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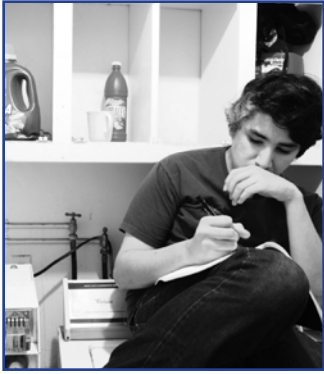
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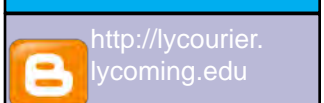
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Mostly Cloudy

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High: 84°
Low: 65°

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Isolated T-Storms

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Renovating Lyco

Campus gets makeover during summer break

Qiana Hill
Lycourier Staff

As we usher in the class of 2017, we are also ushering in a new look for the campus. Many renovations have taken place over the summer and students have mixed feelings.

While many are supportive of the changes, some feel the renovations could have been made differently.

Some residents of Rich Hall have expressed distaste for the decrease in room size.

Other students have said the new aspect of the dorm make it feel like a hospital.

Starting with the biggest change, Rich Hall has gotten a complete makeover with fresh coats of paint, new bathrooms, new doors, lighting and floors.

Next on the list is East Hall, the hall that houses the majority of the Greek organizations. This year the hall will be housing Lambda Chi Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta, Beta Phi Gamma, Alpha Sigma Tau, and Gamma Delta Sigma. Residents will now be able to create their own setup in their rooms with the replacement of the built-in desks and dressers with moveable ones.

Williams Hall, which houses upperclassmen, now has a kitchenette on the first floor.

Also, the college has recently begun rebuilding B&G building that we lost to a fire last spring of 2012. Construction is ongoing.

Snowden library has undergone several updates as well.

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The basement kitchen was one of many renovations made in Rich Hall over the summer. Shown above is the expanded kitchen, which extends farther into the laundry room, providing more space for cooking.



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Landscaping around Rich Hall is in the process of being updated.

Freshmen fun with First Weekend activities

On Friday, August 23, the Class of 2017 began their journey at Lycoming. The 385 students from 17 states and 5 foreign countries came together for the first time during move-in, and spent the following days bonding and familiarizing themselves with the Lycoming Community.

Popular majors among the new students include biology, business, criminal justice, education, and psychology. Forty-nine members of the class have been invited to join the Scholar's Program.

In addition, the Class of 2017 shows the largest interest in the astronomy, actuarial math, and economics majors in recent years.

A full story on the weekend events can be read on page 5.



Photos, from top: The Class of 2017 walks to Freshman Convocation after crossing through Sykes Gates; President Trachte dons a yellow shirt and joins the Move-In Crew to help a freshman into her dorm; The Commuter Team shows their spunk during the Laser Tag event Saturday night. The team claimed the prize for most team spirit.

Top photos by Tori Cox; Photo to left by Alycia Lucio

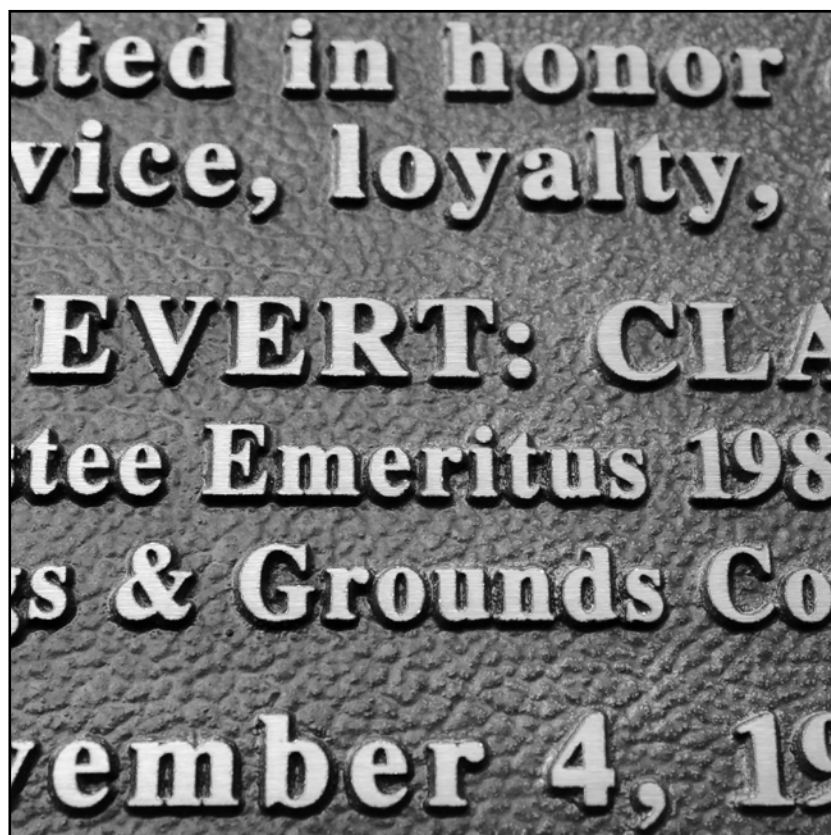
Lost at Lyco

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
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by Thursday, September 5 for a chance
to win a \$5 gift card.

Photo by Tori Cox



New man on campus



Dr. Kent Trachte

In a statement on the college website, President Trachte said, "I can best sum up my initial impressions by saying that Lycoming College offers students a life-changing adventure at one of the best liberal arts colleges in the country.

During the coming months, you will hear more from me about planning and innovation to continue the tradition of moving toward ever-greater excellence that has characterized the 201-year history of Lycoming."

Look for a full story on the new college President in our next issue.

Career services offers several programs to prepare students for future job search

Julia Cuddahy
Entertainment Editor

Before settling into the college routine of classes, friends and clubs, take a moment to look at the Career Services' September schedule. Career Services has lots of activities coming up designed to help students of all levels, whether students need to start writing a resume or submit graduate school applications. Just in the next two weeks alone, Career Services will offer two different workshops, present two "Drop-In Career Coaching" sessions and hold sign-ups for two road trips to Penn State's week-long Career Fair.

The first event, titled "Discover & Optimize Your Strengths" is on Mon., Sept. 2, which will be held in the Wertz Conference room at 7 p.m.. This workshop is targeted towards students who are still deciding what career path they would like to pursue, or how to narrow down a broad idea of what they would like to spend their future doing. The workshop involves a small test aimed at helping students better understand what types of jobs or fields they would be most interested in. The workshop also allows for time to talk about different fields students may not have previously con-



sidered.

Later that week, on Thurs., Sept. 5 in the Career Services office, they will be hosting their first "Drop-In Career Coaching" workshop of the semester. This career coaching will go on throughout the semester, every Thursday from 1-4 p.m. Unlike last semester's resume workshop series, this new approach still gives students the opportunity to work on their resume, but also allows for students who have already completed their resume to work with the career counselors on cover letters, applications, interview techniques and lots more. Instead of having to wait for a scheduled appointment, anyone can simply drop in and work on anything they desire related to their career. Those who wish to meet with a specific career advisor individually can still schedule appointments.

The following week, Career Services will provide students with a "Branding Statement Workshop" in the Wertz Conference Room on Mon., Sept. 9th at 7p.m.. This

workshop is designed to help students develop their own "brand," or what they want companies to notice about them most upon first impressions. Students will work on personal statements and 30 second interview techniques, such as pitches and chance meetings with important people in interesting places such as elevators or waiting for the bus. If students do not already have a personal statement, no need to worry. They can start writing one during the workshop, or at least develop ideas about what topics or ideas they would like to cover in their own personal statements.

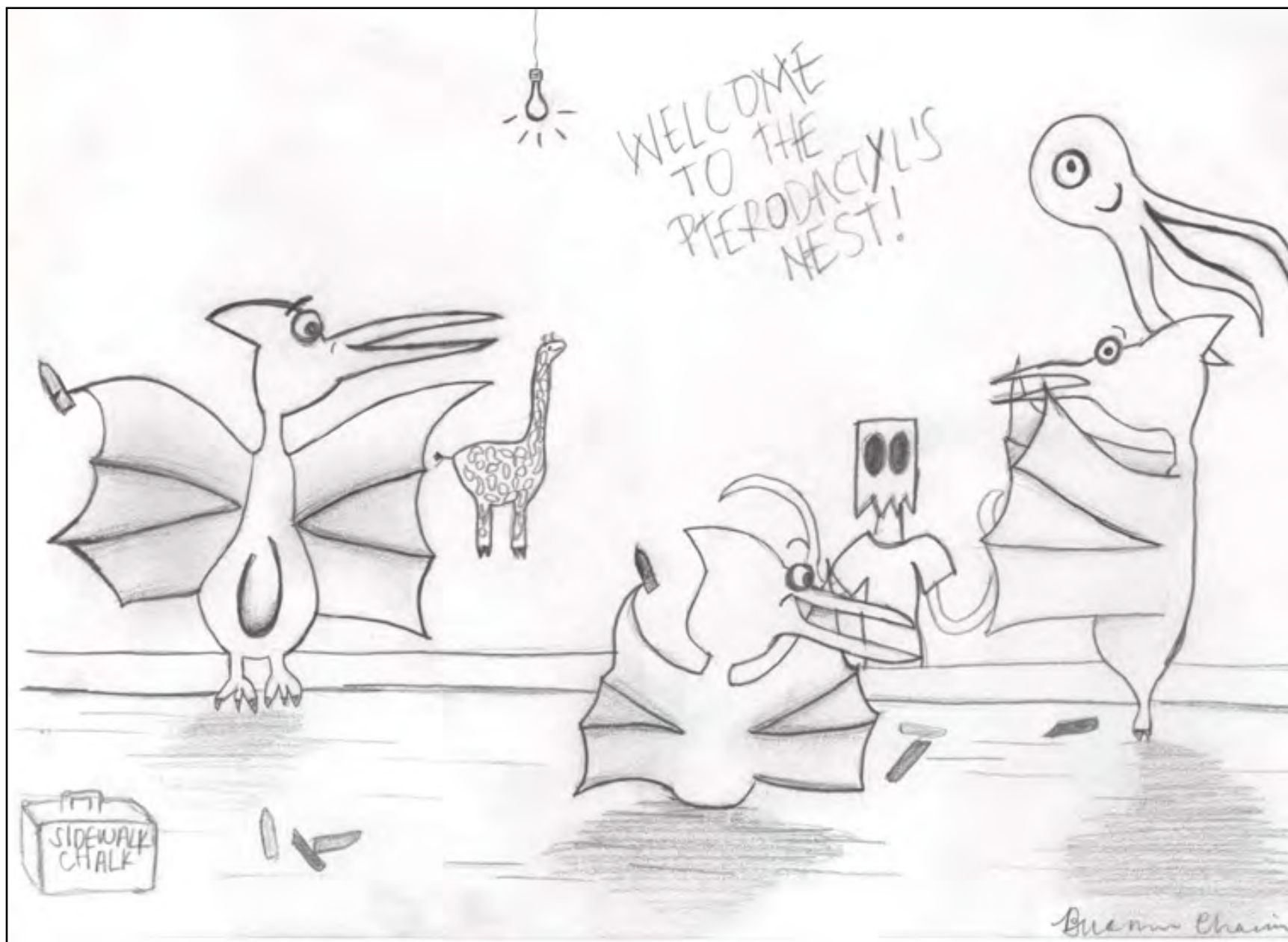
Finally, students going through all different stages of the career process should sign up for the Penn State (PSU) Career Fair road trips. The PSU Career Fair on Tues., Sept. 17th is aimed at non-technical (liberal arts) students intending to find a full-time job upon graduation. The cost of the trip is \$5, but those who attend will be refunded. This trip will be a great opportunity to net-

work and make connections with people in many different fields. The fair lasts from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., but Lycoming students and staff attending the fair will leave at 9:30 a.m. and arrive back in Williamsport around 5 p.m..

The following day Career Services will go on another road trip to the PSU Career Fair, although this fair will be aimed towards students looking to find internships and co-ops. Once again, the cost is five dollars, and is refundable for those who attend. The fair also lasts from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., but the Lycoming group will leave at 9:30 a.m. and arrive back at 5 p.m.. While many internship opportunities are likely to be unpaid, the experience is crucial for finding a job upon graduation in today's market, and they should never be taken lightly. The deadline to sign up for both trips is Tues., Sept. 10th. Because of limited space, students should sign up as quickly as possible by emailing careerservices@lycoming.edu.

Unsupervised Pterodactyls

Brianne Charnigo



Three students represent Lyco at international conservation program



Photo provided by Cory Trego

Clean Water Institute interns posed for a group photo at the Acadian Program in Regional Conservation Stewardship.

Cory Trego
Staff Writer

This past July, three interns from the Clean Water Institute traveled to Winter Harbor, Maine, to attend the Acadian Program in Regional Conservation and Stewardship. The week long program was based at the Schoodic Education and Research Center, which lies just across the picturesque Frenchman Bay from Bar Harbor and Mount Desert Isle.

Junior Miranda Giraldo and seniors Brian Gordon and Cory Trego were selected to represent the Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies, a local environmental research coalition composed of professionals from several universities and private businesses across the Susquehanna River Valley.

The Acadian Program seeks to bring students and professionals from around the world to discuss a variety of large landscape conservation issues. The University of Maine, Acadia National Park, the Quebec-Labrador Foundation, the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and Harvard University cooperated to sponsor the program, which first began in 2011. James Levitt, the Director of the Program on Conservation Innovation at the Harvard Forest, and Rob Lilieholm, Ph.D., from the University of Maine's School of Forest Resources, planned and directed the program. Students from Chile, El Salvador, Belize, Guatemala, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania attended the program to discuss conservation issues in their home regions.

Upon arrival, students were greeted by the smell of crisp, cold, salty air laced with hints of the sweet smell

of conifer forests. The Schoodic Peninsula offered views of miles of rock-strewn beaches, rolling granite hills covered by dense stands of black spruce, birches, and alders, and seemingly limitless islands dotted across the chilly waters of the Gulf of Maine.

The first several days of the program were filled with lectures about conservation innovation and history, ecosystem processes and functions, land use regulations, and fisheries management. Guest lecturers from the University of Maine, the Quebec-Labrador Foundation, the Penobscot Nation, and local land trusts assisted Levitt and Lilieholm with presentations.

Each team of students and young professionals presented midweek on conservation issues in their respective areas. Lycoming students focused on the Susquehanna River Basin and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and covered issues including abandoned mine drainage, nutrient and sediment runoff, and Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling.

Students were not limited

to lectures in the classroom. Throughout the week, they were able to explore many activities popular among tourist in the Downeast Maine region. Students participated in a night kayak trip at nearby Little Tunk Pond, browsed the numerous shops in Bar Harbor, enjoyed dinner while watching the sunset atop Cadillac Mountain, toured the Orono Bog, strolled through downtown Bangor, and visited the Veazie Dam on the Penobscot River.

Levitt and Lilieholm wanted participants in the program to see first-hand the natural beauty of the area and to experience the serenity along the coast to highlight the importance of land preservation and connectivity on a large-landscape scale.

Throughout the course, students were exposed to an in depth look at land preservation around the western hemisphere and were able to form close relationships with students and young professionals from around the globe. All trip costs were funded by the Degenstein Foundation and Harvard University.



Photo provided by Cory Trego

The group stops to enjoy the great outdoors.

Two students take part in women's leadership program



Lycoming College political science students Rebecca Sellers, left, and Elizabeth Vollman are shown at the state Capitol they toured this summer through the National Education for Women's Leadership Pennsylvania program.

Two Lycoming College political science students recently participated in the National Education for Women's Leadership Pennsylvania program at Chatham University in Pittsburgh.

Students Rebecca Sellers, a junior from Wrightsville, and Elizabeth Vollman, a senior from Trout Run, went through an intensive, week-long, residential leadership and public policy institute designed to educate and empower young women for future political participation and leadership. Each year, approximately 35 students from colleges and universities across Pennsylvania are selected to attend.

The program addresses the underrepresentation of women in the political arena by focusing on the role of women in politics and policy making in Pennsylvania. During the course of the week, the students toured the state Capitol and were joined by congresswomen, state representatives, councilwomen and policy leaders to discuss the importance of women in

governing bodies.

"As a political science major, I know the statistics and outcomes of women being involved with political decisions," Sellers said. "However, I don't think I ever completely grasped the concept because it was only something I read about. Another aspect I really enjoyed was the social action projects. We were all split up into groups and were assigned an organization that was either pro or con to Marcellus Shale drilling. Each group formed their argument and then presented it to the 'city council.' It was very much like something we would do at Lycoming. So not only did we learn a lot, but we were able to put it into practice right away."

This is the first year Lycoming students have participated in the program, said Caroline Payne, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science. The trip was funded by a Curriculum Enrichment Grant provided by the college.

RENOVATIONS

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The fourth floor now features three study booths that each accommodate seven people for group work.

Each room has a monitor on a wall that can be connected to a laptop by HDMI port to share screens while working on a project. This allows students to view powerpoint on a larger screen. It is a remote controlled feature.

Because of the noise restrictions on the fourth floor, the speakers will be disabled. The Writing Center, which is located on the third floor has also received some expan-

sions. On the main floor, students now have the advantage of a charging station where they can safely lock, store, and charge their electronic devices. The charging station is located on the main floor next to the newspapers.

The campus television service has been upgraded to HDTV access. All TVs now need a QAM tuner to access the digital TV.

New TVs are available in public areas of dorms.

The new channel lineup can be found on the ITS website.



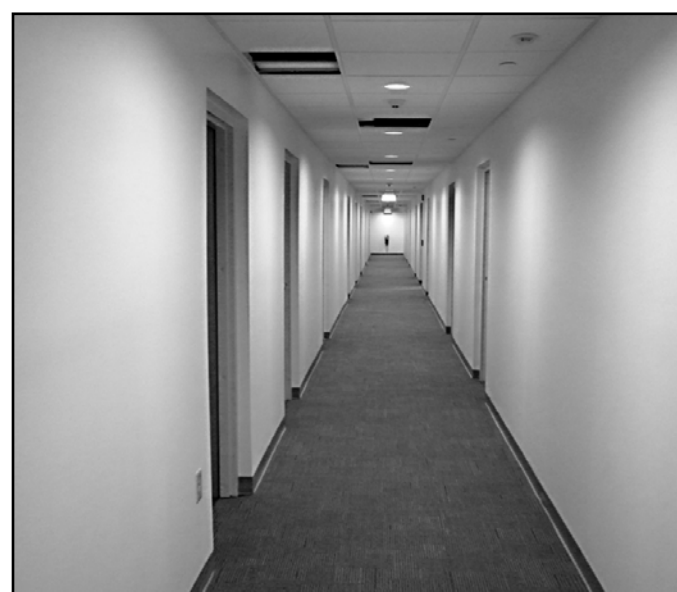
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The Rich lounge has been modified and updated with a new television.



Alycia Lucio/LYCOURIER

The dorm rooms in Rich Hall have a new look after renovations.



Alycia Lucio/LYCOURIER

The hallways in Rich have a clean look.

Campus issues security alert

At 2:45am on August 25, a student reported being physically assaulted while walking along East Fourth Street (south side of campus) near Honors Hall.

It is believed that a single individual committed the assault. The student did not see the perpetrator and therefore cannot provide a physical description of the assailant. The Williamsport Bureau of Police was contacted and is investigating this incident.

The victim was taken to the hospital. The student has since been released and reports doing well.

The school encourages students who have concerns or information regarding this incident to contact Safety and Security.

In an email sent by Dean Miller, he writes, "This incident serves as a reminder of the importance of the College's security measures and of one's personal responsibility for one's own safety."

Piece of history discovered on campus

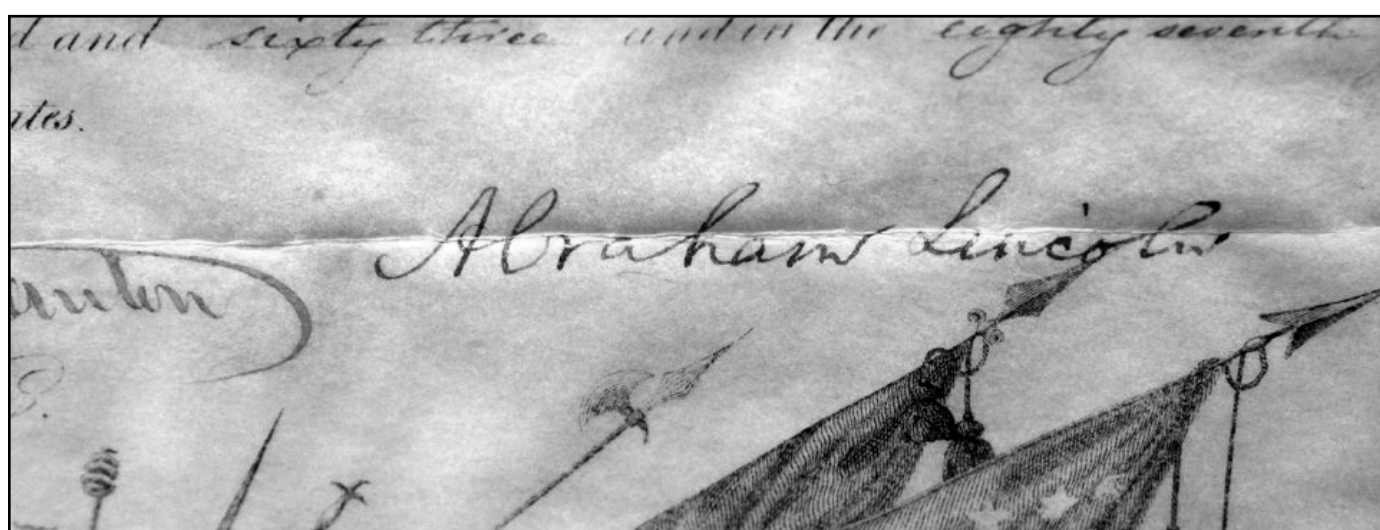


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The document signed by Lincoln was found by former President Douthat while he cleaned his closet.

The College made national news when former college President James Douthat cleared out his office in June.

While cleaning out his closet, Douthat recovered a historical document that had been lost for years—a certificate signed by President Abraham Lincoln. The document named the college's founder a chaplain.

The certificate still appears to be in good condition.

"Lincoln's neat signature

is clearly visible, just above an ornate, patriotic-themed imprint at the bottom of the commission certificate for Methodist clergy Benjamin Crever," according to an Associated Press article.

Douthat told reporters that he remembered hearing about the document, but he never searched for it.

"When I took it down, of course I recognized Lincoln's signature immediately," Douthat told reporters.

"I assume it was in the top of the closet 24 years ago. I had never seen it."

The document was also signed by Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

Former associate dean and library director Janet McNeil Hurlbert told the AP, "It was (initially) discovered a while ago. And then it got ... put someplace else for a while."

Differing theories for the misplacement of the document were offered. Some think that

it was in the closet during all of Douthat's tenure. Others propose that the document was brought into Douthat's office by someone who wanted to show it to the president and that it was put into the closet without his knowledge.

According to the AP, appraisers have estimated the certificate's worth at over \$6,000.

The document was transferred to the college archives after it was found.

Something's wrong with me

Tori Cox



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Student receives neuroscience award

Lycoming College student Lauren Robertson, a senior biology major from Hanover, recently won a Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience travel award to present her work at the national Society for Neuroscience meeting in San Diego, Calif., in October. The \$750 award covers travel and meeting expenses.

The Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience is an international organization that is focused on neuroscience education and research at the undergraduate level.

In April, Robertson also won the Best Poster Presentation award at the 2013 Lehigh Valley Society for Neuroscience Undergraduate Research Conference for Psychology, Neuroscience and Philosophy of Mind with her project, "Characterization of Early Purkinje Cell Processes in the Mouse."

Opinion: A freshman's guide to the ins and outs of Lyco

Alycia Lucio
College Life Editor

You've just graduated high school. You're on your own, and now you're wondering: what's next? Don't panic. No matter how weird or normal, shy or outgoing you are, you already fit in at Lyco.

Although we have a small student body, it's large enough that you're bound to find a group of people that are just like you. So my first word of advice is: go out and meet some people! Your floor is a great place to start. By now, you've probably already been introduced to them on the first weekend, but why stop there?

Once you're all unpacked and have decided whether or not to bunk the beds or divide the room, take a little walk around campus and enjoy the sunlight because in two weeks, it'll most likely be replaced by clouds, rain, and the cold.

As you venture, you may realize that the quad is the liveliest place when the sun is out. This happens to also be where the Involvement Fair is held along with the Campus Carnival this Sunday. So grab your roommate. Grab that random guy who sits next to you in Astronomy, or hell, just go by yourself if you rather, but definitely attend the Carnival! This is a great way to kick back after the first week of classes. And you may even win a fish for your dorm room, which is always a plus.

Now that you're settled in, you may be tempted to join some clubs. This is another great way to get involved and meet some people. I recommend joining the Lycourier (nudge, nudge). But definitely



Photo Credit: Flickr User Edwin Ace

The beginning of college means a lot of firsts. One of those may be trying to figure out how to do their own laundry.

ly join one or five but just be mindful that you have four other classes to manage (or for you double-majors, maybe even more than that). Classes can get a little overwhelming at times, so in the midst of all your excitement, remember not to take on too much at once.

You can join clubs at anytime, so you may want to join one then more as you become comfortable with your schedule. But if you ever do feel overwhelmed, don't forget you can find help almost everywhere. The Writing Center (on the third floor of Snowden) is the number one place to find it depending on what you need. If that doesn't help, just ask anyone that looks friendly to direct you where to go.

Alright, now that you have a lovely group of friends to sit with in the cafe, you'll realize

that all the upperclassmen know that you're a freshman. They know this, not because you look new—although that is a factor—but because you are most likely wearing a lanyard. Sure it helps you keep track of your room key and ID which is important, but lose that thing and invest in a wallet.

Speaking of the cafe, you'll notice that burgers, pizza, and fries are becoming a part of your daily diet. However, the freshman 15 is not a myth! While some of you may luck out and keep your figure, the others I'm afraid will gain weight. If the idea of that bothers you, this is when the gym becomes your best friend. But if not, go ahead and indulge.

Some local places that are yummy: Panara, Starbucks, Two Boys, Old School, Wegmans (great sushi!), or head

down the Golden Strip (that street is full of fast food).

After a couple of weeks, you'll probably want to take a break from school work and have some fun. I know Williamsport is small so you'll only really find a movie theater and bowling, but the Campus Activity Board does put together some events to keep you occupied.

You'll soon learn that you need to check your e-mails every day about three times a day. There, you'll find anything and everything that goes on around campus, and a movie list of all the films Lyco will play over the semester. The movies play almost every Friday-Sunday in the Heim building room G-11.

If you're not a movie buff, the school also takes trips to New York ever so often to see plays and to spend a day in the city. You should definitely try

to go on a trip there at least once. If you're curious about any other activities happening, check out CAB.

Now onto the stuff you most likely don't want to do, because you're not exactly sure how to do it. And yes, I'm talking about laundry.

On arrival, you were given a pretty blue and white laundry card. Unless you are an excessive laundry doer, you should have more than enough money on your card to last you the semester.

Your mom may have told you to separate your whites and colors or your delicates from the rest. Some of you may decide you just want to throw your clothes into one load. But whatever you decide, just remember, laundry isn't something to fear or let build up.

After that, you're ready for the dryer. If you used softener in the wash, you can skip the step about adding a dryer sheet. But before you start the dryer, remember to empty that little thing that holds all the lint. You should do it again after the dryer is done as well.

Speaking of when your laundry is done, pick that stuff up ON TIME! If you don't get your clothes when you're supposed to, they will be moved to one of the tables in the room since there are a limited number of washer and dryers.

I know I've mentioned a lot, but hopefully some of this information is useful to you. The most important thing to remember is to enjoy your freshman year, because the years that follow go by quicker each day.

Freshmen find fun and friends on First Weekend

Alycia Lucio
College Life Editor

Last Friday, the class of 2017 arrived with eager smiles and overstuffed vehicles. But as another semester commenced, Lyco's traditions were upheld by an amazing group of upperclassmen—and I'm not just saying that because I'm one of the latter.

Despite the early morning wake up call, a large majority of students volunteered to participate with the Move-in Crew.

Full of energy—or at least a false sense of energy—inspired by the Class of 2015's senate president, Greg Vartan, the group cheered as one by one vehicles approached Skeath and Asbury, lining up to assist the new students and their parents. The Move-in Crews working with Skeath and Asbury definitely got a workout that day.

But the Move-in Crew showed tremendous effort and teamwork. "I enjoy seeing the shocked faces from the families that we help," said Junior Olivia Coleman. No matter how many flights of stairs they climbed, they all wore smiles and made sure to quickly assist whomever needed it with straight backs and open arms.

Overall, the move-in was a success. The Move-in Crew definitely brought a great start to the semester, showing off the new Lyco logo and their school pride.

As freshmen weekend continued, the activities rolled

on beginning with the New Student Convocation near Clarke Chapel and proceeding with games on the Intramural Field and in the Rec Center.

The Rec center sponsored a Lazer Tag game. Each team showed spirit as they ran around the bunkers, and their fellow floor-mates cheered them on.

They all wore their floor colors with pride. A few of the groups even sat with students from other floors as they waited their turn to play the game. The commuter team especially went all out, singing their pirate chant as they walked around the Rec.

On the other half of the Rec, a few of the sororities and fraternities had tables set up with activities that focused on different types of awareness.

Cody Giles, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, even had a table set up to explain Greek Life to the freshmen.

Everyone looked like they were having fun, and showed great enthusiasm.

The winner of the Skasbury Cup was the Kelly Green team which was announced on Sunday at the movie on the quad. Overall, the dorm that earned the most points was Asbury, and the team that showed the most spirit ended up being the Commuters.

With all the excitement over first weekend, freshmen appeared eager to discover what is in store for the rest of the year. But one thing is certain, the freshmen all found fun and friends on the first weekend.



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Above, a freshman gets ready to move in to her dorm. Below, students involved in Move-in Crew wait in line at the water coolers to rehydrate.



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Question of the Week: What are you looking forward to most about your last year at Lyco?



Amaraja Sholder Senior

"Rooming with my best friend."



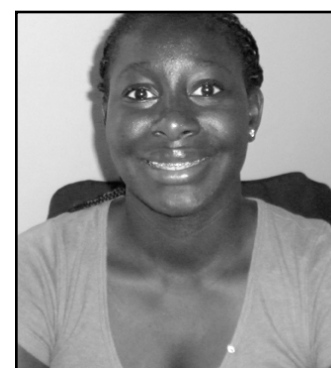
Tiffanie Brown Senior

"Graduating."



Christina Giuffrida Senior

"Moving forward after school is finished."



Stephanie Sarkodie Senior

"My internship."

Low minimum wage ruins American economy; workers deserve better pay



Photo Credit: Flickr User mtume_soul

Workers demonstrate outside a New York McDonald's, demanding minimum wage be increased to \$15 an hour.

By Dan Zebrine
Opinion Editor

Over the summer, minimum wage laws in America have become a focus for citizens. The fast food industry is especially angry, with workers in cities throughout the country going on strike, walking out in the middle of their shifts. Their demands? Strikers want it to be easier to form unions, and they want minimum wage to be \$15 dollars an hour. And this desired increase is, quite possibly, one of the most rational and necessary demands for this country.

The current federal minimum wage is \$7.25, so such a huge jump in minimum wage might seem drastic. Large fast food corporations have tens of thousands of employees, the majority of them being minimum wage workers, and this minimum wage increase would more than double the cost of wages for all those employers – roughly 160 million dollars per 10,000 full time minimum wage employees.

Yes, that's a lot of money, or at least it seems so to the average person. But to a corporation like McDonald's, it's nothing. Pulling in roughly 5.4 billion dollars a year, McDonald's net income would drop 3% for every 10 thousand full time minimum wage employees increased to \$15 an hour.

So, if corporations end up paying hundreds of millions of dollars extra to their employees, how do the employees benefit? Why \$15? Why is \$7.25 not enough? The sad fact in America is that the cost of living keeps increasing, and minimum wage has never been adjusted accordingly.

A living wage calculator created by Dr. Amy Glasmeier of MIT reports, for Lycoming County, a living full time wage of \$7.52 for one adult. This means that adults living in the county would need to make \$7.52 an hour working full time to adequately support just themselves. Add just one child, and that wage increases to \$16.21.

What opponents of the proposed wage increase do not understand is that so many of the fast food workers are trying to support a family on that minimum wage job. I've seen clips of various talking heads sharing their idealized vision of America as a country in which people start with minimum wage jobs and work their way up from there. Op-

ponents commonly argue that the wage increase is unnecessary and even damaging because it suggests that it's okay to "settle" on a fast food job, that if people will lose motivation to get better jobs if fast food jobs pay well. That's all well and good, but the fact is that there simply are no better jobs out there.

Once upon a time, fast food may have been an industry employing mostly teenagers looking for extra cash over the summer, but that has changed. The average age of a McDonald's employee now is 32, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. They're not demanding higher wages so they don't have to work hard to go on to better jobs. They're demanding a livable wage so they can feed themselves and their children, because there are not enough higher level positions out there. With such little room for advancement, minimum wage jobs will remain the only option for many people needing to support themselves and families, and that can't be done on \$7.25 an hour.

Now, I'm not going to pretend that I can remotely relate to people needing to support a family on \$7.25 an hour, but having such a low minimum wage is tough for teens, too. Money from my minimum wage jobs I've had I split between saving for college and normal kid stuff – going out with friends, gas, video games, records, that kind of stuff. And in case anyone hasn't noticed, college is expensive. Recreation is expensive. Video games are expensive. Everything is expensive.

Making \$7.25 an hour without even having the time to work full time does not make saving for college and having fun easy. In fact, at one job I had briefly, the minimum wage was just barely enough to cover the gas to get there and back, and left almost no money to put towards college. The desired minimum wage increase would roughly double the amount of money I'd make, have made that job worthwhile instead of being forced to quit after just two days, and given me more money to put up for college right away, reducing loans and making my life after college a lot easier without as much debt to pay off. Yeah, there are a lot of issues lately with college costs and loans that are really damaging for young adults just trying to give themselves a better fu-

ture, but the minimum wage being as low as it is is certainly not setting kids off on the right foot to have a financially secure future.

I've covered the benefits for two groups – parents trying to support families and college kids trying to have a good future. Don't fit into either of those? Haven't worked a minimum wage job in years? Guess what – a minimum wage increase is still good for you, too.

The economy sucks. People aren't spending money because they don't have money to spend. That makes the economy suck more. Now, I'm not suggesting that people need to be wasteful with their money, but cash flow is important in a strong economy. The worse the economy gets, the less people spend money, choosing instead to give up only what they have to survive and save what they have left, in turn making the economy worse.

So, what might get the flow of cash started again? What would make people spend money? I personally think giving people money would work, so they actually have money to spend. Increasing minimum wage would take money out of company profits and the pockets of executives, yes, but that money would be spread across the American population, greatly increasing the amount of people with disposable income, sparking a flow of money, and giving the economy a push in the right direction, benefitting everyone.

Unfortunately, it seems, those executives that are getting all the money made by the hard work of minimum wage employees are focused on what they'd have to give up and aren't willing to make sacrifices for what would make a stronger America overall.

Staff Opinion Unpaid internships exploit hard-working students

In 2013, it's hard for a graduating college student to find a job.

Of course, there are internships galore. That is, if you don't want money, are satisfied with working for college credit, and are then prepared to pay for the credits so you can have a line on your resume to prove you used your four years of school for more than a social experience.

There is a little problem in all of this, though, when we consider that as college students, we're already dishing out mountains of cash for 16 credits per semester. So, not only are we expected to voluntarily take on high amounts of slave labor, but we're also supposed to be so grateful for the experience that we pay other people to count it toward our education.

Recently, interns who worked on the Oscar-nominated film *Black Swan* challenged Fox Searchlight, saying that they should have been paid for the work they completed for the project as they were essentially employees. The interns won their case based on a list of criteria for unpaid internships that their work exceeded.

So, what is this list? In a nutshell, there are six standards set by the Department of Labor that an unpaid internship must meet. Paraphrased, they are:

- There must be some sort of educational environment.
- The internship must be for the benefit of the intern.
- The intern doesn't take the place of a regular employee.
- The employer doesn't benefit from the work the intern is doing, and in many cases the intern's presence may slow down the company operations.
- There is no job promised to the intern after the internship is over.
- Both the employer and intern understand that the intern

is not entitled to pay.

We don't know about you, but we're hard pressed to think of an internship that doesn't benefit the employer. In fact, it seems that any work an intern does with a for-profit company would not only benefit the employer, but would take the place of a regular employee (whether that's completing reports or answering phones). Already we're at 2 strikes.

Why do unpaid internships continue to exist, and why do they cost the intended beneficiary money? If the goal of a college is education, and a student has already paid tuition fees, why tack on more money when a student is trying to become better educated?

If given the option, we'd rather complete an internship without the messy business of getting it to count for college credit, but unfortunately many companies will not allow you to perform interning duties without receiving credit, because then it means they have to pay you.

Describing this system as "flawed" is putting it gently. There is a real problem when young adults are expected to complete entry-level jobs for no money.

Corporations and colleges both take advantage of a student's ambition when they choose to not financially reward and take money from that student.

We need a reformation when it comes to work experience for college students. When a person is completing work for a company, that person should be paid. When a student is striving to better themselves and learn a trade, that person should not be taken advantage of and forced to pay hidden fees in the name of 'education'.

Older America says it's time for millennials to take some initiative and go out and work. Why don't you let us?

Overheard at Lyco

Taylor Swift is really unhappy. That makes me feel good inside.

- Apartments

I have a pocket knife so we could pick the lock.

- Communications Building

So put that in your banana and chop it.

- The AC

I'm drinking tea, and it's really hot, so I'm wearing an oven mitt.

- Apartments

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Opportunities are plentiful to go kayaking or canoeing along the Susquehanna River

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As summer draws to a close, Sept. and Oct. continue to offer plenty of mild days to pursue enjoyment in the outdoors.

Few fail to notice the Susquehanna River as it winds its ways through the Lycoming County countryside. But many fail to see the numerous recreation opportunities the river provides.

The West Branch of the Susquehanna snakes its way some 243 miles through the Allegheny Plateau, draining an area of nearly 7,000 square miles of predominantly forested land. Fortunately, a few discerning individuals realized the great potential of this valuable resource. The Pennsylvania Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the Chesapeake Bay Gateway Network, and the Susquehanna Greenway partnered together to create the West Branch Susquehanna Water Trail. This simple "trail" uses the river's natural course to guide travelers through 228 miles of gently flowing water from Cherry Tree in Indiana County, to Shikellamy State Park in Sunbury.

A float from the headwaters to the confluence of the North Branch and West Branch takes one through some of the most remote valleys in the state. These lush green ridges were once barren wastelands, stripped of precious timber and left desolate by the rush for timber to fuel westward expansion. Today, modern conservation practices have resulted in heavily forested plateaus dissected by pristine mountain streams packed with brook trout and a plethora of diverse pollution sensitive invertebrates. Remnants of the logging

era glory remain. Abandoned rail lines still clutter some of the slower moving areas where loggers used to guide logs downstream.

This unique water trail has thirty four access points strung along the river's edge for public use. Lycoming is fortunate enough to have several points within close driving distance. The Susquehanna State Park, the site of the famous Hiawatha Paddleboat cruises, offers novice canoe users and kayakers a chance to enjoy some of the slower water behind the Hepburn Street Dam. Water clarity here is excellent at most times of the year. Smallmouth bass, carp, channel catfish and numerous sunfish can often be seen swimming in the weed beds that line much of the shore. While this section of the river does receive slightly more traffic than most areas, a calm fall morning offers excellent views of the foliage on Bald Eagle Mountain. Greevy boat launch lies a few miles downstream, just above the confluence of the Loyalsock Creek and the West Branch. Here, recreationalists can enjoy a swifter float through a more secluded section of the river. There is often significantly less boat traffic due to the presence of small riffles formed by the inflow of Loyalsock Creek.

The most scenic stretch of the river locally can be accessed at the Montoursville boat launch, which is nestled below the overlook on Route 15. A winding drive leads past the airport and along Loyalsock Creek before turning east through a wooded section along the river's north bank. Here Bald Eagle Mountain looms just above the river. A pair of bald eagles frequents this spot, and can often be seen perched in

the tree on the bank opposite the boat launch. The serenity found here seems to appeal to them as well as to the few visitors that venture there.

Canoes and kayaks can also be rented locally from Canoe Susquehanna outfitters. This unique outfitter accommodates groups and individuals, and offers guided tours with refreshments provided. If you are looking for a larger group experience, this group provides monthly prescheduled paddle trips. The next trip is scheduled for Sept. 15, and departs from Milton State Park. For more information, visit Paddlehappy.com.

Some Lycoming students are also attempting to gather together a kayak club. Keep looking out for more information or contact Kathryn Jones directly at jonkath@lycoming.edu.

PLACES TO GO

THE WEST BRANCH
SUSQUEHANNA
WATER TRAIL

THE SUSQUEHANNA
STATE PARK

BALD EAGLE MOUNT.

GREEVY BOAT LAUNCH

LOYALSOCK CREEK



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Canoeing and kayaking along the Susquehanna River is a rewarding experience that gives nature lovers a unique way to experience the world they love.

John Green writes an endearing love story that captivates his romantic audiences

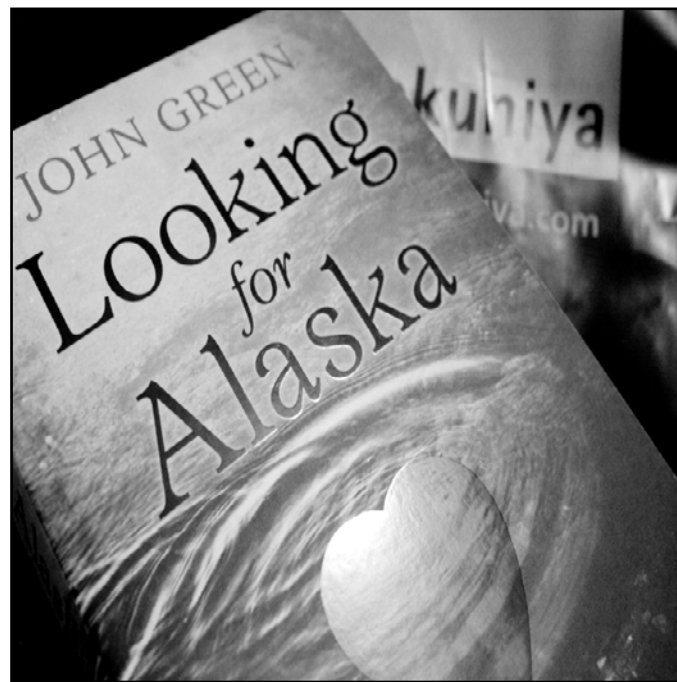


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"Looking for Alaska," Green's award-winning novel, deals with a mysterious death of a girl named Alaska in a severe car accident and Miles' love for her.

Qiana Hill
Staff Writer

Some mysteries weren't meant to be solved, as the saying goes. The mystery in question is the sudden death of Alaska Young. The book's main characters, Chip (The Colonel) Martin, Miles (Pudge) Halter, Takumi, and Alaska all attend Culver Creek Preparatory School. Alaska, Chip, and Takumi are old friends. Miles is the new addition to the group and instantly falls for Alaska. Miles meets her through Chip, his roommate, who gets cigarettes and alcohol through her.

As the book begins, Miles's infatuation with Alaska is very obvious, but Alaska seems unphased by his admiration, always claiming she loves her boyfriend, Jake. Chip remarks that she must feel something for Jake because Jake is the first guy she hasn't cheated on. Miles continues to hang out with the trio and learns about the ways of Culver Creek.

The first time they meet, Miles notices how many books are in Alaska's room. She challenges him to recite Simon Bolivar's last words from "The General and His Labyrinth," since Miles is obsessed with last words. He never read "The General and His Labyrinth," however, so he could not. The labyrinth, Alaska goes on to explain, is suffering.

Alaska and Miles are in World Religions class together and they have been studying the different doctrines of the afterlife within the Christian, Buddhist, and Muslim faiths. The new trio (Chip, Miles, and Takumi) discover that her way of escaping her own labyrinth was straight and fast. The night before her death, Alaska has been drinking with Chip as Miles watches in her room. Miles and Alaska end

up making out. Then Jake calls Alaska and she gets hysterical, saying that she has to leave. They help her get off campus and the next morning they are told the horrific news.

After her mysterious death in a car accident, Miles goes in search of answers. After a few leads and dead ends, Chip says they should ask her boyfriend, but Miles doesn't want to let the fantasy of him and Alaska fade away. They discover that the accident may have been a suicide.

Days go by and the year comes to an end, but Miles still needs closure. He feels responsible for letting her go, and helping her get out of her labyrinth as Chip suggested. In their World Religions class, their teacher Dr. Hyde tells them that for their final paper they have to answer Alaska's question of how to get out of their labyrinths.

John Green's depiction of Alaska through Miles's perspective is heartwarming. He makes Alaska seem like the goddess Eris being wild, and chaotic in nature. Yet Miles's love for her never dwindles hoping that for the sake of his love, she will and does love him back. It is a little sad to watch him go through the grieving process because while he tries to show his deep feelings for her, he also is suppressing the one feeling he does not want to feel. Rejection.

The story is similar to "The Dead Poet's Society." Green's story, however, has more of a spiritual undertone.

Miles says at the end that he chooses the labyrinth no matter how difficult it may be. He will always choose life because in choosing life he still has the next choice to make.

I would give this book 4.5 stars for Green's style and his character portrayal.

Don't say the 'Z' word! Forster's "World War Z" hits movie theatres across America

Kathryn Jones
Staff Writer

Those who enjoy suspenseful zombie movies with instantaneous transitions from human to brain-eating -monsters will thoroughly enjoy World War Z. Based on the novel written by Max Brooks, the action begins when character Gerry Lane, performed by Brad Pitt, is called back into duty with the U.S. government to investigate the origins of an outbreak virus that controls its victims to infect human hosts in order to spread a flesh tearing army.

Gerry must leave his family in the hands of his deceiving employers in an isolated military ship to search for the birthplace of the pandemic virus, in hopes of creating a cure.

The situation at hand seems under control as the prestigious young prophet of virus research is flown off

with Gerry and other military men to the site where the sickness may have been birthed.

As soon as the destination is reached a series of unfortunate events leads to a loss of men, including the researcher who was considered the world's last hope for discovering a solution.

Searching for answers himself, this protagonist travels solo depending on connections to get him from place to place to complete his mission.

In between fighting the plagued, Gerry loses connection with his family, and his generals. Thought to be dead, Gerry's family is released from the ship and soon to be placed in a doomed destination where security is not certain.

Ironically he regains connections with his employers after his family is dispatched; then it becomes do or die as the clock ticks for his family and the entire planet.

The story takes a positive turn when Gerry notices a glitch in the behavior of the infected that becomes useful in a desperate situation for survival. He noticed during his travels that only healthy human hosts were attacked to spread the parasite and its gruesome symptoms. With this new knowledge he makes a gut churning decision to infect himself with lethal viruses to get past a wave of infected cases locked up inside a virus containment and research center.

Gerry's journey and spontaneous actions will surely gain respect from zombie lovers who like a reasonable plot and surprise, unlike the gore fest in a George Romero flick. World War Z strays away from the 'Z' word, but those who enjoy zombie films like 28 Days and 28 Weeks later will find this a clever, suspenseful, and overall interesting movie.



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"World War Z" features Brad Pitt, who plays Gerry Lane. Lane is called by the U.S. government to investigate the virus creating a flesh eating army.

College unveils new athletics identity



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The new logo was designed to promote "the core concepts of strength, honor, excellence and tradition."

A new and contemporary family of logos and word marks, along with a customized font package for the college's 17-sport intercollegiate athletics program, were introduced during a news conference Tuesday, Aug. 13, in Burchfield Lounge.

"Throughout the design process, the college was committed to identifying an image that promotes the core concepts of strength, honor,

excellence and tradition," director of athletics and head football coach Mike Clark said. "We feel the new logo reflects the dynamic direction of Lycoming athletics. We are very excited to wear it into competition."

The new identity program was created by the nationally-recognized Joe Bosack Graphic Design Co., which also has done logos for several collegiate programs, such

as Akron, Bucknell, Manhattanville and Mississippi State and professional teams, including the NHL's Colorado Avalanche and AHL's Hershey Bears. The new set of athletic marks includes the following components:

- A primary mark that features both a logo (the sword and shield logo) and word mark;
- Sport-specific word marks that incorporate both Lycoming and Lyco;
- Secondary marks;
- A customized font package;
- A style manual on proper logo and word mark usage by internal and external constituencies.

The athletics department will continue to use blue and gold as its official colors, while utilizing gray as an accent color in the primary logo.

The new set of marks will replace the block L logo, which has been in use since 2005. Prior to that, the col-

lege used an "Indian Head" mark for nearly 50 years, but changed the logo due to NCAA legislation that banned the use of American Indian imagery by sports teams during its postseason tournaments.

"This identity system helps further the principal concepts that we looked to while developing a new logo," assistant director of athletics and sports information director Joe Guistina said. "A big thanks goes to the college's athletics logo committee, the survey participants and the Joe Bosack Design Group staff for their dedication and valuable input in helping us visually identify our core principals as an athletic department."

A review of the college's athletics program's marks began in the spring of 2011 and was led by an internal committee comprised of athletic staff, students, faculty and staff members and alumni. The committee conducted a

survey that focused on what the community would like to see in a new visual identity for the athletic department. Survey results showed that the community identified strongly with the nickname, "Warriors," and with the core tenets of tradition, strength and honor.

In 2012, the Joe Bosack Design Group was selected by the committee to provide the creative materials for the new identity system. The internal committee, working with the design group, met several times throughout the winter and spring to develop the new logos and marks.

The new visual identity will be phased in through normal purchasing cycles with new uniforms, practice gear and accessories donning the new look. Apparel and merchandise with the new logo will be available in the campus store at the beginning of the fall semester, which begins Monday, Aug. 26.

Warriors favored in MAC preseason football poll

Three Preseason All-Americans and seven returning all-conference players have helped the Lycoming College football team top the 2013 Middle Atlantic Conference Preseason Football Coaches' Poll with 76 points.

The Warriors are picked ahead of two MAC teams that are listed in the D3football.com 2013 preseason poll. Widener is ranked 20th while Delaware Valley and Lycoming are receiving votes with 37 and 18, respectively.

Widener is predicted to finish second according to the coaches' poll with 68 points, edging out Delaware Valley, which is third with 67. Albright follows with 65 points and Lebanon Valley rounds out the top half of the poll at 48. Wilkes is sixth with 38 points, edging out Stevenson, which has 36 points. FDU-Florham and King's are tied for eighth while Misericordia rounds out the poll.

The Warriors are coming off an 8-2 campaign in 2012, finishing 8-1 and in second place in the MAC. The team includes three players who have earned mention on Preseason All-American lists in senior linebacker Kabongo Bukasa (Sharon Hill, Pa./Academy Park), who was the 2012 MAC Defensive Player of the Year, senior defensive lineman Dwight Hentz



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The Warriors were selected to finish first in the MAC Preseason Coaches' Poll.

(Halifax, Pa./Halifax Area) and junior defensive back Tanner Troutman (Hegins, Pa./Tri-Valley). Three-time all-conference selection Zack Czap (Philipsburg, Pa./Philipsburg-Osceola) was a 2011 Preseason All-American as a kicker.

This is the first time the Warriors topped the preseason poll since 2004, when the team was coming off a 9-2 record and an appearance in the NCAA quarterfinals in 2003. The Warriors posted 96 points in that poll and were placed first or second on all 11 ballots.

The Warriors begin their 2013 campaign at Brockport on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 1 p.m.

2013 MAC Preseason Football Coaches' Poll

1. Lycoming - 76
2. Widener - 68
3. Delaware Valley - 67
4. Albright - 65
5. Lebanon Valley - 48
6. Wilkes - 38
7. Stevenson - 36
8. Fairleigh Dickinson-Florham - 20
9. King's - 20
10. Misericordia - 12

Four Warriors earn ITA Scholar-Athlete status



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Sophomore Joe Rudderow picked up his first ITA Scholar Athlete award.

Jason Mifsud (Montoursville, Pa./Montoursville Area) wrapped up a near-flawless senior season by becoming the first player in college history to earn Intercollegiate Tennis Association Scholar-Athlete status, the organization announced on its website. In addition, three other men's tennis players, junior Jordan Dubinsky (Barnegat, N.J./Barnegat), junior Jack Port (Mechanicsburg, Pa./Cedar Cliff) and sophomore Joe Rudderow (Blandon, Pa./Fleetwood), earned Scholar-Athlete honors.

In order to earn ITA Scholar-Athlete status, a player must be a varsity letter winner, have a grade point average of at least 3.50 (on a 4.00 scale) for the current academic year, and have been enrolled at their present school for at least two semesters.

In the past four years, the team has been brilliant in the classroom, posting 18 Middle Atlantic Conference Academic Honor Roll selections and 18 Scholar-Athletes.

Mifsud, a mathematics major, led the way, earning three MAC Academic Honor Roll accolades and four Scholar-Athlete nods. The first four-time all-conference selection in school history, Mifsud finished his career with a 45-11 singles record and a 28-26 mark in doubles play. As a senior, Mifsud notched a 15-1 singles mark, became the college's first MAC Individual Singles Champion in school history, first Commonwealth Conference Player of the Year and first MAC Scholar Athlete.

Dubinsky, an English/creative writing major, earned his third letter as a member of the men's tennis

team. He notched one win in doubles play and was a starter throughout the season, playing primarily in the No. 6 slot.

Port, a history major, earned his second Scholar-Athlete award. The dual-sport athlete played primarily in the No. 4 singles slot, winning one match, and at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles, where he won two matches.

Rudderow, a business marketing/management major, picked up his first Scholar Athlete nod after notching a 2-2 record in singles play. He also played two matches at No. 3 doubles during the season.

The Warriors open the 2013-14 schedule with a road trip to defending Freedom Conference champions, Wilkes, on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 3:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Teams welcome new coaching staff

Earlier this month, the 2013 Warriors football team announced new additions to the coaching staff. Ryan Rybicki will serve as a defensive backs coach, Tim Landis will be the new tight ends coach, and Ryan Fenningham and Matt Talerico were brought on as student assistants.

The women's soccer team also announced new coaching staff, including recent graduate Kari (Shaner) Hack as an assistant coach. Bri Eilman will also join the team as a volunteer assistant coach.

Little League World Series wraps up

On August 25th, international champions Japan and United States champions California battled in the final game of the Little League World Series. With a come-from-behind effort, Japan won their second straight title. This is also the second win for the team Musashi Fuchu of Tokyo, who also claimed the championship in 2003.

Controversy over 2014 Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympics, to be held in Sochi, Russia, drew controversy over the summer due to recent publicized Russian laws concerning homosexuality. The Russian government's reaction was to a request to establish a Pride House, a temporary establishment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered athletes at major sporting events, with the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver popularizing the idea.

The initial request for a Pride House was rejected by Russia's Ministry of Justice and subsequently upheld under fear of non-traditional sexual orientation propaganda. Since the ruling, LGBT activists have called for protests and urged companies to pull sponsorship, and conflicting reports have been issued from the Russian government concerning whether the legislation will affect those in Russia for the purposes of the Olympics.

Baseball preseason approaching

With just over a month left in the Major League Baseball season, teams are fighting for playoff spots. The Pittsburgh Pirates, after a losing 2012 season, are in great position as of press time, currently holding the top National League wild card spot and only half a game behind Central Division leader St. Louis.

Things are not looking as good for their fellow Pennsylvanians, the Philadelphia Phillies. Despite sitting third in their division, they are 13.5 games back in the National League wild card fight with time running out in the regular season.

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