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President Obama defeats Romney



President Barack Obama celebrates with his wife and Vice President Joe Biden as he defeated Governor Mitt Romney for the 2013-2016 term.

Cody S. Marshall
Editor in Chief

After much anticipation across the United States, President Barack Obama was reelected Tuesday to serve his second term for the 2013-2016 presidential term. At about 10:15 p.m. the election officials declared Obama. Crowds at Obama's headquarters and Chicago waved flags and chanted in celebration as the unofficial results came in from Ohio.

As the Ohio results came in, it became clear that Governor Mitt Romney had no chance of claiming the White

House. To win the election, a candidate needs to reach 270 Electoral College votes, and once the polls began to close, it appeared that it was going to be a close race between Romney and Obama. In the first few hours of the election the race was, as predicted, close. In the hours later that night, the Obama's lead began to grow over Romney as Obama won the state of Ohio.

At 11:20 p.m., television networks declared Obama as the victor. Even though all of the votes across the country had not been counted, they felt confident that Obama had won. Obama still received the majori-

ty of the votes from Latinos and African American citizens within the country, though at a lesser number than during the 2008 election.

In Boston at Romney headquarters, the crowd became more silent as Obama's lead began to grow. The Republican Party knew that they would not be replacing Obama in the White House and would have to wait another four years before getting another. The party waited over an hour before delivering their speech in recognition of their loss. Even with the party's protest of the early declared Obama victory, there was nothing they could

do to change the results.

Romney yielded to President Obama shortly after midnight. The election did not prove to be as close as his campaign team had hoped. Officials state that Romney will not be heading the Republican Party in the future years and predictions show Ryan has a strong chance taking over command of the Party in the coming years.

"I pray that the president will be successful in guiding our nation," Romney said in his concession speech.

With the nation divided between the two parties, and the with the House and Senate election results, Obama will be facing the same difficulties as he has faced in his first term with the legislature. The Republican Party has retained its majority in the House and the Democrats have retained their control over the Senate.

Obama has a lot to prove in his final term with the economy in its current state and the unemployment rate at a staggering 8 percent. Obama will now have the chance to see his health care act be ratified, which he and his administration created during the first term, but the obstacle of the cooperation between the

branches of government still remain.

According to the New York Times, independent voters blame the Bush Administration over Obama for the bad economic conditions of our time. The Romney campaign was focused on their ability to turn the economy around, but the majority of people have shown its confidence in President Obama's ability to the United States back on the right track.

"We know in our hearts that for the United States of America, the best is yet to come," said Obama during his speech early Wednesday morning.

In Pennsylvania, the Electoral College votes went to President Obama. He also claimed the popular vote over Romney with 52 percent of the votes.

Both cheers of excitement and talk of disappointment quickly spread throughout Lycoming College as the results came in. The divide between the two parties could easily be seen by students, especially through social networks. Posts both supporting the candidates, as-well-as posts basing them quickly began to fill Facebook news feeds of students, creating arguments and much frustration for supporters of

both parties.

Students across campus have seen a lot of activity between the college's political party groups. Both groups emphasize importance of voting, and many students made their way to the polls throughout the day on Tuesday.

"It is very important to vote during these elections," senior Zach John, who is majoring in business administration, said. "It's your right."

One thing that many students are looking forward to is not being devoured by political propaganda constantly. The political commercials will cease, the debates are over, and the topics buzzing through the news will change with the coming days.

The American people will have to sit and wait to see how Obama will operate in the next four years. Can he turn the economy around, lower the unemployment rate, and create a better system for the people of the United States? The coming years will tell, and we will all have to see if time is what President Obama really needs for his plans to work, or to witness an administration that does not make any more ground with their ideologies and plans for the future of America.

Sandy ravages east coast

Last week, Hurricane Sandy ploughed through the east coast, leaving destruction in her wake.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, the U.S. death toll was up to 110, according to CNN.com. In addition, two deaths were recorded in Canada and 67 were reported dead in the Caribbean.

Sandy caused extreme damage to a large portion of the Northeast. Over 8 million homes lost power at some point during the super storm. Some areas were almost completely without power. According to an article posted by weather.com, a New Jersey company reported that 86% of its customers were without power Tuesday Oct. 30 and Wednesday Oct. 31.

Other stats on weather.com show that the hurricane was a category 1 storm equivalent in New Jersey, reaching winds of 80 mph on land. In Maryland, rainfall reached 12.6 inches and an unprecedented 36 inches of snowfall in West Virginia. Flooding at its worst reached nine feet in New York. Sandy's tropical force winds covered a massive area over 900 miles in diameter. On Nov. 1, damage caused by the storm was calculated to cost between 20 and 50 billion dollars, and that was expected to rise.

These estimates make Sandy the second most costly storm after Hurricane Katrina.

The hook-up: Kimball's Pub

John Piazza and Jehiel Boner
Staff Writers

Few establishments in the Williamsport area—let alone any area—can claim to be as popular with their patrons at 11 a.m. as 2 a.m. Kimball's Pub, located on 972 Second Street right near Pennsylvania College of Technology (PCT), is one such place. With lunch specials as appeal-

ing as their drink specials later in the evening, Kimball's is an attractive destination no matter the hour.

Upon being seated by the warm and enthusiastic young staff, we were almost overwhelmed when we read the descriptions of the meals on the menu. They have quite a diverse selection of enticing sandwiches, appetizers, and vegetarian dishes to satisfy anyone and everyone's

tastes. Additionally, they have an enormous selection of beers: corporate, craft, domestic, and foreign.

We ordered an appetizer of organic tempeh fries—delicious crispy soybean sticks with a selection of dipping sauces. Our favorite dipping sauce was barbeque, but they all complimented the fries well. Kimball's actually makes the tempeh themselves, and it is so popular that they actually make it for several other restaurants in the area.

Our main meal consisted of a Cajun chicken Caesar pita, a French Dip sandwich, and a dozen chicken wings. The grilled pita had grilled chicken breast seasoned with Cajun spices and was topped with romaine lettuce, Parmesan cheese and Caesar dressing. The French dip sandwich consisted of grilled roast beef (that they roast themselves), fried onions, melted provolone cheese, their homemade creamy horseradish sauce on an Amoroso roll with a side of Au Jus dipping sauce. The wings were cooked in their "Bee Sting" sauce, a spicy honey amalgamation of flavor. That, combined with the tender chicken and crispy skin, made these some of the best wings we have ever had in the area.



Kimball's homemade tempeh is so popular that even other restaurants purchase it.

Kimball's creates unique, healthy, full-bodied and memorable dishes will please not only the palette but the wallet as well. For three full meals and an appetizer, we spent about \$30.00. The quantities were perfect for three guys in college. We left feeling perfectly full and beyond satisfied from with the quality of dining.

From experience, we know that this pub is just

as enjoyable in the at 12 a.m. as it is at 12 p.m. They have fantastic drink specials every day, a \$4 menu, open mic nights, and Quizzo on Thursdays.

We're confident that you'll enjoy Kimball's Pub as much as we did. If you're looking for some fun, or maybe just an excuse to get off of campus on Thursday, come join us for Quizzo at Kimball's. First rounds on you.



Kimball's relaxed atmosphere and ambient lighting transtions the Pub effortlessly from afternoon to night.

Lost at Lyco

Think you know everything there is to see on campus? Think again!

Where on campus can you find this week's image?

Send your guess to lycourier@lycoming.edu by Thursday, Nov. 15 for a chance to win a \$5 gift card.

Last week's photo was an image of the klim pegs located in the Fine Arts Building. No answers were submitted for a chance at winning the gift card.

Photo by Cody Marshall



Students to host SPCA "Pet Photos with Santa" event

The Lycoming County SPCA will be hosting a "Pet Photos with Santa" event next Wednesday from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pet lovers of all varieties are encouraged to bring their pets to this student-run project located at 2805 Reach Road in Williamsport.

For \$12 pet owners can receive one 5x7 and two wallet-sized photos and a photo CD for an additional \$6. In addition, the Lycoming County SPCA will be accepting donations for their wish list drive during the event. Participants who donate will be given additional free pictures.

The SPCA is in need of the following materials: cat litter (the clay type, not the clumping type); kitten food; paper towels; laundry detergent; cash donations to help pay for medicines; home-grown cat nip; copy paper; postage stamps; foil-bagged dog treats; pig ears; rawhides;

gift cards for office supplies, department stores, or gasoline; heavy load trash bags; blankets; and old newspapers. All proceeds for the event will be donated to the Lycoming County SPCA.

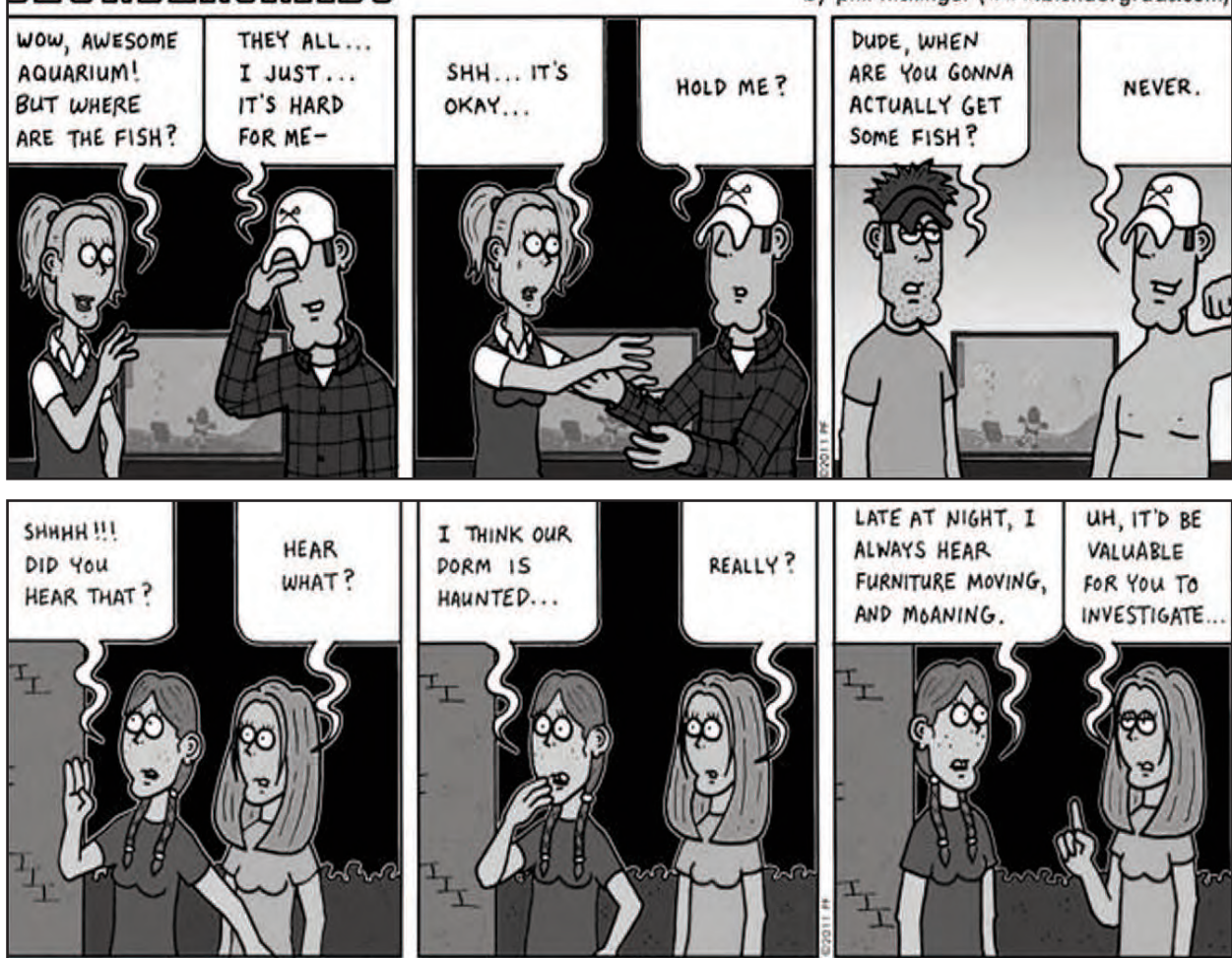
Located at 2805 Reach Road, Williamsport, PA 17701, the Lycoming County SPCA is the county's only locally run, full-service shelter and operates entirely on the support of its donors.

All contributions to the Lycoming County SPCA remain within the community to provide services such as shelter, emergency treatment, investigation and prosecution of cruelty or abuse complaints; adoption and counseling; education, outreach and humane care. They are not affiliated with any other state or national SPCA or other humane societies.

For more information about the Lycoming County SPCA please call (570) 322-4646.

BLUNDERGRADS

by phil flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)



Stepping up to the mic: BSU's Poetry Night



Photograph courtesy of Alycia Lucio

Students gathered in Burchfield lounge in Wertz Hall on Oct. 26. The event, which was hosted by BSU, gave students the opportunity to step up to the mic and read poetry to the crowd.

Alycia Lucio
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Oct. 26, Black Student Union held an open mic night in Burchfield lounge.

While BSU members experienced a little technical difficulty with the microphone, they were determined to keep things running smoothly and preceded without it.

At 8 p.m. students started bustling in, and before I knew it the crowd over exceeded the number of seats. Others stood in the back or sat on counter-tops; people even stopped to listen on their way to Jack's Corner.

Hosting the event was president of BSU, Sifa Blackmon, joined by vice president, Olivia Coleman. Even two of Lyco's fellow art professors, Seth Goodman and Michael Darough, came to support the group and poets.

Sophomore Taylor Kendra began the event by reading a piece she wrote titled, "Cyanide." Her performance was filled with drama, pizzazz and pure entertainment, leaving everyone excited to hear more.

Volunteers then sprouted out of every direction. They rummaged through their journals and took their turn at center stage. Some read poems they wrote, others read works by famous authors and a few even came up with poems on the spot.

Next up was freshman Hershey Millner reading a work by Sarah Kay titled, "B." She read the entire piece by memory.

The rest of the night continued to surprise as student after student dictated their poems. Junior Phoebe Wagner read two personal works she titled "Genesis" and "American Trickster." The first was a longer poem

about space, and the other was a sonnet about Norse mythology.

Freshman John Monkam read his poem titled, "Nine Weeks of Hell and Heaven". Even vice president, Olivia Coleman presented a few of her own romance poems. Many other students performed such as Kathryn Murray, Lindsey Wagner and even one of Lycourier's editors, Julia Cuddahy.

BSU definitely had a great turnout, and all the presenters demonstrated great courage. Reading in front of a group can be hard, especially when reading personal works, but everyone was more supportive, applauding each student after they read.

Overall, the event lasted over an hour which gives a rough idea of the number of people that performed. It was a great event and judging by the turnout, another poetry night

Purple with a purpose: 5K race against domestic abuse

Kendra Bitner
Staff Writer

On the morning of Oct. 28th, the IMPACT management consulting team and the YWCA of Northcentral PA hosted the first annual Purple with a Purpose 5K run.

The event was strategically hosted at the end of October in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The main goal of the event was not only to raise money for the YWCA, but to spread awareness on this rarely discussed topic.

The IMPACT management consulting team is a group of students from Dr. Boyd's Business 244: (Management and Organizational Behavior) class. As a class requirement, the group

must work with a non-profit organization to host an original or adapted event to raise funding for the organization.

The IMPACT team worked with YWCA's Wise Options co-director Susan Mathias to coordinate the event.

Despite threats from hurricane Sandy, the event pushed through. The IMPACT team began setting up the event early on the 28th with the help of student volunteers. Signs displaying facts about domestic abuse were placed along the course, and the atrium of the Rec Center was transformed into a registration hub for the event. Alongside the running portion of the event, all participants were able to enter tickets into a raffle to win a number of prizes and purchase goodies at a concession stand. "The Other Guys," a male

cappella group made up of Lycoming students, performed "Prayer of the Children," before the start of the race to remind participants of the cause that they were running for.

The raindrops did not keep 22 determined runners from coming out and supporting the cause. With the race kicking off at noon, the participants dealt with the weather and sprinted off from College Place. Prizes were awarded to the first three men and women to finish.

After finishing, runners could grab a bite to eat, pick up their raffle winnings or learn more about domestic abuse.

"I was impressed by the energy and enthusiasm that the Impact Consulting Team brought to the YWCA's Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month,"

Mathias said. "Having college-age men and women stand up and say 'no more' has a great impact and raises awareness among young people who are in the process of developing healthy relationships that will last a lifetime."

Despite the small turnout, over \$700 was raised to give directly to the YWCA along with non-monetary donations such as leftover food items and t-shirts. The IMPACT team is also hosting benefit nights at Ruby Tuesday's on Nov. 13 through Nov. 15 where 20% of each bill will be donated to the YWCA.

"Even though the rain put a damper on the attendance at our event, we still had an opportunity to speak awareness about domestic violence and raise money for a good cause," said junior Curtis

Haffer, a member of the Impact Team.

After receiving positive feedback about the event, it was concluded that the Purple with a Purpose 5K should be repeated next October as well. "This was the initial year for the 5K and we hope that we can continue to build on the success of this event for years to come," adds Mathias. As the race becomes more popular and publicized, the turnout will increase.

This could be a possible event for a future BUS-244 class to run with, or an event hosted by the YWCA and another partner.

Overall, the event ran smoothly and was a great way to wrap up domestic violence month. Mathias concludes, "The YWCA Northcentral PA is always happy to partner up with Lycoming Col-



CAB trip put students in NYC hours before Sandy struck

Tory Irwin
Opinion Editor

Broadway's sure thing wasn't so sure Sunday, October 28.

Students from Lycoming College traveled to New York City on a trip sponsored by the Campus Activities Board (CAB) to see the Broadway classic, "Chicago", putting them in Manhattan just hours before Hurricane Sandy struck.

The matinee performance of the show the students attended was the last before the theater shut down according to a sign posted on the front doors, cancelling its evening performance for Sunday as well as closing for the next few days to ride out the storm.

Before Sunday morning, CAB officials weren't even sure making the trip would be possible. Students who planned on attending received several e-mails detailing the coming storm, even offering to let students back out of the trip and receive their full deposit back.

Students like junior Brianne Charnigo took these warning messages with a grain of salt. "I didn't think it was a big deal. I was just like 'ah yeah, whatever.' I know how to swim, you can't stop me. It wasn't supposed to be there until Monday, anyway," she said.

Many students agreed with Charnigo's assessment and decided to make the journey to the Big Apple. The weather in Man-

hattan when they arrived wasn't bad, either. The entire day, it didn't rain, winds were mild, and the sky was mostly a light shade of gray. The only problem: stores and restaurants were closing as early as 3:00 p.m. and the bus wasn't supposed to leave until 8:30 that evening.

"Early in the morning when we first got there, there were stores posting that they would be closing early so their employees could get home early," Charnigo said. "By early afternoon, they had already announced they would be closing the subways early. My friends and I were limited because we couldn't go far away and didn't want to take taxis because they are expensive."

During the show's intermission, CAB president Maralee Fye announced that the bus would be departing from the city and hour earlier than anticipated, based on safety and early closings of area businesses and the subway system.

Charnigo felt this decision was for the best.

"By the end of the night, it was hard to find a place to eat and go to the bathroom because a lot of things were closed. The streets weren't as bright because a lot of businesses were closed and there was nowhere to go. Even public parks were shut down. There was nothing to do except wander around," she said.

"I was at Forever 21 in Times Square, because everything else was closed, and I was going to



Photo provided by Brianne Charnigo

In preparation for Hurricane Sandy, many stores shut their doors early. This electronics store barricaded their doors with sandbags in anticipation of the impending floods.

shop, but they [the employees] were like, 'You cannot go down [the escalators] anymore,' so I was mad. I went upstairs and found a pair of pants I liked, but I couldn't try them on because the dressing rooms weren't open, so I ended up trying them on in public (over my tights) and then I decid-

ed to get them, just to stay in the store longer."

Even through this ordeal and after seeing the devastation that Hurricane Sandy caused, Charnigo thinks the trip was worth it.

"I was happy with my decision to go," she said. "It was like the pre-apocalypse because everyone

was panicking before the storm, and it was the emptiest I've ever seen New York City. I wish things would have been open, but all in all it was a good trip," she said.

Luckily, the students stayed dry and safe, making it back to campus before the storm hit.

Fall Ball Festival to be held Sunday, raise funds for Little League Museum

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT-The efforts of Lycoming College's Business 244 Class and the Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum will culminate in their Fall Ball Festival to help raise money to renovate an exhibit about the Little League mascot, Dugout.

The festival will be held from noon until 4 p.m. Sunday at the Little League International complex on 539 U.S. Route 15. It will be held rain or shine.

The class members, who teamed up to call themselves "Vitality Management Consulting", set a goal to raise \$5,000 for the Dugout mascot exhibit makeover, one part of the \$4 million renovation project for the museum, according to Kacie Higgins, the consulting firm's public relations manager. Comprised of students from the college, the firm has sponsored several activities throughout the semester to achieve its benchmark.

Dugout first appeared at the Little League World Series in 1985. He was created by Walt Disney, who was a member of the Little League Board of Directors. Parts beaver, gopher and chipmunk, Dugout was selected from other potential mascot concepts, including frogs, cats, dogs and roosters. The new exhibit will feature Dugout in an original costume in the Fifth Inning of the museum where information about the Little League World Series will be placed.

The festival will offer a variety of games and activities, including Angry Birds sling shot, dizzy bat, face painting, and more. Festival-goers will have the opportunity to have a photo taken with Dugout. There will be an assortment of food, beverages, and baked goods for families and friends to enjoy, Higgins said.

Additionally, a number of gift baskets will be offered, including a family outing basket, a basket featuring hair salon products, a



Photo courtesy of Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum

Dugout, who first appeared at the Little League World Series in 1985, was designed by Walt Disney. Above, Dugout makes an on-field appearance during the 2012 Little League World Series.

car-themed basket and more. The highest value basket contains four tickets to next summer's Little League World Series championship game.

The Little League Stadium Gift Shop will be open, so those who missed their chance for souvenirs from last summer's

Little League World Series or those who want to shop for the holidays will have the opportunity to make purchases.

Admission and parking at the festival is free, but tickets are needed to play the games and activities. Tickets will be sold for 25 cents each or five tickets for a dollar.

NAMI finds 64 percent of college students with mental health problems drop out

ARLINGTON, Va.--Sixty-four percent of students who experience mental health problems in college end up withdrawing from school, according to a survey, College Students Speak, released today by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

"The numbers are dramatic. They point to a 'shadow' mental health crisis that colleges and universities need to address," said NAMI Executive Director Michael J. Fitzpatrick.

"Mental illness can be treated and successfully managed, but too many students are forced to abandon promise and talent when they confront mental health issues in their college careers.

"The survey reveals an extremely important need to train college faculty and staff as a first line of defense for mental health awareness," Fitzpatrick said.

Fifty-one percent of the students who responded to the survey experienced either depression or bipolar disorder.

The 20-page survey report is available at www.nami.org/collegesurvey. Additional findings include:

Fifty percent of students with mental health conditions who withdrew from school never accessed college mental health services and supports, even though 70 percent of the total group rated campus services and supports as "excellent" or "good."

The number one barrier to lack of engagement with mental health services was fear of stigma (36 percent). Thirty-five percent of those who experienced crises said their college never learned about it.

Seventy-nine percent of students identified mental health training for college faculty and staff as "extremely important."

Only 22 percent learned about college services through faculty or staff.

Many students considered college Disability Resource Centers (DRCs) to be unhelpful because they primarily focus on physical conditions—or professors do not honor DRC-approved accommodations.

A total of 765 students living with mental illness took the nationwide online survey from August to November 2011.

Mirabito continues to lead Rogers, new Lycoming College poll finds

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. -- State Representative Rick Mirabito, the Democratic incumbent in the 83rd legislative district, continues to lead Republican challenger Harry Rogers, Jr. by a margin of 58.9 percent to 30.6 percent with 10.5 percent undecided amongst likely voters, according to a Lycoming College poll released today.

"The results for the most recent poll are very similar to the results we saw in September," according to Dr. Jonathan Williamson, chair of the Department of Political Science at Lycoming and director of the College's Center for the Study of Community and the Economy (CSCE). "The number of undecided voters appears to be down a few points and Mirabito's support is up a few points, but the change is small."

Political science students under

the direction of Dr. Williamson surveyed 363 likely voters from October 21-25.

The 83rd district includes the City of Williamsport, Armstrong, Hepburn, Loyalsock, Lycoming, Old Lycoming, and Susquehanna Townships and Duboistown and South Williamsport Boroughs. The poll's margin of error is +/- 5.1 percent.

Mirabito's apparent strength in the poll comes from a combination of strong support among Democratic voters, a smaller majority of independents and a significant minority of Republican voters. According to the poll's results, 90.1 percent of self-identified Democratic respondents plan to vote for Mirabito along with 55.4 percent of independents and 34.4 of Republicans.

Mean Squirrels

By Jamie Pawlick



Season 2 of "A Night of Spoken Word" continues in November

After a successful re-launch of "Spoken Word" in October, the Converge Gallery is pleased to announce another night of spoken word tomorrow from 7-9p.m. Spoken Word offers a judgment-free environment to share your talents and welcomes all talents that pertain to the word.

For those new to Spoken Word the setup is simple; the mic is open to anyone interested in reading poetry, prose, free style verses, dramatic reading, jokes and more. Participants should keep performances under 5 minutes so others can participate. You may even sign up for more times, if desired.

October's event brought a new first for Spoken Word. Converge Gallery welcomed comedian Jimmy Bodnar to the stage as he performed a quick 5 minute comedy routine.

"I was really delighted to see a comedian actually take the stage this time around. It brings a nice mix to the event. I think

the audience really enjoyed his style of humor and we hope to add more this month," said John Yodginski of the Converge Gallery.

All are welcome, even just to listen rather than participate. Coffee will be provided by Alabaster Coffee for \$1 per cup.

Sign-ups for the speakers will occur at 6:30 p.m. and the event will run from 7-9p.m.

Converge Gallery exhibits a variety of fine contemporary art (photography, paintings, mixed media, sculpture, installations and drawings).

The gallery represents the talents of many artists local and non-native, emerging and established. Based in downtown Williamsport, Converge Gallery is located at 140 West Fourth Street. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday 11a.m.-7p.m. and Saturday 11a.m.-5p.m.

For more information, please call: 570-435-7080, or visit the gallery on the web at www.convergegalleries.com

Annual security report released

Bethany Richardson
Staff Writer

Lycoming released its annual security report to the public on Sept. 29, which includes statistics of reported crimes on campus for the last three years.

The report also includes the college's policy on drug and alcohol use, crime prevention and the reporting of other crimes.

"The Annual Security Report is a requirement of The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act; or better known as the "Clery

Act," Dean Dan Miller said. This act is to ensure the public is informed of certain crimes that may occur on a campus. This law has been in effect since the early 1990's.

"We believe through the Annual Security Report the campus community gets an understanding of the nature of incidents that occur on campus," Miller said. "And it is my belief an appreciation for the many that are involved in not only enforcing policy but also holding responsible parties accountable for their actions."

The report states that Lycoming

only saw one robbery and one sexual offense charge in the past year, which is better than years past. Also, only three liquor law arrests were conducted in 2011, a far cry from the 10 carried out in 2010.

"I don't think we would ever be satisfied with our security report as long as there are incidents to be reported," Miller reported. "With that being said, the report should be viewed not only in the context of year-to-year numerical comparison but also with a broader view the College is committed to upholding the standards of the college as well as the federal and state law."

The Williamsport YMCA to hold mini-carnival at Pickelner Arena

Every Friday the Williamsport YMCA holds a Friday Night Skate for the ages 10-16 in their Pickelner Arena. Tomorrow they are changing it up and having Friday Night Skate but with a twist. The arena will hold Friday Night Skate but in conjunction with a Mini-Carnival. Kids from the ages of 10-16 are encouraged to come and have fun with their friends in the Pickelner Arena from 7-10p.m. for only \$7.

All attendees will have a chance to play carnival games, win prizes

from raffles, and even enjoy a moonbounce. They also will be able to enjoy a wonderful music selection from the DJ. They can bring their own skates or the YMCA can provide them with a pair for the night.

The Williamsport YMCA is committed to encouraging the development of kids in the area, promoting healthy lifestyles and a sense of social responsibility.

Through volunteerism, the YMCA encourages adults and youth to work together and improve the

quality of life for all members of the community.

The YMCA welcomes those of all ages, races, ethnicities and religion to participate in the various programs that they offer.

If you are willing to help the YMCA in any way possible, through financial donations or services provided, please contact Steve Campaniello at 585-478-6407 or azzureconsulting@gmail.com.

Lycourier meeting times and information

Meeting Time

Editors: 7:30 p.m. on Thursday
Staff: 8:00 p.m. on Thursday

Location:

Mass Communication Building
Room 108

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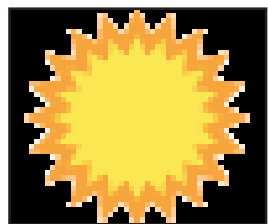
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Williamsport Weekly Weather

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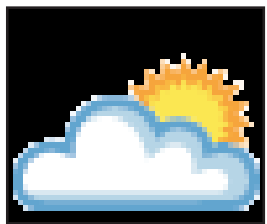
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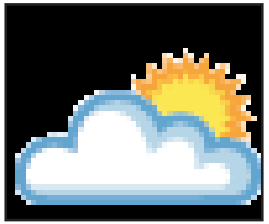
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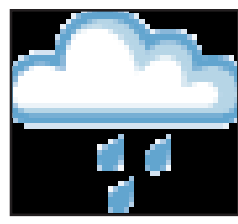
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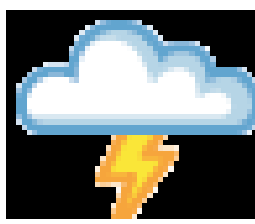
Chance of Rain



High: 61°
Low: 52°

Tuesday

Chance of Thunderstorms



High: 54°
Low: 45°

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Opinion: give me extension cords or give me death

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According to an email sent by a school official on Nov. 1, students are no longer allowed to use extension cords and temporary holiday lighting in their campus residences. The only rationale provided for this drastic change in policy is that the “Williamsport Bureau of Codes” insisted. In other words, students are no longer allowed to have holiday spirit or anything that will distract from the whitewashed boredom of our student rooms. No holiday lights, no colorful light-up paper lanterns, no joy.

According to the recently updated room regulations website, “[t]emporary lights, including Holiday lights, as well as halogen lights pose a severe fire safety hazard and are prohibited from all campus residences.”

In my three and a half years here, there have obviously been three holiday seasons. The only fire that has occurred engulfed the Building and Grounds building in early March of this year. Needless to say, this fire was definitely not started by Christmas lights.

This website also states that students are still permitted to bring artificial holiday trees into their rooms. However, these trees must not be adorned with lights of any kind.

The idea that holiday lights wrapped around a tree can generate enough heat to cause a fire has been a source of debate for years. The National Fire Protection Association publishes information every year on how many fires are started by holiday-related paraphernalia. According to last year’s information, which is posted on www.nfpa.org, there are an average of 240 Christmas tree-related fires in America each year.

According to the Gallup Poll website, 95% of Americans celebrate Christmas. This means that of the 315 million people in America, over 299 million people celebrate Christmas. When data from the National Fire Protection Association on structural house fires is averaged in, this means that 0.00008% of the holiday-celebrating population has suffered a fire resulting from a Christmas tree. I’m not convinced that eliminating holiday lights

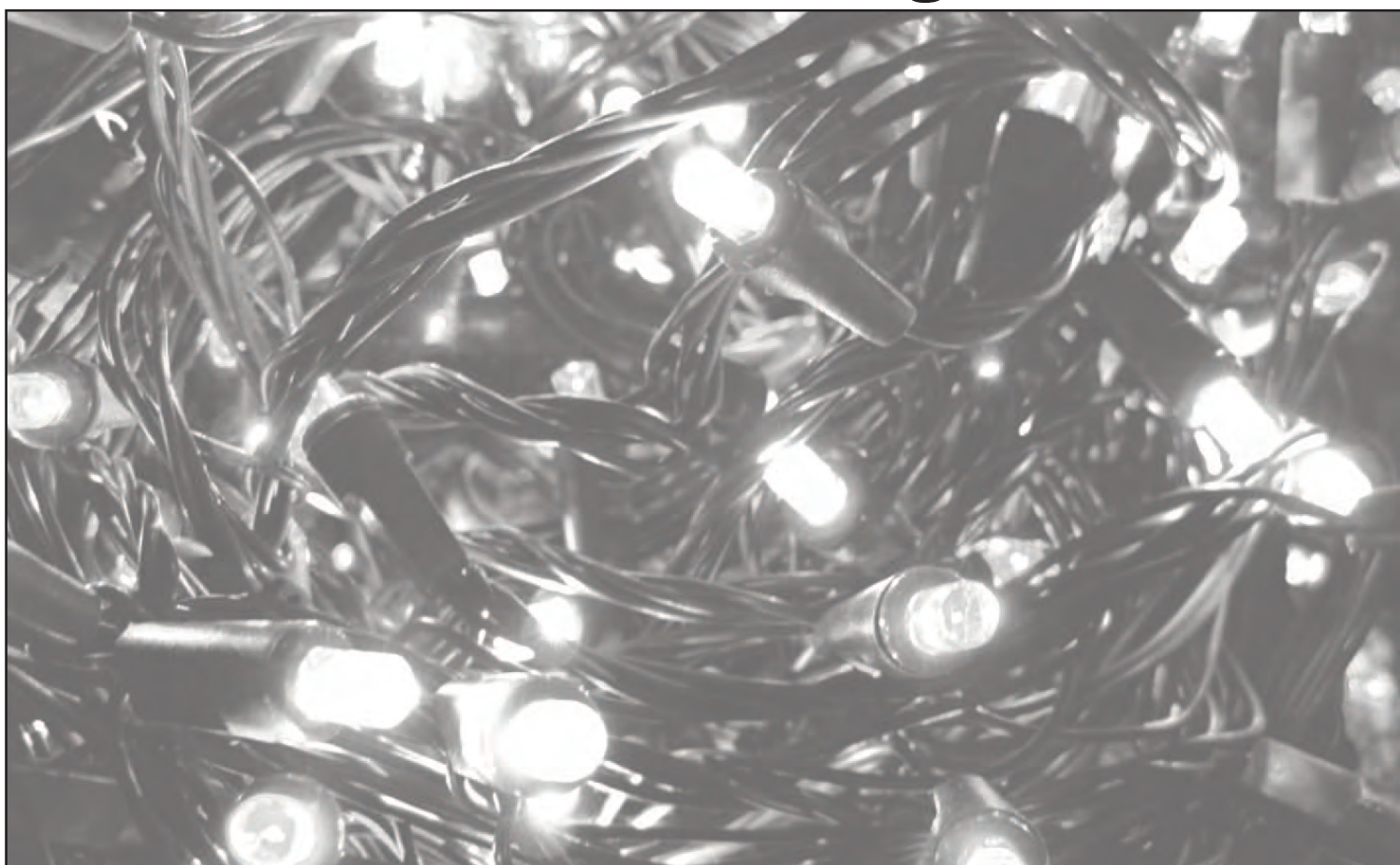


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According to a recent change in room regulations, holiday lights such as these are no longer permitted in student housing.

and extension cords should be at the top of our to-do list.

Additionally, a recent episode of MythBusters also tested the alleged flammable properties of Christmas lights. Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage, the stars of the show, strung the recommended amount of holiday lights around an average-sized Christmas tree and left them on overnight. There were no signs of a fire.

Dissatisfied with these results, the two men even strung five times the recommended amount of lights around a very dry tree and raised the surrounding temperature to over 200 degrees. Despite this extreme, the lights did not ignite the tree. In other words, they discovered that holiday lights by themselves are incapable of generating sufficient heat to cause a fire, even when strung around a slowly dying tree.

Realistically, according to the Discovery Channel’s website, holiday fires are most frequently caused by overloaded electrical sockets which lead to short circuits, which can cause sparks that will be much more likely to ignite dry kindling. Additionally, modern Christmas

tree lights have built-in safety fuses which ensure that individual sockets in homes will not be overwhelmed by the lights.

With all this data considered, it seems as though the banishment of holiday lights could realistically be a measure taken to ensure lower electricity consumption for the College and for Williamsport in general. In other words, by preventing potentially hundreds of students from plugging in several strands of holiday lights in their dorm rooms for upwards of twelve hours a day, the College will most certainly be saving some money.

Interestingly enough, Kate Heiser, Director of Residential Life and Conferences, stated that this new policy applies only to residential living spaces. In other words, the pine tree on the quad that is traditionally lit up with holiday lights will continue to shine through the winter months.

This banishment of all forms of colorful, pleasant lighting may even have devastating effects on the student psyche. Seasonal Affective Disorder, according to the American Psychological Association, is a mood disorder

which over half a million people suffer from in America. It is a unique depression caused by limited exposure to sunlight, and it occurs during the late fall and winter months. Luckily, Seasonal Affective Disorder can be treated by regular exposure to bright light.

Unfortunately for Lycoming students, the only lights available are the glaring, oppressive, fluorescent monstrosities that are permanently affixed to residential rooms. Many students don’t even turn them on. “I never turn on the overhead light in my room,” senior Kayley Eschenaur stated. “It makes it look even more like a jail cell.”

In addition to holiday lights, extension cords are the second electrical element banned by these new regulations. Due to the awkward construction of many of the rooms on campus, it is nearly impossible to have a functioning work environment without the use of extension cords.

I live in Rich Hall. My room has five outlets with two ports each. This means each roommate is entitled to the use of five ports. Microwaves and refrigerators

must also be plugged directly into the wall, so this means each roommate has four plugs at most. Although surge protectors are still allowed, most have a cord length of around a foot. This means that there is at most a one-foot extension from two ports, which are clustered within 6 feet of each other, for my half of the room, which is 17 feet in length. I would have to throw my desk on top of my bed in order to keep my laptop, printer, speakers, fan, non-holiday lights, phone, and other assorted chargers all plugged in at the same time because of the limited space that I can stretch the appliance cords.

Additionally, anyone who has ever charged an Apple product knows that the charging cords are ludicrously short. According to this policy, I would literally have to keep my phone under my bed when I wanted to charge it.

This seems to be an increasingly ridiculous and unnecessary policy. Surely there are more pressing current events that Lycoming and the city of Williamsport should be addressing than holiday lights and extension cords.

Happy Lycoween: “Haunted Rec” event is back and better than ever



Photo courtesy of Lycoming College Recreation Center Facebook page

Students screamed and enjoyed free candy at this year’s Haunted Rec event.

Kendra Bitner
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Oct. 30th the Lycoming Recreation Center hosted its annual Haunted Rec event. The free event ran from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. After taking a break from the event last October, the Haunted Rec decided to reappear this Halloween with a new and scarier approach.

Under the direction of Recreation and Intermural Supervisor Kelly Henrie, the Rec staff, with the help of Alpha Sigma Tau, transformed the Rec Center into a haunted house. Having the assistance of AST definitely helped with the planning of the event, according to Henrie.

“It was really nice that AST decided to collaborate with the Rec Staff. Without their help, this would not have been possible,” Henrie said.

Starting at the back stairwell, students were ushered downstairs into a haunted hallway of spooks and scares. The staff was split into groups that were each assigned a certain room; groups each chose a specific theme.

“With a limited budget, our Rec Staff and AST really came together and brought out their creative ideas to reality,” Henrie said.

From zombie athletes to a ghostly graveyard, the dark hallway was lurking

with Halloween fun. As a treat for making it through “alive”, candy was rewarded to all the students to calm their shaken nerves.

With a new approach to the Haunted Rec, the expected turnout was in question.

“To be honest, I thought we might get about 30 or so students to show up, but we definitely surpassed that,” said Henrie. “We had approximately 200 students walk through our Haunted Rec Tuesday night.”

Not only did the volunteers have fun scaring, but the students seemed to have a good time being scared.

“I cannot get over the positive feedback from the students. Students were leaving the Rec saying they were ‘scared’ or ‘that was cool’ and even ‘thank you for having it,’” Henrie said.

“I was really surprised about how good it was!” freshman Olivia Guisto said. “I can’t wait to go back next year!”

With such a positive response from the students, the Haunted Rec will be back and possibly even better next Halloween.

“I think the overall attitude about the Haunted Rec was extremely positive and a huge amount of willingness from eager staff members. It’s safe to say, the Rec will haunt the students again next year!” Henrie said.

College life with cystic fibrosis: relocating

Jamie Pawlick
Staff Writer

My cystic fibrosis has forced me to travel a lot since an early age. I live in northern New Jersey, which is about a forty-five minute drive to the George Washington Bridge (if the traffic is kind).

My mom worked in the city, which was the reason my parents had settled so close to New York. Then I came along, and when I was diagnosed they needed to find a hospital with a CF center.

A regular doctor’s office or hospital without a CF care unit would never be able to cover all the procedures, treatments, and occasional emergency cases I’d end up having. The closest CF center was the Mount Sinai Hospital on Manhattan’s Upper East Side, and we drove to it every two or three months for many years.

It’s hard to recall now how I felt about the trips at that age. I was so young, and it was something that was always there, something I always had to do, so it didn’t really upset me. I actually had wonderful relationships with all of my doctors. They were like friends, and it’s strange to realize that they basically watched me grow up.

They had a pretty big hand in helping me turn

out this way because they kept me healthy and showed me how to take care of myself when my health changed. Even having blood drawn and getting shots didn’t bother me by the time I turned 7, because I understood why it needed to be done. Even those painful sensations were familiar.

Maybe that’s why some college kids are still afraid of getting shots. They don’t want to go to an office where the doctor is essentially a stranger and get stabbed with a syringe. For me, it’s been a regular occurrence with doctors that were more like family. I’m not saying that I do this for fun, but I take it in stride.

I went to my original group of doctors for about 15 years, but then half of them transferred to the Columbia University Medical Center, so I followed them there. I didn’t have much time to get cozy in that pediatrics department though, because once I started college we decided it was time to transition to adult CF care.

Driving to New York for appointments was always a hassle. My mom did the driving, and she dreaded the thought of having to teach me how to drive in the city. After my New York doctors brought up

adult care, the transfer process happened very smoothly. We found a CF center in Morristown, N. J., half an hour away from my house which had a wonderful adult care clinic. My records were sent over—I’m sure it’s all on computers now but all I can picture is a big, fat file folder crammed with x-rays and test results—and I got acquainted with a brand new team of doctors.

I kind of miss pediatrics, with its polka-dotted wallpaper, pictures of zoo animals on the privacy curtains, and bright plastic toys in the waiting room, but I’m very happy in adult care. The appointments move much more quickly, I get to talk to the doctors firsthand, and the drive takes half an hour instead of an hour and a half.

I’m a little scared of what will happen when it’s time for me to relocate for grad school or a job. I’ll have to find another CF center just as I get comfortable in this one, get all my records in order (two big fat file folders, now) and meet even newer doctors. But CF care and awareness has increased in the twenty-one years I’ve been around, so I’m sure I’ll find something wherever I end up. Maybe my new center will have Disney princess Band-Aids.

Parking poses potential problems for pupils

Kim Dreese
College Life Editor

We all have the privilege of attending or working for a college that does a lot of things right most of the time. We have great faculty and staff, challenging classes, plentiful financial aid and many student organizations. However, there are some important things that Lycoming just can't seem to get right, such as parking and emergency-preparedness.

One area in which Lycoming desperately needs some reformation is parking. Parking is divided into faculty and staff, freshman, sophomore, and junior/senior lots. Simply put, there is nowhere near enough parking for upperclassmen.

Lycoming openly admitted in an email sent Sept. 28 that they have knowingly issued more parking permits than there are spaces in the "red" parking lots designated for upperclassmen. Because these lots are over capacity, upper-class students have been forced to park in alternative lots.

As a member of the senior class, I have pumped more money into this school than students who are freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Repaying students who have achieved senior status and consequently have invested more

money in the school than any other by providing insufficient spaces and forcing them to park in inferior parking is disrespectful.

According to the Safety and Security website, a parking permit costs \$120 if purchased in the fall semester for all students regardless of class. Paying for this service and receiving a permit implies that the student has obtained permission to park in the area designated for them. However, seniors and juniors are frequently incapable of parking in their designated areas because they are over capacity. This is completely backwards.

What will happen when the enormous amount of people who presently make up the sophomore class become juniors and have to fight for parking next year? There has to be some kind of solution to this parking fiasco. Why not separate the junior and senior classes into different parking lots? Why not reward students who achieve Dean's List status with prime, designated parking spots closer to campus? While a lot of this discussion sounds like it should be followed with a "first world problems" hashtag, the insufficient parking reflects a greater instability and lack of foresight in planning that occurs here at Lycoming.



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Hurricane Sandy caused severe damage during its rampage through the East Coast, including felling this tree in Allentown. In her wake, Sandy sunk boardwalks, caused massive power outages and took several lives.

Sending a message

Refusing to cancel shows lack of concern for student lives

Tory Irwin
Opinion Editor

Last week, America suffered through one of the largest natural disasters in several years. Hurricane Sandy tore through the east coast like a bat out of hell, ripping apart everything in its path, causing mass destruction, loss of power, and several deaths. Gov. Corbett declared Pennsylvania to be in a state of emergency when Sandy passed through. Hundreds of schools and businesses batted down the hatches to prepare for the worst.

And Lycoming College barely batted an eyelash.

Though forecasts called for high winds, heavy rains, and possible flooding, we couldn't let that stop us here at Lycoming from doing the important work of going to class. Never mind that it seemed highly likely that the area would suffer damages and possibly lose power; we need to keep the school open.

I know I'm not the only one who was a little skeptical about the way the administration handled this situation. It seemed through email communication that the safety of students and faculty came second to being the school that never cancels, and it felt like concerned students were being mocked.

An email sent Sunday, October 28 read as follows:

"Dear Campus Community:
The National Weather Service has indicated that Hurricane Sandy is likely to impact Williamsport and Lycoming County in the next 48 hours. This area is under a High Wind Warning until 2 PM on Tuesday and is under a Flood Watch until Tuesday at 8 PM. Given tomorrow's current weather prediction, Lycoming College will remain open tomorrow (Monday, October 29) and will operate on a normal schedule."
Yes, because I see these warnings and think it would be a good idea to have people risk their lives trying to get to class. This makes perfect sense.
Now, though I doubt many students disagree with my assessment of this situation, I suppose the administration would argue that the storm didn't hit us as hard as was predicted, and professors who feared the elements had the right to cancel their personal classes, and many did. And that's not illogical, but the thing is, it seems like student lives are not important to an administration who didn't even delay class Monday when the storm was brewing and these conditions weren't really just mentioned as a mere possibility—they were expected.
Sure, we closed Monday at 3:05 p.m. (after many classes were already over, so any student would

have already trekked to the AC) and delayed until 10 a.m. to see if we would be affected Monday night. Still, surrounding schools were closing, businesses were shutting down, some that were closed until Wednesday or Thursday, and we can't afford to give commuter students and faculty a day off?
We may not have been affected, but we were surrounded completely by areas that were, and areas from which people who commute to Lycoming could have been coming. Doesn't it seem a little negligent and pompous to expect these people to be able to come in when there is a hurricane ripping through our state?
And it's not just what's happening directly to those affiliated with Lycoming, either. So many people had families who experienced the brunt of the storm, presenting a legitimate worry for the safety of loved ones. If nothing else, a cancellation could have been a mental health day, and a day to ensure the people we care about were okay.
I understand that this was a tough call to make, and the college doesn't want to cancel for every little rain shower that passes through Williamsport. No one is arguing that. The thing is, refusing to cancel in the face of a potential disaster presents a message to the students here that staying open is more important than our lives. And that's not okay.

Emergency response communication falls short

Kim Dreese
College Life Editor

Last week when Hurricane Sandy was weaving a path of destruction towards Williamsport, President Douhat explained in an email sent Oct. 28 that Lycoming has a team in place which manages emergency situations that threaten the campus.

Although students were assured that this committee exists, we were not enlightened as to any action that we should take should an emergency situation, such as a long-duration power outage, should arise.

We were not told whether the cafeteria would still continue to function, which buildings would have power, or whether drinking water would be avail-

able. Additionally, we were told that "the College's emergency planning group will monitor the storm's progress carefully throughout the course of the storm and send updated information via email, the College's emergency text system and on the homepage of the College's website." However, no emergency text messages were sent out, and the only emails that were sent informed students that the College was closing early on Monday after most classes were already over as well as another that described a compressed schedule for Tuesday.

When I learned that the school was closed and we were obviously taking Sandy's impending arrival very seriously, I became extraordinarily con-

cerned that I didn't know what actions we could take to protect ourselves.
Although some tips, such as not to park under trees and to keep cell phones plugged in and charging, were provided in these emails, further action that students could take was entirely ignored. If we would have had a long-term power outage, our phones and laptops would have died and the school would have had no way to communicate with the student body all at the same time.
Although Williamsport residents were extremely lucky compared to other cities in the path of Hurricane Sandy, the fact remains that things could have gotten much worse and students were left extremely unprepared and relatively uninformed.

Letters to the editor

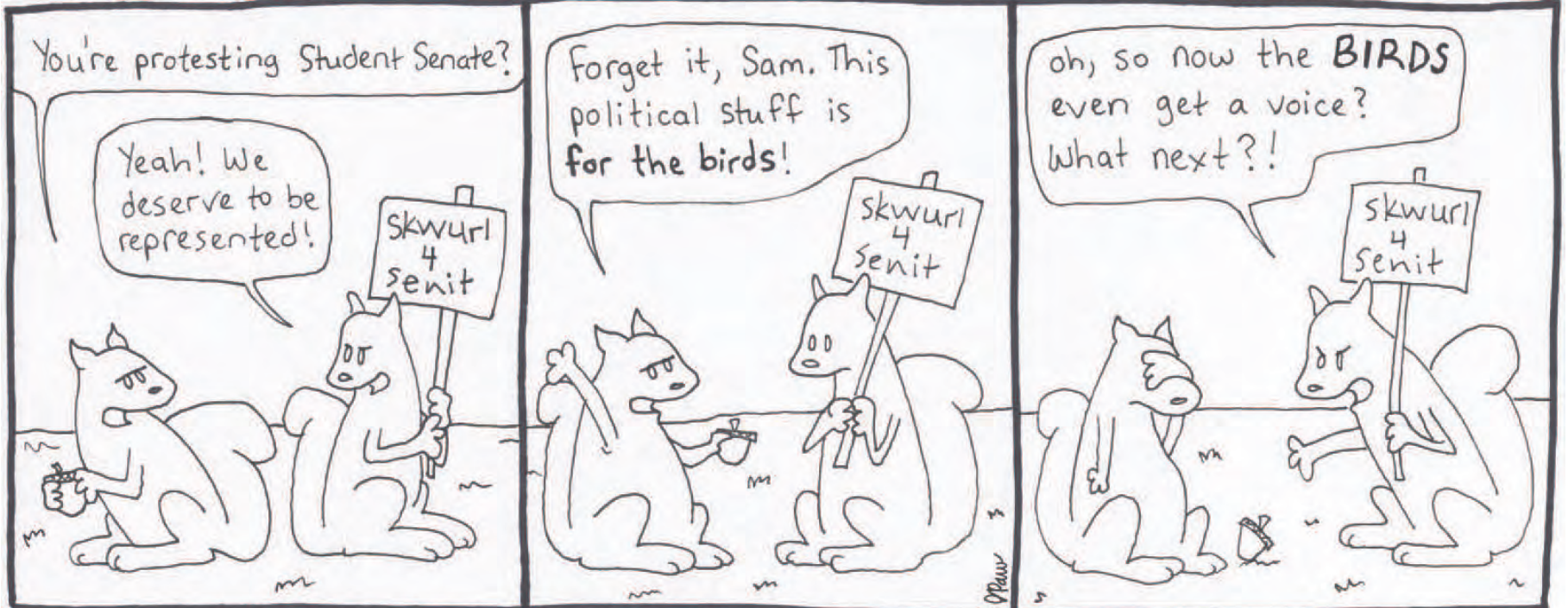
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Overheard at Lyco

It'll be like the biggest whore brownie ever.	The vibrate in a phone is not for that reason!
-The Caf	-Williams
If I was a bug, I'd fly in your eye.	I found a dead baby in the street, come get it.
-College Place	-Pennington Lounge

Mean Squirrels

By Jamie Pawlick



“The Threepenny Opera” opens next Wednesday

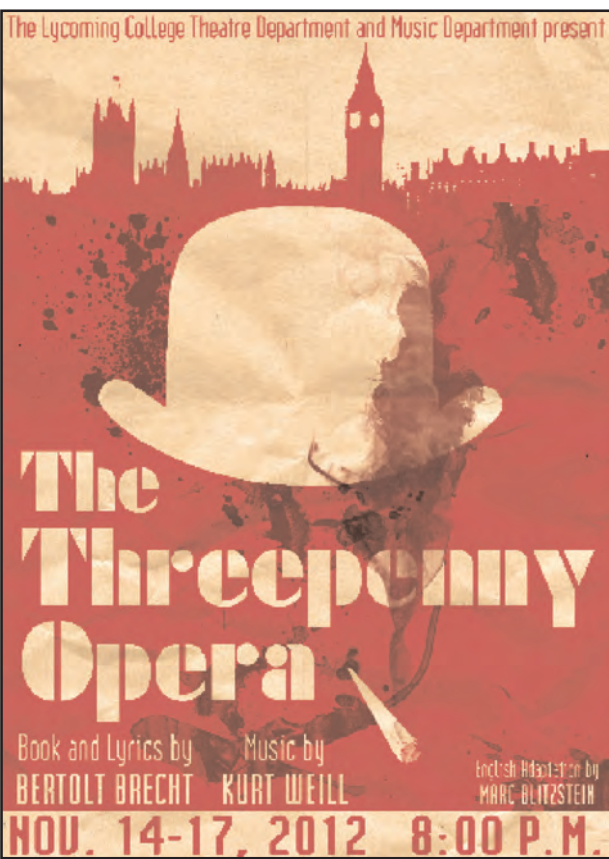


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The Lycoming College Theatre Department and Music Department present 'The Threepenny Opera.' Book and lyrics by Bertolt Brecht, music by Kurt Weill, English adaptation by Marc Blitz.

Taylor Kendra
Staff Writer

“The Threepenny Opera” opens Wednesday, Nov. 14 and will continue its run until Saturday Nov. 17. Directed by Dr. N. J Stanley, this show is set in Victorian London, following the tumultuous dealings of Mack the Knife. Mack is a notorious thief, outlaw, womanizer and murderer, who marries Polly Peachum, the daughter of the leader of a band of beggars.

Mr. Peachum, displeased by the marriage, sets out with his wife to have Mack hanged. This proves to be difficult, as the Chief of Police is actually Mack’s best friend, Mr. Tiger Brown.

Yet, as the plot thickens, the characters do what they must to survive in this cruel society. Written by Bertolt Brecht, this play is a biting, socialist commentary on the corrupting influence of capitalism on human beings. It takes a look at some of the ugliest parts of human nature.

Bertolt Brecht was the unifier of the concepts of “epic theatre.” Epic theatre is a style of drama that de-

taches the audience from the play. At all times, they are fully aware that they are watching a show. Actors address the audience, known as “breaking the fourth wall”, out of character.

At the same time, the show serves as a blatant communication of personal ideas. Much like Ayn Rand’s “The Fountainhead” conveys her extreme favor of pure capitalism, Brecht uses “Threepenny” to communicate his views on the corruption of a capitalist society.

Born in 1898, in Augsburg Bavaria, Brecht attended medical school in Munich during World War I. There, he began acting in several productions and started writing a few of his own. By 1925, he was studying Marxism and socialism, and his plays began to hold those views as part of their central conflict. This is when he popularized the idea of Epic theatre. It was around then that he adapted John Gay’s “The Beggars Opera,” with Kurt Weill into “the Threepenny Opera.”

Forced to flee Germany when Hitler came into

IF YOU GO

- **WHAT:** “Threepenny Opera”
- **WHERE:** Mary L. Welch Theatre
- **WHEN:** 8:00 p.m. Nov. 14 - 17
- **STARRING:** Josh Troxler

power, he relocated to Denmark, then Sweden for most of the war. He wrote many more plays during this time and awaited his visa to America until the end of the war.

These dark times had a heavy influence on his plays and on “Threepenny” in particular. After World War I, Germany was devastated, and many people were forced to do anything to get by. There was no shortage of criminals or beggars. This is one of the reasons that Hitler became so popular; he promised an end to this lower class. However, his end had no

sympathy or help in mind, and the crackdown ignored the reasons that people were fighting to survive in the first place.

In an interview with Stanley, she explained why she picked a show such as this. “I have always loved Brecht and wanted to direct one of his plays for many years. The music is so interesting and challenging, and it talks about important ideas; it is not a romantic fantasy, as many musicals are,” Stanley said.

Tickets are on sale now at the box office. Admission is free to students.

Taylor Swift exposes “red” relationships in new album

Qiana Hill
Staff Writer

“All the different emotions that are written about on this album are all pretty much about the kind of tumultuous, crazy, insane, intense, semi-toxic relationships that I’ve experienced in the last two years” Taylor Swift said.

“All those emotions — spanning from intense love, intense frustration, jealousy, confusion, all of that — in my mind, all those emotions are red. You know, there’s nothing in between. There’s nothing beige about any of those feelings.”

This quote encapsulates the meaning of her new album, “Red.” Taylor Swift has captured the world with her innovative sound and

her heart-touching lyrics of love and breakups. Her hit single “We Are Never Getting Back Together” from the new album proves her capabilities. The album which was released on Oct. 22 of this year, sold over 1 million copies its first week. Other songs on the album include “Begin Again” and “I Knew You Were Trouble”. The album features 16 new songs and an album-only digital book.

Taylor, who is 22, has become an icon to most teenage girls. She gives them hope for love and comfort when their love has ended reassuring them that they can pick up the pieces and move on.

Also with this new album, Taylor is starting a new tour of the same name.

The tour will start in March and continue through to September. Ed Sheeran, who is featured on her song “Everything Has Changed”, will be the guest artist.

If you would like to see Taylor on tour, she will be in Pittsburgh on July 6th and then in Philadelphia on July 20th.

The dates and locations of the tour have been released and tickets are on pre-order. According to www.ticketmaster.com Taylor Swift will be performing at Madison Square Garden in New York City at 7:30PM. The ticket prices range from \$66.00 to \$389.40. More information about her new album and her tour can be found on her website, www.taylor-swift.com.



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This picture was taken in 2011 on Taylor Swift’s “Speak the World” tour. Taylor Swift will go on tour for her new album, “Red,” beginning on March 13, 2013 in Omaha, Nebraska. Tickets are available for pre-order. The closest locations to Williamsport, PA will be in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

“The Dark Knight Rises” blows away audiences

Alycia Lucio
Staff Writer

After seeing “Batman Begins” and “The Dark Knight,” I was both eager and skeptical whether the director, Christopher Nolan could pull off a third. But “The Dark Knight Rises” certainly blew away any doubt I had. From beginning to end, the movie had me on the edge of my seat. I’m surprised I didn’t fall over with all the twists and turns Nolan presented.

Gotham isn’t how we remember it. While they all mourn their false hero, Harvey Dent, Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale) is cowering away in his mansion. Now that Batman is seen as a villain rather than a hero after taking the blame for Dent’s death, Bruce has been forced to retire, but what the city doesn’t know is they’ll need him more than ever.

Bane (Tom Hardy), a new terrorist leader, is secretly building an army underground and plotting his attack. When he finally surfaces, Gotham is left in utter destruction, forcing Bruce to come out of hiding and defend his city. But have his nights in the dark made him too weak to take on his role as Batman? Is Bane just too strong? Nolan certainly presses himself into some tight corners, making me wonder how he would get out.

In the midst of all the suspense and action, we are introduced to some new characters. Selina Kyle (Anne Hathaway) stunned me by her performance as Catwoman. She was both funny and entertaining. I couldn’t wait to see what she’d do



Photo credit: Warner Bros.

next. When I found myself rooting for the thief, I realized Nolan picked the best person for the role.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt played Blake, Gotham’s new member to the police force. Being one of my favorite actors, I wasn’t surprised to see him take on another successful role. He drew in all the anticipation as we follow him in trying to defeat Bane. Viewers should keep a close eye on this guy because the end is definitely shocking.

And of course we have the usual admired characters: Michael Cane as Alfred, Morgan Freeman as Commissioner Gordon, Marion Cotillard as Mi-

randi, and Ben Mendelsohn as Daggett. Every actor and actress does such an amazing job. There wasn’t a second I wasn’t enthralled.

This movie takes a complete 360. While I should have expected everything Nolan presents at the end, I found myself impressed beyond belief how everything tied together. CAB will be showing the film in Heim G-11 on November 9th-11th. The DVD will be released December 4th.

The stats suggest that “The Dark Knight Rises” was well liked. The movie earned 447.2 million dollars in the box office and 92 percent of people said they like it according to Flixster.

Autumn Stargazing at Cherry Springs Park

Cory Trego
Staff Writer

October has come and gone, and the leaves across the northern tier of the state have fallen. Temperatures continue to drop, and before long the vast expanses of forested regions that lie to the north of Lycoming College will be blanketed in a layer of pristine white snow. Although the hues of autumn have been replaced with the dull grays and browns of winter, Penn’s Woods still offers sights to quell any soul.

Crisp mornings often greet the early riser throughout the month of November. Cold air stings at one’s face, and brittle leaves and frost covered fields crunch under foot when taking early morning strolls. The noisy call of

geese flying south often breaks the morning’s silence. Deer activity begins to increase as falling temperatures cause testosterone levels to rise in buck, both young and old. Some lucky few may even catch a glimpse of the feud between the patriarch of the herd and a younger challenger, and may hear the clash of dense antlers resounding through a hollow.

While November days can offer beautiful sights, the real magic happens after the sun sets. As cold, dry air descends upon the region from the north, haze from the humid air of summer slips away, and thousands of stars dot the sky. While city lights may restrict our view of the heavens, just north of town the vast stretches of forest dampen the light pollution

from the few houses and cabins that dot the landscape. Since I was twelve years old, I have taken an annual trip each November with friends and family to spend a weekend at a farm on the edge of the “big woods” of Tioga County. On one such trip during my sophomore year of high school, I arose several hours before sunrise to hike a small hill behind the farm house to watch the sun rise and the day awaken. When I stepped onto the porch, the thermometer read a brisk 18 degrees Fahrenheit. I began lumbering up the hillside, my movements restricted by layers of heavy clothing. As I crested the hill, I sat down on a rotting stump overlooking the farmhouse and the pond below. Shortly after taking a seat, a slight breeze picked up, and the clouds

rolled on to the east. The light of the full moon suddenly illuminated the woods, casting eerie, exaggerated shadows onto the forest floor. Frost covered fields below me glistened nearly as brightly as the stars above me. I thought watching the sun rise over the valley would be the highlight of my morning, but as I sat over a field of crystals reflecting the dull light of the moon, I heard yelps of a pack of coyotes on a distant hillside, I realized I was mistaken. The solitude and serenity of a November night can rival the blazing hues of any October day.

While most of the plateaus and valleys of north central Pennsylvania offer breathtaking views of thousands of stars, Cherry Springs State Park is the true astronomer’s haven.

Cherry Springs is located in a remote area of Potter County in the midst of the sprawling Susquehannock State Forest atop of the Allegheny Plateau. Its location and remoteness combine to create some of the best star gazing conditions in the East. The park sits at 2300 feet above sea level, high above the surrounding landscape. Development in the area is scarce, and the few inhabited houses are tucked deep into the valley below, their light blocked by thick forest and the steep valley walls. In 2000, the park was designated Pennsylvania’s first “dark sky park.” Seven years later, it was designated an “International Dark Sky Park” by the International Dark-Sky Association. Many have said that on moonless nights, the Milky Way is so bright that

it casts shadows onto the ground. For the best viewing conditions, head out into the night during the New Moon lunar phase, which occurs on Nov. 15.

IF YOU GO

- **WHAT:** Stargazing
- **WHERE:** Cherry Springs State Park in Potter County, PA
- **WHEN:** New Moon Nov. 15

Student athletes begin winter sports campaign

Jerry Hammaker wins 75th career victory as men's head swim coach



Photo courtesy of Lycoming Athletics Page
Jerry Hammaker (left) celebrated his 75th victory as the men's swim coach with a victory over Hood College.

Justin Ossont
Sports Editor

The fall sports teams are all handing in their equipment except for the football team who is holding on to a chance of making it to post season play. While the fall season wraps up, winter sport teams have kicked into gear.

Basketball has a few weeks of time before both the men's and women's teams hit the court.

The men's basketball team starts their season Nov. 16 with their annual

Tip-Off Tournament. The men were selected to finish second in the league this year after last years stunning performance.

The women's team begins play that same weekend with the Terry Greene Memorial Tournament in Lancaster. They have been selected to finish fifth in the conference this season but, the Lady Warriors would like to do nothing more than prove the coaches poll that they are better than fifth.

Wrestling opened up the season in a very physical and brutal tournament as

they participated in the Clarion Knight Point Open at Clarion University. Sophomore Brian Watkins made it to the final eight competitors bracket 157-pound brackets. He posted wins of 5-3, 8-3 and earned a medical withdraw over Ben D o r s e y .

Yet in the consolation quarterfinals, he lost to Navy's John Watson 9-0. Cale Willey, a 141-pound sophomore opened up well with an 8-5 win over Ken's State's Collin Har r e l l .

Wiley dropped his first match in the round of 16,

but rebounded in the consolation match with at 13-5 major decision over Clarion's Timothy Bailey. Wiley finished his day with a loss to Pitt's Jake Keller.

Freshmen Owen Bradley, Matt Neff, Steven Baker, Eddie Helm, and Harris Nowotarski each picked up their first wins as Warrior wrestlers.

Cody Barbich, Tyler Evan, Johnathan Secor, Tyler Cunningham, and Zach Hickernell each had wins as well. The Warriors continue their season with a match this past Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Men's and women's swimming also saw some action in with the last three weeks. Both teams opened their season with the annual Blue and Gold meet that took place over Homecoming weekend. It pits the teams against one another to see how they match up and determines event for season competition.

The following weekend both teams fell to Albright College who is the returning MAC champion in swimming. Even though the teams lost, the Warriors saw improvement from T.J. Guminski, Daniel Woods, Bridgid Clark and Elisa Becker.

Freshman Kyle Garase started his Warrior career with a victory in the 100-yard butterfly stroke with a time of 53.20 seconds. Another freshman Josh Thomas finished second in the 200-yard butterfly stroke with a time of 2:07.23.

This past weekend the Warriors helped head coach Jerry Hammaker

win his 75th career match in the men's program. Both men's and women's teams swept their home opener meet with a victory over Hood College. The scores were 144-106 for the men and 131-118 for the women.

The Warriors will have a dual meet on Saturday Nov. 10 as they head to Elizabethtown.

Home Swim Meet Schedule

Wednesday Nov. 14
 Misericordia
 6:30p.m.

Saturday Dec. 8
 Messiah
 1 p.m.

Saturday Jan. 16
 Arcadia
 2 p.m.

All home meets take place in Lamade Gymnasium.

Warriors fight hard in post season

Volleyball team falls to Stevenson in MAC semi-finals

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The Lycoming women's volleyball team traveled to Widener University on October 31st for the first round of MAC Commonwealth playoffs. In this play-in game, the Warriors seeded 5th took on the 4 seed Widener Pride.

After a five game match, Lycoming came from behind to upset the Pride 3-2 (17-25, 25-20, 25-22, 20-25, 15-12) and move on to the semifinals for the first time since 2006.

The team was led by junior Chelsea Strine who recorded a career high of 17 kills and 21 digs, hitting a .444 and posting a solo block for the warriors.

After being down in the first game, the Warriors took the court with authority in the second. They started the game with a 6-1 run and continued the momentum throughout. In the third, Lycoming also dominated the court getting a four point lead from

freshman Bethany Richardson at the service line. Widener forced the match into five as they kept the Warriors from closing their winning gap in the fourth. The fifth game was neck and neck between the Warriors and the Pride, but with the help of senior Jackie Oliva and junior Shelby Gear, the Widener defense crumbled as the Warriors took the match.

Overall Richardson finished with 12 kills and Gear only one behind with 11. Junior setter Katelyn McKillop added a double-double with 48 assists and 17 digs. Sophomore libero Kristin Whitehead led the Warrior defense with an amazing 28 digs.

This put the Warriors into the Commonwealth conference semifinals on November 2nd at Stevenson University.

The Warriors hung with the top-seeded Mustangs for the first two games and fell flat in the third allowing Stevenson to post 3-0 (25-21, 25-17, 25-14) and advance to the champi-

onship match.

A fast start in the first game looked towards a promising finish for the Warriors.

A 7-4 lead gave hope that a victory was around the corner. However, the Mustangs came back and finished with a 25-21 win. In the second, the Warriors stayed close with a tie at nine points before the Mustangs went on a 10-4 run to take control and finish the s e t .

Again the Warriors stayed close in the third, but again let the Mustangs take a giant lead.

Within the match, Richardson and Strine led the team with 6 kills while Gear added 5. McKillop added 23 assists and Whitehead notched 17 digs.

The game also helped two Warriors reach milestones for the program. McKillop became the second player in school history to reach 3,000 career assists against Stevenson, as she finished the game with 3,114. Whitehead also broke a record as she became the

11th player in Lycoming history to reach 1,000 digs.

Ending the season, senior Jackie Oliva and sophomore Bethany Richardson were both named Honorable Mention All-Commonwealth Conference. Richardson was only one of two freshmen to receive the honor. She finished fourth in the league with 2.71 kills per set and was the only conference player to post over 20 kills in two matches. Oliva is a second time recipient of the honor as a senior. She finished eighth in the conference with a .261 hitting percentage and ninth in the league with 0.61 blocks per set. She finished eighth in school history with 650 kills and a .253 hitting percentage.

Overall the Warriors ended their season 22-13 and 4-seed in the Commonwealth Conference.

This is the first winning season for the Lycoming women's volleyball team since 2006 and the most wins since 2003.

Sports Briefs

College Football Division I Standings Top 5

1. Alabama
2. Kansas State
3. Oregon
4. Notre Dame
5. Georgia

World Series Champs

The San Francisco Giants completed a sweep of the Detroit Tigers to claim their second world title within the last three years.

NBA Season Begins

The National Basketball Association started the season began last week and will have a full 82 game season. The Miami Heat will begin their title defense. LeBron James is aiming to win his second ring. A league favorite this year will be the Los Angeles Lakers as they have revamped their team by adding Dwight Howard and Steve Nash to the roster. Another league favorite will be the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Outlaws Win First Game

The Williamsport Outlaws won thier first game of the season and first for the club for being in Williamsport. They defeated the Dayton Demonz in a 3-2 victory.

Payton to become a free agent

The New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton will be up for free agency after the season. Could this be the end of his tenure in the Saints organization?

Warriors of the Week

Chelsea Strine (Volleyball) and Kyle Garase (Men's Swimming) were selected as Warriors of the Week. The school releases Warrior of the Week every Sunday.

Warriors Selected to MAC Honor Roll

Sophomore tailback Craig Needenhamer was selected as the MAC Offensive Player of the Week for his performance from Saturdays game vs. Stevenson. Caleb Shertzer and Zach Czap were also named to the MAC Football honor roll for their performances in the game vs. Stevenson. Regular season play ends for the Warriors Saturday against Misericordia.

Warriors say farewell to senior fall athletes

38 Seniors go out as true Lycoming Warriors

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Sports Editor

The journey through college brings many great moments to a student's life. Many believe the greatest collegiate moment is graduation, but a few can say it is the moment they will take the field or court for the final time in their last home sports event.

This moment has come for the fall sports teams as they have said goodbye to their senior members. It is a sad moment, but the memories of being a college athlete will always remain.

Football, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer and women's volleyball all said goodbye to a total of 38 senior athletes. Lycoming thanks its senior athletes for their dedication and commitment to the Commonwealth Conference during their time as students.

These young men and women have gone above the normal aspects of being a student by taking on the role of a student athlete.

They have stayed awake countless nights to get schoolwork done after a late game, and worked extra hard in classes to keep a high GPA. Going home on weekends was not a luxury due to competitions, tournaments or practices. These athletes have enjoyed the fruits of victory as well as the pain of defeat, yet the memories that they have made from being a Warrior shall last them forever. Homecoming will bring back those memories of games and championships: once a Warrior, always a Warrior.

Class of 2013 Athletes

Football

Jarrin Campman, Cody Dougherty, Ryan Feningham, Bryan Fousty, Joe Hargis, Marcus Hile, Roger Jayne, Nate Jones, Zach Klinger, Parker Showers, Matt Talerico, Ryan McClure, Pat McNamara, Cody Moyer, Matt Ogden, Nate Oropollo, Jamie Reitzi, Corey Schuster, Caleb Shertzer, Ryan Smith, Wesley Strayer

Men's Cross Country

Kevan Guerin and Patrick McAtee

Women's Cross Country

Ashley Buck and Michelle Herman

Men's Soccer

Kory Barto, Mike Krebs, Pat Marion, James Quinn, Will Reiber, Hermann Shasha, Matt Snively, Charlie Vess

Women's Soccer

Jennifer Basch, Rebekkah Bizon, Leslie Kester, Chelsey Lindaberry

Women's Volleyball

Jackie Olivia