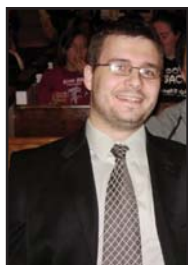


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162nd Commencement

Graduation 2010



Lycoming College will hold its 162nd Commencement on May 9. The ceremony traditionally takes place on the Main Quad of the campus. The Class of 2010 processed through The Sykes Gate (pictured here) when they were freshmen, and will complete their journey at Lycoming by processing through the Oliver Sterling Metzler Gate (back cover) located at the north end of the Quad on commencement day.

Tour Choir to travel to Argentina

By
Jordan Hollander

The Lycourier Staff

The Lycoming College Tour Choir will travel to Argentina following graduation ceremonies to perform in several cities between May 15 and May 26.

Traditionally, the choir travels internationally every three years. In 2007, the Tour Choir went to Germany, Czech Republic and Hungary. Six members of that year's choir, who traveled to Europe their freshman year, are heading to Argentina.

The choir is composed of 40 students of all majors, who were selected from the larger College Choir by audition in the fall of 2009.

Dr. Fred Thayer, professor of music and director of choral activities at the college, directs the choir. Pianist Ed Barton, who is joining the choir from the Pennsylvania State University, will accompany the group abroad.

Earlier this spring, the choir performed two weekend tours in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York states. During spring break, the choir traveled to North Carolina and Virginia, and gave nine performances in Charlotte, Raleigh, Beaufort, Greenville and Pinchurst. Upon its return to Williamsport, the choir presented its annual homecoming concert at Clarke Chapel.

During the trip to Argentina, the choir will perform in five concerts.

The group will arrive in Buenos Aires, the capital and largest city of Argentina, where it will perform two concerts. Following that, the choir will travel to the cities of Rosario and Cordoba, where members will perform one concert in each city. Before returning back to the United States, the choir will travel to Mendoza, where it will give a joint concert with a local choir.

"Our Argentina tour will be a wonderful opportunity to share our music, explore different cultures, and spend time together. I expect the trip to be one of my best Lycoming memories," said senior choir member Amy



The Tour Choir will perform in big cities in Argentina, such as Buenos Aires, Rosario and Cordoba. They will also have a special treat in the city of Mendoza, where they will do a joint performance with a local choir.

Richards.

Martha Hughes, a junior and vice president of the choir, echoed the sentiments expressed by Richards saying that "being able to sing in Argentina and represent Lycoming College is one of the most humbling opportunities that I have ever been given."

The members of the Tour Choir will return to Lycoming's campus following graduation on May 9 to prepare for the tour.

The repertoire includes pieces by Thayer and Dick Lakey, who is the choir's accompanist and instructor of organ and piano at the college. Other songs include "The Battle of Jericho" and "Ride On, King Jesus," both by Moses Hogan, who has become a favorite of the choir.

Before the choir leaves for Argentina, a send-off concert will be held at 7 p.m. May 14 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 N. Market St. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Comics Corner Revisited



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News Briefs

Lycoming holds 2010 Leadership and Service Awards Banquet

Lycoming College recognized co-curricular achievement on campus during its fourth annual Leadership and Service Awards Banquet on April 14, in the Recreation Center.

The Seuren Leadership Speaker was James Hubbard, a 1966 Lycoming alumnus. He worked for 36 years in various leadership positions at Mercury Marine, the world's leading manufacturer of recreational marine propulsion engines based in Fond Du Lac, Wis. (Photos, Page 4)

As a community leader and volunteer, Hubbard has received a multitude of recognition. He was inducted in the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, received a Golden Glow Award from the Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers and is an Ordo Honoris recipient of the Lycoming College Psi Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho.

In his address, Hubbard encouraged students to build relationships, make connections and remain active in community service projects throughout their lives.

"There is no feeling like the feeling you get when you help someone," Hubbard said. "Make time to get involved. Everyone should contribute to on-campus and off-campus communities."

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

Crime Log

Date:	Offense:	Location:
4/7/10	Theft by unlawful taking	Forrest Hall
4/7/10	Criminal mischief	Asbury Hall
4/8/10	Theft by unlawful taking	The Commons
4/9/10	Criminal mischief	Wesley Hall
4/10/10	Criminal mischief	Mulberry St. Apts.
4/10/10	Purchase, consumption, possession of alcohol	Asbury hall
4/11/10	Open lewdness	The Commons
4/14/10	Theft of services	Basin St. Lot
4/14/10	Theft of services	Fourth St. Lot
4/15/10	Harassment and stalking	Crever Hall
4/15/10	Criminal mischief	The Commons
4/15/10	Theft by unlawful taking	Academic Center
4/15/10	Criminal mischief	Mulberry St. Apts.
4/17/10	Criminal mischief	Williams Hall
4/17/10	Criminal mischief	Asbury Hall
4/18/10	Criminal mischief	Wesley Hall
4/18/10	Criminal mischief	Grounds
4/18/10	Criminal mischief	Wesley Hall
4/18/10	Criminal mischief	Forrest Hall
4/18/10	Terroristic threats	Skeath Hall
4/19/10	Purchase, consumption, possession of alcohol	Mailroom

Williamsport Weekend Weather

Friday

Mostly Sunny



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Saturday

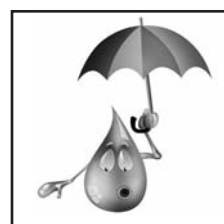
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High: 74°
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Sunday

Showers



High: 59°
Low: 47°

Sixteen books go missing from Snowden Library

By Staff Members

The Lycourier

Across the United States, and even the world, millions of college students go throughout their normal days as students inevitably use their school's library. Lycoming is no exception. Unfortunately, not all students used Snowden Library properly.

With hundreds of thousands of volumes in the library, the student body may not have realized that several books were wrongfully removed from the library and sold online by a student. This is similar to a recent situation that occurred at Drew University, where a student worker stole several items out of that college's archives and attempted to sell them. That student is now facing federal charges.

According to Janet Hurlbert, associate dean and director of library services, 16 books went missing from the college's collection last semester.

The books, which varied by type and subject, were valued at more than \$1,000 according to Hurlbert.

The college was notified in November by the book dealer that the student sold the books to Mckenzie Books of Beaverton, Ore., discovered an identification stamp that had not been blacked out and notified the college of the situation and the identity of the student.

The college did not identify the student. Hurlbert said that nationwide there has been a growing trend of books from college libraries being taken and resold online. Hurlbert referred to several recent occurrences in the Washington, D.C., area and the Drew University incident. She noted that this particular book dealer has a good reputation when it comes to identifying where the books come from.

The student in question was brought before a college judiciary board. The finding of that board, and any punishment that was ordered, is strictly confidential. When asked to comment on the judiciary board hearings, Hurlbert declined, saying the library is not considered the victim in this case.

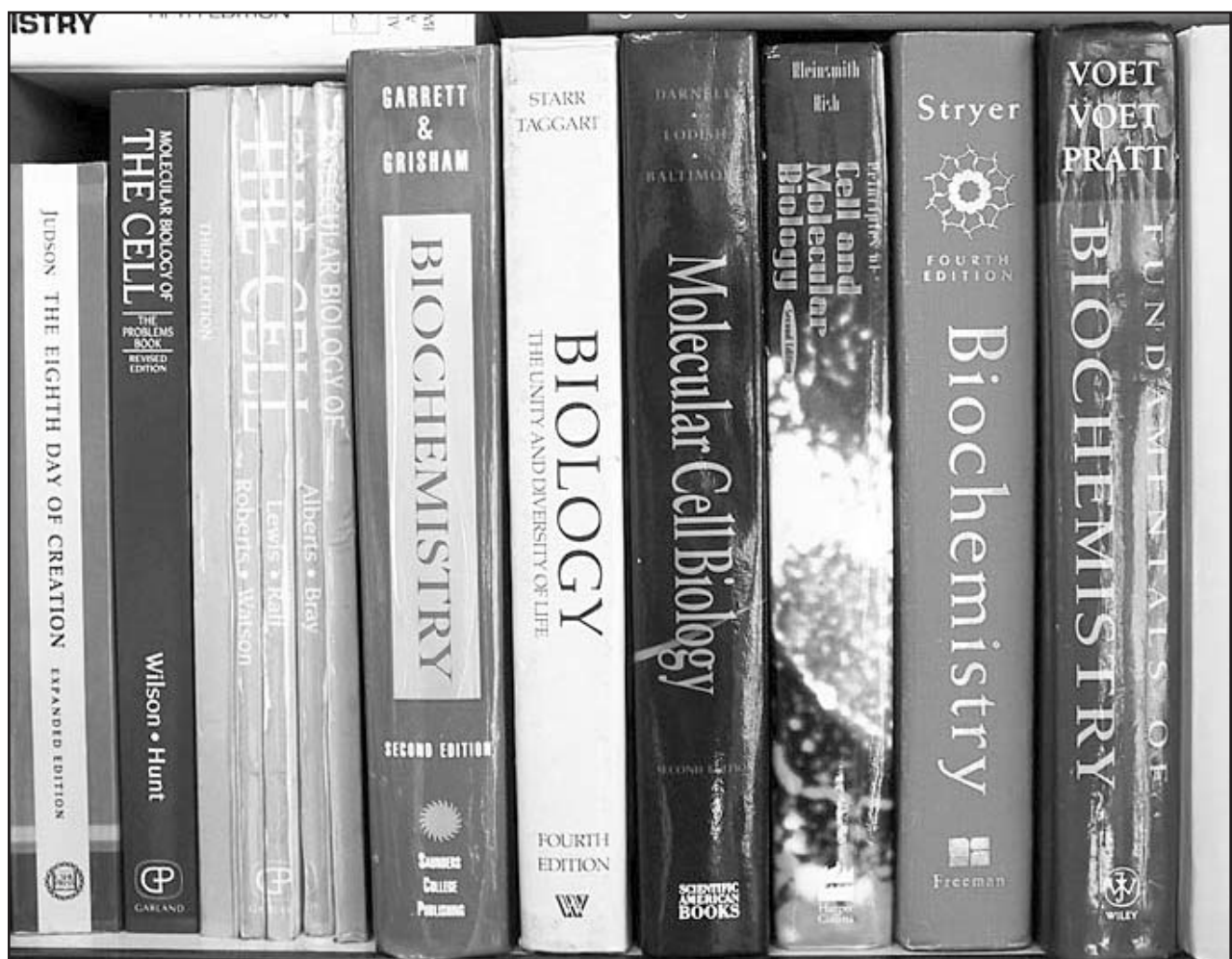
Dr. Daniel P. Miller, dean of students, said the student was brought before a Judiciary Board consisting of two students, two faculty and a staff member. The conclusions that the board came to were strictly confidential.

"When we learn about things we try to find out all the information and proceed carefully," Miller said. "We ask for people's confidence that we have done the right thing for the individual and the college. We want to be just and fair."

The administration wants the student body to have confidence that they made the right decision.

If a person steals books from a public institution such as a library, they can be charged with a federal crime. A situation similar to the one that Lycoming is currently dealing with took place in Maryland at colleges and community libraries.

In November, 12 people were indicted in a book theft ring that



was worth over \$140,000. The thieves were said to have targeted high-priced textbooks in order to sell them for quick cash.

The police became suspicious after they found a car full of books that had the bar codes ripped off them. Towson Book Exchange and BookHolders.com were the two most popular venues that the thieves used to sell their books.

The suspects were charged by police with theft over \$500 and faced a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

Though students at Lycoming have been encouraged by countless faculty members, as well as Miller to have confidence that the college has made the right decision, some are still outraged over the information that they have heard.

Students believe that they are being cheated because the accused person in this case is being allowed to participate in the same activities as them, receive awards of high honor and be able to graduate with them.

"I think it's not right how they dealt with it," a student who

wished to remain anonymous said. "The kid should be in jail. It is a federal crime and it seemed that the school just pushed it to the side."

Miller said the college seeks "to hold people accountable and to not ruin their life."

"If a student earns academic achievement honors, he deserves them," Miller said.

The same student voiced an opinion regarding how all students should be held equally responsible for their actions.

"All they did was put him in front of a Judiciary Board," the student said. "The kid should not be allowed to graduate. If I did something like that I'd be kicked out of school, but for some reason this student is going to be allowed to graduate."

In an attempt to gain more information on the problem at hand, the staff of The Lycourier was in contact with multiple faculty and staff members. However, most all of them declined to comment on the situation.

"Shade" Shepherd wins 2010 Chieftain Award

Ian "Shade" Shepherd received the Lycoming College Chieftain Award during convocation on Sunday in Lamade Gymnasium.

The Chieftain award is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Lycoming College senior.

Students and staff nominate 5 graduating seniors who have shown extraordinary commitment to academic and campus life over their career at Lycoming.

After the nominees are chosen, students and staff vote for the student they believe is deserving of the award. Not only does the recipient receive a huge sense of pride, the winner's name is added to the Chieftain plaque in Burchfield Lounge for future generations of Lycoming students to see.

In addition to Shepherd, this year's nominees included Pamela Burke, Christian Kochon, Jeffrey Rosenheck and Jordan Hollander.

Shepherd is a double major in archaeology and religion with a minor in biblical languages. Academically, he is on the dean's list and is president of Theta Alpha Kappa, the academic honor society for religion majors. Shepherd is a member of the Iruska Honor Society, which recognizes student leaders on campus. He received the Jack C. Buckle Scholarship for his high academic achievements.

When it comes to campus activities, Shepherd is a household name. He is heavily involved with United Campus Ministries, where he has served as vice president, treasurer and chair of the 4Fs task force. Shepherd was a team leader with the group's SEARCH retreat.

Besides his activities with United Campus Ministries, he co-founded the Coptic Club and serves as its vice president. Shepherd is also the treasurer of the History Club.

Shepherd's community service involvement includes the Helping Hands Across America food drive held each November, Relay for Life, and assisting a local Sunday school teacher.

In addition to his campus activities, Shepherd works in the Student Programs and Safety and Security offices. He also tutors Hebrew students.



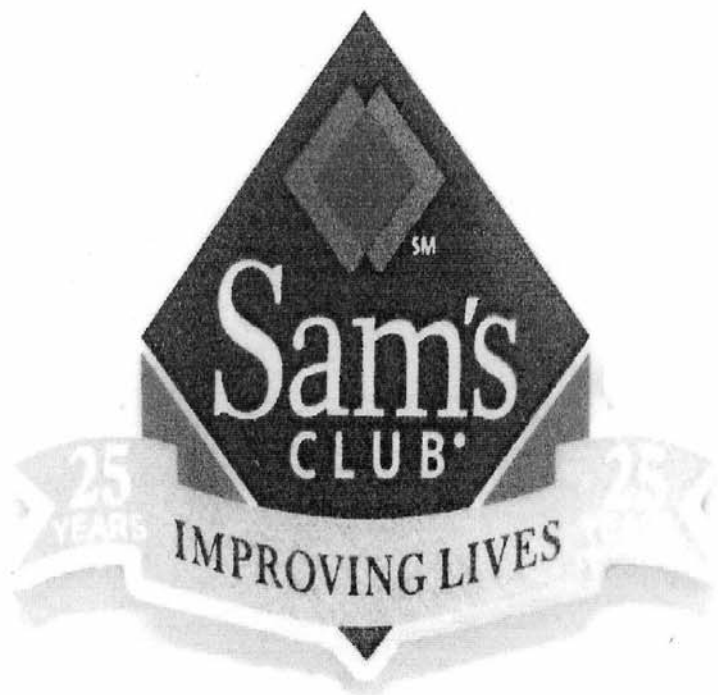
Although an accomplished, Shepherd is very humble. After receiving the award, Shepherd said, "I didn't deserve it...I really appreciate it. It meant a lot."

Despite his humbleness,

Shepherd is motivated by the award.

"Lycoming has prepared me to go out into the world and act as someone worthy of this award."

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Ben Harper plays his antique lap guitar to the pleasure of those in attendance. Harper played three instruments, including the tambourine, throughout the concert.



The keynote speaker at the Leadership banquet is James Hubbar, a 1966 Lycoming alumnus who worked for 36 years in leadership positions at Mercury Marine, a leading manufacturer of marine propulsion engines.



The winners of the awards at the Leadership and Service Awards banquet pose for a picture after they receive their plaques. The names of the winners are listed to the right of this photo.

- Male Intramural Sports Athlete of the Year:** Jason Stopper
- Interfraternity Council Spirit Award:** Greg Sledzik of Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Interfraternity Council Service Award:** Jordan Baker of Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Interfraternity Council Scholar of the Year:** Nicholas Tomaskovic of Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Panhellenic Council Spirit Award:** Julie Butler of Alpha Sigma Tau
- Panhellenic Council Service Award:** Jackie Kitner of Beta Phi Gamma
- Panhellenic Council Scholar Award:** Nicole Boardman of Alpha Xi Delta
- Fraternity Man of the Year:** Scott Reed of Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Sorority Woman of the Year:** Taylor Ramsay of Gamma Delta Sigma
- Fraternity/Sorority Adviser of the Year:** Sr. Catherine Ann Gilvary
- Chapter of the Year:** Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Outstanding Program of the Year:** Campus Activities Board for Spring Formal
- Student Organization Advisor of the Year:** Dr. Amy Rogers
- Student Organization of the Year:** Circle K
- Outstanding Leader on Campus:** Aaron Lay
- Outstanding Community Service Program Award:** Habitat for Humanity Spring Break Trip
- Outstanding Community Service Fundraising Event Award:** Hugs 4 Haiti
- Outstanding Community Service by an Organization Award:** Circle K
- Senior Community Service Scholars:** Dina Borishkevich and Jordan Snyder
- Volunteer of the Year Award:** Holly Andrews
- Sister Vincent Humanitarian Award:** The Rev. Gwen Bernstine, executive director of United Churches of Lycoming County

Campus Scrapbook

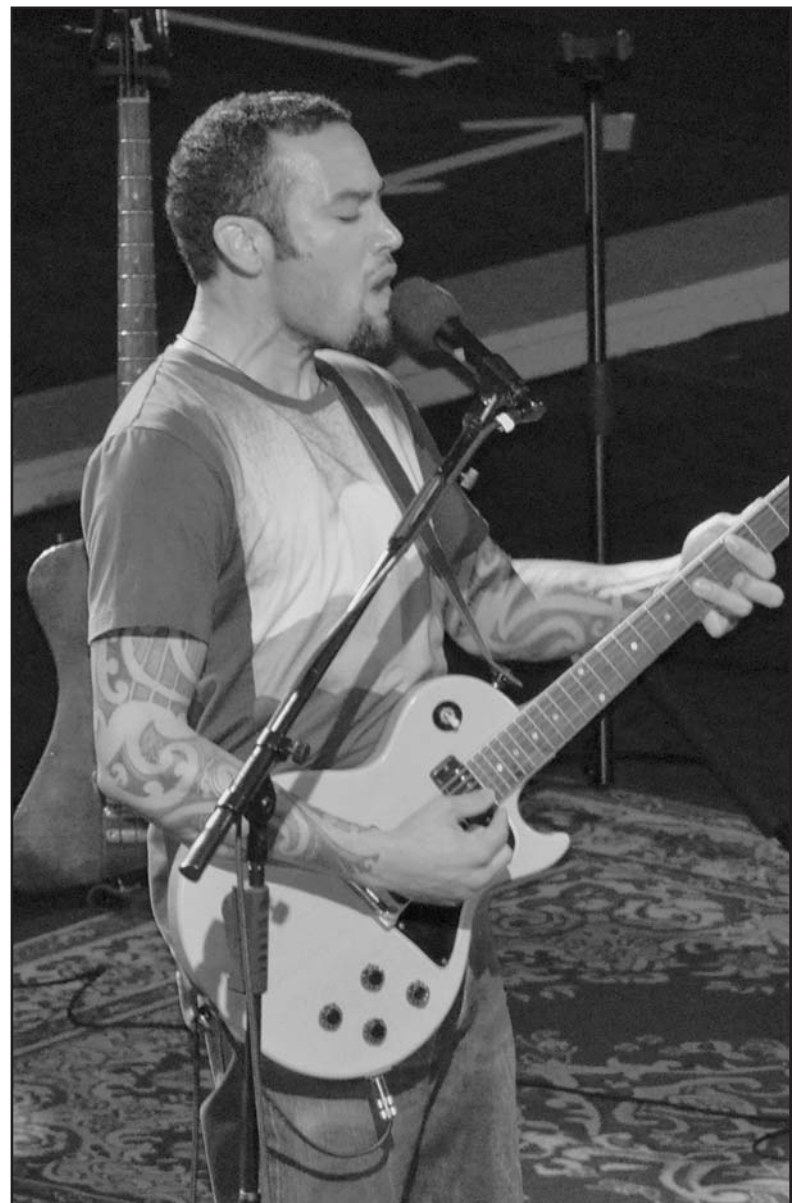
Leadership and Service Awards Banquet/Ben Harper and the Relentless7 Concert
Apr. 15 - Apr. 17, 2010



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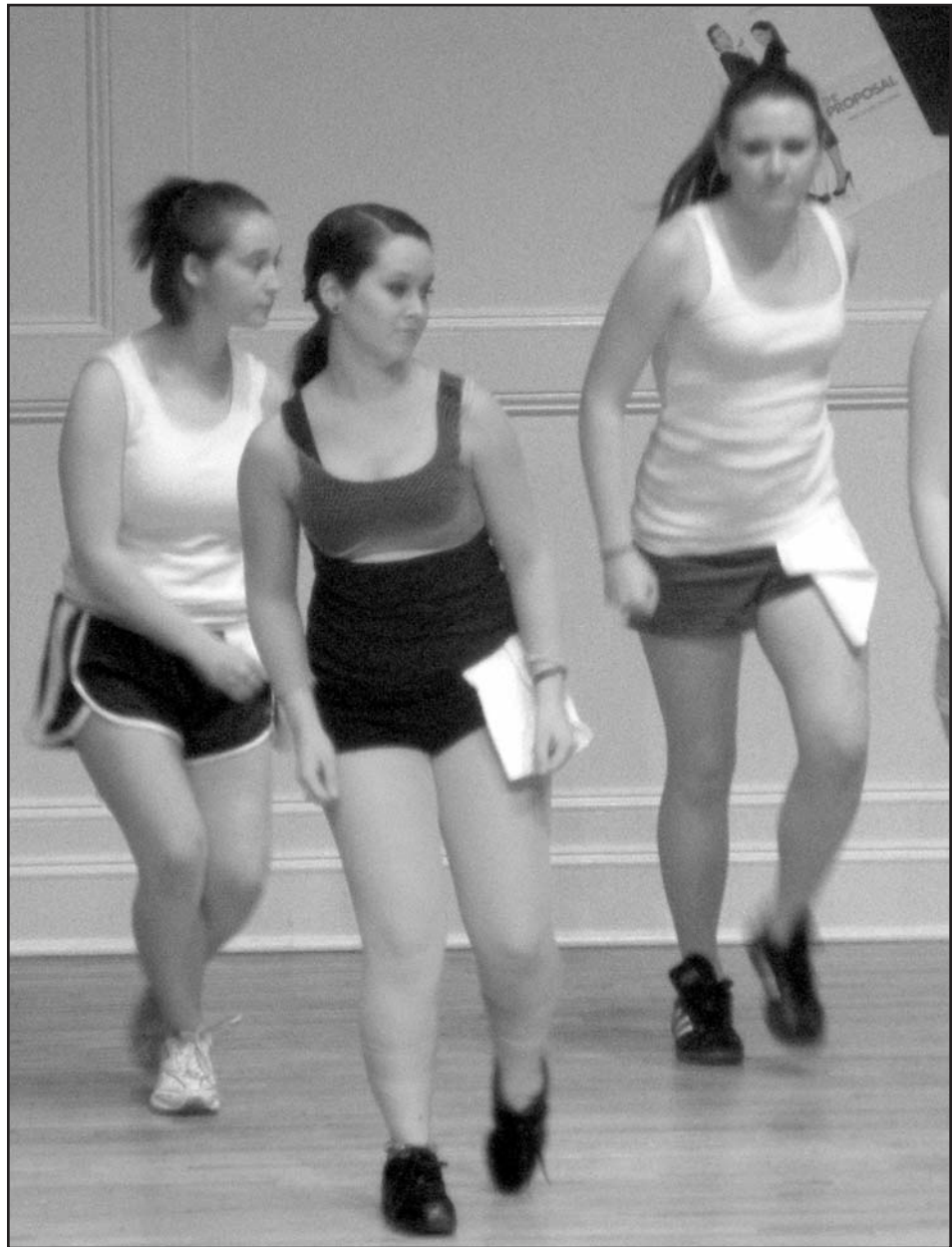
Ben Harper plays his guitar and pumps up the audience as he prepares to strike a chord during his next song.



Ben Harper sings out to the crowd gathered in the Recreation Center to witness the Campus Consciousness Tour Show on Sat.



Sophomore David John Wentzel poses for a quick photo before heading on stage to perform his swing dance act. Wentzel was one of several men to participate in the swing-dance portion of the production.



Members of the hip-hop dance team move to the beat of the "Space Jam" theme song. This song also was mixed with a variety of other hip-hop beats, including the remixed version of the song "Stronger" by Kanye West. Headlining the act in this routine was sophomore Meggie Adams, center.

Campus Scrapbook

Lycoming College Dance Show

April 19, 2010

Photos by Edward Jesse Frick Jr./Lycourier Staff



The ballet team pauses in the opening act of the dance show as they wave their balloons to the beat. The ballet group was one of the only groups that used props during their routine.

Lycourier staff Senior Spotlight: Jordan Allen Hall



By
Stephanie
Robinson

The Lycourier Staff

Jordan Allan Hall, Alexandria, came to Lycoming College in order stand out from the crowd.

In large schools, a student usually becomes just another face in the crowd or a number to the faculty, administration, and anyone outside of their immediate friend group, he said. However, at Lycoming, almost every professor knows their students' names and knows them as a person as well.

"I feel like I could come back here after I graduate and have a conversation with any one of them, and it would be like I never left," Hall said.

Hall believes that the professor who has taught him the most throughout his college career is Dr. Fred Wild. During his senior year alone, Hall has taken four classes with Wild.

Hall also believes like he is more motivated to do his work because of the personal relationships with professors. In a larger school, he would not feel the responsibility to protect these relationships by completing his work.

In addition to his professors motivating him to do his work, his friends also have helped him in this aspect. By watching his friends who already have graduated move on and obtain careers and success in general, he has gained the confidence that he will be able to achieve his goals as well.

For this reason, Hall would always choose Lyco again if given the chance to change his decision. This remains true even if Lycoming, located in the hometown of the Little League World Series, does not have a baseball team. In high school, Hall had played baseball and would have liked the opportunity to play during his college years as well.

Hall will miss Lycoming after he graduates on May 9.

"Besides my roommate's smiling face, I'm going to miss coming back from class or wherever I happen to be and finding a dozen people just hanging out in my apartment," Hall said, "After this, I'm probably going to be coming home to an empty apartment. It just won't be the same."

Throughout his years at Lycoming, Hall has maintained his personality and unique style. He listens to every type of music available from Garth Brooks to whatever



band may be emerging onto the scene. He also is a big movie buff with "Forest Gump" being his favorite movie of all time. His favorite book is "Us Guys" by Charlie LeDuff. He continues to be an avid sports fan, supporting the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates, and Penguins, as well as Penn State football.

If Hall could change anything about his time at Lycoming, he would have become more career-oriented sooner. He would have taken advantage of internship opportunities and other programs offered by the college.

During his four years at Lycoming College, Hall has been involved with various organizations including Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, the Lycourier, and radio station WRLC. During his time with the radio station, Hall held the position of assistant manager and, during his senior year, was given the position of sports editor of the Lycourier.

Hall believes that his time spent at Lycoming was unforgettable and will be influential for the rest of his life. He appreciates everything that has happened as having an influence on who he has become over the years.

The adage which states, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" holds true for Hall. Even as the Lycoming chapter of his life nears its end, he realizes that it is still only the beginning.

"It's the simple things in life that mean the most," Hall said.

Hall will remember the small things from the times he spent with his friends to what he has learned from his professors.

Lycourier staff Senior Spotlight: Jordan Hollander



By
Tehrim
Umar

The Lycourier Staff

A crucial staple to the Lycourier, Jordan Hollander has done it all in the newspaper realm—serving as a staff writer, photographer and a weekly columnist within his Lycourier career. As Hollander states, the choice to join the newspaper staff seemed to be a simple one.

"I have always been interested in journalism, and even though about it for awhile as a major when I was looking at colleges. I hope to use this experience to advance my career in the future," Hollander remarked.

Though he has completed a slew of journalistic endeavors, when inquired about his favorite story, Hollander commented on the pieces he wrote about the removal of OrgSync.

"I wrote several articles about why the school should get rid of OrgSync over the course of my four years on the Lycourier staff, as did many other people. I found it amusing that we are getting rid of OrgSync for next year for precisely the reasons I outlined almost three years ago in my first article on that topic," Hollander stated.

Further, Hollander truly enjoyed the working as a photographer, covering the sport teams.

A "triple threat" in the academic world, Hollander is a triple major in Political Science, French and International Studies. International seems to be the key thread in Hollander's post-graduate plans, as the senior will be attending Trinity College in Dublin next fall, in order to earn his master's degree in Comparative Politics.

Once this is completed, Hollander wishes to attend law school at Rutgers, Michigan State, Louisiana State or George Mason. However, before all this, Hollander hopes to receive a job this summer at the New Jersey State House, working for Gov. Chris Christie, whose campaign Hollander interned for in the fall.

When he's not aiding the governor, Hollander plans on teaching children golf and traveling to places such as Washington, D.C., Montreal and Arkansas.

Hollander is also an active participant of the Lycourier Choir, with whom he shared some of his most treasure college memories with. Hollander states that traveling across Europe and the United States were



some of his favorite times at Lycoming. With the Tour Choice, Hollander has ventured to a variety of different areas like Texas, North Carolina, Czech Republic and Hungary. In May, the group will be heading to Argentina.

As these four years are coming to a close for Hollander, he remarks that he will miss choir, the friends he made here and all of his professors.

However, Hollander states that "I certainly will not miss with having to deal with Student Senate to get anything done with any group on campus."

A well-accoladed student (Hollander is the recipient of numerous awards through his Lyco career, including membership to various honor societies, a Lycoming Scholar and a Chieftain finalist), he has a few parting words of advice for Lycoming underclassmen.

"Take advantage of all of the opportunities that Lycoming offers. Don't just sit around and wait for them to come to you. This school has opportunities for advancement and personal growth around every corner, and everyone should take care not to miss out," Hollander commented.

Lycourier staff Senior Spotlight: Edward Jesse Frick Jr.



By
Stephanie
Robinson

The Lycourier Staff

Edward Jesse Frick Jr., Knowlton, N.J., has spent his last four years studying Media Writing at Lycoming College.

The oldest of three siblings, Frick doesn't regret this choice for a second. Besides long walks on the beach, ice cream, and the soulful sounds of the Backstreet Boys, Frick has enjoyed writing for the Lycourier and being a brother of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

He joined both of these organizations during his freshman year and was promoted to an editor position of the Lycourier his junior year, eventually becoming Editor-in-Chief during his senior year.

While reflecting on his stay at Lycoming, Frick could only think of one thing he would change—an increase in the number of his fellow Communications majors.

"Jordy Hall and I are part of a dying breed," Frick said.

In the past, the Communications department enjoyed an availability of a variety of tracks. Broadcasting, as well as other specialized forms of Communications studies were available to students who had these particular career plans. Currently, the only choices remaining are either Digital Communications or Corporate Communications. Even Media Writing, Frick's major, is now only offered as a minor.

However, Frick maintains that he learned a great deal from his classes at Lycoming.

"Dr. Fred Wild has taught me so much. The work was hard, but it made you think to actually be able to understand what he was trying to teach you," Frick said.

In addition to the great deal of information that he learned from the academic departments at Lycoming College, Frick had highly influential experiences during the past four years.

"The American Leadership Academy trip was one of the best experiences I've ever had in my life. I just wish that I could have gone sooner."

While in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, Frick, with other brothers of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, had the opportunity to listen to great speakers including U.S. Congressmen; Bob Barr, Presidential candidate in 2008; and Jerry Nelson, founder of Ticketmaster. These men provided the attendees with great tips for their future. The experience also allowed the young men to bond with their brothers from all across the country.

In general, Frick's involvement in Greek life has helped to make his experience at



Lyco unforgettable.

After he graduates on May 9, Frick will miss the closeness that exists here.

"No matter where you go on this campus, you can find someone you know. Walking to class, you can say 'hi' to at least 10 people. You can go into the cafe by yourself and almost always find someone you know to sit with. You can have so many friends that are so different from each other here. It's amazing. I'm going to miss it."

After all of the ups and downs, the good times and the bad, Frick would always pick the small school in the middle of Williamsport if given the chance to redo it. While here, Frick has formed stronger friendships that he is sure will last a lifetime, unlike many of his friendships from high school.

"I'm always going to keep in contact with these guys. Even the new members of the fraternity—these are the guys that are going to be invited to my wedding someday," he said.

He also will miss the fact that anyone he wanted to talk to was always just a five-minute walk away. At Lycoming College, a friend is always here when you need them whether it is as a shoulder to lean on, someone to vent to, or someone just to hang out with, someone is here.

"Sometimes this place is hilarious," Frick said in reflection. "The level of ridiculousness here is through the roof!"

From the crazy times he has had with his friends to the knowledge bestowed upon him by the elite faculty, Frick will always hold a special place in his heart for Lycoming College.

Lycourier staff Senior Spotlight: Anna Jimenez

By Bethany Herring

The Lycourier Staff

In May, Lycoming will not only bid senior Anna Jimenez farewell, it will say goodbye to one of the last general communication majors.

Jimenez wanted to be a journalist since seventh grade when she started writing for her middle school's newspaper. Although most staff members were not published in every issue, she was.

"I liked the thrill of see it (her writing) published," Jimenez said.

In high school she wrote for the student section of The Daily Item, the local newspaper for her hometown, Sunbury, because her high school did not have a newspaper. She also worked on the yearbook through her journalism class and was on the editorial board her senior year.

It was her involvement in the yearbook that led Jimenez to Lycoming. She attended the annual yearbook workshop held at Lycoming and felt at home.

"I had never been on a college campus before, so I didn't know what to expect, but everyone here was friendly and chill," Jimenez said.

Jimenez also felt at home at Lycoming because it is about the same size as her high school and not far from Sunbury, as she is close with her family.

She chose the general track of the communication major to "get a little bit of everything" when it came to communication classes. Unfortunately, the communication department underwent changes during her sophomore year, eliminating the general track.

Although she could remain in the general track, she found the change "upsetting" because many of the classes she had planned to take were eliminated, and it was often difficult to find other classes to substitute. She says she wondered if she should have changed to corporate communication, one of the two existing communication majors, to make course selection easier.

However, Jimenez does not regret taking film studies classes with Dr. Fred Wild to fulfill courses for her major because Wild gave her a broader worldview, even if she didn't always get the best grades in his classes. Overall, Jimenez says it feels "weird" being only one of two general communication majors left on campus, especially because many underclassmen do not know what the major consists of.

Jimenez wrote for The Lycourier on and off during her four years at Lycoming and used it as part of her colloquium project for two semesters. She is best known for her movie reviews, especially those about horror movies, which is her favorite genre.



Like many students at Lycoming, Jimenez's most memorable moments have been with her friends, especially the ones she met freshman year while living on the third floor of Skeath Hall, which was a co-ed floor. Unfortunately she drifted apart from many of them because they transferred, joined a Greek organization, or no longer live in her dorm.

A memorable moment also occurred in her Drawing II class with Howard Tran. The students would often discuss worldviews and events during the class. After a discussion on religious viewpoints, Tran took the class to the Buddhist temple he attends in Pennsdale. There, Jimenez and her class got to talk to the monks who live there and take a meditation walk.

"It was one of the most enlightening experiences I ever had. I felt very in peace with everything," Jimenez said.

Of course, Jimenez experienced some challenges during her college career. In her first two years at Lycoming, she lost her grandfather, her grandfather's wife and her great-grandmother. Losing her grandfather's wife was especially hard because it occurred at the end of her first semester here, and she wasn't aware that she could make up her finals to attend the funeral so she missed it.

Another challenge Jimenez faced involved day-to-day living with others on a small campus. While she would try to focus on her schoolwork, there were times when people would "mentally get under my skin."

As she prepares for the next step of her life, she leaves underclassmen with the following advice: "Don't let people know you too well. It may come back and haunt you. Stay focused on your studies. Pick a major you want to stay with even if you don't like the department."

Edward J. Frick Jr. It's been real...



Wow. Not so sure how to start this one. It seemed like only yesterday I was walkign into Skeath Hall prepared to move into room 214 and start my life as a college student. And now here I am, writing a senior farewell article as the outgoing Editor-in-chief of the college's newspaper.

As my title states ... it's been real. I came to my first Lyncourier meeting as a freshman and I slowly worked my way up the ranks moving from staff-writer, to sports page editor and finally being offered the top dog position at the end of my junior year.

Before anything, I would like to thank my family for helping me become the person that I am today. Some people take family for granted, but I certainly do not. I have been blessed with a great family and I'd like to thank all of them for their support through the years.

Now onto the people that make this paper tick!

I would be remiss if I did not first mention the person who keeps the paper together each edition, as well as helping me to not smash a keyboard over my head when things go wrong or when stories come in late. Janice Ogurcak, it has been a pleasure working with you throughout the years, and I wish you the best of luck with the incoming staff.

You have taught me a lot through the years, starting from when I came into the paper as a little hot-shot freshman to the man that I've become as I prepare to leave school. Once again, thank you.

My next order of thanks has to go out to my right hand man and fellow senior Andrew Benkovic. Andrew would stay with me until the bitter end on Tuesdays when putting the paper together was going rough. He was always there to crack a joke and keep the mood in the office light. The newspaper would not have existed this year without him, so I would like to thank you, Andrew. I wish you great success in whatever path life takes you.

My final thanks goes out to all of you: my readers and my friends. Whether you read the paper week in and week out, or you just pick it up to check out my stupid

by-line picture, it all means a lot. Putting the paper together is not an easy job. Aliza Davner and her new editorial staff will be stepping into a tough job next year, and I hope that all of you will give them support and read the paper. They are all hard working individuals and I am confident that they will all do an excellent job next year.

My friends, and especially my outgoing seniors, I encourage you to keep in close touch with all the people you have met during your time at Lycoming. The friendships that you have made here are going to last a lifetime whether you realize it or not.

Years from now you are going to be talking to your kids about friends that you had when you were growing up, and I'd be shocked if none of you mentioned a story about something that happened here at Lycoming.

It's been real ladies and gentlemen. I'm off to do bigger and better things, and there is an open seat next to me. Hop in, buckle up, and let's enjoy the rest of the ride life has in store for us.

Aliza Davner Incoming Editor-in-Chief



The other day I ran into a campus celebrity, of sorts —Sister Catherine— as we were both leaving the choir banquet. I had run to JP's to check my e-mail and Sister passed by and asked me if I was "catching up on things."

I told her that I just received an e-mail telling me I that I was to be the Editor-in-Chief of the Lyncourier next year. I think Sister was happier for me than even I was!

We talked for bit longer about the talented members of the paper staff and Sister kept repeating how wonderful it was to have our writing pull creativity out of us. A creativity she said, that no one could ever take away.

Well, Sister Catherine summed up how I feel about the paper for me. I technically became a member of the staff my freshman year, but I did not become truly involved in the Lyncourier until this past fall- when the creativity started to flow.

As an English literature major, I write a lot. I am looking to spend the rest of my adult life in academia, not journalism. As such, most of my papers are analyses of poems, short stories and novels.

While I love my chosen course of study, there is little room for creative expression. That's where the Lyncourier comes in. While some might think that we only report campus news and some might dismiss our work altogether, I continue to write because the paper serves as a creative outlet for an otherwise analytical thinker.

During my one truly involved year on the Lyncourier staff, I have been given free reign to report on anything I deemed newsworthy or particularly interesting and to write my articles my way (while following Associated Press style guidelines of course).

I also have been able to further sharpen my writing skills as I edited the work of others as the College Life editor.

While I cautiously look forward to my new role, I can't escape the fact that I have big shoes to fill.

Eddie Frick, this year's editor-in-chief has been an amazing help in making my transition from a member of the writing staff to a member of the editorial staff as

painless as possible as I came in this spring semester to fill in for a member of the staff who was studying abroad. His office antics and sense of humor make working late on the paper tolerable, and even sometimes fun.

As a member of the editorial staff, I was given the opportunity to befriend some of the most unique individuals one could ever meet. As Emily (Kelchner) and I move on to head next year's editors, I will miss Andrew Benkovic's gossip and tales of campus shenanigans and Jordy Hall's brief appearances in the office. I would like to thank, not only the graduating editors, but Emily as well for being all-around fantastic people and for allowing me to join their exclusive club of awesomeness.

While I will certainly miss the boys after graduation, I find solace in the fact that our fantastic adviser, Jan Ogurcak, is not leaving me behind, too.

I look forward to spending many more nights with Jan and her infinite wisdom. Even though we will continue working together, I have to thank her for her help in teaching me to write in AP style and not as in that of an English student. I never realized the difference between the two styles before, and as such, one-sentence paragraphs no longer bother me.

Finally, I am excited to be sharing the office with a new crop of editors, and I am confident that we girls will produce great papers with a great staff of writers as well. I'm sure that 2010-2011 will be one of the Lyncourier's best years.

Lyncourier staff Senior Spotlight: Andrew Benkovic



By Allie Lyke

The Lyncourier Staff

Andrew Benkovic started working for the Lyncourier his sophomore year simply to fulfill the Corporate Communications colloquium requirement that year. He had never worked for any newspaper before the Lyncourier, but he decided to take a chance. Benkovic said, "Back then you chose three things that you wanted to do (WRLC, Lyco 2, and the Lyncourier)."

Now he is a senior and Opinion editor for the Lyncourier. Benkovic has come to find his experiences with it very rewarding. As he puts it, "without the Lyncourier, I might have more time, but it would be really different."

Benkovic started out by writing short articles about events on campus mainly pertaining to the Black Student Union events. He gained front page success during Black History Month.

"That was my first front page story which was really exciting," he said. Benkovic advanced to write opinion articles. One in particular was on the Web site youtube.com. He said, "I enjoyed and thought my article about Youtube was fun. It might have not been the best written but it was fun to write."

Over time, Benkovic found the Lyncourier as a way for students to voice their opinions about campus life and surrounding issues. As Opinion editor for the Lyncourier, Benkovic has come to enjoy giving his personal opinion.

"The best thing about being the Opinion editor is having the ability to write an opinion I had about something. I enjoy saying what people think. I do not outright bash a person or place etc.,

but sometimes things need to be said. It also has a bigger affect when the public sees it in black and white," he said.

At the same time, overall, the best thing about writing for the paper is getting feedback from students and faculty.

"I like having people say they like my articles. I have had some positive feedback on some opinion pieces that made it worth it."

Despite his accomplishments, however, he has undergone many struggles in being a page editor. He says one of his biggest challenges is the Question of the Week.

"People hate getting their picture taken. I used a lot of my close friends and the same people. It was hard because as much as I know a lot of people, it is hard go right up to someone and ask them a question. I have also gotten a lot of 'no' answers which is annoying," he said.

Another concern of his is his personal mistakes as well as his others. When asked about his worst article he responded by saying, "There was one article; I am not sure which one that for some reason was edited horrible. It was sometime last year. When I reread it I was embarrassed that how bad it was."

Benkovic expressed concern about the future of the Lyncourier in regards to participation and staff size. Since he became actively involved in the Lyncourier, he encourages students to become staff writers. He said, "I want more people to write for the paper. Nothing is worse when you don't have any writers and are struggling to come up with stories. It can be difficult, but it's not impossible."

Through the challenges Benkovic remained active with the Lyncourier. He said, "In the end I believe that people don't understand the importance that the newspaper plays on this campus. We (publicize) events, report news and give people something that doesn't involve technology to read and enjoy. People will complain about the paper, but in the end if the paper was gone there would be a huge hole in the Lycoming College community."



Snowden Library would like to congratulate, thank, and wish good luck to the following seniors who have helped make a difference in the library. The librarians and staff value the students' contributions, no matter how large or small the task!

Kimberly Fox

Collection management assistant. Major: Mathematics. For now, Kim will be focusing on raising her son (born in October, 2009) and spending time with him and her husband.

Karen Gerofsky

Circulation assistant. Major: Digital Media Communication. Minor: Media Writing. Karen will use the experiences she gained in the classroom and apply them to everyday practices and projects.

Annie Haas

Instructional Services assistant. Majors: Business Management, Business Marketing. Annie plans to attend graduate school in the fall at Bloomsburg University to obtain her Masters in Business Education.

Helen Murphy

Circulation assistant. Major: History. Minor: Psychology. After graduation Helen will be working at the Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia. She suggests if you are ever in "Philly" to come see the park.

Katie Rancik

Document Delivery assistant. Major: Art photo/electronic. Minor: Theater Performance. Katie is currently in the process of job searching and hopes to start her professional career in Baltimore, MD.

Esther Sandvik

Circulation assistant. Major: Religion, Interdisciplinary. After college Esther hopes to work in some sort of non-profit organization that deals with disaster relief, women's shelters, or at-risk youth.



Question of the Week: *What is the No. 1 thing you would like to do or accomplish before the end of the semester?*



Jessica Wilson
Senior

"To make a name for myself and go out with a BANG."



Samantha McConnell
Sophomore

"Have everything set away for next year and the make sure I have a good summer job."



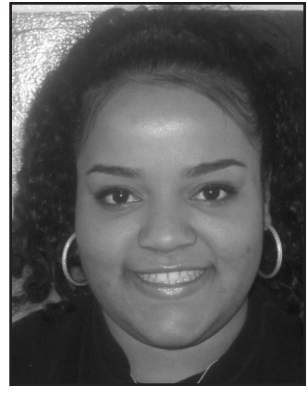
Anna Marie Rittmiller
Freshman

"To celebrate my birthday with my sisters and friends."



Demetria Proctor
Junior

"to have one last hoorah with my friends before we part ways for the summer."



Leannie Custodio
Freshman

To hang out with my friends, especially seniors, because they are going to be leaving me soon and I'm going to miss them all.

Lycoming College, it's been quite a ride



By
Andrew
Benkovic

Opinion Editor/Lycourier

Toward the end of the last school year, it was time for the Lycourier staff to pick new editors. I knew Editor-in-chief was not for me, so I applied to be the opinion editor. I knew my course load would be rough.

Writing and laying out the opinion page would be the best bet because (at the time) I thought it would be the less strenuous. I also knew that the opinion editor and the editor-in-chief wrote about their overall experience at Lycoming.

I am not going to bash, but instead share my opinion and thoughts of the last four years. This is not a rant and I hope that it does not come off as one.

As a communications major, I have seen much change in this department. For one thing, I am graduating on a track, general communications, a mixture of corporate, film and digital communications that no longer exists. To say that the department has undergone a change is an understatement. I cannot begin to describe what me and a few classmates have gone through. Meetings with the provost, attempting to have numbers match up and writing a Letter of Appeal is just the beginning.

Regardless, I love being a communications major. Unfortunately, many students, faculty, staff, and the general public do not know what communications majors do. For one thing, corporate communications is the only major that is not part of any sort of distribution. In many other colleges' public speaking is required for many freshmen to take. This needs to be a required course at Lyco. It is a necessary skill that people need to know how to do at least somewhat descent.

There are so many other aspects of communications that it is a separate article. Most people on this campus will never set foot in the "ugliest building on campus" but, for those who have, we will be better off for it.

When it comes to faculty and staff it can go two ways. Most faculty on this campus need to get paid more.

Some of the nicest employees on this campus are the house cleaning staff, Sodexo staff, secretaries, student programs workers and so on. They are not paid enough to put up with the crap that they have to handle. Though I go to college so I won't be doing most of their jobs, I respect what they do. When I found out some of their salaries or hourly wages, I was appalled. Really, that low (this includes professors)? On the other hand, I wonder what some people who are employed here actually do. They have a title, but I don't see them doing anything. This is a minute number of people, but it annoys me because at least one has a larger salary and I don't know what this person even does.

I have been fortunate. Most of the instructors I have had have been pretty good. I may not have liked the course, but for the most part, they have been good teachers. My advice to the professors or some administration is don't abuse your tenure.

There are some professors on this campus who should have never received tenure. It appears that, once they received this title (which is one of the only professions where this occurs, they begin to stop caring about the students. Students are paying to come here and be taught

by you! Whether we are a major, minor or simply taking your course for distribution or credit, the professor/student respect and overall enthusiasm to teach the course needs to remain, no matter how long you teach a course. I purposely have taken a course with a professor who does not have tenure. Most they tend to try harder. It amazes me when some professors are up for tenure and they are rejected. It makes me wonder about the criteria because I question how a few of the professors received this title.

Lycoming College's Dining Services have been under a lot of scrutiny in the past years. In the four years since I have been here, the café has been remodeled too many times. However, the food has improved. There are times that I have been annoyed that there is nothing "good" to eat, but overall the improvement is there. On the other hand, why students have to get a meal plan? The whole meal plan requirement needs to be reworked.

Student Senate of Lycoming College, SSLC, Senate. There are many names that students call this government organization on campus. To say that I used to dislike Senate is being too kind: I hated SSLC. I was never in this organization and was almost "banned" from going by a former president because I was not officially a senator.

However students need to know that Senate is rebuilding from previous administration. Although it has its flaws, it is moving in more of a positive direction.

To Senate members, remember you are the government body of the school. There will always be students who don't like you. Doing your job, getting along with one another (no backstabbing) and attempting to make the school a better place will improve Senate's image, but it will take a while to repair the damages of previous administrations.

To other organizations on campus: Member retention is the only way that you will be able to survive. Planning for the future is essential before forming a club. Questions like "will students in the future join this club?" should be considered before a constitution is drafted. Consolidating some clubs might be a way for some of the organizations to survive. There are a few clubs on campus that are so similar to each other that combing them be the answer.

As for Greek Life, I cannot comment. I never joined nor had a real desire to go through the process. Since I participate in a lot of community service, I always wished that Alpha Phi Omega, the largest national coed service fraternity in the United States was on campus. There are some days that I get why someone would join. Brotherhood, sisterhood, unity. On the other hand, it is so cutthroat in order to gain members that the campus community becomes a little insane. Sororities backstabbing others and fraternities doing the same in order to get a student who has the required GPA doesn't sound like unity to me. Also, I know some of the Greek chapters have their rituals. Though I don't know them and frankly don't care about them, most non-Greek students are not stupid, so don't pretend certain things don't happen.

Speaking about things that never happen, there is security. I don't have a problem with security, as of the officers are very nice and have helped me when I needed it. However, I have noticed tactics which may be because of administration or some other person that need changed. Keep in mind that security officers may be following orders from other authorities.

Lycoming College tends to either too forceful or too lenient with some situations. While Lycoming College is in a bubble in terms of what students "can get away with," to this day it still amazes me with what they actually can get away with.

Here is the big shocker: Drugs, including pot, are illegal. Right now especially pot is illegal. While this may change in the future with some drugs, it hasn't. Therefore, those coming from off campus, on campus, down the hall, selling or buying drugs and get caught, they should be prosecuted perhaps it should not be to the full degree, at least more than what I have seen.

Better yet, if a Federal crime is committed or something that is obviously illegal that a first grader knows it's wrong, justice needs to be served. On the other hand, I have observed petty incidents things (compared to these bigger crimes) that have been taken so far out of hand when the students find out about these bigger crimes it turns security, the administration or whoever else involved into a joke. I understand that Lycoming College has a reputation to uphold to, but the reputation would become more damaged if the general public were to find out about the disregard for some peoples actions.

Finally students, I am friends with many of you and some of you I will never know. For the most part the Lycoming College student population has been a positive experience. I have many friends and experiences that I will never forget.

Nevertheless, here is some advice. First, keep your ego in check. Some students here, like in life have such an ego its ridiculous. This may be true at every school, however I believe because this school is smaller it becomes more apparent. There are some students that receive praise or gain positions when it is not needed. Also, I learned the other day that sucking up only gets you so far, so use it sparingly.

I may be contradicting myself with this statement, but here it goes: Not everyone cares about your opinion about everything. I am the opinion editor. Do people care about my opinion? No and the reader has the choice to read what I write. However, again because it such a small campus, many students believe their voice matters more. It does in certain situations, but in other not really. Starting a Facebook group over how much you hate something or complaining on the event's Facebook wall is stupid especially if the event cannot be changed. There are sometimes you have to deal with the change. By complaining all the time about things, you are make yourself look bad. Other students may not tell how much they don't like you, but in the end it is bad karma and it will come back to haunt you.

Finally help others, but remember to keep yourself. I have had this problem and grades and relationships have suffered. Also think before you go too far. Do you really want to be a notch on someone's belt or a name on the bathroom stall?

So Lycoming College, it has been quite a ride. For those who made it this far in this article, I thank you for reading. It has been a great few years and I will miss being the opinion editor. It has had its ups and downs, but a worthwhile experience. I hope you learned something with this article as I have learned from many of you.

This article was not meant to offend anyone. I did not name names, but if you think it is you, then re-examine yourself or just don't care about what I have to say. After all my opinion, so you can take it with a grain of salt.

The final curtain call



By
Jordan
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The Lycourier Staff

For the past four years, I have been proud and honored to call Lycoming College my home away from home, and it has truly been just that. While I am looking forward to concluding my undergraduate studies and going off to graduate school in Ireland next year, it is a bittersweet feeling because I have enjoyed my time here at Lycoming so much.

The people that I have meet with and worked with here at Lycoming have simply been amazing. The sense of community that we have at this school adds so much to the experience that is Lycoming. The friends that I have made and the professors who have taught me will stay with me for life. Unfortunately, some people take these experiences and people for granted, but they should learn to take full advantage of the opportunities that this college provides each and every student.

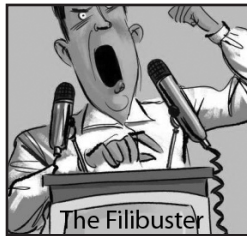
Besides academics, there is one aspect of my college career that I could not imagine not being part of my experience at Lycoming, and that is participating in the choirs. Since my freshman year, I have sung in three choirs, the College Choir, the Chamber Choir, and the Tour Choir. Looking back, I simply cannot imagine not doing choir at Lycoming. It is one of the reasons that I chose to attend Lyco, and it was a great decision. It is a great feeling to be able to go out into the Williamsport community as representatives of the college and the choir has presented me with the opportunity to travel across the United States, and

even the world. If you have never heard one of these choirs perform, I urge you to consider attending a concert the next time you have the opportunity.

When I was still considering colleges during high school, some of my friends questioned why I would choose to attend a small, liberal arts college in the middle of Pennsylvania instead of going to a bigger school in New Jersey or in the city (New York that is). I have never felt that I made the wrong decision in coming to Lycoming, and my four years have proved all of my friends from high school wrong to have doubted my choice. This college provides each and every student to succeed in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities and has truly prepared us for the next chapter in our lives.

Like I said, I will be attending graduate school next year. I have friends that will also be continuing their academic pursuits next year, some that have found jobs, and others that will be joining the military. No matter what Lycoming students choose to do after they finish here, they will have the foundation necessary to succeed. Unfortunately, I have seen people squander the opportunities that this institution provides them and others that simply disregard their responsibilities and respect that they owe this institution and its faculty.

I have truly enjoyed writing this column this year, and I would like to take this last few lines to thank all of the people that have helped me along the way and to congratulate the members of the Class of 2010. It has been a great four years since we walked through those gates in 2006, from when we all lived together in Asbury and Skeath. I wish you all the best of luck.



Overheard

The best quotes on campus overheard by Lycourier staff members

"That's the best thing for boobs to smell like?"

-Mulberry Street Apartments

"They give you an envelope of money, like a two-bit whore."

-Rec. Center

"Blow in the small hole."

-Jack's Corner

"How much are the goats?"

-The A/C.

Greek Spotlight: Lambda Chi Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta and Beta Phi Gamma



By
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The Lycourier Staff

Lambda Chi Alpha

The first fraternity on the Lycoming campus, Lambda Chi Alpha, was originally founded by Warren A. Cole, at Boston University in 1909. The brotherhood has come a long way since — more than 300 universities host the fraternity's chapters, with over 270,000 initiated members. It reached international status after opening chapters in Canada in 1927.

Famous Lambda Chi brothers include country music star Kenny Chesney, Chief Executive Officer of Walmart, S. Robinson Walton, and former presidential candidate Ron Paul.

At Lycoming, the fraternity was founded in 1948 and was first known as Lambda Phi Delta. Its official inception as Lambda Chi Alpha occurred in 1953, and has since initiated 892 members. Currently, the fraternity is represented by 32 brothers with 14 new members recently initiated.

The color palette for Lambda Chi revolves around purple, green and gold, with designated symbols being the cross and crescent. Brothers of the fraternity follow three open mottos: "vir quisque vir" meaning "every man a man," "Χαλεπα Τα Καλα" which translates into "naught without labor," and lastly "per cruceum crescens" meaning "crescent in the cross."

Lambda Chi prides itself in seven core values that mirror the U.S. Army's: loyalty, duty, respect, service and stewardship, honor, integrity and personal courage.

Lambda Chi is nationally affiliated with the North American Food Drive. Each year, brothers of Lambda Chi nationwide distribute bags throughout their local city one weekend, and collect the bags filled with donated canned goods the next. Members deliver the donated non-perishable food items to a local food bank for people in need.

The Lycoming chapter's brothers adopted a stretch of highway along Route 15 and are responsible to remove the litter.

Myles Biggs is pleased with his decision to go Lambda Chi. "I knew I wanted to go Greek but I also knew that I didn't want to be a part of a stereotypical Greek organization. I chose Lambda Chi Alpha because they focused more on making me into a gentleman and a strong person and less on turning me into a party animal. We have just as much fun as everyone else, but what sets us apart is our ability to excel in the classroom and in the real world as well as on the dance floor. I chose Lambda Chi Alpha because I wanted to be one of the best, and now I am."

Member Mike Tonart said Lambda Chi is "the overall best fraternity when you look at the number and look at the people. It (feels) like home."

For those unsure of Greek Life, Biggs said, "My advice to you is to just do it. Visit each chapter and find out where you fit in the best because after the whole education process, those people will be your brothers or your sisters. Just make sure you join the right place for you, a place you can be proud of, and not a place you will regret."

Alpha Xi Delta

Although a recent addition to Lycoming's sorority scene, Alpha Xi Delta is no rookie to the national one. Alpha Xi Delta was founded April 17, 1893, at Lombard College in Illinois. Since then, the fraternity opened its Iota Mu chapter here April 17, 2005.

Alpha Xi Delta sisters pride themselves in the colors of double blue, gold and pink. The pink rose is their floral pick, while reverence is placed on "Betxi Bear." Emphasis is placed on the quote "the pen is mightier than the sword."

Currently, Lycoming is host to 34 Alpha Xi Delta sisters, with nine new members from this past recruitment cycle. Since April 2, 2009, the fraternity's philanthropy is Autism Speaks. The organization is the largest autism science and advocacy group and is dedicated to funding research and raising awareness about the disease.

As an annual community service event, the sisters co-sponsor "Monster Mash Baseball Bash." Held every October within the Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum in South Williamsport, the event benefits Autism Speaks. Open to the public, it provides an alternative Halloween event for children and includes activities such as a haunted house, face painting and arts and crafts.

Nina Cline, president of Alpha Xi Delta, certainly stands by her decision to join AXD.

"I decided to join this particular sorority because I felt that it was a good fit for me. I agreed with a lot of the values the girls and the organization itself had. I thought the community service and leadership opportunities would be beneficial to me during my college years and once I had graduated," Cline said.

Cline recommends that students considering Greek life should "make sure you get to know all the houses for what they really are and not just the stereotypes. Join for yourself and not just for your friends. What may be a fit for you may not be for them. It is an important decision that only you can make."

Beta Phi Gamma

The first official sorority on campus, Beta Phi Gamma charted the way for women's involvement with Greek life at Ly-



Lambda Chi Alpha brothers and sweetheart Claire Zido contribute their time to the annual Relay for Life.



The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta pose for a group picture while celebrating the fraternity's fifth annual Founders' Day.



Sisters of Beta Phi Gamma strike a group pose during a sorority event.

coming. A local sorority, Beta Phi was established on Oct. 13, 1976, by founding members who included Bette Wizorek, Kim McCarthy and Deb Mehl.

In terms of a color scheme, the sisters of Beta Phi Gamma are represented though light blue, white and purple. The women of the sisterhood abide by the phrase: "First and Forever, we'll always be together."

Their motto is: "Do not follow where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Currently, there are 38 active sisters within the local sorority, including the three new members received in the fall and the 10 new members added during the spring recruitment process.

On average, Beta Phi Gamma obtains 10 new members on a yearly basis.

Beta Phi Gamma's philanthropy since 2007 is the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The foundation grants fulfillment of "wishes" by those children under the age of 18 who are diagnosed with a

life-threatening medical condition.

Jennifer Janovsky, president of Beta Phi Gamma, said it was a house that truly stood out to her.

"Beta Phi Gamma was the house that I felt I truly belonged to and just seemed to naturally fit into," Janovsky said, commenting on her comfort within the Greek organization.

For those "on the fence" about a decision to join Greek life, Janovsky recommends that students "do not let the stereotypes and rumors affect your decision. Whether or not you feel Greek life is for you, take the time to truly get to know each house and what they are about. If you are meant to be a part of a house on this campus you will find the right house. Do not join a house because all your friends are there or because of stories you have heard. The rumors you hear are never true and a house that is right for your friends may not be right for you. So just follow your heart and you will know where you belong."

World travel a never-ending adventure



By
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The Lycourier Staff

"Travel is what happens when you want to experience the world."- Anonymous

This is one of my favorite quotes about traveling. It shows that travel is more than just a list of places to go and things to take pictures of. Traveling is an experience. It is something that you will remember forever. Since I started this column last year, I've had a lot of questions about why I travel, what do I do when I travel, and where do I want to go.

My list of travel destinations so far, isn't that impressive. I know a lot of people my age who have traveled more than me. In the United States, I've been to a variety of places ranging from Seattle, San Francisco, the Grand Canyon, Boston and Florida.

A lot of people think that traveling inside the United States is not as fun as traveling abroad; I disagree. Because you already speak the language here, it is easier to get engulfed in the culture. I went on a wine-tasting tour in a suburb of Seattle and ended up getting a private tour of the winery. I went whale-watching on the coast of California and hiked down the Grand Canyon.

The places I've traveled to internationally include the Caribbean, Mexico, Egypt, Germany and the Czech Republic. This summer I'll be adding more of the Caribbean, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Thailand to that list. I know that this list is pretty cool, but I don't travel just to say that I have been somewhere. I travel to learn about the culture and about the people.

In Egypt, I rode a camel to the pyramids and ate lamb (which I swore I would never try, but they told me it was beef!). In Germany, I drank hot wine on the streets with the locals at a Christmas market. In Prague, I danced to Miley Cyrus in Old Town Square on New Year's Eve. During my cruise this summer I'll be riding a segway and swimming with sea lions. In Ireland, I'll learn an Irish step dance. Finally, in Thailand I'll be riding elephants and petting tigers. See for me, traveling is not just a list of places that people insist on me going to; it's more of an adven-

ture to see what I can learn and experience.

The question of where do I want to go is easy: anywhere at any time. If somebody asked me to go to Uzbekistan for a week, I would probably go.

My top dream trips include a safari in Kenya, shark-diving in South Africa, an Alaskan cruise, scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef, and Antarctic cruise and Chile.

These are among the most exotic places on Earth, and I want to do some crazy things when I get there. I get a lot of funny looks when I bring up shark-diving in the most densely populated area of Great White Sharks.

I believe that travel is more than just about people, but our environment and the animals as well.

I have enjoyed writing this column because I got to spread my love of travel to the rest of Lycoming. I hope you have learned a thing or two about new places. I hope more people travel when they are in college before they get a real job. There are ways to pay for trips if you really want to go somewhere.

As Mark Twain once said, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness."

Every time I travel, I just want to keep traveling. It is an addiction that I am proud of and never want to lose.

Lycoming students part of independent film festival



By Andrew Benkovic

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Tonight and Friday the world of independent cinema has found a home in Williamsport. The first annual Billtown Film Festival will be held April 22-23 at the Community Arts Center located in W/ Fourth St.

The festival was created by Richard C. James. James created the Billtown Film Festival because he believes it will give an extra surge of revenue to the downtown. "I envision hotels booked to capacity, restaurants filled, and storefronts occupied during the festival."

James wants to encourage artists in the region to produce works in film and video.

"We also want to support other organizations like the First Friday folks and the Central Pennsylvania Film Office in marketing Williamsport and Lycoming County as a region with great economic potential."

Last year Lycoming College hosted its first video annual at the Community Arts Center. James contacted Lycoming College digital communications professor Leah Peterson about collaborating.

Peterson recruited Lynn Estomin, a professor of art and the three of them began the process of creating the festival.

The first day will be the Lycoming College Video Annual.

Students submitted their work to Peterson and films were selected by a jury of faculty and students. Selection was based on five criteria: interest-

ing, thoughtful, dynamic, original and technically proficient.

Students were notified whether or not their work was chosen and attended a meeting regarding the screening. The selected students will have their work shown at the film festival and a winner will be chosen at the end of the festival with a cash prize awarded.

The films will range from narrative to documentary to experimental video. Peterson said that parental discretion is advised for some of these films due to subject matter. She recommends the audience be at least 14 or older.

Along with the selected students, the senior digital communications students will present their final projects. Finally, a film titled "I hope you like it" made by Crossing the Frame Productions will be premiered. Crossing the Frame Productions is a student-run club that wrote, cast, edited, and shot this film throughout the year.

The second day will focus on are filmmakers. The filmmakers will include Estomin and Peterson along with Bucknell multimedia and photography professor Tulu Bayer and Penn State-Harrisburg humanities professor Catherine Rios.

Peterson will screen "My Life as Fiction" and "The Turkish Coffee Maker," which deal with family loyalty and the complications heritage can have on a life.

Estomin will screen the documentary "Run, Jane, Run," which tackles the subject of satanic cults, their influence and the potential for domestic violence; and "Sexual Politics of War," the true story of a female Iraq veteran's military experiences.

The two-day event is free and will start at 7:30 p.m., with the doors opening at 7. The event should end around 9:00. For more information visit the Community Arts homepage at www.caclive.com.



Carrie Underwood to perform at Bryce Jordan Center

UNIVERSITY PARK— The first female to win the Academy of Country Music Awards Entertainer of the Year twice, Carrie Underwood, will perform with Billy Currington and Sons of Sylvia at the Bryce Jordan Center on Nov. 13.

In addition to being named the 2010 ACM Entertainer of the Year recently, Underwood won the Triple Crown Award. Underwood is a five-time Grammy Award winner, a member of the Grand Ole Opry, the 2009 Academy of Country Music Entertainer of the Year, and three-time CMA and ACM Female Vocalist winner. Since her debut in 2005, Underwood has amassed more U.S. album sales than any other American Idol winner. Underwood won the title of American Idol in 2005.

Along the way, she became the first country artist in history to achieve 12 consecutive No. 1 singles.

Fans and critics alike give high praise to Underwood for her incredible vocals as well as the dynamite tour production on her 'Play On Tour.'

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review shared, 'Her energy, charisma and talent are boundless, and hearing her belt out her hits with such passion is captivating Underwood's voice alone could make for a great concert,

but the backing props, lighting and electronic effects also were spectacular.'

Reading, PA's Leigh Valley Music reported, 'And when it's all said and done and the lights go off, the stage stops shifting and the streamers and confetti are swept from the floor, Underwood's voice is still the most special effect of all.'

Underwood will donate 36 cents of every ticket sold to Save the Children's United States Programs. This initiative was inspired by the '36 cents' written in the lyrics of her album track 'Change' which addresses how even the smallest bit of spare change can make a difference and help 'change' the world. Save the Children (www.savethechildren.org) is also a beneficiary of Idol Gives Back, and is the leading independent organization creating real and lasting change for children in need in the United States and around the world. The 'Play On Tour' is hydrated by vitaminwater® and presented by AEG Live.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. and can be purchased at the Bryce Jordan Ticket Center, Downtown Theatre, Penn State Altoona Campus, online at www.ticketmaster.com or www.bjc.psu.edu or charge by phone at (814) 865-5555.



Williamsport singer Johnny J. Blair to release album about city

Family, actor Clive Owen, bicycle diaries, and a song about Williamsport are elements in "I Like the Street," the title of a recording in progress by singer at large Johnny J. Blair.

Parts of "I Like the Street" were recorded in New York and San Francisco, but most of the work is being done at Mind's Eye Studio in Williamsport, where Blair is based.

Blair said, "These songs are more sentimental in subject than what I've put out in the past. We're still going to rock, but with more 'up close and personal' dynamics. For example, I'm including a song about my daughter called 'Precious Gem.'

"There's Nothing Like Williamsport" is a song about the city I live in. It's been available as a download single and it's finally coming out on CD. The track was remastered by Scott Francis and it sounds better than ever.

"I Like the Street" extends from my 'bicycle diaries,' life observations from riding bike on city streets for years and years.

"Musically, I'm reaching into my Roxy Music and Velvet Underground bag of influences. I'm covering VU's 'What Goes On.' Then there are acoustic interludes, doses of Latin and Tango music, and a nod to Erik Satie."

An online single has been issued of "If I Could Dress Like Clive Owen," a tribute to the British actor and "a song about how you wear your armor and the politics of fashion," Blair said.

The song quotes "spy movie music" and Sixties British Rock, tracked with Bret Alexander and Ron Simasek of The Badles. They previously worked with Blair on the acclaimed "After Hours" tribute album to Lou Reed.

Tim Breon (David Rose Band) is the lead guitarist on the Bryan Ferry-influenced "Even in the Night," a collaboration with city-based songwriter Amy Mintzer. The song is accompanied by a "film noir-ish" video that used the Community Arts Center as the setting.

Other musicians on I Like the Street include Keith Kavanaugh (Ron Fleegeer & the Stranger), Eric Biondo (Beyondo), and Felipe Torres.

Biondo and Torres work with Blair in the Davy Jones Band. Blair has performed and recorded with the ex-Monkee since 1993.

The song "Night Garden" was produced by Biondo, who has worked with TV On The Radio, Burning Spear, and Sinead O'Connor, Blair said, "Eric one of the sharpest talents in the business. I'm thrilled he's in on this."

Urban irreverence, romantic abstraction, and bittersweet spirituality define Blair's "sunny brand of pure pop music."

His catalog includes the New Wave concept album "Door in the Water," the neo-soul masterwork Fire, and the "Pet Sounds meets Ziggy Stardust" of Grateful. Brian Wilson (Beach Boys) called Blair "a virtuoso."

I Like the Street will be released by Wampus International (www.wampus.com), a record company devoted to releasing recordings "off the beaten path."

For further information go to www.johnnyjblair.com.

Johnny J. Blair with musician Alice Cooper. Blair credits many rock musicians, such as Cooper for why he is the musician he is today.



Campus Activities Board presents: 'Youth in Revolt'

By Rocco Giamatteo

The Daily Tarheel

You know a movie is going to be breezy and cute when the very first thing you see is a young man fiercely masturbating in his bed sheets. A sex-driven slip-in-the-face to merrily vacuous teenage-romance flicks, "Youth in Revolt" is uproarious in every way but its humor. Sharp one-liners and frequent vulgarity will keep the audience chuckling throughout, but despite its blatant efforts, the film won't spur belly laughs.

Sixteen-year-old Nick Twisp (aforementioned masturbator) is a soft-spoken, latently sarcastic oddball (played by — surprise! — Michael Cera). During his temporary stay in a town called Ukiah, he meets the sexy and sophisticated girl of his dreams, Sheeni Saunders (Portia Doubleday). To be closer to her, Nick creates a badass alter-ego named Fran-

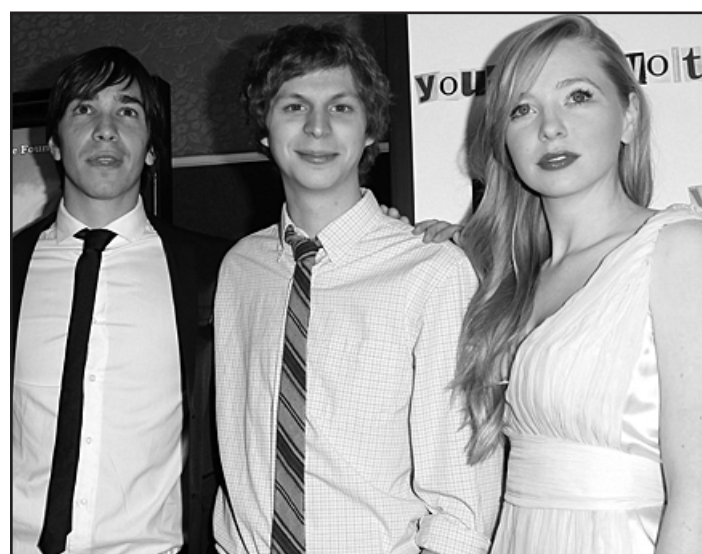
cois Dillinger (Cera a la mustache), whose antics get pawned off to his father in Ukiah. But Francois serves up more trouble than Nick bargained for, and his life spins out of control.

As Francois, Cera flaunts never-before-seen versatility. Sporting hypersexual charisma with a cigarette and shades, Cera acknowledges his typecast, slipping into his caricature with a middle finger to the unsuspecting audience.

Director Miguel Arteta has found something wonderful in Doubleday, who balances wit and sensitivity in every line. She cultivates a lascivious female personality that's compatible with our maladroit hero in every way.

Indulging in hysterical character dysfunctions and raw exploration of the adolescent male libido, the film is refreshingly honest but doesn't fully deliver the rambunctious fun that its title suggests. Caught up in an outcast's narrative, the side characters bring the big laughs. At some points, the film needs a loud-mouthed Jonah Hill to balance out Cera's awkward humor.

It's "Fight Club" with much lower stakes. And though its eccentricity overshadows its adventure, this charmingly crude coming-of-age tale is the perfect bar-setting comedy to usher in the new year.



Looking back: four years of Lyco athletics



By
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"It feels like we just moved in for freshman year yesterday" is a quotation that can be heard everywhere around the Lycoming College campus in recent days. Students are getting ready to graduate and move on to their respective careers, graduate school, or continuing on the endless search for a job. Still, others are concluding their first year away from home or entering their final period of college.

In my case, I will be joining the ranks of newly-graduated students who are looking to make their mark on the world, somewhere and in some way.

Some of the fondest memories that I will have from Lycoming will remain with me for my entire life, having never missed a home football game and attending countless other athletic events as a reporter or editor for the Lycourier and as a student-assistant in the department of Sports Information.

This graduating class has been very fortunate in the athletic achievements, both team and individual, that we have been able to witness.

In the fall of 2006, my freshman year, the women's volleyball team procured a Commonwealth Conference Championship and earn a berth in the NCAA tournament. That squad was helped a great deal by several of this year's seniors who received considerable playing time as freshmen, including Abby Myers and Alyssa Taylor.

I had the unique opportunity to view all of the home football games at Lycoming from the press box as a member of the sports information staff. It will always amaze me that I had the opportunity to watch one of the all-time great coaches in NCAA football history for two seasons in Coach Frank Girardi.

Though the squad produced mixed results for those first two years, spectators were given the opportunity to see history made with each Warrior victory.

After Girardi retired, it was a question as to whether or not the program would be as highly-regarded as it once was. New Head Coach Mike Clark, a Lycoming graduate, saw to it that tradition was upheld in leading the team to



Above left: Senior quarterback Colin Dwyer and junior Josh Kleinfelter during the Warrior's MAC Championship season; above right: seniors Caroline LaHota and Tess Duffin show off MAC Championship plaque.



its first Middle Atlantic Conference title in five years in 2008, receiving an automatic bid to participate in the NCAA Division III Football Championship Tournament.

That team was buoyed by several members of this year's senior class, including defensive player of the year Kyle Murren, quarterback Colin Dwyer and defensive lineman Matthew Licci.

In addition to titles in football and volleyball, Lycoming has captured several other championships in my time here. This year several important marks have been made on Lycoming's sports history book.

In February, the women's swimming team captured the MAC Championship as the best women's swim team in the conference. Standout seniors on that team included Caroline LaHota and Tess Duffin.

Also during the month of February, the men's basketball team, led by seniors James Oberlies, Eric Anthony and John Caggiano captured the regular season Commonwealth Conference crown on the wings of a 20-5 overall record.

After losing in the final round of the conference tournament, Lycoming was selected to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III Basketball Championship tournament.

Team sports aside, there were some great individual accomplishments in Lycoming athletics throughout the past four years. In particular, Warrior athletics fans were fortunate enough to see one student-athlete capture an individual national title in wrestling, and another qualify for the national tournament three consecutive years.

Matt Miller, a 2008 graduate of Lycoming, captured the Division III crown at 197 pounds that season while graduating senior Chris Dahlheimer began his streak of qualifying for the national tournament that year as well. He finished seventh in the 2009 tournament, marking the pinnacle of his career.

Throughout the past four years, success has been the measuring standard for athletics at Lycoming. I am proud to say that I have been here to witness many of the exciting events. When the seniors get their diplomas in a few weeks and memories begin to fade, rest assured that the memories that Lycoming athletics have ingrained in our hearts will be the ones that last.

Thank you to everyone who has read the Lycourier and the Sports Page throughout my time here, I hope that you all have enjoyed reading it as much as I have enjoyed writing. Good luck to everyone in their future endeavors, "Go Warriors!"

Senior spotlight: dual-sport athlete Sammi Jo Bell



By
Kaitlyn Ober

The Lycourier Staff

The past four years, Sammi Jo Bell has played varsity soccer and lacrosse for the Lycoming Warriors. As a marketing and management major with an economics minor, Bell has her plate full. But playing the two sports has helped her in many ways.

"I have definitely learned time management skills and also team leading. Both of these skills will be crucial in my professional career some day, so I have benefited from playing both sports," she said.

Playing two varsity sports in college is never easy, which is why many athletes only play one. But Bell loved both and because of the different seasons, could play them.

"Between seasons there was a transition, but it always helped me being in shape going from one to the other," she said.

Challenges arose as well. Both soccer and lacrosse have an off-season where the teams have practices and games, but because Bell played both, she was unable to participate in those.

"It was always hard for me to watch my team play in the off-season, so instead of participating I had to be a spectator. Also, balancing both sports along with my school work has been difficult," she said.

Growing up, Bell began playing soccer when she was four years old. Her older brother played and her dad was a coach which helped her to develop her skills.

For the Warriors, Bell was a midfielder and started since



Sammi Jo Bell has been a standout athlete at Lycoming in both soccer and lacrosse.

her freshman year. As a freshman, Bell was named Rookie of the Year. Her sophomore year, she was named Most Valuable Player and this past season as a senior, she was named captain and also Woman of the Year.

One of Bell's favorite soccer memories was scoring the winning goal this season against King's College in overtime. "It was one of the best feelings," she said.

Her other favorite memories occurred during bus rides, where she and her teammates told stories from freshman year and laughed.

Soccer teammate Hallie Weakland will miss Bell a lot once graduation comes.

"We have way too many memories over our four years here. We are best friends and both senior captains which was awesome. We won the award together for Women of the Year this season too," Weakland said.

She added that Bell is a great leader with so much heart. "Her positive attitude and drive to win and be the best are qualities that have made a big impact on our team. I think the girls on the team now will always remember her leadership and love for the game," Weakland said.

Lycoming golf team completes 50th year



By
Kaitlyn Ober

The Lycourier Staff

The Lycoming Men's Golf team was established since the early 1960s and remains a sport here today. Many students may not be aware of the team simply because most of the matches are not nearby.

Coach Jamie Spencer sees steady improvement in his players. There are currently 12 players on the roster.

"Several of our golfers are tremendous students and are involved with tons of activities at Lycoming. We enjoy our time on the course," Spencer said.

The season starts in the fall with a few outings to get the team some practice before the spring season. "We have seven tournaments in the springtime and we can take five players to each tournament and then score the lowest four," Spencer said.

So far this season, several of the players are having success. Robb Wentzel, junior, and Robert Jumper, sophomore, both have a chance to make it far in the conference.

"They are both very talented players and have a chance to medal at our conference tournament in a few weeks. Also, senior Jordan Hollander, junior Jed Simpson and freshman Drew Tompkins have played well of late," Spencer said.

"The best thing about being a part of the golf team is getting everything free. We have our own course, driving range, a full round of golf and we can play at anytime," Simpson said.

Like the other sports on campus, the golf team competes in the Middle Atlantic Conference. The conference tournament is at Hershey Country Club East Course on May 1 and 2. After that, the winner of the tournament advances to the NCAA National Tournament held later in the summer.



Senior golfer Jordan Hollander chips to a green during a 2010 tournament.

Although there is not a golf course on campus, the Warriors use the White Deer Golf Course in nearby Montgomery to practice. Along with that course, there are other great courses throughout Pennsylvania where the Warriors compete.

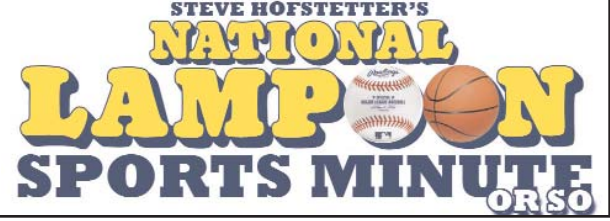
Being an outdoor sport, sometimes the weather impacts matches. Because of the cold, snowy weather this year, the season got off to a slow start.

In their most recent match at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, four of the scores were close to the 80s, which is good for golfers on a course with a par 70. Simpson scored an 83, Hollander and Jumper each had an 89 and Tompkins finished with a 94. Senior James Oberlies rounded out the day with a 113.

"We had our best team score at our last tournament at Susquehanna. Several people shot their season best scores too, so we are excited about the upcoming conference championships. They will be played at Hershey, which is a very challenging course, so we will have our work cut out for us," Hollander said.

"I am looking forward to competing at MAC tourney in a few weeks. They are all great kids," Spencer commented.

Lycoming concluded its season at the Messiah Falcon Classic, held at the Blue Ridge Country Club in Palmetton, on Tuesday.



The NBA playoffs have begun. Or, as the New Jersey Nets call them, summer vacation.

Congress wants Major League Baseball to ban smokeless tobacco. Fans want Major League Baseball to ban the Orioles.

An American company has invented a toaster that burns your favorite team's logo into your toasted bread. Though it won't work for the Astros, since they're already toast.

Jerry Jones wants Cowboys fans to know he has "special" feelings toward Bill Parcells. In an Olympic sort of way.

Creed singer Scott Stapp has recorded a song for the Florida Marlins. Haven't their fans already suffered enough?

The NFL is still working on its 2010 schedule. It's still unclear whether or not the Lions will be included.

And Roger Goodell and Ben Roethlisberger recently met for several hours in New York. Goodell is one of the few people still willing to be in a private room with Roethlisberger.

Good luck seniors!

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The Oliver Sterling Metzler Gate is located at the north end of the Quad. On commencement day, the senior class will process through this gate for the first and last time as their college careers come to an end. This gate is only open on once a year on commencement day.

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