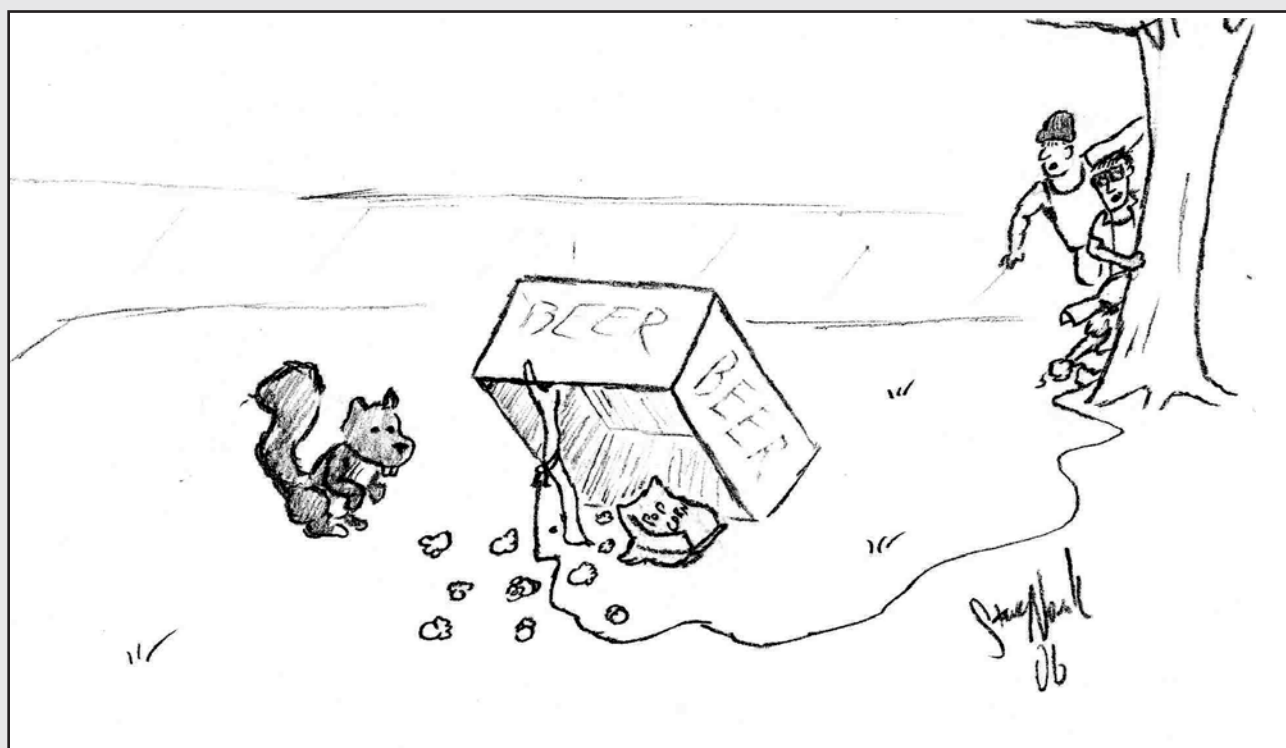
Job networking is not about being handed a job on a silver platter because you know someone, it is about getting noticed; standing out from the crowd because of a referral.

Yes, you may get sent to the hiring manager's office for an interview quicker when you do have a referral rather than when you don't, but once you are there it's all on you: can you prove to the interviewer that you are qualified for the job? Are you likeable and confident? If not, the referral was just wasted.

Networking is tremendously important when looking for a job, and getting a referral basically means you've been pre-screened by a trusted employee and you have a good chance of getting an interview.

It is important to remember however, that networking does not guarantee you a job; it improves your chances of getting one.

The Comics Corner Revisited



News Briefs

Lycoming College to benefit from Susquehanna River Research Center

Lycoming College is one of six area academic institutions associated with the Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies' plan to develop an Environmental Education and Susquehanna River Research Center at the abandoned marina building site located in Shikellamy State Park in Sunbury.

The coalition has received more than \$4 million from the state, which will be used to renovate and expand the marina building. In addition to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources offices, the plans include conference space, classrooms, research lab, office space for other conservation groups and field station living quarters for up to 15 visiting scientists.

According to Dr. Mel Zimmerman, professor of biology and director of Lycoming's Clean Water Institute, members of the coalition will work together to promote research, provide environmental education, monitor water quality and address other environmental concerns related to the Susquehanna River watershed.

He says the research center is expected to open in late 2011. The institute will use the center as extended lab space for research field courses such as ecology and aquatic biology. During the summers, the center will be used for research by Clean Water Institute interns and workshop training for teachers.

"The location of the marina is perfect for environmental education and research," Zimmerman said.

"It is at the confluence of the West and North branches of the Susquehanna and upstream from the longest inflatable Fabridam in the world. The dam will soon have a fish ladder installed for migrating American shad and American eels."

The coalition includes science faculty from Bloomsburg, Bucknell, Lock Haven and Susquehanna universities, King's College and Lycoming. Others entities include Trout Unlimited, North Central Pennsylvania Conservancy and the Geisinger Center for Health Research.

American Rivers, a leading conservation organization which promotes healthy rivers so communities can thrive, tabbed the Susquehanna "America's Most Endangered River" in 2005 due to its excessive nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment additions to the Chesapeake Bay.

The Susquehanna River begins near Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles through Pennsylvania before broadening into a vast tidal estuary at Havre de Grace, Md. American Rivers says the Susquehanna contributes half the freshwater flow to the Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the United States.



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3/27/10	Purchase, consumption, possession of alcohol	Skeath Hall
3/28/10	Criminal mischief	Skeath Parking Lot
3/29/10	Causing or risking catastrophe	Skeath Hall
3/30/10	Simple assault	Wesley Hall
3/31/10	Purchase, consumption, possession of alcohol	West Fourth St.
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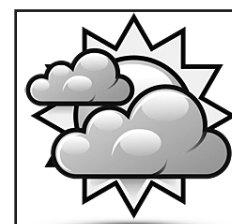
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High: 59°
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Sunday

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High: 72°
Low: 58°



Jerry Rashid/College Relations

Students participating in the academic major interviews speaking with representatives from various academic majors in a 10-minute interview format. The alumni spoke about

their experience while they were at Lycoming as well as their experience following graduation.

Event shows importance of networking to students

By Bethany Herring

The Lycourier Staff

In today's job market, it really isn't all about what you know; it's about who you know. According to a Harvard University study titled "Getting a Job: a Study of Contacts and Career," having a personal contact in an organization helped a job seeker get a job in 74.5 percent of cases studied.

Lycoming College students had the opportunity to be a part of this statistic without stepping foot on Harvard's campus when the Career Services and Alumni Relations offices held an Academic Majors Interview recently in the Jane Schultz Room.

Prior to the event, students could sign up to meet with alumni from several academic majors for 10-minute interviews about their experience at Lycoming as well as their career after graduation. Represented majors included business, biology, history, foreign language and communication.

According to MaryJo Campana, director of Career Services,

the idea for the event came from a combination of looking at past networking events and speaking to students and alumni.

"Alumni love to develop relationships with students," Campana said, noting that networking is key to landing an internship or job in almost 90 percent of cases.

Bill Hessert, an alumnus from the Class of 1985, agrees. Hessert, who did not get an internship until after graduation, said "I wish I would have done one sooner."

When he attended Lycoming 25 years ago, there were few networking opportunities available to students. Hessert advised all students to "take advantage of this (networking) opportunity."

Hessert is a good example to students in another way. Although his Lycoming degree is in accounting, he has been a freelance writer in the State College area for the past five years. Some of his work includes public relations consulting and grant writing for hospitals and non-profit organizations. Even though he is technically in a career outside of his major, he has found Lycoming's liberal arts foundation to be useful in switching career paths.

Even though she graduated six years after Hessert, alumna Nancy Marple from the Class of 1991 said the school's Career Services Center at that time was not strong in helping students find internships or network with alumni. Still, the mass communication major and marketing minor landed an internship with the Williamsport Chamber of Commerce while a Lycoming stu-

dent.

"Getting an internship while in school is important. It looks great on your resume, and you have experience," Marple said. She is assistant director of a non-profit organization in Chicago that provides social opportunities for lonely senior citizens in the area.

Students cannot fully appreciate the networking opportunities available to them until they talk to alumni from almost half a century ago. When David Freet, a member of the Class of 1968, attended Lycoming, "networking didn't exist. There was no help in finding a job." Freet and his classmates usually researched potential employers by browsing the school library.

Just because alumni graduated four decades ago doesn't mean they no longer care about students. Joe Bunce, a Spanish major from the Class of 1963 came to the event because "I wanted to come. I wanted to help."

Bunce, as well as several other alumni, showed his commitment to students by showing up a day before an alumni board meeting in order to attend this event.

The Academic Majors Interview program also was popular with students.

"I definitely liked the program. It allowed me to talk to alumni about different majors," said Amanda Watsula, a freshman. Though still undeclared, she is exploring careers in the field of psychology.

Student theater company to perform at area schools

Kaitlyn Hobbs, a junior theater-directing and theater-acting double major at Lycoming College, will direct an original children's play at several Williamsport-area schools in April. The play, "A Jungle in Need," was written as part of the course "Touring Children's Theatre," which is taught by Jerry Allen, associate professor of theater.

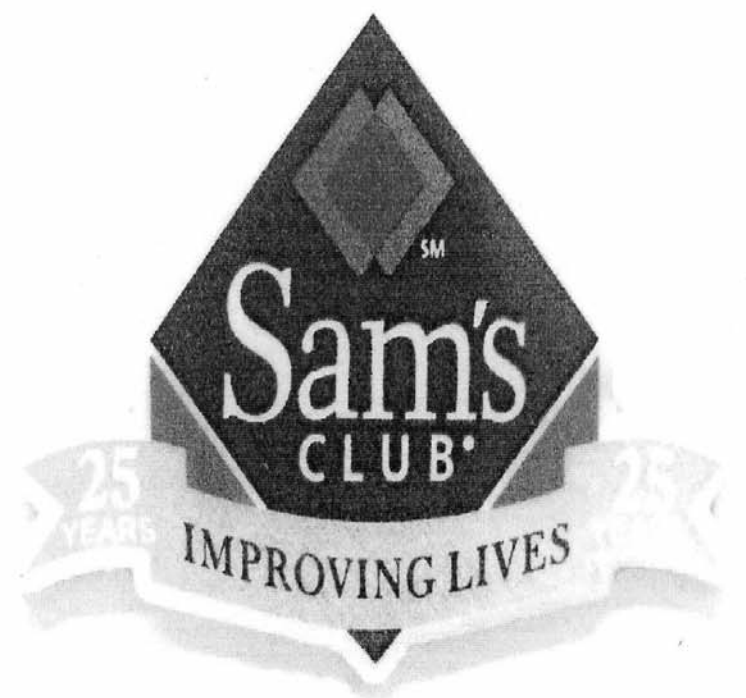
"I had a lot of different ideas that could have worked for a children's play," says Hobbs, "but I finally settled on a jungle play because of a radio show I used to listen to when I was younger. It's called 'Jungle Jam and Friends' and is very funny for kids of all ages. So that inspired me to write a comedy about a group of jungle animals. It also inspired me to make sure there was comedy for all ages in the script."

Upcoming performance dates include: 9:30 a.m. at West Branch School; 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. next Thursday April 15 at Hepburn Lycoming Elementary School, at Lyter Elementary School 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Joining Hobbs in the student theatre company are Brianne Shaw, Madeline Monkey, Sarah Zellars narrator, Rebecca Schoeneberger Cherina Cheetah, Anthony Pilla Zach Zebra, Steve Ferguson, Timothy Toucan, Victoria Parker, Ella Elephant, Abigail Petritsch, Henrietta Hippo and Gabrielle Ingarra, Henrietta Hippo.

The company will also make a stop in Hobbs' hometown of Glenn Falls, N.Y., where do five performances as well as a workshop will be held the weekend of April 23.

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Exonerated death row inmate to speak tonight

Exonerated death row inmate Juan Melendez will speak at Lycoming College as part of the Larry Strauser Lectureship in Criminal Justice at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Heim Building, room G-11, Barclay Lecture Hall.

He will discuss his story of spending nearly 18 years on Florida's death row for a crime he did not commit. Melendez became the 99th death row inmate in the country to be exonerated and released since 1973. The event is free and open to the public.

Melendez, who was reared in Puerto Rico and worked as a fruit picker in Polk County, Fla., was sentenced to death in 1984 after being implicated by an informant in the killing of an Auburndale, Fla., salon owner named Delbert Baker.

Sixteen years after the sentence, in September 2000, a long-forgotten transcript of the taped confession made by the real killer was found. Later, it was revealed that the killer had made statements to at least 16 individuals either directly confessing to the murder or stating that Melendez had not been involved.

Melendez was released on Jan. 3, 2002, after the court concluded there was no physical evidence linking Melendez to the crime and his sentence was only held by the testimony of two questionable witnesses.

Judge Barbara Fleischer went to great lengths to emphasize the injustices that

had occurred on Melendez and chastised the prosecutor for withholding crucial evidence, such as the incriminating statements made by the real killer.

The State of Florida never admitted any wrongdoing and decided not to pursue a new trial against Melendez because one of its key witnesses had recanted and the other had died.

Through the organization, Witness to Innocence, Melendez travels throughout the United States and abroad speaking about his story of wrongful conviction. However, he does not harbor bitterness, anger or hatred against those who convicted him.

When he is not traveling, Melendez works in Puerto Rico in a plantain field where he counsels troubled youth who work alongside him. He also serves on the board of directors of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. As a former migrant farm worker, Melendez's idol and inspiration has long been Caesar Chavez.

The Strauser lecture series, sponsored by Lycoming's criminal justice department, is held each year to honor the memory of Larry Strauser, a 1959 Lycoming graduate and member of the College's faculty from 1973 until his death in 1999. Strauser, who earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of Arizona, started the interdisciplinary criminal justice program at Lycoming in 1977.



JUAN MELENDEZ

Theatre department to present 'Time Out for Ginger'



By
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The Lycourier Staff

"Time Out for Ginger," a 1950s comedy by Ronald Alexander is the newest play by Lycoming College's theater department.

The play is about a young girl, Ginger, who wants to try out for the boy's football team at her high school is the. Ginger gained her inspiration from her father, who had recently delivered a speech about equal rights for all people. Unfortunately, Ginger starts an uproar that could potentially get her father fired from his job.

Throughout the play, we see Ginger goes through trials and tribulations as she deals with breaking the 1950s social issues pertaining to women having equal rights and responsibilities as men. She also struggles with conflict among her classmates, family members and a significant other. In the end, she must make a decision to do what is right or doing what is socially and morally appropriate. Overall, it is a classic all-American family comedy about being yourself and celebrating differences.

The performance is directed by Lycoming's own Dr. Fredric Wild, assistant professor of Theater and commu-

nications, and its lead, Ginger, is played by freshman Gabrielle Ingarra. This is Ingarra's first major role since her high school years. Ingarra is very excited about the play, despite the fact she was under the weather.

"My biggest concern, besides not being sick during the show, is to do my best in bringing my character, Ginger, to life," she said. Ginger is one of Ingarra's favorite characters in this play. "The character is easily relatable, she fights for what she believes in, and she is fun and genuine," Ingarra said.

"She just wants to do what she wants to do and I love that about her. Hopefully the audience will be able to get into the character and it will seem like they are sitting in the living room watching her every day."

This is Ingarra's first time working with Wild as a director. She says that although he is very specific and detail oriented, she is glad to have this very useful and skill-building opportunity.

"Working with Dr. Wild is very interesting. But, I'm learning a lot and Dr. Wild is a very great director. I'm glad that I had the chance to work with him at an early stage in my college career."

Despite her excitement, she saw some difficulties during preparation and rehearsal. First of all, there is a new responsibility that comes with performances that are different from the high school level. Ingarra said, "You have more roles and duties to fulfill that are a little harder on the college level."

Secondly, there are the expectations of everyone around you, including fellow cast members and the director. "The

director chose me for a reason and it is my duty to prove him/her right and step up to the plate, even in smaller roles I've played before," Ingarra said.

Thirdly, there is the struggle of learning a character and memorizing lines. "With determination and hard work it eventually gets easier; especially when the rehearsal gets more intense," Ingarra advises.

It was during these intense rehearsals that Ingarra was not only able to develop her acting skills, but to create a family with the other cast members. "You create a family bond from working in rehearsals so long. Those are all the people I hang out with, all the time." They are all there for each other and all play an important role in preparing for the show, she said.

Ingarra is very optimistic about the anticipated audience, saying that she expects a lot of the community to come since the play is a family-friendly comedy. Unfortunately, she does not have high hopes for the student body. She said, "Students are probably going to be deterred by the play's 1950s setting. 'Oh it is set in the 1950s...it's not going to be funny.' Students should just come because the play is funny. Not because it has a modern time setting. And plus it is free!"

"Time Out for Ginger" is at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and April 15, 16 and 17 in the Mary L. Welch Theater.

Tickets are available in the lobby of the theater at its Mulberry Street entrance. Individual tickets are free for Lycoming students, faculty and staff. More information is available by calling (570) 321-4048.

The secret formula to a successful cover letter

By
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Guest Columnist/Lycourier

Ah, the dreaded cover letter. You may know what you should do and shouldn't do, but when it comes to sitting down and actually writing it — where to even begin? Should you even bother?

If the job listing specifically says to submit a cover letter, then you must! You don't want to penalize yourself immediately by not following directions. Unless there is a specified name in the job listing, always address it to "Dear Hiring Manager." OK, so you open with Dear Hiring Manager, — now what?

Lucky for you, MonsterCollege has spoken to a cover letter expert, and we're here to guide you step-by-step through her secret formula to cover letter success. This formula has gotten her interviews for all of the positions she's ever applied for, and she was offered a job for all but one of them.

Now, obviously you're not going to get the interview if you're totally unqualified for the job; however, this secret formula can help you properly organize your thoughts, highlight your best assets, and (most importantly) grab the hiring manager's attention.

Paragraph 1: Flatter the company and show you've done your research.

Most people are tempted to start their cover letters with a general overview of what position they're applying for, where they saw the listing, or an explanation of why they are interested and would be perfect for the job. Sounds reasonable, right? The only problem is that hundreds — these days probably even thousands — of other applicants are beginning their cover letter the exact same way.

Right off the bat, you're sending the wrong message — that you're exactly like everyone else and there's nothing that stands out about you. Wouldn't you rather begin your cover letter by commanding the reader's attention and providing something memorable so they'll remember your name and application come hiring decision time?

Of course you do. That's why your cover letter should always begin with something anecdotal — a story, a memory, an experience, or even something you've read recently. This anecdote should be tied into what the company means to you and will help the hiring managers remember you more vividly, e.g. "Oh, the so-and-so girl! I remember her!"

But beware! Don't just talk about yourself. Keep in mind, this first paragraph should be about the company, not you. Don't ever start your cover letter saying why the company would be good for you — sorry to say, but they don't care about that. You need to show them the exact opposite — why you would be good for the company.

By human nature, we can't get enough of hearing about ourselves or what wonderful things we've done, so always begin your cover letter by flattering the company very specifically. How specifically? Well, you want to show them you've really done your research, so don't say something general, like "I really admire your workplace diversity." Bring up specific things like statistics, numbers, recent research, latest technological advances, awards they've won, or notable accomplishments.

Paragraph 2: Delve into your past accomplishments and education that relate directly to the job requirements.

OK, now you can start talking about yourself! The second paragraph in your cover letter should delve into your accomplishments that relate directly to the job requirements. Here, you want to be as specific as possible. Your accomplishments should not be a vague summary. They should be measurable results you delivered.

Think facts, figures, context, timelines, major projects, leadership roles — anything specific that will show exactly how hard you've worked doing what you're doing. You were the nurse manager? For how many nurses? For how many years? What specific skills did this teach you? You analyzed a patient database and delegated tasks to the rad techs you manage? How big was the database? How many rad techs? What problems did you solve?

But remember, you must tie this all in with the job requirements. If they asked for two years with experience as a pharmacy tech, tell them you have five. Use specific keywords in the job requirements so the hiring managers can easily see you match the profile of someone they're looking to fill the job. These days, employers often use scanning software to specifically look for keywords, so the more words you leave out, the less likely your resume or cover letter will be looked at by a real person.

This should be the "beefiest" part of your cover letter, so if you need to, take two paragraphs to explain what you've been doing. Avoid huge chunks of text at all cost.

Paragraph 3: Highlight your education or latest experience and again, show how it relates directly to the job requirements

This third paragraph of your cover letter should definitely touch upon what kind of education and certifications you have. If you find this paragraph ends up too



short, you can also talk about your most recent experience, what you've gained from it, and how it applies to the job for which you're currently applying.

This third paragraph should be as specific as the second paragraph, functioning mainly as an extension of the second paragraph.

The most important part of this paragraph is that you always end with this following sentence: "I know my education and experience will make me a valuable asset to the _____ team as the _____." This will clarify to the hiring manager exactly what you're applying for (just in case there's any confusion).

Paragraph 4: End with immense gratitude and an action item

Now that you've charmed and impressed the hiring manager, you need to end strongly and proactively. Always end with an action item. Say how you'll follow up and how you very much look forward to it. Be sure to be gracious and thank the reader for his time.

For example, the writer tells the hiring manager when she will be available and asks for permission to contact. Now, asking for permission to contact is merely a formality. Hopefully, the hiring manager will contact you once he has read your captivating and amazing cover letter.

However, if he doesn't, try to follow up in an e-mail to the hiring manager. Do not call him. With so many applicants, hiring managers find phone calls from potential applicants highly annoying. Also, if the job listing specifically says to not contact the hiring managers, then don't!

Your last paragraph can pretty much look the same for all of your cover letters — but only this last paragraph! You always want to customize your cover letter for the specific job listing otherwise.



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World's new wonders span many cultures, countries and centuries



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In 2007, more than 100 million people voted to declare New Seven Wonders of the World. These seven wonders have been predicted to become some of the most popular tourist spots over the next 10 years.

While the Great Pyramid of Giza is the only ancient wonder of the world still remaining today, it is only an honorable mention on the new list. Completed in approximately 2500 B.C., the Great Pyramid is jaw-dropping. The pyramid was built as a tomb for the Pharaoh Khufu in the fourth dynasty. Visitors enter through a small walkway, but for those with bad backs and knees, be careful because it is a tight squeeze.

The new seven wonders of the world are listed in no particular order in order to represent global heritage.

The Great Wall of China is the largest manmade structure, spanning over 4,000 miles. The wall includes branches of wall, trenches and natural barriers including rivers and hills. It was built, rebuilt and maintained from the 5th century through the 16th century to protect the northern borders. The majority of the wall is mainly built from earth, stones and wood. Over time, building materials included tiles, lime, stone and even brick. Some travel companies offer the opportunity to spend the day walking the Great wall and staying at a hotel adjacent to it. Contrary to popular belief, the Great Wall cannot be seen by an unaided eye in space. A camera may be able to pick up the details of the Great Wall, but no lunar astronaut has claimed to see the Great Wall.

The Christ de Redeemer Statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has watched over the city since 1931. From its spot on Corcovado Mountain, this 130-foot concrete and soapstone statue has become an icon of Rio and Brazil. It was designed by Heitor da Silva Costa and cost \$250,000 to make. Most of the money needed for this production was raised through donations. In 2008, the statue stood through a violent electrical storm where it was hit by lightning. In March, renovation began on the statue due to eroded parts of the face.

Machu Piccu is an Incan city perched between two Andean peaks near Cusco, Peru. It is located about 8,000 feet above sea level and is only reachable by foot, train or helicopter. Constructed between the 13th and 14th centuries, it is often referred to as the Lost City of the Incas since it was not conquered by the Spanish. It was designated a Peruvian Historical Sanctuary in 1981 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983. It was built in classical Inca style with dry-stone walls. In 2007 artifacts were returned that were taken by Hiram Bingham, an explorer who took artifacts from Machu Piccu to Yale University, in the early 20th century. In January 2010, heavy rain caused flooding which blocked roads and railways leading to Machu Piccu. More than 4,000 tourists and workers were trapped there and many had to be airlifted out of the city. Machu Piccu was temporarily closed and reopened late February, and should be reopened to tourists on this week.

Chichen Itza was a major focal point of the Mayan culture. It is located on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. The Mayans' ability to adapt to new things is apparent in these preserved ruins. This city was a trading center for the Mayans. Cloth, slaves, honey and salt were some of the most popular traded items. This city flourished from approximately 800 to 1200 and was the center of politics for Mayan civilization.

One of the most recognizable icons of Rome is the Colosseum. The beautiful stone structure was built between 70 and 80 A.D. and was in use for more than 500 years. About 50,000 people could gather and watch gladiator fights, battle reenactments, animal hunts or executions. The colosseum is different than Greek theaters because it is completely free-standing rather than being built into the side of a hill. Although earthquakes and other natural forces have left the Colosseum in a state of ruin, the design has inspired amphitheaters around the world.

One the best things a dying woman can receive from her husband, would be a mausoleum of such jaw-dropping beauty like the Taj Mahal in Agra, India. Mughal emperor Shah Jahan built



The Christ de Redeemer statue has kept a close watch over Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, since 1931.



The Colosseum in Italy once provided entertainment to Roman citizens. Now, it offers tourists a glimpse back in time to Ancient Roman culture.

the Taj Mahal in memory of his favorite wife Mumtaz Mahal. The architecture combines elements from Islamic, Persian and Indian styles. The dome is the most recognizable aspect of the Taj Mahal, but there are many details that are integrated throughout the building. The Taj Mahal started being built around 1632 and was completed around 1653. Currently, pollution threatens the exterior beauty of the Taj Mahal by turning it yellow. The Indian government has put emission standards in place around the Taj Mahal, extending 4,000 square miles around.

Petra, Jordan, is a very historic and archaeological city that is sure to transport any tourist back in time. It was established around the 6th century B.C. The city lies between Mount Hor near a valley running to the Dead Sea. Despite its rich history, Petra remained unknown to the Western world until 1812 when

explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt described it as being "half as old as time." The city has a number of structures carved into stone, a 4,000-seat amphitheater and the El-Deir monastery which have all led this city to be one of the top travel destinations in the world.

The new seven wonders of the world are a small representative of the beauty the world has to offer. These places will be some of the top tourist places in the years to come, but why not create your own list of seven wonders? If history isn't really your thing, try the seven engineering wonders of the world. Or if you love nature, check out the seven natural wonders of the world. The only way you'll know what you like is getting out there and finding out!

Life in a college town: Dispelling Greek life myths

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Movies like "Animal House," with their shouts of "toga, toga," have long contributed to Greek life's negative image. Stories on the news about tragic deaths from hazing do not help the situation either. However, while John Belushi's antics are entertaining and the news stories are horrifying; these images do not accurately represent every Greek life organization.

When I came to college, I never thought I would join a fraternity my first year. I simply wanted to survive freshman year with passing grades and did not want to worry about any added pressures or time commitments. However, with some swaying from my roommate and teammates, I decided to join the chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity at Lycoming College. I can now easily say it was the best decision I have ever made.

At first, I thought I might get hazed, have to party all the time, and my grades would probably drop. However, I was absolutely mistaken. My fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, has totally changed my perspective on Greek life. It is now my goal to try and change yours.

Instead of pledging, I went through a process known as association. Lambda Chi Alpha is an anti-hazing organization, thus I became an associate member and not a pledge. This dispels the myth that all new fraternity members have to do crazy and outrageous stunts to gain the approval of the current members. I was never subjected to any hazing, forced drinking and my grades actually improved upon joining. The education process of association focused on developing myself as a person and on behaving like a true gentleman.

Of all the fraternities at Lycoming College, Lambda Chi Alpha has the highest GPA and most community service hours; dispelling the myth that fraternities are always about the parties or getting the girls and not about bettering yourself, the community and your campus.

In actuality, fraternities run in the same fashion that a corporation is run. There are many leadership positions.

There are the obvious ones such as president and vice presi-

dent, but there are also public relations, risk management and scholarship chairmen. These leadership positions allow members to take skills and ideas that are taught in college classrooms and put them to use in real life situations such as recruitment, fundraising and responding appropriately in high risk situations. In this way, Greek life allows its members to hone leadership and communication skills while already in college; making the lives of their future employers easier.

Fraternities also teach a lot about working with people from all different walks of life. Right now I have 31 brothers in my fraternity, all of whom have different majors, come from different backgrounds, practice different religions, and have different thought patterns than I do. But at the end of the day we operate as one unit and as a family to accomplish the tasks set before us.

The workplace will never be filled with people who all think the same way. Members of Greek life get a head start at dealing with and resolving group conflict on their way to success.

Greek life also can have great benefits after college graduation. Fraternities allow for great networking opportunities. With Lambda Chi Alpha alone, there are successful alumni involved in everything from being a chief executive officer of a Fortune 500

company to politics. Successful people like the Walton Brothers, the owners of Wal-Mart, are brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha. Also, famous people such as country music star Kenny Chesney and Jim Purdue of Purdue Chicken are members of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Greek life can open doors after graduation that would otherwise remain shut. This dispels the myth that Greek life is only about social gain and not about self-betterment.

I would like to caution parents not to write off the idea of allowing their son to join a fraternity. While stereotypical images of hazing, drinking and failing out of school may flash before your eyes, I challenge you to reject them. Trust that your son is mature enough to make his own decisions and take care of himself.

Greek life can play a big role in a young adult's life, offering him the opportunity to grow as a person, a student and provides the opportunity to establish lasting friendships.

Greek life is not just about "toga, toga," it is about rounding out the collegiate experience with hands-on knowledge, and real life situations that cannot be found in any book.

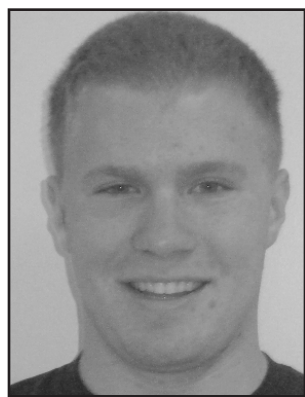
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LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

Question of the Week: *What is a favorite memory at Lyco?*



Jasmine Johnson
Senior



Aaron Lay
Senior



Matt Martin
Senior



Samantha McKenna
Senior



Holly Andrews
Senior

"Stumpy the squirrel."

"Skiing on the quad"

"Performing at Lycos got Talent"

"Going to get my first dorm room and finding to my horror that I was on a guys floor."

"Dragging a swimming pool, filled with water out of Asbury while a tour walked by."

Tiger Woods returns for Masters; young golfers still betrayed

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I am an avid golfer and my entire family plays the sport. I have played since I was 8 years old.

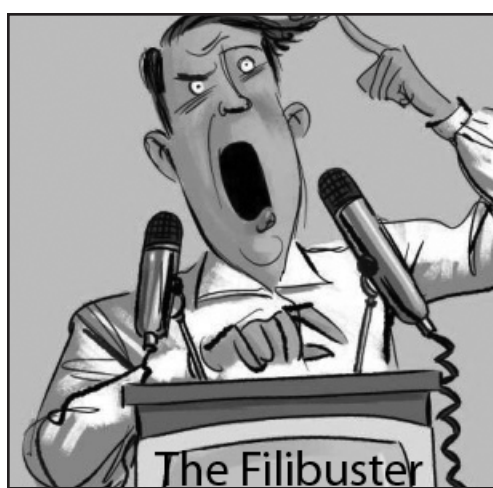
From March to October, I try to make it out to the links or the driving range as often as I can, and like millions of other golfers; I am constantly trying to improve my game (I still slice my drives, if you play golf, you know how annoying that can be).

Like many other golfers, I follow professional golf. The first major tournament of the year is this week, the Masters, at Augusta National, in Georgia.

Tiger Woods has not missed this tournament since he turned pro. This year will be no different, except that a huge cloud of questions and uncertainty hovers over him. I have never been a big fan of Woods (my favorite golfer is Irishman Pdraig Harrington), and I will not be rooting for a successful comeback for Tiger.

Since a late-night car crash last Thanksgiving, it has been made known that Tiger has cheated on his wife with more than a dozen women. His reasons are not known or understood. He is the most successful golfer, arguably, in the history of the game, seemingly happily married to his supermodel wife, and the proud father of two children. Whatever drove him to cheat on his wife, family and fans is inexcusable.

Woods has been extremely quiet about the matter, only speaking to the media a handful of times. There are people who say he is entitled to his privacy and his personal life should be set aside as he tees it up this week at the Masters. I agree with this to a certain extent. The family should be able to have some priva-



cy for the sake of the children and his wife, Elin, but as the No. 1 golfer in the world and as a highly publicized personality, privacy for Woods himself should not be expected, or demanded. Fans and the sports world have the right to ask him questions and expect straight answers. The questions have been asked. The answers have not come, which only leads to more questions.

The main reason that I am not supporting Woods (other than for cheating on his wife) is his betrayal of thousands of young golfers who looked up to him and viewed him as a role model.

Woods inspired a whole new generation of golfers, many of who would not have otherwise taken up the sport. During the summer, I work at a golf camp at my home public golf course, teaching youth between the ages of 6 and 16 the basics of golf. I can not tell you how many of those kids have come wearing a Tiger Woods hat or golf glove or have a Tiger Woods golf towel or play his brand of Nike golf balls.

They adored Woods, and he let them down. Woods has lost the respect of all of these kids who formerly idolized him, and deservedly so. He betrayed them, and until Woods sincerely apologizes, they owe him nothing.

Overheard

The best quotes on campus overheard by Lycourier staff members

"Do you like water?"

-The Commons

"If you've seen Pocohontas you've seen 'Avatar.' People invade natives, fall in love, turn against, end of story."

-The Cafe

"She always looks like a dirty tramp."

-Heim

"You smell like a whore"

-The Cafe

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Fake IDs: Is it really worth all the hassle?

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The other day I celebrated my 23rd birthday. Yes, I am that old! Anyway, it got me thinking of a few things. One issue in particular is that it has been two years since I turned 21.

Now my 21st birthday was not the stereotypical, let's get intoxicated show. Since I am older than many people in my class, I was one of the first people to turn 21. Since at the time I did not have many older friends, I did not get intoxicated on my 21st.

Before I turned 21, I was a rarity on the Lycoming College campus. Actually I was a rarity as a college student in general. I did not, gasp, drink! I understand this may sound shocking. The group I surrounded myself with was probably the primary reason for this. I was fortunate to have a core group of friends freshmen year that did not drink until they legally could at 21.

I am not here to preach about drinking underage. It is illegal. What people do in their dorm rooms, their friend's dorm rooms, or wherever they happen to be is up to them. Most people that enter Lycoming College are legal adults, so they can make their own decisions. If they get caught, they would have to pay the conse-

quences. It is their choice.

However, the trend of fake IDs is growing. Maybe it's not a trend. I know some professors, parents and other adults as well as many students who are now over 21, who used a fake identification. Nevertheless, fake IDs are more apparent.

Since it is my senior year, I go out occasionally with friends to enjoy the last few weeks that we have left on campus. I have noticed how lenient some bars and clubs have become when it comes to fake IDs. I will not name them. I have not seen a bar ID checker or bouncer let someone in that they absolutely knew had a fake ID, although that may happen.

I see more underage adults with fake IDs at the bar and it is frustrating. I am annoyed because I waited until I was 21 to go to a bar. It frustrates me more when I see freshmen, yes, freshmen, at the bar. At a particular establishment, I can literally spin in a circle and count the underage people. It is that noticeable. I know I don't look 21, but there are some underclassmen that really don't look 21. The fact that they are posing as 21, 22 or older boggles my mind.

I give some bartenders, bouncers, and doormen slack: Some fake IDs are hard to tell, especially out-of-state ones. I rarely, if ever, see a fake Pennsylvania license. Also, I do not look like my license photo at all. It was taken when I was 20 and I look different. I am sometimes surprised they let me in, but since I know people who use other people's IDs to get into places, it doesn't surprise me. They don't even remotely resemble the person on the ID.

There are two sides to the fake ID debate. On the one hand there are some people that for some reason will not turn 21 until after they graduate college. Though in some cases, it was their choice to attend college so young, it doesn't bother me when if I see them out. They are trying to get some sort of a "college experience" before they graduate and I can understand why they would have a fake ID and really don't care that they are there.

On the other hand, why can't young adults wait? What happened to the 21st birthday where the girl and sometimes guy wear the 21 birthday hat or tiara from Spenser's?

Is using a fake ID really worth the hassle? Once a person turns 21, they can legally drink forever. So what is the rush? Once a person turns 21, are they going to go to the places that they went underage and say "Hey it's my 21st, buy me a shot!" Probably not.

There are establishments in the area that have shut down because of underage drinking violations. That's right, shutdown. I would be angry if my favorite places were shut down due to an underage person having too much to drink or because of someone who is underage.

In the end, is it worth it? To some, yes. They want to be legal and they want to be legal now! But, if an underage drinker ruins the fun for people of who are of age, it is an issue. It may more trouble than it is worth. I don't care what people do in their private lives, but in public areas known as the bar scene, let the people born in 1980s or earlier have their fun. Your day will come.

Witty Observations of the Week

There are more campus tours now than any other time of the year; too bad the weather is only like this for a month.

Why is the soft-serve ice cream machine off on one of the hottest days of the year?

The flowers on the trees are pretty, but smell horrible.

Sex and the City prepares for sequel



By Anna Jimenez

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The summer is approaching quickly, which means there are a lot of anticipated movies coming to the theaters; and one movie many people, especially women, have been waiting for is 'Sex and the City 2.'

Two summers ago, audiences were reunited with Carrie, Miranda, Charlotte and Samantha after the HBO favorite went off the air in 2004. 'Sex and the City' had its original run on HBO from 1998 to 2004. The show focused on Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker,) her three best friends, Charlotte (Kristin Davis), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) and Samantha (Kim Cattrall) and their relationships with men, life and fashion in New York City.

When the show ended Miranda was happily married with Steve (David Eisenberg) and they had a son Brady; Charlotte was happily married with Harry (Evan Handler) and they were getting ready to adopt a child; Samantha was with Smith Jerrod (Jason Lewis) and fought against breast cancer; and Carrie was finally back together with Mr. Big (Chris Noth).

Four years after the show ended, it was time to catch up with the fab four and see where their lives had taken them.

The 2008 movie showed Carrie was, still in love with Mr. Big; they

were together and they were happy. However, once they decided to get married, things started to go downhill. Carrie wanted a big wedding, but Mr. Big didn't because he had been married twice before. Once the day of the wedding came, Mr. Big couldn't go through with it and left Carrie at the church. He realized that he was wrong, but it was too late.

During everything with Carrie and Mr. Big going on, Miranda finds out that Steve had cheated on her, and they start going through a separation. Charlotte, after adopting a child, finds out that she was pregnant and she and Harry were going to have a child. Samantha is still with Smith, which makes this her longest relationship ever, but she has relocated to California to manage Smith's acting career.

I have been a huge fan of the television show for years, and when the first movie came out, I could not wait to see what was in store for all of the characters and it was good to see them all again. Now that the sequel is coming out, fans are eagerly waiting to see what will happen in this chapter.

When the first movie was being filmed, the director had shot multiple end scenes in case anything leaked out on the Internet, so no one would know which ending it would be.

For the new movie, there are multiple storylines being described on the internet: one possibility is that Carrie and Mr. Big get pregnant and have a child, while another leak suggests that Mr. Big cheats on Carrie and they are finished for good. It is rumored that the character of Aiden (John Corbett), Carrie's ex-fiancé, could return.

No matter what the outcome will be, fans of 'Sex and the City' will be headed to the theaters to see it when it comes out on May 30, if it is anything like the first movie, fans won't be disappointed.



Bull Frog Brewery to host new band La Strada

The Bull Frog Brewery will host the band Las Strada in a show April 26.

With La Strada's dynamic energy and old world/new world pop sound made by accordion, guitar, violin, bass, voice, drums, cello and raw emotion charging and swooning triumphantly, this favorite on the NY music scene always gives a live show that is easy to get behind! The debut album from these NYC favorites, 'New Home,' is out April 20 on Ernest Jennings Record Co., album.

Formed in early 2007, Brooklyn band La Strada has quickly made a name for itself with raucous, foot-stomping shows.

The quintet- James Craft, Devon Press, Ted Lattis, Brady Miller and Daniel Baer- sports a grand, yet playful sound, and the live lineup follows suit, expanding to include additional strings and horns. The band released a self-titled album in 2009 on Ernest Jennings Record Co., the NYC label that is also putting out La Strada's debut full-length, 'New Home.'

Inspired by a year of extensive tours and shows, New Home- produced by Kyle 'Slick' Johnson (Cymbals Eat Guitars, Modest Mouse, Fischerspooner), takes the EP's clever, eclectic sounds and injects them with the intensity of a live performance.

'Kyle encouraged us to let go and commit to our parts,' says Craft, who was impressed with Johnson's work on Cymbals Eat Guitars' breakout debut album. 'Why There Are Mountains' was a very inspiring and raw record. After our EP, I knew we needed Kyle to take us in that direction.'

Recorded at Miner Street Studios in Philadelphia and The Buddy Project in Queens, 'New Home' features 13 tracks of raw emotion channeled into well-crafted pop songs. It's no surprise that Craft, the band's primary songwriter and multi-instrumental front man, has lived all over the world, including France, Romania, Indiana, Chicago, Northern California and, since 2005, New York City.

With influences ranging from ancient music to modern-day indie rock, the band has garnered comparisons to Neutral Milk Hotel, Beirut, and Arcade Fire. Lyrically, the album revels in wanderlust and geography. It's about pushing on to see what's over that next mountain.

'Overall,' Craft said, 'the songs are about starting a new life - about that risk, and the yearning and excitement in it. The album is about be-

ing unsettled, but knowing that you're going in the right direction.'

From the quirky pop of 'The Traveler' ('You left your world behind') to the exotic and boisterous 'Baptism' ('The train has left the station / I have to go') to the gorgeous ballad 'My New Home' ('Hello strange familiar / you're my new home'), it's clear that 'New Home's' characters are going through changes. New beginnings come up right off the bat with the album's first track, 'Go Forward,' which Craft wrote on a subway platform in Brooklyn. 'I play the subway to test my material - just to play new tunes and see if they hit people,' Craft said. 'I'm always double-checking that I'm a gut musician, not a concept musician.'

Playing on a subway platform isn't the only way that La Strada's immediate surroundings have influenced its music. Press, who arranges most of the beautiful string parts that float in and out of the full-bodied songs, admits that his and his bandmates' creations would probably sound different if they weren't from Brooklyn.

'We don't like to think that they would, but it's quite likely,' Press said. 'There are all these bands in Brooklyn now that have this great energy, and they're doing all this experimental stuff. We see them and just kind of subconsciously think, 'How can we give our sound that kind of energy?''

As anyone who's seen the band's shows can attest, La Strada has been doing more than just taking mental notes on how to be spirited, it's starting to write the book on lighting up stages with a spectrum of international colors.

The group has already toured much of North America with groups like Bowerbirds and Canada's Hey Rosetta! and Cuff the Duke, and with the release of New Home, La Strada is ready to personify its name and take to the road.

'We definitely played with many more acoustic instruments at first, but when you're playing a live show and going for a big sound, sometimes electric instruments just work a little better,' says Press. 'One of the



biggest challenges is figuring out how to mix them together and get them to sound good live. It's an uphill battle, and we're still learning a lot.'

Well in advance of the album release, La Strada continues to gain great praise. The NY six piece (just added a cellist) was voted Deli NY's Band of the Month, new Daytrotter session posted, featured on Spinner, first album single 'My New Home' featured on Magnet Magazine online and just toured their way home from a rousing bunch of shows at SXSW. We hope to see you at the show!

Danville to be invaded by maverick pop singers

Recording artists and 'maverick pop artists' Michael Miller, Chris Pick and 'Singer at Large' Johnny J. Blair will perform 7 p.m. April 16 at Brews & Bytes, 20 Lower Mulberry Street, in Danville.

Putting on an energetic performance is one of Blair's trademarks, who is said to sound 'somewhere between David Bowie and Brian Wilson.'

He said, 'Here's my job--do music that picks people up and do it with gratitude and passion. I hope the audience takes some of that home with them.' With a musical blend of rhythm and blues and sunny pop, his set list includes originals, but he also 'pulls ironic cover tunes out of his hat' from glam-rock to spirituals to standards to Motown. His lyrical topics include baptism, bus stops, nervous breakdowns, slapstick comedy, smiling and coffee addiction, 'I'm a certified caffeine-aholic' Blair said.

Spotlight Magazine called Blair 'the Harry Houdini of the music world.' Legendary James Brown drummer Clyde Stubblefield called Blair 'a white James Brown.' Earcandy.com called him 'a delightful entertainer.'

While Blair has shared the stage with The Dead Kennedys, Bob Geldof, Chris Isaak, Stephen Stills and others, most frequently Blair records and tours

with Davy Jones of The Monkees. 'I've learned immeasurable amounts of stagecraft from him,' said Blair, who has released several solo recordings and collaborates with other artists-including Miller and Pick.

Miller is touring to promote his latest CD, 'I Made You Up,' which critics describe as 'imagining a happier Portishead if they'd done the Beatles 'white album.''

Miller started as a sideman for 80's christian rock artist Charlie Peacock. Then Miller moved to Los Angeles to record solo material with backing from members of Beck's band, The 77s, The Wallflowers and other notables. He has also toured with actress-singer Minnie Driver.

Chris Pick's first CD, Thank You for the Music, was a tribute to John Lennon. The pop-oriented Pick is now promoting his latest project, 'Songs in Black in White,' produced by Jerry Lynn.

Sound clips by both artists can be heard at www.johnnyjblair.com, www.michaelmillercrusade.com, and <http://www.myspace.com/pickmusic>

There is no cover charge. Call (570) 275-8666 for more information.



Artists Michael Miller and Chris Pick are set to perform at Brews & Bytes in Danville this upcoming weekend.



Lycoming Chamber Choir to perform 'Carmina Burana'

The Lycoming College Chamber Choir will present a concert titled 'Carmina Burana,' at 8 p.m. Friday in Clarke Chapel. The concert is free and open to the public.

The choir, directed by Fred Thayer, will perform Carl Orff's original version with pianists Lee Saville-Andree and Edward Barton and percussionists Shelby Arnold and Don Fisher.

The text for 'Carmina Burana,' 'Songs of the Beuren' is made up of 24 medieval, secular Latin poems that were discovered in a Benedictine monastery near Munich in 1803.

The Lycoming College Chamber Choir consists of 28 singers who are chosen by audition from the larger college choir and incoming freshman. The chamber choir is comprised of students from all academic fields and majors.

Senior Spotlight: Justine Titko



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Justine Titko began playing lacrosse in middle school because it was something new and different.

"I had never seen the sport before and it seemed really cool, so I signed myself up for it," she recalled.

Since the eighth grade, Titko has been playing lacrosse and setting personal records. Two weeks ago, she scored her 100th goal here at Lycoming College against Widener University. She is known as one of the best midfielders in the country.

This record puts Titko in sixth place for career goals at Lycoming. Megan Wallenhorst, who attended Lycoming from 2005 to 2008, holds the record at 233 career goals.

On top of scoring 100 career goals, Titko also was named to the MAC All-Conference second team last season and to the second team All-Metro Region All-American team, which selects players from Pennsylvania.

Titko's biggest adjustment from high school lacrosse and college lacrosse was practices. Also, managing her school work during lacrosse season was different for her.

"I think the biggest adjustment was the amount of practices we have here and when we have them. I never had morning practices in my life but we have 6 a.m. practices which was a lot different. Also, the amount of extra work we put in is different as well, like lifting," Titko said.

The adjustment didn't take very long for Titko because she had 11 other seniors to go through it with her.

"We have been together four years now. I will miss my teammates the most," Titko, a biology major, said.

Along with missing her teammates, she will miss just having something to do that's exciting. "There are those moments in games when we play together and come back or keep the lead and win the game. There's nothing better."

Kate Isenock, junior for the Warriors, believes Titko will be missed on the field next year. "We're going to miss her next year because she is able to stay relaxed on the



Justine Titko, a senior midfielder for the Lycoming women's lacrosse team recorded her 100th career goal this season. She ranks sixth on the all-time list. Above left: Titko takes a draw against Widener. Above right: Titko with second-year coach Erica Brown.



field and make goals when we need her to."

For Titko, her biggest motivator is her family. "I want to do well for them and maintain good grades and keep them up. I play for my mom and dad because I want to make them proud."

Her dad is also a role model in her life. "He has always been supportive and is always proud of me even if I had the worst game ever. We live three and a half hours away but he tries to make it to as many of my games as he can."

The Lady Warriors get prepared for their games all the same way and Titko thinks it benefits them more.

"We usually dance in the locker room together and listen to any kind of music except country. We have found that we play best when laughing and goofing off."

One of Titko's favorite lacrosse memories here was during spring break her freshman year. The entire team got along and after that she knew she would play the rest of her college career, Titko said.

Another was this year's game against York College when the Warriors won 15-14 and Titko scored three goals.

"When we beat York this year, we were screaming like we won the championship game. I could barely breathe I

was so excited."

On the field, Titko is a valuable player. "She is really strong on the draw and is able to use her speed to transition the ball," Isenock said.

From being away at college, Titko has learned a lot about herself.

"I am able to get along with any type of personality. I have a lot of different friends from different backgrounds. I also have better time management skills and I am better disciplined during lacrosse season."

Titko is a biology major with a concentration in anatomy and physiology and a criminal justice minor. She hopes to go to graduate school and work in a laboratory setting and do DNA testing or something in the forensic field.

Until graduation, Titko will be able to do her other favorite Lycoming memory which is being outside with everyone.

"I love it when it's nice out because we're all on the quad. Everyone comes out together no matter who their friends are and we all have a blast. I love spring time."

The Lady Warriors next home game is at 1 p.m. Saturday against Farleigh Dickinson University, Madison, NJ.

Women's softball to host Susquehanna in Pink Zone game



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The Lady Warrior softball team is supporting breast cancer awareness at 1 p.m. Sunday as they play host to rival Susquehanna University in their Pink Zone game. T-shirts are available at the bookstore, and all proceeds will go to those who are affected by breast cancer.

Freshman outfielder Allyson Marianelli is looking for fans' support.

"We hope the game is a good outcome for us and also that we get a lot of support. Hopefully we will raise a lot of money for breast cancer awareness," she said.

Another freshman, Taylor Lesser, an infielder for the Warriors agreed. "We need to come together as a team and win. That is one of our bigger problems right now."

In the most recent softball games against Misericordia University, Dallas, Arcadia University, Glenside, and the No. 5 team in the nation, Messiah College, Grantham, the Lady Warriors have posted a record of 3-3.

Against Misericordia, they split the two game match-up 1-1. They swept Arcadia 2-0 but went 0-2 against Messiah.

In the first game of the double-header against Misericordia, the Warriors lost 3-0. They were only able to get five hits in 26 at-bats which hurt the team.

The second game was much different for the Warriors who came out to win the game 10-0. They scored 10 runs on 11 hits.

Three of the Warriors, Jess Nabholz, Amy Cline and Janelle Poorman, had two hits and two RBIs. Freshman pitcher Brianna Braga had three strike-outs and only allowed six hits.

In their double-header versus Arcadia, the Lady War-



The Lycoming women's softball team has posted a record of 7-15 this season, and will host Susquehanna University on Sunday in their Pink Zone game that will go on to benefit breast cancer awareness.

riors came out on top 1-0 in the first and 4-3 in the second, making both games a one-run difference.

"The two Arcadia games really showed great stamina for the team and it was a great boost and win for us," Nabholz said.

In the first game, Cline scored the only run and freshman pitcher Holly Lansbery pitched the whole seven innings to pull out the victory.

In the second game against Arcadia, the game went into 10 innings. In the 10th, freshman Ashley Demchak reached home plate with the bases loaded to score the winning run. Senior captain Courtney Black also recorded 11 putouts at first base.

In the Warriors' most recent games against Messiah,

they were unable to record a win, going 0-2. The Messiah women's team won the Division III National Championship last season and are ranked at No. 5 this year.

The Warriors lost 7-0 the first game and 9-1 in the second. Lansbery was the only Lady Warrior to cross the plate in the second contest.

"The Messiah game was definitely a character building experience for us. We got to see good competition but now we need to bounce back," Marianelli said.

The Pink Zone game on Sunday will be the first of three straight home contests for the Lady Warriors, as they play host to Juniata College, Huntingdon, for a Thursday and Elizabethtown College next Saturday. Both events are scheduled as doubleheaders.

NCAA athletes, Lyco students go pro in areas other than sports



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When big-time college athletes graduate, oftentimes they are blessed with the opportunity to pursue a career in professional sports.

In some cases, athletes leave college before they graduate in order to be selected in a draft for their respective professional leagues. In the case of most Division III athletics, student-athletes aren't as likely to realize this dream.

Just because they won't be superstars, however, does not mean that students aren't likely to stay close to sports in other ways.

Sports enthusiasts pursue careers in sports quite often. Students major in psychology, communications, marketing, public relations and other majors in hopes that they may someday work in the field of athletics. Some end up selling advertisements, others writing press releases and game wrap-ups, and some recording statistics in order to stay involved in the sport of their choice.

Students even get involved in the medical side of sports as well, studying to be athletic trainers or even doctors who are focused on sports-related injuries. At Lycoming College, there are numerous students who work with the medical staff, helping bandage and wrap players before, during and after games.

Even students who do not participate in sports are intent on pursuing careers in the athletics field. For example, Chris Belenski, a senior psychology major, is hoping to find an eventual career in sports psychology.

"I'm still deciding on whether I'm going to go to Seton Hall or Denver University for graduate school, but

ever since I came to Lycoming and became a psychology major I've wanted to integrate my love of sports into my major. Going into sports psychology gives me the opportunity to do that," Belenski said.

Another example of how athletics can translate into an eventual career is John Stark, a 2008 graduate of Lycoming and the current Director of Sports Information for the institution.

Although Stark did not graduate with a degree that would be considered typical for one pursuing a career in sports (bachelor's degree in German with a minor in history), he found himself in a position to continue working in the department that he spent four years in as a student.

Aside from his involvement as a member of the men's lacrosse team, he worked as a sports information assistant keeping statistics and writing articles to be posted on the Web site.

"Because of the way my major was set-up, I had to take a lot of writing-intensive classes. That really helps with the amount of writing I'm responsible for now," he said.

Stark said he chose to work in athletics because he can't imagine his life without sports in it.

"Every day of my life I've been concerned with something sports-related. I was just fortunate enough to fall into a situation where I could make it my career.

"It sounds kind of funny, but the commercials on television that say that there are over 400 thousand student-athletes in the NCAA and they'll all be going pro in something other than sports is absolutely correct," Stark said.

"If you love sports and want to work in the field, the jobs are there. You just have to go out and find them," he said.

While Lycoming boasts 17 varsity athletic teams and numerous other intramural club sports, it also provides student-athletes with the tools that they will need to succeed on the sidelines, the press box and offices around the country.



Tiger Woods finally hit the links for some practice at Augusta National. It was a much less eventful day than the last time someone in his family swung a golf club.

Donovan McNabb has been traded to the Washington Redskins - for two draft picks and a can of Chunky Soup to be named later.

Anthony Morrow and CJ Watson say they want to stay with the Golden State Warriors, clearly forgetting that there are 29 other teams in the league.

Throwing out the first pitch for the Nationals, Barack Obama missed the plate by several feet. It was the best pitch the Nationals threw all day.

A pair of jockeys had a fight at the Santa Anita Derby. Luckily it was a small fight.

The bus formerly designated to transport fans to and from Royals' games is up for auction. It's a great deal since it's never been used.

And the NCAA is on the verge of expanding the men's basketball tournament to 96 teams. They also plan on reducing the women's tournament to UConn.

PINK ZONE

Come support breast cancer awareness on Sunday as the Lady Warrior softball team sponsors a Pink Zone game! The game starts at 1 p.m. at the Shangraw Athletic Complex. Fans can pledge specified amounts of money for hits, runs or home runs. T-shirts also are available for the event at the campus bookstore.