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John "Giovanni" Piazza gets ready to photograph sites on the Spanish Steps in Rome.



Jehiel Boner sports Lycoming College apparel on a ledge in Italy on top of their apartment building.

Lycoming College students take on Italy for spring 2012 semester



By
Cody Marshall

Editor in Chief/ Lycourier

One of Lycoming College's greatest assets, the study abroad program offers a wide variety of opportunities for its students to study in many different countries and cultures.

John Piazza and Jehiel Boner, now seniors at Lycoming, took advantage of this opportunity and spent the spring semester of 2012 studying at John Cabot University in Italy. John Cabot University is not an official affiliate of Lycoming College, but Piazza and Boner were able to successfully plan their trip along with some help from the college.

John Cabot is located in Rome, Italy. "John Cabot University was awesome," Boner said.

Boner is a marketing major and Italy was a perfect setting for him to become a part of an international marketing experience.

"I got a different perspective on marketing because I was not a native to the country," Boner said.

Piazza, who is an economics major, worked with students from all over the world and experienced many different points of view on economic concepts.

"Students had very different opinions on these concepts," Piazza said.

"And all of the classwork was done in English, so I had the opportunity to work with a lot of the international students to not only help me with my Italian, but them with their English. Foreign students look to English speaking students to help develop their English language skills," Piazza said.

In addition to studying abroad, Piazza and Boner had many opportunities to travel around Europe.

"One of my top experiences was being able to travel so cheaply in Europe," Boner said.

Piazza felt the same way. "I really liked traveling, especially the Amalfi Coast, located on the Western coast



The Roman Coliseum is even bustling into the night at one o'clock in the morning.



Piazza and Boner encountered a freak snowstorm while in Rome. It was the most severe storm in Rome in 27 years.

of Italy. It gave me great opportunities to work on my photography," Piazza said.

Piazza and Boner anticipate an opening of their work somewhere on campus this year and possibly the surrounding area.

Some of their favorite places visited during the trip include Venice, Naples, and Barcelona.

"Barcelona had some of the best architecture that I have ever seen," Piazza said.

Both felt that language was not as difficult of a barrier as they had thought. Italy is an extremely popular tourist attraction with many English speaking tourists and locals, which creates a comfortable atmosphere for English speaking foreigners.

"We lived in a suburb of Rome, so we quickly adapted to local phrases and were able to communicate effectively with the locals," Boner said.

Lycoming has affiliate schools in Spain, Great Britain, Germany, Ecuador, and France. Many students use this opportunity every year to study abroad.

"We got to experience another culture and overcome obstacles and cultural boundaries. The people really are a lot different," Piazza said.

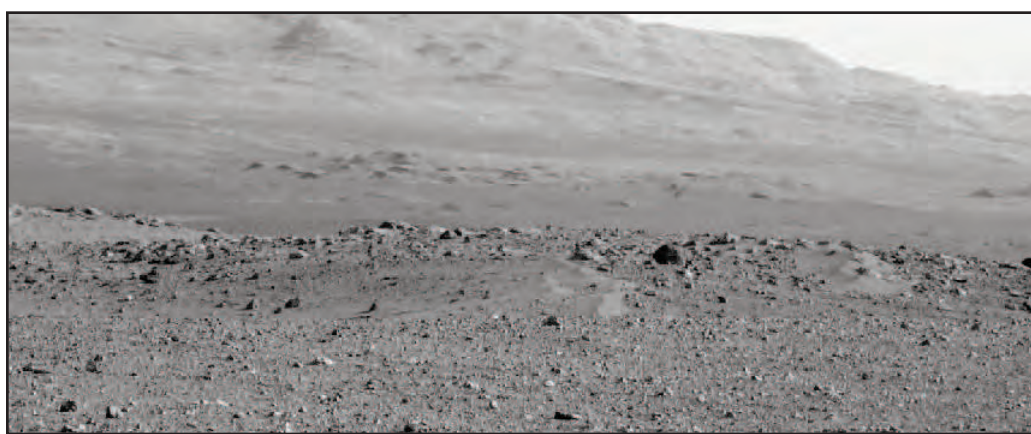
Photos courtesy of John Piazza and Jehiel Boner.

Curiosity marks another milestone for NASA's Mars rover program



By Cody Marshall

Lycourier Editor in Chief



The Martian surface, as seen through the lens of the Curiosity rover.

The rover was part of an international collaboration and is expected to collect data for several years until the rover's instruments fail. The computers and other instruments aboard the rover are expected to

last for four years, unless something unexpected happens – as they have in past rover missions to Mars.

NASA's team named the landing site of Curiosity "Bradbury Landing" after the

science fiction author, Ray Bradbury, who wrote The Martian Chronicles.

The first tests of Curiosity were successful over the first few days of the mission as scientists tested the mobility of the rover after landing. One of Curiosity's wind sensors had been damaged beyond repair during the rover's landing. Scientists and engineers expect that the damage was caused by pebbles and dust that was kicked up by the rover's landing rockets.

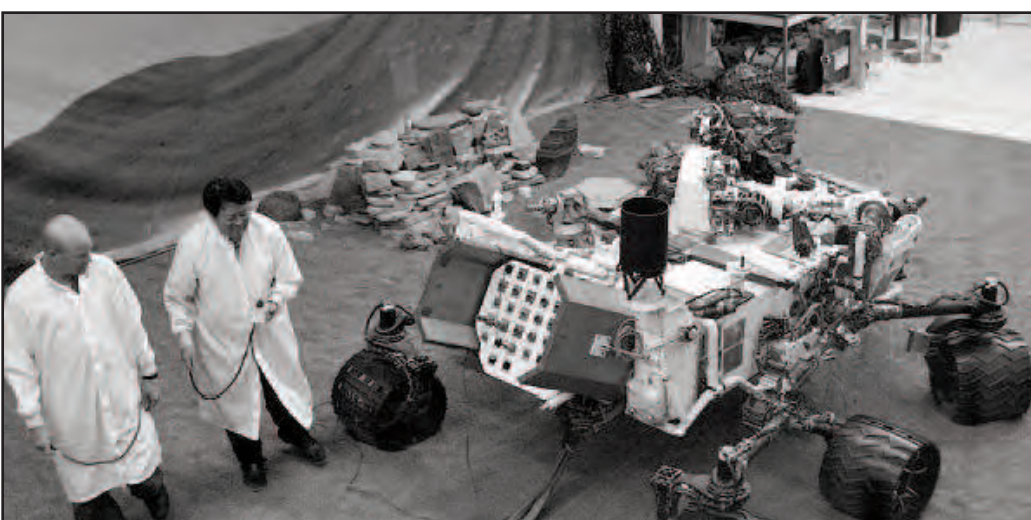
The rover spent its first couple of days on Mars checking instruments and running tests before NASA was ready to start taking data. Everything was slowly tested and monitored until engineers felt the rover was ready for full operation.

Other than the initial minor damage that the rover took during landing, Curiosity is in full function and ready to observe and begin answering the questions of scientists back on Earth.

The rover is equipped with an arm that is being used to obtain samples of rocks and minerals that it crosses on its path to Mount Sharp, a three mile high mound that scientists expect to be sediment that once filled the surrounding basin.

Video of the heart-stopping landing is available all over the internet for people to watch in high quality, and changing the way scientists can view the Martian surface.

Scientists hope they will find clues to support signs of microbial life during the mission. Viewers and Martian enthusiasts will have to sit patiently and wait while Curiosity traverses through the Martian terrain.



A team of engineers and scientists test Curiosity in the months leading up to its launch in August.

Move-In Crew assists Lycoming College Class of 2016



By Cody Marshall

Lycourier/Editor in Chief



Smiles spread as Move-In Crew's first shift Friday morning at 8:30 got ready to carry in the items of the Lycoming Class of 2016. Photo courtesy of Lycoming College Facebook page.

Every year, freshmen arrive on campus with cars full of clothes, school materials and furniture. It has become a tradition at Lycoming College for upperclassmen to take part in the freshmen move-in process.

This year, many students volunteered their time in order to quickly move freshmen into Skeath and Asbury Hall. The move-in crew was able to meet the incoming class of 2016, and add a few hours of community service to their record.

The weather was perfect this year, which made for great conditions when moving materials into the student's new rooms.

Dean Miller also helped to move students belonging.

Yellow shirts displaying "Move in Crew" flooded the dorms and the area surrounding, making help readily available wherever needed.

Parents showed signs of relief when realizing they would not have to unload their cars and trailers themselves. Parents and students were extremely grateful because of the help they received. Some parents were lucky enough to not have to carry anything at all.

Volunteers unloaded cars in a matter of minutes, which kept vehicles quickly flowing into the parking lots. Security of-

officials assisted to ensure that cars were swiftly and safely maneuvering through the lots.

As many students know, the parking lot between East Hall and Asbury Hall can quickly become impassible when a lot of cars are moving through, but this was not an issue during freshmen move in.

Students worked very hard during this process, carrying fridges, futons, microwaves, suitcases full of clothes and oth-

er materials. Carrying fridges and other heavy items to the fourth floor of Skeath Hall is not the most appealing task to students, but this year's crew did it without complaint.

The college provided drinks, pastries and snacks to freshmen and their parents during the move-in process.

Many freshmen complained of bringing too many things to school. Upperclassmen have all been there, packing anything and

everything in sight that may come in use, but in reality, many things packed will not be used, and freshmen will learn this in time.

The majority of students participating in this year's move in crew are involved in Greek life on campus. Many other student organizations and independent students were also looking to help out the freshmen and gain good notice for the college community and their organizations.

BLUNDERGRADS

by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)

THE ONLY PEOPLE I CAN'T STAND MORE THAN INTOLERANT FOLKS ARE GOTHS. AND HIPPIES. AND HYPOCRITES. AND PEOPLE WHO WAVER ON DECISIONS.



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Student food critics dine at Triangle Tavern

By John Piazza and Jehiel Boner

Lycourier Staff

The Triangle Tavern, located on Washington Boulevard, is an Italian-American restaurant that has served the Williamsport area for over 50 years. If a quick glance at the exterior doesn't leave you interested enough to enter the establishment, then a short inquiry about it should be.

Although the quirky pink exterior might be the first reason why you enter the building, it won't be the only thing that draws you back time and time again. The combination of an informal dining experience, high-quality food, timely service, and extremely personable staff are all factors vorite that have contributed to the great reputation of this family owned and operated business.

When we visited The Triangle Tavern late last week we had the fortune of being greeted by one of the friendly co-owners, Rosemary Casale, who promptly sat us and shared with us the history of the Triangle. Our server, Roman, to whom Casale introduced us, was welcoming and receptive to all of our questions. He brought out a complimentary loaf of Italian bread and a spicy pepper spread that were a great start to our meal.

The place

The Triangle Tavern, just about 1.5 miles from College Place if you follow Washington Boulevard, is close enough to be within walking distance. It's impossible to miss with its pastel pink exterior. They are available for reservations or walk-ins every day of the week. Contact the Triangle Tavern at 300 Shiffer Avenue, Williamsport, PA. They can be reached by phone at (570) 322-9945.



The Triangle Tavern's spicy pepper spread, served on Italian bread, is a local favorite.



The special of the day was a seafood roll-up with a creamy tomato-basil sauce.

The atmosphere

As soon as you step foot in The Triangle Tavern you are greeted by a warm and friendly ambience. The walls are decorated with family portraits, boxing memorabilia, and knickknacks that have come to be valued by the Casale family and the Williamsport community. One wall near the bar section of the restaurant is covered with pictures of notable patrons. They even boast a visit from Mohammad Ali.

The food

At the recommendation of our wonderful

server, we ordered the chicken parmesan (\$16) and the seafood roll-up in a tomato-basil cream sauce (\$16). Both dishes were accompanied by a house salad with their homemade vinaigrette.

The chicken parm was masterfully prepared. The chicken was tender and only mildly seasoned so as to not detract from the sauce. The Triangle Tavern prides themselves on their homemade red sauce, which is a long-kept family recipe. It is a paste-based sauce that is simmered for a long period of time to emphasize its distinctive, albeit, mild sweetness.

The Seafood Roll Up was smoth-

ered in a tomato basil cream sauce and dressed with fresh basil on top. The roll ups were filled with pieces of shrimp and ricotta cheese. Distinctive in its flavor, but yet not overwhelming, the seafood roll-up was a delight to eat. By instruction of one of the owners, Rosemary, the dish is best enjoyed with a heaping of shredded Romano cheese.

Overall Impression:

Jehiel:

"You really cannot find a more interesting place to eat authentic Italian food. From the

moment you walk in the door, the Casale family will welcome you with such warmth that you'll feel right at home."

John:

"The Triangle Tavern impressed me with its high-quality level of food, superb service, diverse menu, and welcoming atmosphere. From the moment when a member of the Casale family came out and played a tune on his horn to commemorate a patron's anniversary and birthday, to the post-dinner dessert tray that our waiter displayed before our watering mouths, the Triangle Tavern will always have you coming back for more."



Frank Casale entertains patrons who choose to celebrate special occasions at the Triangle with a song on his trumpet.



Server Roman displays a mouth-watering array of desserts to Jehiel.

Campus bookstore starts new textbook rental system for students

By Jessica Hoffman

Lycourier Staff

Every semester, college students spend hundreds of dollars on textbooks that they will only use for one semester and then never open again. Selling them back for even a fraction of the price can be difficult. In an attempt to remedy this issue, the campus store here at Lycoming has introduced a textbook rental program, based on similar programs that have seen success in partner bookstores.

Beginning with the fall semester of 2012, students will be able to rent textbooks from the bookstore at approximately half the price of that at which they could be purchased. For example, Race, Class, and Gender, a textbook required for SOC 240, would normally be purchased new for \$122.00. It can now be rented for \$66.00. Like textbook and other merchandise purchases at the store, textbook rentals can be paid for with cash, check, MasterCard, Visa, or a student account. When renting a textbook, students will be required to sign a



rental agreement that states textbooks must be returned by mid-finals week. For this reason, if a textbook is required for more than one semester, purchasing may be the better option.

Highlighting and note-taking are allowed

with rentals, and the same criteria that are used to determine if a textbook can be bought back will be used to determine if the rental textbooks are in acceptable condition upon return. If a textbook is deemed to be in an unacceptable condition or if it is not re-

turned by the day agreed upon, the student's account will be charged for the full replacement cost.

If a student drops a class and no longer requires a textbook that has been rented, he or she can return it during the drop/add week for a full refund. For the fall semester, the last day to return both rented and purchased textbooks will be Friday, Aug. 31st.

Because this is a new program, fall 2012 will be a test semester, and the bookstore staff will be actively working out any problems that may be encountered. As of now, only select titles are available for rent, and all rentals must be done in-store rather than online.

Used books and bundled packages are not available for rent. However, Patricia Bausinger, store manager since 2001, hopes that by the spring semester of 2013, the store will have as many titles as possible available for rent. Eventually, students will be able to pre-order rental textbooks online.

According to Bausinger, the program has already begun to show signs of success in the short amount of time it has been installed.

by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)

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Lycourier welcomes new staff for the 2012-2013 school year

This year, *The Lycourier*, is being run by an almost entirely new editorial staff. This year's staff is eager to get the paper rolling and start off on a good note.

Junior economics major Cody Marshall is replacing last year's editor in chief Aliza Davner. Marshall is involved in many campus organizations including the college's Roller Hockey Club where he holds the position of Acting Vice President. He is also an active member of Greek life. Last year, Marshall served as Opinion Editor.

"I am really excited to take over the position of Editor in Chief for the Lycourier and want to make a wide range of changes in the topics covered in this year's issues," Marshall said.

Justin Ossont is serving as Sports Editor this year, taking the place of Kelly Prendergast who held the position last year. Justin is a senior who also serves as the college's radio station manager. Justin is involved in Greek life on campus as well and is majoring in corporate communication.

"I am really excited to hold this position," Ossant said. "It is giving me the chance to write about that I am really passionate about. I love sports, and being able to write about them, especially on the sports of my college, is going to be great."

The Lycourier's new Entertainment Editor is Julia Cuddahy, who is replacing Robert Rinaldo.

"I am excited to be writing about what is going on around campus that other people are excited about as well," Cuddahy said.

Taking Marshall's place as Opinion Editor is junior creative writing major Tory Irwin.

"Doing the opinion page is fun because I can put what I think into words and share it with the Lycoming College community," Tory said.

Replacing Jan Ogurcak as the Lycourier adviser is Summer Beretsky, a 2006 Lycoming graduate. While a student here at Lycoming, Summer studied corporate communication and served as Photo Editor for *The Lycourier*.

"I am really excited to be back," Beretsky said. "Jan was a great mentor during my time as a student, and I look forward to working with students in the same capacity. Also, this year's editorial staff is awesome and full of great new ideas."

Students will notice that the paper will be publishing articles on a broader scale this year, rather than just focusing on strictly college related material. Articles will range from politics to news articles on global and national scales.



From left to right: Justin Ossont, Tory Irwin, Summer Beretsky, and Cody Marshall.

Lycourier meeting times and information

Meeting Time

Editors: 7:30 p.m.

Staff: 8:00 p.m.

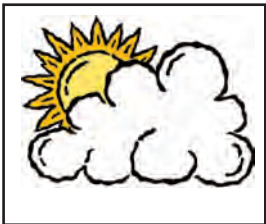
If you are interested in writing for the *Lycourier*, please send an email to Lycourier@lycoming.edu and marcody@lycoming.edu.

Also, we are currently looking for an Advertising Manager for the paper. If interested, contact the *Lycourier* through the emails listed above.

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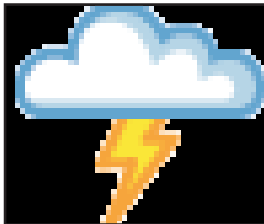
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Thunderstorms



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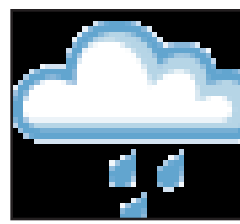
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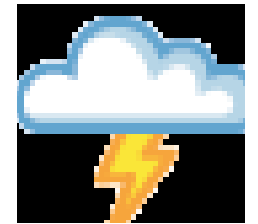
Rain Showers



High: 81°
Low: 63°

Tuesday

Thunderstorms



High: 86°
Low: 55°

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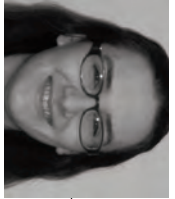
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Campus Carnival promises day of fun



By
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Entertainment Editor

Lycoming College will host their annual Campus Carnival from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Depending on the weather, the carnival will either be held on the quad or, if there is a chance of rain, the Recreation Center.

Larry Mannolini and his team have been putting extra effort this year to make sure the carnival is filled with a wide variety of interesting activities. Inflatables games are always the most prominent activities at the carnival. Slides, basketball and games of throwing inflatable balls or punching friends with what look like giant Q-Tips are quite popular.

This year, along with the usual inflatable games, Lycoming is renting a zip-line for more adventurous students. Three psychics will also join in the festivities. Lycoming is diligently working to avoid duplicate games from clubs as well by scanning games in advance to determine whether they are too similar to other clubs'.

Previously, the carnival has had a wide range of games including tarot card reading, Wii dancing, face painting, bean bag toss, "Stab a Fencer," lollypop tree, knock the soda bottles over, balloon darts, and Ladder-ball. One of the most popular games is Fish Pong, which is a variation on Beer Pong. If students manage to land a Ping-Pong ball in a cup filled with water, they will receive a goldfish, which, if taken care of, can live a few weeks or even months.

To add to the true carnival spirit, Dining Services will provide carnival food all day long. Last year, this included hot dogs, funnel cakes, soft pretzels and cotton candy. No need to worry—the food is part of the meal plan package. Only community members will need to pay an additional cost.

If you are interested in other specialty foods, many clubs provide their own food, which can be "bought" with tickets. Nachos are pretty popular among clubs, as are sno cones, which in the past came in Lycoming cups. Whatever food the clubs decide to make, it will always be a delicious addition to cafeteria food, since most of the clubs cook the food

themselves.

Campus Carnival is a great way to fundraise for exciting organizations on campus while introducing freshman and upperclassmen to clubs they may not have heard of before. Clubs have the opportunity to raise \$0.25 for every ticket they receive to play their designated game. The Office of Student Programs and Leadership Development (OSPLD) pays clubs for their tickets in an effort to give the most active organizations more money to keep them going. Presidents and leaders of each organization are entitled to decide how many tickets each game is worth, but generally most games are limited to a maximum of four tickets. Lycoming hopes to motivate clubs to be creative about the games and encourage team-building through this fundraising.

Although the organizations need to pay for the materials for their games, clubs more than make up for it with the amount of advertising and money they receive from OSPLD. The carnival is a great opportunity for freshmen to decide which organizations look interesting to them, and what they would most like to join. In addition to the Involvement Fair, the Campus Carnival helps give students a real insight into each group's dynamic because oftentimes the entire club is involved in the Carnival process.

Most of the games are directed towards students, but the Carnival is still open to the general public. Many young children, whether they are Williamsport residents or brothers and sisters of students on campus, enjoy playing the games. For this reason, many of the games include small prizes of candy or toys for winners, but everyone is invited to take some candy.

Between food, games and great people, there is something for everyone at the Campus Carnival. With plenty of tickets provided for each student, and more available for purchase, the fun will definitely last all day long.

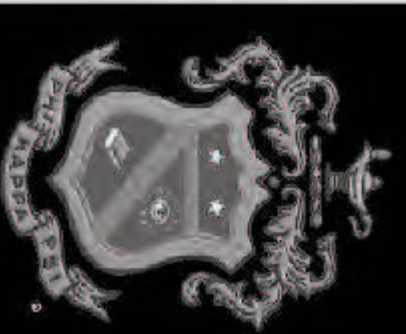


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Inflatable games are one of the many draws of the carnival. Students can exchange their tickets for a chance to play.



IFC hosting 'Perfect Party' for freshmen

By
Justin Ossont



Sports Editor

The Inter Fraternity Council is hosting a "perfect party" for first-year students at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 31 in the East Hall Coffee House. The point of the party is to show first year students how a party should actually look like here at Lycoming College. First year students can check in at

Last year, the event was held by Lambda Chi Alpha as a test run and all Greek houses, including both fraternities and sororities, were required to be present to see how parties should be run.

"It's an experience that benefits both students and Greek

the door. Greek house Lambda Chi Alpha will help the IFC host the event by supporting music, food, beverages, and people to help run the stiel.

Even though the parties are dry for underclassmen, students who are of age don't have to suffer.

life," IFC president Andy Schmidt said. "Most first year students think that fraternities throw huge, crazy, drunk parties. This will show them that this is how houses at Lycoming present their parties. We want to show the first year students how parties can be safe and fun."

checks in the student's drinks and monitors the beverage. Once the student's beverages are gone the student who is of age may leave and bring back another six pack if desired.

"We are not punishing or trying to ruin anybody's college experience. We are just trying to show how much fun you can actually have without being under any influence," Schmidt said.

Each Greek Life chapter at Lycoming must send their president and house manager to the Perfect Party to show support. First year students can head to the Perfect Party this Friday.

If you're going...
The Perfect Party starts at 9 p.m. Friday night and lasts until 1 a.m.
It will be held in the East Hall Coffee House.
Students who are of age are permitted to bring one six pack of beer or wine coolers.

The Lycourier is looking for a new College Life Editor. Maybe YOU could be it.

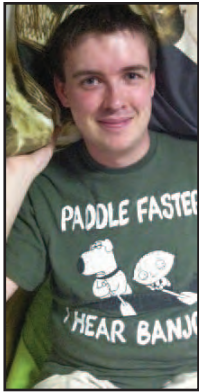
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Crime Log

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- 5/7/12 Purchase, consumption, possession, transportation of alcohol
- 5/7/12 Criminal Mischief
- 6/11/12 Criminal Mischief
- 6/12/12 Injuring/Tampering with Fire Apparatus Hydrants
- 6/18/12 Harassment and Stalking
- 6/21/12 Criminal Mischief
- 7/29/12 Theft by Unlawful Taking
- 7/30/12 Harassment and Stalking
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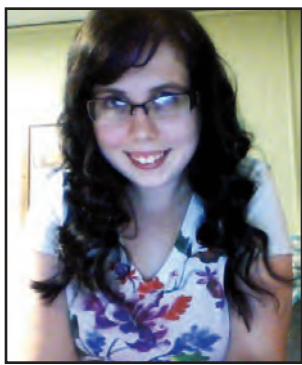
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Question of the Week: *What's the best thing about being at Lyco?*



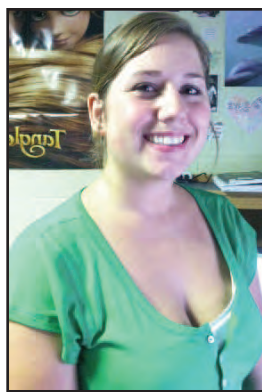
Jared Richardson
Sophomore

"Who are you and why are you following me?"



Andrea Herrmann
Junior

"The small class sizes."



Sarah Fetherolf
Junior

"Definitely not the food."



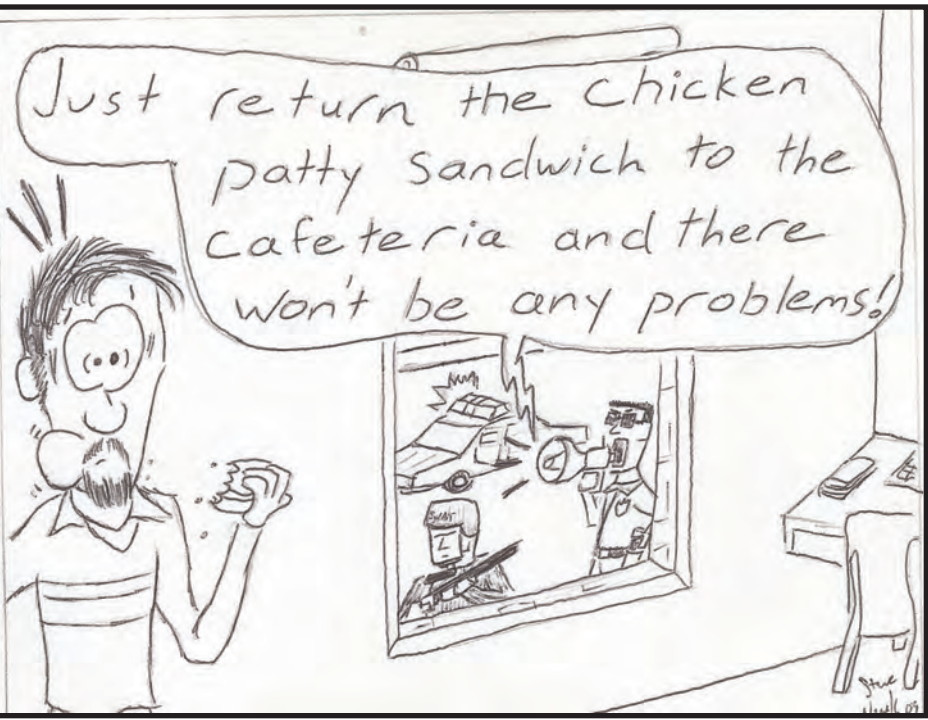
Dan Zebrine
Sophomore

"The food."



Mike Kane
Senior

"Quentin Reinford. He's my favorite thing about being at Lycoming."



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Overheard at Lyco

I don't understand hedgehogs.

-Comm. Building

If I'm gonna swear, it's gonna count.

-Caf

If you like African American strippers, you should watch this video.

-Williams

Watch where you put your ball, I don't want that near my face.

-Williams

Textbook rentals a step in the right direction, but long way to go



By
Tory Irwin

Opinion Editor

One of the biggest hassles of coming back to school is figuring out how you're going to afford all those textbooks, especially for classes that don't count for your major. I don't know about you, but as an English major, I don't plan on holding onto "Pathways to Astronomy" for any longer than necessary.

In the past, the Lycoming bookstore has sold new and used textbooks, but the prices aren't always student friendly. Many times I have found myself staring at my book list thinking, "I have to pay THAT much for this stupid thing?" When you only need the book for a semester long course, dishing out a hundred dollars or more is the last thing you want to do, as I'm sure you'll agree.

However, this semester the book store has started renting out textbooks, as I'm sure you have been made aware of by countless e-mail reminders. Personally, I think this is a great decision. As far as business goes, it will definitely keep students in the store to purchase their textbooks rather than looking online for third-party dealers, and it prevents you from the awkward moment at the end of the semester when you find out your book is outdated and no one is going to buy it back from you.

For those of you who

are a little unsure as to how this will work, allow me to explain. Students will be able to rent textbooks, but only from the store directly, not by placing online orders. Used textbooks are not available for rental at this time, and students can expect the rental price to be anywhere from 50-55% off the price of a new textbook. When you rent a book, you pay the rental fee in the same way



you would pay as though you were buying a book, and sign a contract with the book store stating the conditions the book is expected to be kept in, when it should be returned by (this semester, that date is December 14) and all that jazz.

A good step in the right direction for textbook services, if I do say so myself, but not perfect.

And I hate to be "that guy", but I do have a few problems with this new system.

The book store says that you can't rent online yet, so I hope they are working on that, but right now, especially in the summer leading up to fall semester, that's a pain in the butt. I'm a person who

likes to get things done ahead of time, so having to wait until the last minute to even place an order for the book makes me a little anxious. But I'm willing to give the store the benefit of the doubt on this one and say that since it's a new system they're still working out the nitty gritty.

Another thing: not all textbooks are available for rent. Though the bookstore says that in the notes section of the online textbook information they share if the book can be rented (I haven't seen a book marked as such; apparently nothing on my booklist is rented out of the store), they don't say how many copies are on the shelves marked as rentals. Who wants to show up at the store counting on renting a book, only to find out that the rentals are sold out and you can only pay full price for it? Again, hopefully this is just a kink that they are working to smooth out. If not, offering the rentals seems pretty useless.

One last thing that bothers me: though they do offer the tidbit that 50-55% savings can be expected, it would be nice if the store listed online in the notes section what the exact savings would be. From reading emails, I'm not so sure if the prices have been confirmed, but that would be something to work on solidifying.

Though I do have my critiques of the new rental plan, all in all, I really do believe it's a great idea. The convenience of renting on campus is something I look forward to in future semesters, hopefully when all the newness has died down and everything is more set in stone.

Voting in 2012: choosing the lesser of two evils?

By
Megan Sullivan

Lycourier Staff

If I had been able to vote in the 2008 presidential election (when I was 16), I would have voted for Barack Obama because he promised change and he promised that the American people would work together to achieve that change. When he spoke, I believed every word he said; I was excited to see his vision of America come to be.

Four years later and with a much deeper grasp on social and economic issues, I am not at all excited to put this man back in office. Under Obama, my generation now has one of the most dismal projected futures in American history. The American economy is so dire; I should consider myself lucky to live half as well as my (middle-class) parents do. As president, Obama sold guns to Mexican drug lords and illegally monitored private

communications of American citizens.

As much as I love Obamacare, it won't fix everything that is wrong with America's healthcare industry, starting with the fact that it's still an "industry" rather than a "right". There is very little of the hope I was promised on that Obama poster those few years ago.

Now, the logical solution would be to vote for the other party, although most liberals dare not speak its name. If one party failed, you'd think, give the other a try, but I am completely terrified of an America under Republican rule.

This past summer, the crazy ones burst out of hiding to make ignorant claims about rape, Medicare coverage and the "homosexual agenda". In the state of Mississippi, for example, the governor chose to create regulations barring the doctors at the state's only Planned Parenthood clinic from practicing, thereby preventing

low-income women to receive low-cost sexual health consultations because the governor disagreed with the organization's abortion operation. I fear Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan would follow right along with these extreme views, forcing them on an unwilling American public. They both support policy that favors corporations (whose profits have soared since 2008) and the "1%" over the lives of ordinary Americans. I'm scared of what will happen to the rights of women and the lower class if this pair takes office.

So who is left? America has other political parties running presidential candidates, right? Except we must remember that so many voters will select a Democrat or a Republican

that a vote for an alternate candidate is a wasted vote. So you can choose either the president who did not fulfill his promises, or a candidate who has no idea what it's like to live as an average American, leading me to believe he would have no idea how to create

beneficial policy for the average American. In my first presidential election, I will reluctantly cast a vote for Obama for no reason other than that I don't want a Romney/Ryan presidency. That is so far removed from where I was in 2008.

It's comical. In 2008, the Bush era of war, debt, and the Patriot Act was supposed to end once President Obama took office. The country was supposed to weather a devastating financial crisis and come out stronger and smarter. Cooperation would be key,

but President Obama would be wise and inspiring. That is not what happened at all. If anything, the Obama administration has helped to polarize the nation even more. The Republican and Democratic principles we hear about are based so much on morals and ideals that it's almost impossible to convert. We so desperately need someone willing to work with both posi-

tions, someone who is willing to compromise a personal belief for the good of the country.

And most importantly, we need someone who can get Congress to understand that they are debating, voting, back-room dealing with human lives, not constituents. They need to create policies that are best for the country, not based on their own personal agenda or a desire to screw over the other party. This ideal candidate would listen to the American people and vote for policy based on what the people want, not what the candidate thinks is best. I don't think we're going to get that with this election. How long it will be before we can put another candidate in the White House for four years, and truly believe that America is better for it?



Which candidate will receive your vote this November?

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Emma Watson grows up

By Tory Irwin

Entertainment Editor

As the books-turned-to-movies trend continues, it looks like Hermione Granger is popping up in another film adaption of a popular novel. But don't expect her to pull out her wand and cast any spells.

Emma Watson is taking the lead female role as Sam in "The Perks of Being a Wallflower", due in theaters Sept. 21.

Watson will be joined by "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief" alum Logan Lerman, who will play the role of Charlie, the introverted male lead who serves as the narrator of the novel.

The book, set in Pittsburgh, follows Charlie through his freshman year of high school as he is learning to adapt to life after the suicide of a good friend. Initially, Charlie is quiet and shy and has trouble making friends, but he soon finds companionship with two seniors, Sam and her out-and-proud step-brother Patrick (played by Ezra Miller). The novel is a classic coming-of-age tale where Charlie learns the realities of sex, love, drugs, and the pain and confusion that come along with growing up.

This novel is immensely relatable, offering a spectrum of emotions and characters that represent nearly everyone who has had to grow up in our society. Filled with laughs and tender moments, "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" is a novel that shakes up young adult literature and allows its readers a fresh perspective through the eyes of a teenager who sees the world objectively. Its style, written as letters from Charlie to an unidentified friend, brings the novel to a personal

level.

Many readers describe the work as life changing, and it is a favorite of children of the 90s and 2000s. This begs the question: can the film adaption do the book justice? Adapting from the epistolary style to the big screen presents a difficult challenge, but fans shouldn't worry too much.

Here's why: the adapted screenplay promises to stay true to the novel, as the book's author, Stephen Chbosky also directed the film. Another famous Chbosky film is the adaption of the Broadway-hit "Rent".

Chbosky's first turn at film adaption of another beloved work was successful, and since "Perks" was his original creation, I think it's safe to say the film adaption will be one fans will love.

The trailer for the film, which premiered at the MTV Movie Awards, features Charlie's first day of school and the moment he befriends Sam and Patrick. Also shown in dialogue are famous quotes from the novel, including "And in this moment, I swear we are infinite."

As Watson's first major post-Harry Potter role, this film will also showcase the young actress's acting chops. In an interview with Entertainment Weekly, Watson said the movie was a bit of a coming-of-age experience for her. Filming the famous "tunnel" scene from the novel—when Sam stands up in the back of a speeding pick-up-truck—is where Watson pinpoints her change.

"I started as Emma with some Hermione still left in my system," she said. "I went through the tunnel and I came out ready to start something new."

Only time will tell if the movie will fulfill fan expectations, but the stars are aligned for a hit this fall.



Meet the directors

By Taylor Kendra

The Lycourier Staff

As the semester begins, Lycoming welcomes Dr. Biliana Stoycheva-Horissian (or "Dr. B", as she will soon be known) to the Theatre Department. She will be both a professor and the director of one of this year's four productions.

Graduating with an MFA in Acting from the National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts in Sofia, Bulgaria, she went on to "Atelier 313", and experimental physical theatre company in 1990. Stoycheva-Horissian then joined "Magic Voices," company and toured in Europe, North America, and Africa. In 1995 she came to the U.S. to receive her Ph.D. in Theatre Arts from the University of Oregon. She has been teaching in the Theatre Department at Emory & Henry College in Virginia for the past ten years.

The theatre bug runs in her family. "When I was three years old (or maybe when I was in my mothers' womb) I grew up in an amazing, very well-known theatre family. My parents were some of the leading actors in the National Theatre in Bulgaria for over 35 years, so I got the bug before I even attended my first show."

It seems like a long way from Bulgaria to Oregon to Williamsport, but as Dr. B explains, "My husband was offered a job in Pennsylvania, and after much deliberation we decided to move. When I researched the colleges in the area, Lycoming College caught my eye and I was very excited to learn about the work of the Theatre Department. After I spoke to the chair of the department, Dr. J. Stanley, I was set."

She has showcased a broad spectrum of styles in her recent directing credits including Uncle Vanya, Tartuffe, Company, Rumors, I Love You, You Are Perfect, Now Change, The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged), and The Marriage of Figaro. She has also served as an acting coach for the Rene Ryan nominees for the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KC/ACTF).

"My students won the Region IV Irene Ryan acting competition in 2008 and had a chance to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC. It was a great experience for all of us," said Stoycheva-Horissian. She has also co-founded the Paradocs Ensemble Theatre where she played Joan in The Guys and Lisa Morrison in Collected Stories. She is working on writing a book on Comic Acting but also enjoys writing and exploring other aspects or theatre. Her research and artistic interests include Comedy, Moliere, Acting Pedagogy, and Eastern European Absurdism.

Stoycheva-Horissian has extensive training in Stanislavski, Chekhov, and Lecoq techniques, as well as experience in leading masters' classes and acting workshops both nationally and internationally. She will be teaching Acting and Introduction to Theatre this year, as well as directing a comedy in the spring semester. She has a huge repertoire research and experience as well as many funny stories to share. "Come to class, and I will tell you all about it," said Stoycheva-Horissian.

When asked what advice she could give to those who are thinking about getting involved with theatre, she says, "Do it! It is the most rewarding and exciting experience you can have. It allows you to reveal your artistic potential, explore something new every day, make lifelong friends, discover unexpected things about yourself and others, and develop your communication and collaboration skills (something that you need in any profession you decide to pursue later)." She can't pick a favorite show, but has a soft spot for comedies and great memories from all of the shows she has been in.



To meet Dr. Biliana Stoycheva-Horissian as well as the rest of the theatre staff, come to the meeting on Tuesday, August 28 at 7:30pm in the Mary L Welch Theatre. This year's awesome line-up of shows will be announced. The Theatre department invites all interested students to attend.

Lyco's Clean Water Institute provides Lycoming students with invaluable practical experience

By Cory Trego

The Lycourier Staff

Northcentral Pennsylvania is cherished for its natural beauty. Vast expanses of forested plateaus are interrupted by hundreds of valleys carved over millions of years by some of the most pristine mountain streams in the state. Due to the college's close proximity to millions of acres of public land and thousands of streams within the Pennsylvania Wilds, Dr. Mel Zimmerman, professor of biology, worked to provide students who have an interest in freshwater ecology an opportunity to gain valuable field experience. His vision became a reality when the Clean Water Institute (CWI) was founded more than a decade ago. Various publicly and privately sponsored grants have funded a wide variety of research on the flora, fauna and chemical conditions of waterways in the Susquehanna River Basin, giving Lycoming students a unique opportunity to gain invaluable practical experience.

This past summer 12 Lycoming students had the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and participate in both field and lab work. The twelve interns were split up into two research groups to maximize the number and variety of projects. Nine students Leslie Kester, Quentin Reinford, Fred Rogers, Shannon Leshner, Laura Walter, Chelsea Brewer, Cory Trego, Lynette Dooley and Laura Shelmire worked with Dr. Zimmerman throughout the summer, while Michelle Herman, Clark Thompson, and Chelsea Taylor worked under the direction of Dr. Peter Petokas, Clean Water Institute research associate.

For the third year in a row, Zimmerman's students spent the majority of their summer working with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission through their Unassessed Waters Initiative. This program seeks to monitor wild trout populations in small streams across the state. According to the Commission, there are over 86,000 miles of waterways in Pennsylvania but only 22,000 stream miles have been surveyed for trout populations. Unbeknownst to most who pass by, many of the streams that wind their ways through the picturesque valleys of north-central Pennsylvania teem with Pennsylvania's state fish,

the brook trout. Brook trout are the only trout species native to the eastern United States and are characterized by brilliant hues of oranges, reds, blues and greens. These beautiful fish and the streams in which they live have recently experienced increased stress due to the rapid growth of the Marcellus Shale natural gas industry. While drill sites are regulated by state agencies, thousands of miles of new roads and pipelines are being built across the Northern Tier. Unfortunately, many miles of new roadways are being constructed parallel to the some of the richest trout streams in the state. Heavy rains and relentless truck traffic have forced tons of gravel into these streams, increasing the turbidity of the water and deteriorating trout habitat.



Brook trout are only one of a number of species threatened by the Marcellus Shale industry. Dr. Petokas and his interns focused on monitoring populations of North America's largest amphibian, the hellbender, and native and invasive crayfish species. Hellbenders, which can grow up to 29 inches in length, are aquatic salamanders that make their home among the rocks at the bottom of mid-sized, cold mountain streams throughout the Appalachian Mountains. Dr. Petokas's research has provided significant insight into their population in the Lycoming, Loyalsock, and Pine Creek watersheds, and into the movements and life cycle of these prehistoric looking creatures.

Interns at the CWI also had the opportunity to study nutrient run-off from farms in the White Deer Whole Creek watershed near Elimsport to determine the effectiveness of erosion prevention measures. Students also monitored water conditions of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River and continued to observe the regeneration of aquatic life on Big Bear and Ogdonia Creeks after significant flood damage from Tropical Storm Lee in 2011. In July, students assisted the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission with habitat restoration on Lycoming Creek, near Ralston. The great variety of projects undertaken by the CWI this summer allowed students to gain experience in a wide variety of fields in ecology. Students who are interested in pursuing a career in ecological sciences should contact Dr. Zimmerman for programs coming up in the fall and spring semesters.

Upcoming events at the Community Arts Center

EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED IN BOLD HAVE STUDENT TICKETS UNDER \$5

- September 7, Rock of Ages (7:30pm) \$37.50-\$55.00
- September 12, Happy Hour (5-7pm) FREE**
- September 16, A Showcase of Jazz (4-8pm) FREE but donations support Leukemia Foundation**
- September 21, Just Imagine (7:30pm) \$5**
- September 27, Montgomery Gentry (7:30pm) \$40.00-\$65.00
- October 12, The Velveteen Rabbit (7pm) \$5**
- October 14, The Price is Right Live (7:30pm) \$25.00-\$40.00
- October 19, Ron White: Moral Compass Tour 2012 (7pm) \$42.00-\$52.00
- October 20, Downtown Billtown Music Festival**
- October 24, Romeo and Juliet (7:30pm) \$5**
- October 26, Under the Streetlamp (7:30pm) \$25.00-\$45.00
- November 1, ArcAttack (7pm) \$5**
- November 2, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo (7:30pm) \$35.00-\$60.00
- November 7, Imperial Acrobats of China presents Chi of Shaolin: The Tale of the Dragon (7:30pm) \$5**
- November 10, John Lithgow – Stories by Heart (7:30pm) \$35.00-\$60.00
- November 27, Treasured Stories by Eric Carle (7pm) \$5**
- December 7, Bowfire – Holiday Heart Strings (7:30pm) \$25.00-\$45.00
- December 11, The Moscow Boys Choir (7:30pm) \$5.00-\$40.00**
- December 19, John Tesh Big Band Christmas (7:30pm) \$35.00-\$55.00

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Warriors aim for MAC Title



By Justin Ossont

Lycourier Sports Editor

Coming off the best season since 2008, the football team is aiming for the ultimate prize—a MAC Championship title. Last season, the Warriors came away with an 8-2 record and finished tied with Widener for second place. The Delaware Valley Aggies captured their fourth straight MAC Championship. But that was last season. “Every year is new and different,” said Head Coach Mike Clark, who is entering his fifth year as head coach. “Just because we had a nice season last year does not guarantee success this season. Hopefully, we will continue to play great defense, but we need to eliminate big plays on special teams and become a more efficient passing team.”

That shouldn’t be too much of a problem with returning senior quarterback Zack Klinger leading the way. Klinger threw for 1,394 yards last season and had a completion rate of 51.3 percent. He threw for 11 touchdown passes. Klinger also ran for 222 yards and scored eight times while rushing. Yet last season he had an offensive that was led by three seniors. The team took a huge hit from graduation los-



Your 2012 Lycoming College Warriors football team poses for their team picture during media day.

ing three starting offensive linemen, defensive end All-American Anthony Maracio and All-American defensive back Ray Bierbach.

“We feel good about this year’s group,” Clarke said, referring to this year’s recruiting class. “We have added about 35 guys to the program since last fall. We think they are the kind of guys who will allow us to complete for the MAC Championship.”

This year’s senior class is going to be one of the main contributors for the Warriors to reach the goal of MAC championship. The leadership begins with the

Warrior’s three senior captains: tailback Parker Showers, offensive lineman Cody Moyer, and defensive end Nate Oropollo.

“This senior class is a great group of guys and should provide the backbone for this team,” Clark said.

This senior class is one of the largest recruitment classes in Lycoming College history, and now they have the chance to become a MAC Championship team. They will have a tough challenge though with four-time reigning MAC Champions the Delaware Valley Aggies.

“We are excited for the opportunity to

play Del Val September 8th. I’m not guaranteeing we will beat them but I know it will be a good game.” Clark said.

The coaching staff saw minor changes this past off season. Assistant Coach and Defensive Coordinator Steve “The Wizard” Wiser will be entering his 39th season with the Warriors. Scott Brisson is entering his first season with the Warriors but will take over as offensive coordinator for former offensive coordinator Chris Monfietto who is now

the head coach at Kenyon College in Ohio. Last, a new secondary coach, Joe Kost, joins the staff. The rest of the staff includes Dave Becker, Carm Bianco, Steve Radocaj, Pat Taylor, Doug Thiel, Pat Vollman and student assistants Chris Kish and Glen Hughes. Football student managers include junior John Rizzo and senior Alex Moore.

The Warriors open up the football season on Saturday, Sept. 1st at 1 p.m. at the newly renovated David Person field as they will host Brockport College.

Women’s soccer: Ready to be fearless



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The 2012 Lady Warriors pose for their team picture during media day. The Lady Warriors open up their season at home on Friday, Aug. 31st.



By Justin Ossont

Lycourier Sports Editor

After a disappointing season last year, the Lady Warriors have had time to look themselves in the mirror to prepare for a grueling season that includes a battle with the number one team in Division III women’s soccer: the Messiah College Falcons.

“We are not scared of any opponent,” second-year head coach Matt Dunn said in an interview.

The women’s soccer team is ready to show they are a tough team to contend with and that they will show no fear.

“Last season wasn’t a good season at all, but I can tell you we have become a much better team than last year,” Dunn said.

The Lady Warrior’s finished with a record of 2-14 fin-

ishing dead last in the Commonwealth Title hunt.

“As head coach, I’m here to do one thing, and that is win championships and I have confidence not only in this year’s team but also in the freshman and sophomores to be able to win the title,” Dunn said.

Three of the league’s top goalies return this season for the Lady Warriors. All three finished in the top ten in the Commonwealth Conference last season.

“Last season was last season. It’s over with and we have forgotten about it and have moved on to focus on this season,” Dunn said.

The team is also looking for leadership—and not just from the seniors, but from the entire team. They have been through some of the toughest points any team could go through in an athlete’s career. The Lady Warriors have not won a Commonwealth conference game in over two years.

“Leadership is not just a person, it’s a thing that every player must have to be able to compete and that’s what Lycoming College Women’s soccer is all about to compete and compete with the best,” Dunn said. “That’s why we play the best. That’s why we play Messiah because we want to show we can compete.”

The Lady Warriors are picked to finish ninth this season.

“Glad to be in that position,” Dunn said. “I like that we have that underdog status. It will help us become a better team,” says Dunn.

The Lady Warriors open up their season this Friday, Aug. 31st at 4 p.m. at Shangraw Athletic Complex.

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College completes “Drive for Turf” project



By Justin Ossont

Lycourier Sports Editor

The football team has a new surface to play on for the first time in school history. Over the summer, the college completed the project to convert David Person field from a grass surface to a artificial turf surface. Now, the field is better than ever. It took a mere seven weeks to move hundreds of pound of grass, rock and dirt to complete the change. “The Drive for Turf” fundraiser was the football program’s idea to have football patrons and former players donate to help raise the money.

The project began with a groundbreaking ceremony on June 18 and construction began the very next day. Construction crews stripped down and leveled out the grassy field to place in a drainage system that will help the field drain water from rain and snow so that the field will not flood or create giant puddles. The turf and drainage system also allow the team to have all-year access to it without damaging the field.

Crews then completed a concrete base that was placed under the actual turf. Then, on the sixth week, crews laid out, measured, cut, and covered the turf with sand and rubber pellets to complete the long process.



Photo provided by Lycoming College

The final product of the “Drive for Turf” project has left David Person Field looking better than ever.

“Driving turf is going to be great for our football program,” Head Coach and Athletic Director Mike Clark said in an interview.

The project did hit a small bump in the road but it had nothing to do with the field. Part of the project was to expand the small parking lot in front of the field house into a much larger one to accommodate busses of visiting teams and to lower traffic congestion to the surrounding streets.

But halfway through the process, the zoning authority stepped in and halted that part of the project. It has been postponed for now and will not be completed for this football season. No other information related to the postponement was available by press time.

Also as part of the project, a bronze statue was built to honor Coach Frank Girardi for achievements as a coach both on and off the field. Coach Girardi was one of the main leaders in the schools campaign for the “Drive for Turf” program. The college will unveil the statue at the October 20th Homecoming game against MAC rival Widener University.

Players have already attested to the fact the field is a huge upgrade.

“It’s amazing!” Junior cornerback C.J. Arhontakis said. “It is completely better than having a grass field.”

The completion of the field begins a new era for Lycoming College Football.