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Senior Nate Oropollo recorded a total of 5 sacks for the Warriors with their upset victory of the #22 Aggies. Oropollo was awarded the MAC Defensive Player of the week as well as the Beyond Sports College Athelete of the Week. The Warriors posted a 24-14 victory.

### Warriors take control of MAC title race



By Justin Ossont

Lycourier Sports Editor

After a disappointing loss to the College of Brockport only a week ago the Lycoming College Warriors have been able to do something that they have not been able to do in almost three years – dethrone the Delaware Valley Aggies and take control of the MAC championship title race.

Delaware Valley has been the powerhouse of the MAC since 2008 when they tied alongside Lycoming and Albright College for share of the MAC Title. Since then, they have been the outright champions for the last three seasons.

Saturday the Warriors knocked off the Aggies in a 24-14 win in Doylestown. The Warriors' motto for the game was "End the 5 Peat," referring to endings Delaware Valleys fifth attempt to win the MAC title. "It's a great feeling," senior defensive back Matt Talerico said. "Being able to

beat Delaware Valley at their home field is

just a great feeling."

It was not an easy game for the Warriors as it came down to the fourth quarter. In the first quarter, Delaware Valley took an early 7-0 lead. But then, sophomore quarterback Tyler Jenny took control of the offense. He was able to help the Warriors get into field goal position where Junior Zack Zcap chipped in a 31-yard field goal to make it 7-3.

In the second quarter, the Warriors took the lead when Jenny scored on a 1-yard QB sneak on the fourth down. It looked grim for a second when junior Matt

man jumped onto the fumble and gave Lycoming a 10-point lead heading into the

Delaware Valley scored in the third to make it a 3-point game once again. Yet in the fourth quarter, Jenny connected with Campman to seal the deal with a final score of 24-14.

Jenny started for the second time in his carrier for the Warriors, and he was able to knock of the nationally ranked Aggies. The Aggies were ranked at 22.

Jenny had 12 completions on 20 attempts for 134 yards and two touchdowns.

sophomore Craig Needhammer and senior Parker Showers. John Sibel, Matt Attkinson, and freshman Ryan Umpleby also contributed to the Warriors offensive achievements for the game.

Defensively, the Warriors gave up big plays, but they did not let that stop them from securing a victory. Senior defensive end Nate Oropollo had 7 tackles and 5 sacks to help the Warriors. He was also selected as the MAC Football Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the upset of the Aggies.

Kabongo Bukassa led the team in tackles with a total of 2 solo tackles and 7 assisted tackles. though the defensive had some standouts, the Warriors still gave up almost 400 yards. Other defensive leaders were junior Dwight Hentz, senior Roger Jayne, sophomores Tanner Troutman, Kyle

> Sullivan and Kody Flail. Lycoming is in driver's seat for the MAC Title and the Aggies are at the bottom looking up for the first time in almost four

The Warriors are home this Saturday, against Lebanon Valley Col-

lege at David Person Field with kickoff

starting at 1 p.m.



The Warriors are back home this weekend to take on the Lebanon Dutchman

Atkinson caught a pass and reached for the end zone but had the ball pop out of his grasp where it was an open field fumble in

the endzone. Senior receiver Jarrin Camp-

He did have one interception, but he rushed 7 times to rack up 32 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown. Rushing-wise, the Warriors racked up 175 yards led by

### Photo of the week: Academic Center lounge



Featured in this photograph is a place that Lycoming students pass on a regular basis, though not many students look at it as it is pictured here.

This picture was taken by *Ly*staff courier photographer, John Piazza, a senior, who is studying finance and economics Lyhere at coming.

# Lost at Lyco

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Since then, the college has made more that \$2 million in improve-

ments, with about 60% of that

each new residence hall has re-

ceived new lounge chairs and

couches, with Rich and Wesley

Halls getting remodeled en-

trances. Two summers ago, Ly-

coming contracted brand new,

high-efficiency washers and dry-

ers for each residential building.

Most drastically, freshmen dorms

Asbury and Skeath have done

away with fixed desks and

dressers, and have replaced them

with brand new movable furni-

ture. The only dorm on campus

that hasn't seen much TLC is

Forrest Hall, whose only reported

improvement is reconverting the

Over the past three years,

going to residence halls alone."

# Lycoming College: Stuck in the mid-1900's

News

Megan Sullivan

Lycourier Staff

Lycoming College's residence halls won't be receiving a major face-lift any time soon. According to Dr. Sue Gaylor, Vice-President of Administration and Planning and senior staff liaison to the Buildings and Grounds committee of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Daniel Miller, Dean of Student affairs, both agree that now isn't the right time for any sort of major renova-

Most of Lycoming's resident halls were built before 1970, with Rich Hall being the oldest, built in 1948. According to Miller, none have received major infrastructure renovations, other than boiler replacements, since the halls were

"Most students would look [at the dorms] and say that's been there since the beginning,'

Students in all residence hall buildings are keenly aware of uncomfortable problems, from

old, cracked shower stalls to scuffed and dirty tile floors. While the dorms are certainly livable, the question is this: when will Lycoming remodel residence halls that clearly do not reflect its community?

According to Gaylor, the Board of Trustees is responsible for approving capital projects as large as a residence hall renovation. The Buildings and Grounds Committee identifies needed renovation projects. Other committees involved in the process include the Advancement committee and the Executive committee.

The biggest obstacle for renovations is lack of funds. Capital projects do not come from tuition dollars, but rather grants and donations. These funded The Commons construction in 2007. However, most alumni are reluctant to

make large donations to a plant project unless they can put their name on it.

'Much of the renovation required for residence halls are infrastructure needs, such as replacing the plumbing and other components not highly visible to donors or students," Gaylor

said. If alumni were more willing to donate for creature comforts such as modern sinks and showers bathrooms, a renovation would be easier for the

college to do. A second issue is what to do with students while a residence hall is being updated (assuming a quality renovation

will take longer than it took to build Forrest

"The buildings themselves are built very well, and so the question becomes for the college, do we take a perfectly good building and

Rich Hall is the oldest residency halls on Lycoming College Campus, first built in 1948.

How do we do this in a way that's going be good for everyone?" Gaylor said. Due to the transition of the college's presidency and other financial obligations, finding the money for any major project is very difficult, but Gaylor re-

around, what do you do with all the extra space?

trash room back into a lounge. "We've done a lot of addressing of the cosmetic issues... to keep things fresh," Miller said. "What can we achieve with the resources we have?"

Gaylor also said that the college has tried to involve students with these types of major decisions, such as when a student committee helped to select Parkhurst as the college's new dining service. Several years ago, students were involved in the selection of some of the new furniture presently in the halls.

Dean Miller urges students to appreciate the buildings for what they are, as well as to report any problems they believe exist. "I think the physical size of the space, the rooms... creates an appropriate density within each building that should provide a level of comfort. Things that are aged aren't necessarily bad," Miller said, referring to the almost 60 year-old buildings. "But when they're aged and they're not clean and they're aged and they're broken, those are things that we can address and should be addressing.

Gaylor says the college isn't planning on any major projects within the next five years, but she and Miller promise the Board of Trustees and the rest of Lycoming's administration are aware of the issues, and trying to do their best. "There isn't a person in the administration or the custodial staff that doesn't want those things fixed.... If you look at what's been done," Miller said, referring the college's improvements over the years, "that should give people that continued confidence that that's what we will continue to do."



Asbury Hall stands as it did when it was built, but with small renovations completed inside.

do a massive renovation or do you take a perfectly good building down and build new?"

"Lycoming wants to be the same size, so if you put up a new residence hall just to make room for everyone else while we're moving

ports that the Board of the college is definitely aware of student's concerns.

"Two years ago, Buildings and Grounds did a study of the buildings to examine the potential cost of a total renovation, and how that renovation might be done," Gaylor said.

# Sunday evening worship to start this week



Lycourier Opinion Editor

in Honors Hall, starting this Sunday.

ship service need look no further than the Lycoming College campus. Leaders United Campus Ministries (UCM) are starting a Sunday evening Ecumenical worship service to be held weekly at 7 p.m.

Students in

search of a new wor-

not be sure of other church services in the area and to foster spiritual growth.

Senior and UCM leader Mike Kane, said that the group

decided to start the worship service for a few reasons. "We wanted to give the opportunity for students to have a place to worship that is on campus. It's hard to find a place you're comfortable. Also, being on a college schedule, Sunday mornings don't always fit, and Sunday evenings will fit better," Kane said. The weekly event will run as a typical worship service. A praise band will lead the congregation of students in contemporary praise songs, followed by scripture readings and a message. The message will be delivered by campus minister Jeff LeCrone, a UCM leader, pre-ministerial student, or a guest speaker. Guest speakers will include local pastors or others who show interest. UCM's praise band is scheduled to lead attendees in worship, but Kane shared that the position is open to anyone who is interested. "Our plan in the future is to get other leaders involved outside of UCM to be a part of the planning," he said.

The aim of the service is to get more of the Christian groups on campus involved, and to bring Christian students together.

"We're looking to really have campus outreach beyond the normal group that usually comes to UCM," Kane said. "Our goal is to have a service that could be used as a replacement to Sunday

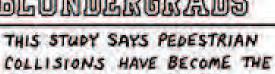
morning (if necessary), but more as a supplement." For the first service, the group is expecting between 15 and 40 students - the range of students who regularly attend UCM's 4F's

– but hope that word will spread and a larger group will attend. "It's going to be a good opportunity to have meaningful worship in a church-like environment. We're looking to give a place for spiritual growth," Kane said.

Kane said anyone interested in becoming part of the leadership for the service could contact him, Jeff LeCrone, Kaylin Boyles, or any UCM leader.

by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)

### BLUNDERGRADS



The service is unlike the other Christian clubs that

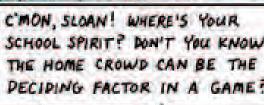
meet on campus. While UCM's 4F's - fun, faith, food, and

friendship – focuses on fellowship and other organizations have

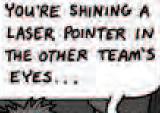
smaller bible studies, the new Sunday worship service is being

offered to provide a church-like experience for those who may









FANS MAKE NOISE ... FANATICS MAKE HISTORY





# Axl Rose lawsuit against Activision to be settled in early February, 2013

By Robert Rinaldo

Lycourier Staff

A date for the trial regarding the Axl Rose lawsuit against Activision has been set.

"Guitar Hero III" is arguably the most popular game in the music game franchise by Activision. It was the best-selling game of 2007

and was even included in the Guinness Book of World Records under the category "Highest Score for a Single Song" for the song "Through the Fire and the Flames."

Despite Activision temporarily pulling the plug on the franchise, "Guitar Hero III" is still played by many gamers. Unfortunately, Activision is now facing legal problems with one of the artists featured in the game.

Axl Rose, the lead singer of the rock band "Guns N' Roses," filed a twenty-million-dollar lawsuit against Activision in November 2010. Rose claims that the company misused songs and artists relating to the band in the game, in particular "Welcome to the Jungle" and guitarist Slash. Rose originally allowed Activision to use the song only if Slash and anything related to him would not be used in the game.

According to his claim, Activision planned on only using Slash as promotion for the game, but in the end included him as a playable character as well as songs from "Velvet Revolver," a band that consists of the original members of "Guns N' Roses." Rose also claims that the company used the song "Sweet Child of Mine"

as promotion for the game even though it was only licensed for use in the predecessor "Guitar Hero II."

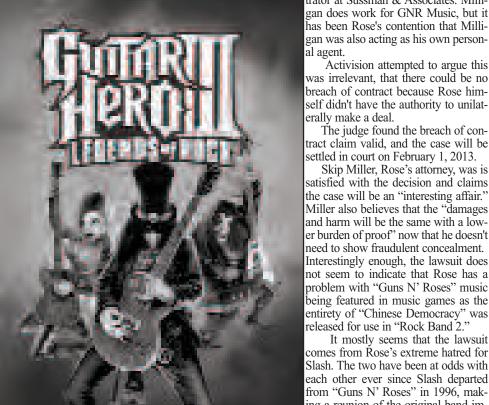
When asked why he waited three years to file a lawsuit, Rose explains that Activision originally promised to produce a game based solely off of the most recent album released by the band "Chinese Democracy."

The company continued to promise Rose the release of the game but never delivered due in part to many attempts to revitalize the failing franchise after several unsuccessful games. This promise would soon be dropped when Activision closed its development sections focusing on "Guitar Hero," putting the franchise on an indefinite hiatus.

Activison counters Rose's claim by stating that Rose does not own the rights to the band's music as it received the license to the song through GNR Music, the band's current owner. By doing so, Activision was free to include Slash and the songs from "Velvet Revolver" while still remaining in contract, as the agreement was never made with Rose in the first place.

The court case was originally scheduled to take place last May, but initial hearings did not occur until last August. During the hearings, the judge dismissed half of Rose's lawsuit, particularly the claim of fraud because the lawsuit was filed three years after the release of the game.

Activision says Rose himself confirmed that the original agreement was made with GNR Music and not him personally by saying that "unanimous approval by all three partners



of GNR Music is required before any license to use Guns N' Roses music is given."

behalf by Wayne Milligan, a licensing adminis-

The synch license was signed on the band's

trator at Sussman & Associates. Milligan does work for GNR Music, but it has been Rose's contention that Milligan was also acting as his own personal agent.

Activision attempted to argue this was irrelevant, that there could be no breach of contract because Rose him-

erally make a deal. The judge found the breach of contract claim valid, and the case will be settled in court on February 1, 2013.

Skip Miller, Rose's attorney, was is satisfied with the decision and claims the case will be an "interesting affair." Miller also believes that the "damages and harm will be the same with a lower burden of proof' now that he doesn't need to show fraudulent concealment. Interestingly enough, the lawsuit does not seem to indicate that Rose has a problem with "Guns N' Roses" music being featured in music games as the entirety of "Chinese Democracy" was released for use in "Rock Band 2."

It mostly seems that the lawsuit comes from Rose's extreme hatred for Slash. The two have been at odds with each other ever since Slash departed from "Guns N' Roses" in 1996, making a reunion of the original band im-

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**Sunday** 

**Mostly Cloudy** 



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Partly Cloudy



High: 77° Low: 54° **Tuesday** 

**Partly Cloudy** 



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### Make your senior bucket list before it's too late

By Kayley Eshenaur

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After 17 years of education, for those of you who are seniors, you are about ready to embrace the first true freedom in your life. Soon enough, you will be walking through the graduation gates and be free at last. However, that freedom comes with the price of starting a professional job, school loan bills, car insurance, rent, groceries, possibly graduate school, and entering the world as an adult. Now is the time to grasp the youth that our bodies hold and to embrace the true art of shenanigans.

We are doing our time. We have written countless essays and research papers. How many exams have we taken? How many times have we sat at our desk, jittery and nervous, and asked ourselves "A, B, C, or D?" How often have we pulled all nighters studying for an exam that we believed would be the death of us? How many coffees and Redbulls have our bodies consumed for our prayers of longevity to be answered? This year is the last year that we will be on this campus, in this town, with the friends that we have grown to love over the past three years. I am making a proposal. Let's make a senior bucket list and take the last opportunities we will have to do the things that we love or may not have had a chance to experience. I have a few ideas to throw out there if anyday nights that have come and passed, print them off and make a scrapbook, or save them to your computer. Those memories should be preserved.

6. Go to Two Boys From Italy. You know you'll miss those late-night visits.

Dabble in cooking. After landing a solid job, it may be nice to be able to cook yourself dinner because unfortunately you won't have a school cafeteria to make you rice for every single meal anymore. So gather some friends and try out a new dish very once in a while.

8. If you have ever wondered about partaking in some facial piercings or wondered how your hair would look in a crazy color, now is your last chance to do so before you're interviewing for your dream job and you can't experiment with your appearance.

Take plenty of pictures with your friends before you all go your separate ways.

10. Create a bucket list to pass down to a younger student. If there is someone that you are close to and you wish to share with them the secrets that made your college experience memorable, fill them in.

11. If there is a club or event to which vou always wanted but were never able to go, now is the time. You don't want to look back and feel like you missed out on something.

Tell your favorite professor that you appreciated his or her influence on your aca-



Photo courtesy of Lycoming College website On graduation day, seniors will walk through the Oliver Sterling Metzler gate.

one needs some inspiration:

1. Go to a football game/sports game. Unleash your school pride and cheer on a

2. Go to a party at a fraternity, dance on a table, and sing "Don't Stop Believing" with everyone in the room like it's your job. Not only will you have a blast, but you will feel that moment of unity with your fellow classmates.

Take a last visit to the bookstore and stock up on some Lycoming gear, whether it be a sweatshirt or a car decal, and make it a symbol of all the good memories that you've had and of all that you have accomplished in college.

Visit your favorite bars and clubs for the last time when graduation rolls around.

5. Before you clean up your Facebook to apply for jobs and delete all of those crazy pictures from the Friday and Saturdemic career.

13. Plan a return visit with some friends for the next fall semester!

14. Spend quality time with not only your friends, but your family as well. Who knows where your career will take you.

15. Graduate. Make sure that you have all of your requirements taken care of to graduate in time 16. Check the city of Williamsport's

website to see if there are any great local places you should visit before you gradu-

It's senior year! Take some time for yourself, your friends, and your family every now and again. Do the things you and try new things. After all, is supposed to be a time of education, yes, but also a journey of self discovery and adventures. So what's on your senior bucket

On the web: city of Williamsport web-

### Freshmen: how to avoid crashing and burning at Lycoming

Kimberly Dreese

As a senior, I feel uniquely qualified to give you some advice to make your stay here at Lycoming College a little bit easier and a lot more fun. Here are some tidbits I wish someone had told me when I was a fresh-

College Life Editor

1. Don't wear your lanyard with your school ID around your neck unless you want to look like a tool and advertise to the world that you are, in fact, a freshman. Similarly, avoid wearing varsity jackets from high

You get to reinvent your image when you come to college, so do so by purchasing some

Lyco gear from the bookstore instead.

2. Get your schoolwork done early in the day so you can do whatever you want with the rest of your night. You're paying a lot to come here, so make sure you're actually getting what you're paying for by learning some things here and there. Additionally, avoid getting put on academic probation. It's a huge hassle and guaranteed to make your parents tighten the metaphorical leash around your neck.

Figure out what you want to major in quickly and get distribution classes out of the way in the meantime. Use your student handbook to make sure you're taking classes for

which you'll get credit. 4. Don't rely on your advisors to know what classes you need to take and when they'll

They are here to advise you, not to be your mom and hand-pick all your classes for you. Be in charge of your education, and pay attention to your personal program evaluation on WebAdvisor.

5. Choose your housing for next year wisely.

5. Choose your housing for next year wisely. Visit all the dorms and look at the blueprints for individual rooms online. If having easly accessible water fountains is important to you, don't live in Wesley. They get ripped off all the time.

Join You'll make friends and do some good for the college community. If you're thinking about joining Greek life, make sure you attend recruiting events to see which group fits you best. Don't let your friends make your decision for you.

7. Make friends with upperclassmen.

They can serve as your mentors, tell you which professors will make you cry, and let

you know where fun is happening on weekends.

8. Be a courteous roommate. If your study/sleeping/lifestyle habits are different, find a compromise that is pleasing for both of you. However, you should also make friends with other people on your floor as well as in other dorms in case your roommate turns out to be a crazy, Twilight-obsessed kleptomaniac who doesn't shower and watches you

sleep.

9. If you value your life, never forget to turn your phone on vibrate before a class.

Most professors have strict cell phone policies and will humiliate you in front of everyone if yours goes off in class.

You're going to lose touch with some friends you had in high school. It happens. It'll be easy to reconnect over breaks at home, but realistically, relationships change and it's likely that you'll never be as close as you were before college. This is why it's important to make new friends here at school.

11. It rains constantly in Williamsport. If you're wearing flipflops, avoid stepping on the black stripes on the cement in front of the Academic Center because you will slip on the wet pavement and look like an idiot.



Photo courtesy of Lycoming College website

The class of 2016 begins their journey by entering the David B Sykes gate.

### Protect yourself: how to stay safe on campus

Kimberly **Dreese** 

College Life Editor

Much of what you can do to keep yourself safe on campus seems like common sense, but many women forget the basics. One of the most important things you can do is be

p r o a c t i v e . This means keeping your blinds drawn to prevent peeping toms from spying on you, locking your doors and windows even when you are in your room, and asking for the identitv of anyone who knocks on your door before you open it. Statistically, most rapes are committed by someone who knew their victim, so refrain from hiding a spare key to your room or apartment because dangerous people who know you will know where to look. Instead, leave one with famor friend. Additionally, if you don't know your neighbors, meet them. If you see anything out of the ordinary when you return home, go to their place. Never investigate any suspicious activity on your own. Furthermore, if there is an elevator in your building, such as the one in the Academic Cen-

if necessary. When you are outside your building, one of your greatest tools for defense is your cell phone. If you are walking alone across campus or town, consider calling someone until you get to a safe location. That way, should something should happen to you, someone knows.

ter, be sure to keep your back against

the wall and place yourself near the

control panel so you can call for help

Additionally, try to refrain from wearing your hair in a ponytail these are much easier for assailants to grab than loose hair. Try to stay in well-lit areas with lots of pedestrian traffic. If you want to be really safe, use the escort

According to Lycoming's Safety and Security website, from dusk to dawn any student may call and request a walking escort anywhere on campus. If you are calling because you saw someone suspicious on campus, do your best to be sure that you can provide a description of the person without putting yourself in dan-

However, if you're off campus and the service is not available to you, extra precaution is needed for parking in public areas. If you are walking to your car alone, keep your keys your hand.

They can be used as a weapon on an attacker, but try to keep from poking them out from in-between your fingers, as this can cause more damage to you than your assailant. You should also invest in some pepper spray to keep on your keychain to have on hand at all times. When you arrive at your vehicle in a public parking lot, perform a quick visual scan before getting inside. Check underneath the car to make sure no one is hiding on the opposite side, and look in your back seat before getting into the car. Lock all the doors immediately upon entering and do not linger.

Should you run into trouble in a campus parking lot, emergency telephones are installed in most of the

You can identify them by the blue emergency light that hangs over the Additionally, according to the cam-

pus security website, the telephones located on the outside of residence halls are equipped with an emergency button to link you directly to

An entirely different part of campus life to be wary of is social media. College girls love to have fun, but keeping yourself safe on the internet is a top priority. If you want to prevent creepy, random strangers from adding you as a friend, keep all your profile pictures reasonably conservative and use the most restrictive

Avoid posting any status updates about places you plan to go. Violent attackers will often follow their victims and learn their routines before making a move. Unfortunately, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media platforms have made their job much easier, so don't give them any help by telling them what you are

d o i n g . Above all, be vigilant, and call for help, w when faced with a potentially dangerous situation.

If you are interested in learning more about self-defense, Lycoming offers a seven-week "Rape Aggression Defense Systems" class, known as RAD, which can be taken for credit towards the Wellness distribution requirement. Students who take the class will be instructed in safety and prevention practices as well as be exposed to realistic situations where instructors dressed as assailants will attack them in order to prepare them for such an occurrence in the real

Additionally, according to the security department's website, although On the web: RAD's self-de-

fense website: http://www.rad-

systems.com/

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Photo courtesy of Lycoming College website. RAD instructors Officer Nichole Spring and Officer John Ring are ready to teach.

## Science, not morals, should guide politicians

By Megan Sullivan

Lycourier Staff

On the off chance that you have no idea who I am, let me just say that my political views are what some might call "frighteningly liberal" when it comes to social issues. I believe in universal healthcare, marriage equality and a women's right to control her body (even if that means abortion). Religion has absolutely no place in how this country is run. I don't know a lot about the economy, but I know creating a rich oligarchy and impoverished proletariat is not the way to make a strong one.

I believe these things to be absolutely true, and there is nothing anyone could ever say to convince me otherwise.

These reasons are why I and most others like me are causing our political system to crumble.

There's no convincing me that

I should consider a constitutional amendment that declares life starts at conception (or two weeks before conception, if Arizona's governor is to be believed). In the

same way, there is no way I can convince a conservative Christian that abortion can sometimes be the answer. They believe, in the same way I do, that their political view is actually a moral one.

I think the reason American politics are so divided in this election is because we're arguing points that are based on morality rather than policy. The talking are the most passionate ing political views. about (women! The poor!

Too much sex!), and spread their own ideas to an audience adhering to the American ideal of individualism. We're taught to develop our own ideas, to stick to our guns and to fight for what we believe in. But that trust in the

superiority of our views over others' is what's created a gridlock in this country. You can't have a philosophical or political debate with someone whose opinions are divinely inspired. Not only is it unimaginably cruel and hypocritical to try and de-



heads on TV are focusing Bill Clinton's speech at the Democratic National Convention ernment aid. on the issues that people emphasized America's need to cooperate with people of dissent- To others, it is

stroy a person's religious faith, but it's also impossible to argue with someone whose core belief system derives from an unwavering belief in something. The same thing can be said of a per-

to recognize their set of moral values can't be negotiated or altered without violating those same moral principles. This eliminates all possibility of com-

So, both sides refuse to give up their opinions because they're

morally derived. Where does that leave our political discourse and policy-mak-ing? Stagnant. To me, it is morally right for those suffering poverty unemployment

morally wrong to re-

ward people for "failing" because it removes an incentive to improve their "station" in society. We can't debate a point because neither side will change their mind.

I think the best solution is re-

move the "because I said so", relying instead on independent, scientific examinations of the population. Examine the effects of abstinence-only education on the unmarried pregnancy rate, and make policy from those results, not on personal belief. Study the "devastating" effects of a single-sex couple living in the same neighborhood as "traditional marriages" rather than mindlessly screaming "sanctity marriage!'

This solution obviously offers its own set of problems, but I think it's better than basing political policy on morality alone.

In his speech at the Democratic National Convention, former President Bill Clinton emphasized the need for America to cooperate with people that they disagree with—that it's possible to work with and respect someone who's political views that don't align with yours. If we can separate what's best for the country from what is best for ourselves, I think this country can be set on a much healthier, more successful path.

### Overheard at Lyco

"Does your dingle dangle?" -College Place

"No one wants happy letters." -Williams Hall

"It could be a hand nipple." -The Caf

"Why are you wet?" "Spaghetti in my butt." -Williams Hall

"Just so you know, it's a good night to peep space." -Quad

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### Resident Advisor can make or break your college experience



By Tory Irwin

**Opinion Editor** 

One of the most important, and necessary, parts of college dorm life is the Resident Advisor. Your RA is your liaison to many of the people who run your life while you are here, and he or she has the power to make your life awesome or miserable.

Currently, I have the best RA ever, and I think most of my floor-mates would agree. He lets us joke around, have fun and even start Twitter trending topics about him (#themanthelegendthebeard), but is the firm hand when necessary. He takes the time to get to know his residents, talks to us, makes us feel comfortable and encourages us to do good things and get involved. Sometimes he makes fun of my posters, but all in all, Mike Kane is the epitome of RA excellence. (Shout out!)

Granted, we do live on Life Floor, so we might not encounter as many problems as other dorms, but the key values for every RA are the same. Someone who will talk to you as a friend but make his authority clear is a hard person to come

I had a friend freshman year who absolutely hated her RA. The RA was rarely around, so whenever a problem came up on the floor, she wasn't there to fix it. She also had a problem with not wanting to be seen as the 'bad guy", so she couldn't make

would often listen to two sides of an argument and trash her other residents when she was available to listen. When party-ing got out of hand on her floor, it was too late for her to become a strong au-

thority figure because by that time, she had already blown it. No one would listen, and in the end, she wasn't tough enough to ing, but is this enough? What if someone just isn't the right fit for the job? How do you find a competent young 20 something who can lead well and be a friend at the same time? I know community isn't as

big of a thing on other floors as it is on mine, but respect should be a huge thing in every building on campus. Undoubtedly this means residents should respect their RAs, but RAs need to respect their residents as well. Getting to know your RA is one

of the most important things you can do during your time at Lyco.

I say if your RA isn't living up to their end of their conthem. You deserve to live on a floor where you feel

comfortable. This year's RA staff pose candidly on the steps of Rich Keeping quiet for the sake of

actually write them up for violations anyway.

Last year, another friendbarely knew her RA. There were never many problems on her floor, but the RA was never present, and couldn't even remember my friend's name. Pretty awkward.

Honestly, I think our RA staff is split pretty evenly between those who are perfect for the job and those who are less than competent, but really, is there a way to prevent this? I know RA's go through several interviews before being selected, and after they are appointed to their position they go through train-

being polite is overrated; if someone can't handle the job, don't let another person end up miserable like you next year.

Are RAs a problem on the Lycoming campus? I don't necessarily think so, but there are some exceptions to that general rule. In any case, you shouldn't be afraid to take action if neces-

What do you think? Do you agree with me? Have another opinion that you think is more important? Share it by e-mailing me at lycourier@lycoming.edu and look for your thoughts on-

# Young America has misplaced priorities



Tory Irwin

Opinion Editor

Something has gone wrong in the way of American priorities in the computer age.

When big news breaks loose about a celebrity, you can bet everyone knows and is talking about it. This summer when Kristen Stewart's affair with her "Snow White and the Huntsmen" director came to media attention, it was all anyone could talk about for weeks. As more details were revealed, the interest became so high that a video of a hysterical "Twilight" fan went viral online along with Will Ferrell's tearful interview on Conan. Even a few days ago after most of the drama had died down, I saw several news sources reporting that Kristen Stewart had gone somewhere wearing Rob Pattinson's shirt a month after

the break up. Is this really what we care

I will be the first to admit that I don't always know everything that is going on in U.S. politics, but I can guarantee you that through various social networks I always know the scoop on celebrities—sometimes ones I've never even heard of.

Our country as a whole has be-

We've stopped caring about real people and are more concerned with what our favorite character is doing on TV that night. We are escapists and it's disturbing how much we don't

This problem begins with young America. If I came up to you and started talking about the DNC, would you know what I meant? If I asked you about the Mars rover "Curiosity", could

stant gratification that we turn our minds and our sympathies away from real issues.

Our generation need not take all the blame, but we do shoulder a lot of it. Even here at the Lycourier, entertainment pieces are the preferred articles of many student writers. There is no doubt that we are bombarded with fluff news every day, but we need to combat this with concern for our fellow man and for

tion long enough for me to articulate more than a basic understanding of politics and a fairly middle-of-the-road opinion. I know I'll never have the passion about it like she does to write anything halfway decent, but I also know that I should read her words, and go to other news sources to find out more on what the heck she's talking about and why it should matter to me.

As for world events, it's sad to think how desensitized we are and how much we don't care about the suffering, poverty and war that exists in our world. As human beings, we should care about the people dying in the war in Syria, and as Americans we should want to know what their war could mean for us. The basics of not only humanitarians but also self-preservation lie in staying informed about what is going on in the world around us.

If you care about what KStew and RPattz are doing right now, more power to you. But open your eyes to the other things going on in the world, or we're going to have a problem once we leave this place with only an understanding of the week-

Kristen Stewart's infidelity captivated the nation this summer; meanwhile, the Syrian civil war has sparked little

awareness among young Americans.

come so obsessed with the fame culture that we remain blissfully unaware of real life that is happening every day. Entertainment has become our number one priority and we're suffering for it.

you hold a conversation with me about it? Could we discuss the problems in Syria?

I fear the answer to at least one of these questions is "no", and that's just not good. We are so self-obsessed and in need of in-

the road our country will take. Megan Sullivan has written wonderful political columns this year, and to be honest, I'm really glad she's doing it, because I wouldn't be able to. day TV schedule. That stuff doesn't hold my atten-

### The Expendables Outdoes Itself

#### By Rob Rinaldo

The Lycourier Staff

"The Expendables" was one of those movies that you either love or hate, and personally I loved it. It was not by any means a perfect movie with a lazy plot and some stupid dialogue, but the action was enough to keep me entertained every time I watched it. Upon hearing a sequel was in production, my mind immediately began to race with so many ideas of new action stars and plots. "The Expendables 2" is one of the most hyped-up films of 2012, and although the plot is still lacking and the dialogue is still corny, it is one of the best action films of the year.

"The Expendables" boasted a really impressive cast by blending action veterans such as Sylvester Stallone ("Rocky"), Bruce Willis ("Die Hard") and Arnold Schwarzenegger ("Terminator") with more recent stars like Jason Statham ("The Transporter") and Jet Li ("Hero"). The sequel rounds out the cast by adding new faces Liam Hemsworth ("The Hunger Games"), Scott Adkins ("Undisputed II") and Yu Nan ("Speed Racer") as well as veterans Jean-Claude Van Damme ("Universal Soldier") and Chuck Norris ("Walk-

er, Texas Ranger").

By Qiana Hill

The Lycourier Staff

Even though the channels here on cam-

ous may not be the 300-channel package,

some good shows still exist during the

week. For comedy and mystery lovers, one of those shows is "Psych." Returning for

the seventh season this fall, Shawn

Spencer and Burton "Gus" Guster, the

main heroes, will be tackling some new

cases, along with the help of Detectives

Juliet O'Hara, Carlton Lassiter and Henry

Shawn Spencer and his best friend Gus

endeavors to help Detectives O'Hara and

Lassiter solve mysterious cases. Ever since

Shawn was a kid, he wanted to be a cop

like his father Henry. Shawn always had

the special talent of having a photographic

memory. His father encouraged Shawn to

master his memory skills by training him.

Shawn, being the immature kid he is,

tricked the chief of police into thinking he

was a psychic by using these memory

skills. The chief actually hired Shawn and

Gus to be psychic consultants. Often,

Shawn and Gus aren't really brought in on

cases but they do do their own detective

work. Occasionally, they will go to Henry

for advice on how to one-up Lassiter, as Shawn likes to call "Lassie." Shawn and

Lassiter even have a competition between

each other to see who can solve the most

The show is centered on

While Hemsworth, Adkins and Nan blend more into the background, Damme plays a much more convincing villain than the predecessor and Norris nearly steals the show by making reference to satirical factoids about himself. Willis and Schwarzenegger are given more substantial roles this time and seeing the two drive a smart car through an airport shooting at terrorists is a real treat.

The main question centered around "The Expendables 2" was whether or not the sequel could outdo the action from the first movie. The answer is a resounding "yes." The sequel is much bigger and much more violent than its predecessor with some outrageous kills from all of the characters and plenty of gun fights and explosions to satisfy any viewer.

In particular, fight scenes involving Statham, Stallone and Van Damme were very impressive and some of the highlights of the film. It was nice to see the shaky camera editing used in the predecessor was not used as much this time around, making it easier to enjoy every punch, kick and

The plot follows the mercenary group as they venture out to stop a plutonium hungry terrorist and avenge one of their murdered men. It's somewhat lazy, but it is not as lazy as the plot in the predecessor. While Stallone still helped produce the

director with Simon West ("Black Hawk Down"). The trade ends up being a smart move as the sequel is shot much better than the predecessor, going for a more humorous tone which is to be expected from a movie featuring action stars that excel in corny

screenplay,

he trades the role of

Speaking of one liners, the dialogue is still very cheesy, but in a way it does not hurt the film as much as the predecessor. There are many lines that make reference to some of the actors' past films, but only those who are familiar to these films will appreciate them. Ironically enough, the film showed trailers for upcoming movies for both Stallone and Schwarzenegger as well as a remake of one of Stallone's less successful films "Judge Dredd."

My main problem with the film is the

lack of Jet Li's character. He is a wellknown action star and has impressive martial arts in the opening scene, and yet he leaves the film after the first ten minutes. It is disappointing because he is credited as a lead actor in the film but his role does not reflect that. The final showdown between Stallone and Van Damme is intense but too short, considering how rare it is for wellestablished action stars to fight each other in the same film.

Even with the flaws mentioned, "The Expendables 2" is entertaining and exhilarating. It is sure to please any action film fan, especially those who grew up watching Stallone, Norris and Schwarzenegger. If you are a fan of the predecessor, make it a point to go to theaters to see the much better filmed sequel.

"The Expendables 2" is currently in theaters and is rated "R" for bloody violence.

The Expendables 2 will be in theaters for a limited time.



Psych-Out

Annie Wegman -- Special to Lycourier

between Detective Juliet O'Hara and Shawn Spenser. The relationship has been growing since season one. As a result of Shawn's immaturity, Shawn feels like he can't provide for Juliet the serious, grown up man she wants. Toward the end of sixth season, Shawn took Juliet on a vacation - just the two of them - and it was revealed at the end of the episode that he was planning to propose to Juliet. They ended up having to solve a murder at the hotel where they were staying. So if you want to join Shawn and "Jules," check back within the next few months to hear

the start date of the new season. To catch up, you can use a website called http://www.fastpasstv.ms/ and just type in "psych" to find all the previous seasons. You can use it to see the relationship, the competition between Shawn and Lassie, or all of Shawn and Gus's quirky jokes and mannerisms. "Psych" usually comes on USA Network on Fridays, but sometimes they switch up the schedule. You can go to http://www.usanetwork.com/ to check out can

the character profiles, see the outtakes, and



#### If you are into romantic comedies, the show also has a developing relationship

## "Florida Girls" comes to Lyco

#### By Taylor Kendra

#### The Lycourier Staff

It is over a week into the semester and you might already be hearing the peculiar warm-ups and lilting melodies of students dusting off their theater audition pieces. A hurricane of anxiety and excitement was released with the announcement of this year's shows, and it promises to be a knockout season.

The first performance will be "Florida Girls," written and performed by guest artist Nancy Hasty on September 28 and 29 at the Mary L. Welch Theatre. This one-woman show has toured extensively across the U.S. since it's off-Broadway run and she continues to perform it at festivals, universities and theaters around the country. Hasty's most recent performances have been Cape May Stage, N.J., the Dixie Theatre in Apalachicola, FL, and the Magnolia Grill Dinner Theatre, FL. She also wrote "The Director", starring John Shea, which ran for three months in Los Angeles, CA, and off-Broadway for over six months to critical and popular acclaim. Nancy also starred as Bobbi in "Bobbi Boland" in its off-

Broadway run. Other plays have been

presented at Caesar's Palace, the State

Theatre of Nevada, the University of Ne-

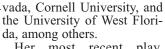
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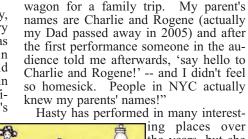
Her most recent play, "Lawnchairs," won the first place Jerry Kaufman Playwriting Award, which was presented at the Dramatists Guild in NYC. "Lawnchairs" received its world premiere at the Electric City Theater in Scranton, PA in 2010. She is a top ten finalist at the Eugene O'Neill Playwright's

Festival, and a first place winner in the James Dickey Poetry Contest. She also was named "Artist of the Year" in 2010 by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the recipient of four ARTC Playwriting Awards, which included staged readings and play development in NYC.

"Î wrote it one winter when I was very homesick in New York City and missing my family back in Northwest Florida,' said Nancy Hasty. I actually typed the first scene in the dark, just hearing my mother's voice as she attempted to get her five daughters and her husband and their

luggage and an ice chest into the station





the years, but she will always treasure her home above all. "There were two sold out performances in my small hometown and there were receptions both nights. So

after the shows, a steady stream of people filed past: people I'd baby sat for, people who had taught me in school, my high school sweetheart brought his mother, old classmates, Sunday School teachers, my former students...it was a rare and

wonderful to thing to have that kind of homecoming," Hasty said. Although many people would panic

# **Explore the Outdoors**

#### **By Cory Trego**

#### The Lycourier Staff

As the semester progresses and the workload increases, students jump at nearly any opportunity to get off of campus for a chance to relax. Fortunately, for students at Ly-Williamsport plays host to a variety of restaurants, coffee houses, and shops. If, however, you want to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city and the nagging pressures of college, look no further than the numerous state parks and forest lands of north central Pennsylva-

Williamsport is surrounded by seemingly endless miles of rolling hills, sprawling forests and dramatic canyons carved millennia ago as massive ice sheets retreated northward. The surrounding countryside offers almost limitless opportunities for both the outdoor adventure junkie and the city-loving college

Lycoming County is one of twelve counties in the Northern Tier located in a region designated as the Wilds. Pennsylvania This region is graced by over two million acres of forested public lands, strewn with cascading waterfalls, winding valleys, misty lakes, and tenebrous hemlock hollows. neath the cover of the vast forests that devour the region lay thousands of miles of hiking, snowmobiling, and ATV trails. These trails snake their wav over extensive plateaus, through narrow ravines, and along meandering streams and quiet

While every park or state forest has its own unique charm, Ricketts Glen State Park, in southern Sullivan County and northwestern Luzerne County, and Leonard Harrison State Park, in central Tioga County, are some of the most stunning parks in the

state and are only short

scenic drives away from

downtown Williamsport. Ricketts Glen is

nestled atop the Endless Mountains. The park is best known for the Glens Natural Area, which contains two hiking trails that take visitors past twenty-two waterfalls cascading hundreds of feet through steep r a v i n e s

While the trails do offer exceptional scenery, other features of the park also provide some spectacular sights. In the center of the park lies Lake Jean, a perfect haven for anglers and boaters alike. Early morning risers may be lucky enough

catch glimpse of a beaver bustling about lodge, or an otter sliding down the bank into the water. On the opposite side of the park, Grand View Trail climbs a few small rises before cresting the highest point in the park. On clear days, one can see beyond the North Branch Susquehanna, over thirty

miles away. While flowing water is the main attraction at Ricketts Glen, Leonard Harrison State Park overlooks the remnant of tens of thousands of years of erosion. After the last ice age, Pine Creek cut a thousand foot deep channel nearly sixty miles through the Allegheny Plateau, leaving one of the most scenic gorges in the East. Bear, deer, and eagles are common residents in the remote sections of forest that blanket the area. The park and its amenities are conveniently accessible to all visitors.

More rugged hiking op-portunities also exist for the more adventurous outdoorsmen. The most popular trail at the park, Turkey Path, follows Little Four Mile Run as it descends eight hundred feet to the canyon 0 0 As temperatures begin to drop, the Canyon becomes ablaze with the red, orange, and yellow hues of a u t u m n The sight is certainly enough to recharge even the weariest of souls. When the books

Well maintained stone

paths lead to several

breathtaking overlooks.



begin to pile up and your schedule seems to be in perpetual chaos, consider spending a bit of time in the unrivaled beauty of Penn's Woods. Challenge yourself by rising early to catch a glimpse of the fog lifting out of the valleys, to watch the first frost retreat from a field alight with goldenrod, or to simply absorb to tranquility of watching the world slowly shrug off the night and greet a new day. Dare to leave behind the security

and comfort of our concrete safe havens to find a trail winding beneath a canopy of rustling leaves, and shut down at the thought of monologue for an entire show, she handles it with grace. "I guess I don't feel I am alone on stage!" Hasty said. "I play 15 people in Florida Girls, my parents, my grandmother, my sisters, the neighbors, etc. so I in a way I feel a bit 'crowded!'.I don't have much time to feel too anxious as I am pretty busy out there! It is strenuous, however, and I must rest and really

prepare before I perform. ... over the years I've performed Florida Girls around the country, I have most enjoyed hearing about other people's families. People will tell me, 'we didn't sing that song in the car, we sang this,' or they will tell me what was taboo in their family, or what their or what their grandparents were like. It reminds me that all of us could create a one person show about growing up -- that we all have stories!"

Interested students may come to a workshop that Nancy will be directing in

Call the Box Office at 570-321-4048 reservations. The Box Office opens two weeks prior to each production and remains open

# Cross country: running into a new era



Justin Ossont

#### Lycourier Sports Editor

Both the men's and women's cross country team are ready to do one thing and one thing only: reach the team's goals. It is also a new beginning for the Warriors as they welcome first year head coach Regina Collins.

The Warriors have been aiming to compete for a good time now. This year, they will able be The men's team returns five runners from

While the women return captain Michelle

Herman who finished last year at the MAC Championship meet in 18th place and was selected for a second team ALL-MAC conference team. The women's team added two new

members to the roster this past off-season with freshman Rachel Salmon and Chelsea Henderson. Two sophomores, Heather Cunningham and Meaghan Jones are returning as well for another season. Junior Carmen Neimeyer is a second year returning runner for the Lady Warriors. Last season, Neimeyer cut 2:31 off of her 6K time between September and the MAC Championships, which took place in late

October last year. The only senior returning for the Warriors is Herman.

The men's team has a lot of returning starters staring off seniors Kevan Gurin and Patrick McAtee. Both will be major backbones for the Warriors this year. Juniors include Paul Tokgozoglu and Mike Puchalski, who is also a team captain. Sophomores returning runners Jalil Samuel, Louis Lara, Chris McAtee, Roy McAtee and Alex Bottorff. The cross country team welcomes freshmen who will provide a new hope for the a m

The freshman class includes James Ahrens, Josh Allabaugh, Jacob McClain, Jamal Nelson, Petter Rittenhouse, and Austin

Sungenis. The team has already has had two meets

At the Delaware Valley Invitational, the Warriors finished 10th out of 15 teams. The Lady Warriors finished 11th out of 15. "We didn't run well at all," said Senior

the Dutchmen Invitational. Both teams ran much better than the invitational.

Kevin Gurin. "But we ran much better at

The men finished ninth out of 12 teams and the women finished eighth.

The 2012 Cross Country pose for their team picture during media day this year.

The Warriors have a total of four invitationals left for the This Saturday the Warriors are

once again on the road as they travel to Dallas, Pa. for the Cougar Classic hosted by Misericordia University at 10:30

All stats and notes on the warriors are available on the Lycoming College website at Lycoming.edu/athletics.

Interested in writing sports articles? Please contact Lycourier Sports Editor Justin Ossont (ossjust@lycoming.edu) for details on how you could join the *Lycourier* staff!

### Warriors not scared after first loss



Photo provided by Lycoming College The 2012 Women's Volleyball team poses for their team picture during media day during the season.

Kendra **Bitner** 

Lycourier

On Sept. 5th the Ly-oming College Women's Volleyball team hosted their first conference against the Messiah Falcons. The Warriors put

up a solid fight against the Mid-Atlantic Con-ference preseason number one pick, but fell short losing 3-0 (25-16, 25-19, 25-16). Senior Jackie Oliva led the team with six kills and a .385 hitting percentage. Sophomore Kylee Sutton also added five kills alongside four

from junior Shelby Gear. Taking the floor for the first time, freshman Bethany Richardson added seven digs, two aces, and three kills. Sophomore libero Kristen Whitehead recorded 12 digs

serving After a shaky start, the Warriors stepped up the intensity in the second game creating a 16-11 lead. However it wasn't enough for the Warriors when Messiah came battling back with a 14-3 run to close the set.

Although the Warriors did not record a conference win they did experience triumph with Gear becoming the 17th player in Lycoming College history to reach 500 career

"Messiah College came into this match as the pre-season number one pick in the conference with good reason," assistant coach Erik Berthold. "I feel we came out a little tentative in the first set but adjusted well to the big block as the set went along. Finishing better than we started the second set we were able to pull away and enjoyed a nice lead. Unfortunately, before we could close out the set we lost some of our aggressiveness offensively and combined with some ball handling errors on the defensive side let the set slip away. The girls never recovered from that disappointing outdefensive come and Messiah played a strong third set to put us

away in the match."
"We played hard, we just couldn't finish." Olivia said. "We're not giving up"

Starting out this season with 17 players, the Warriors are young, but deep in talent. Losing two seniors at the end of last year, Lycoming added seven fresh faces to its roster. "Overall, this is the strongest volleyball team Lycoming has fielded since I came on board as a coach five years ago," Berthold said.

Along with new faces comes a new attitude. "We have a great team this year; we have good chemistry and a lot of potential," Oliva said. Of course, the Warriors are set on making it to the Commonwealth Championships as they did last year. Not only is the team focused on wins this season, but they are as equally focused on building a lineup that meshes well on and off the court. With many new additions, the upperclassmen have been making a huge attempt at welcoming the freshmen "I am really enjoying my first season. The team is so nice and I'm having a lot of fun!" Richardson said.

The Warriors are not about to dwell on their loss, but instead focus on the games ahead. The next home match is on Tuesday, at 7:00p.m Where Lycoming will host the Scranton Royals.

I really hope the students of Lycoming College will come and support their friends and their school at our home matches in the future," Berthold said.

# Upcoming Sporting Events

#### Football

Sat. September 15 Home vs. LVC 1:00p.m. Sat. September 29 Home vs. Kings 1:00p.m.

#### Men's Soccer

Mon. September 17 Home vs. York College 4:00p.m. Sat. September 22 Home vs. Rochester 2:00p.m.

### Women's Soccer

Wed. September 12 Home vs.. Keystone College 4:00p.m. Sat. September 15 Home vs. SUNY Geneseo 11:00a.m. Wed. September 26 Home vs FDU Florham 4:00p.m.

#### Women's Volleyball

Tues. September 18 Home vs. University of Scranton 7:00p.m. Lycoming Tip-Off Classic September 28-29 Lamade Gym