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# Lights! Camera! ACTION! Crossing the Frame Productions to begin work on film

**Tory Irwin** Editor-In-Chief

Work for Crossing the Frame Productions, the campus film club, is in full swing.

Filming for the group's project is scheduled to start within the next week.

'We have been busy working on getting the script together, getting our film cast and finding locations, basically doing all the pre-production work so we can start filming our short film,' club president and senior Brianne Charnigo has said of their work so far.

The film, written by Charnigo, senior Scott Hizny and junior Karisa Calvitti (and loosely based on a story by former Lycoming students Kelsey Pope and Natalie Johnson), asks the question "What if you had a second chance?" When waitress Megan witnesses her friend and co-worker Barb cheating on her fiancé, Megan is faced with a moral dilemma. Failure to act on what she knows is right leads to disaster and Megan is given the option to change the past.

The work is the first episode of a web series, "Antiquity," that the club is working to create.

'The idea that we're doing is that we're creating a story arc that will last over several episodes and each episode is independent or a standalone versus the overall arc of the story," said Grant Fausey, adviser to Crossing the Frame.

"The basic idea of the webisodes is that we have a standalone story that's tied to other stories

that we put up on a CGI wall of things from different people's past. And whether we use the same students or a different group of students every semester when the project begins, we can do development in the spring, (then) shoot it in the fall.

The group has been hard at work this semester working on pre-production.

"We're assigning jobs, the club is being converted into a company, so to speak. And I'm looking at it as a company like actors are a company, they have a troupe, well this is their group," Fausey said. Each member of the club has a

job assigned to them that's part of the filmmaking process. There are casting teams, advertising teams, writers, camera people, producers and more. All are essential in creating the final product.

"It's been a busy semester, but everyone seems pretty excited to get things going with the actual shooting, so hopefully things turn out well," Charnigo said.

Working on the club's projects gives students an experience that could be helpful for their futures.

"Crossing the Frame has the potential to be, depending on the student body and how geared they are toward knowledge, it becomes an opportunity as a group that may go on to work some other time," Fausey said. "You continue to work in groups, that's the way Hollywood works.

While many students in the club join as part of colloquium, membership is open to all students who are interested. The club meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the Mass Comm building.



Members of Crossing the Frame Productions work diligently on parts of the pre-production process.



Crossing the Frame Productions read through their script at a recent meeting. Shown above are Brianne Charnigo, Lindsey Scott, Scott Hizny and Nathan Bahn.

# Art and archaeology students journey to Big Apple



Students on the trip ventured into Central Park to take photos. Shown above is a panoramic photo of the city skyline.



Tori Cox/LYCOURIER

Senior Stephanie Engle stops to take a photo in Central Park. Many art students were inspired by the city, taking photos and creating sketches to capture their surroundings.

#### By Jacqueline Croteau Staff Writer

Last Friday, students from the art and archaeology departments filed onto buses at 6:40 a.m. bound for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in New York City.

Upon arrival the students explored the museum. They sketched and photographed famous paintings and sculptures.

Archaelogy students were required to take a tour of the ancient Near Eastern art as well as Greek and Roman art, headed by Dr. Gaber. She sent her art and archaeology students on a scavenger hunt through part of the

Students commented on the sheer size of the MET, as well as the vast number of masterpieces

and amount of history the museum holds. It was nearly impossible for the students to view every gallery in what proved to be a very short period of time.

Students made the most of their experience, looking with a critical and appreciative eye at each form they saw on display. The art work provided plenty of insight and inspiration for students.

The students were also given the opportunity to explore the cultural hub that is New York City.

Everyone was given free reign to find dinner and use up the last of the afternoon, before returning home to Lycoming. A few students took the chance to try their first slices of New York pizza and the reviews were positive!

The fall trip to New York City is repeated yearly in the art department.



The art and archaeology departments visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art while in New York City.

# 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, October 17 for a chance to win a \$5 gift card to Rite Aid.

No one was able to guess last week's image.

Photo by Tori Cox

# LACES raises money for mission trip

**Shannon Bolin** Staff Writer

The Lycoming chapter of ACES North America (Advancing Communities by Educating and Serving) is offering students an alternative spring break this year, in which selected students will be flying down to the Dominican Republic. To help students with the cost of the trip, the LACES club teamed up with their parent organization ACES to host a yard sale. The three weekend long yard sale took place at the Pajama Factory in Williamsport will continue this Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LACES is not alone in their efforts. The club has been aided by volunteers from Alpha Sigma Tau. Gamma Delta Sigma, and Lambda Chi Alpha to reach their goal. LACES also accepted many donations from clothing, books, videos, kitchenware, holiday supplies, baskets, toys, shoes, and much more.

"It was so awesome to see the student body come out and support such a great cause. It's great to see the rest of the college backing up the mission that our organization has," said Sarah Pickerin, secretary of LACES.

With the help of students, LAC-ES is anticipating another successful yard sale weekend at the Pajama Factory.

We've had such a great turnout the past two weekends. Essentially, we're just trying to help out the Williamsport community by selling quality items for a discounted price. Our proceeds are split between LACES and ACES. LACES is using this money to help send volunteers to better the living condition and community in the Dominican Republic while ACES is using their portion of the proceeds for shipping containers down to the Dominican Republic," Pickerin said.

With the application process beginning for the 2014 Dominican Republic trip, the hype among the students is rising.

"I'm really looking forward to volunteering at the yard sale this coming weekend. I just handed in my application for the Dominican Republic! I've always been involved in community service so I'd love to go not only to help others, but to experience a different culture, and watch both the volunteers and the communities grow from LACES's project," junior Kelly Blasi said.

The efforts of LACES are not limited to three weeks out of the year. Both LACES and ACES are constantly hosting events like 5k runs, the Big Switch, and participating in community service. Donations all of kinds are always



Shannon Bolin/LYCOURIER

The LACES yard sale was held last Saturday. Proceeds from the event are used to help send volunteers to the Dominican Republic.

accepted by ACES to use in the Dominican Republic and their events throughout the year.

Donations can be made for both LACES and ACES through Student Life Coordinator Brittany

## Homecoming and Reunion Weekend festivities to be held

Several exciting events are planned to welcome alumni back to the campus for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend on Oct.

The fun begins Friday with the Thomas B. Čroyle '70 Memorial Golf Tournament at 10:30 a.m. at the White Deer Golf Course in Montgomery. That evening, the Class of 1963 will celebrate its 50th reunion with a dinner at DiSalvo's, 341 E. Fourth St., at 6 p.m., and the Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center.

Friday's activities will conclude with the 4th annual Beer and Pretzel Tent on the Upper Quad from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., and a bonfire from 8 to 11 p.m., also on the Quad. Participants can enjoy Troegs beer and snacks, huddle around the bonfire and make s'mores, and take a trip on the Halloween hayride.

On Saturday morning, the Homecoming Welcome Reception will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This will coincide with an array of events, including a 9 a.m. presentation by Robert Larson, Ph.D., history and international studies professor and Col. Mike Ellicott titled, "Gettysburg and D-Day: America's Great Invasions," in the Fine Arts Building lecture hall.

There also will be an Alumni Association Executive Board 5K Walk and Run at 9 a.m., beginning at the Recreation Center, as well as an Alumni Brunch and Awards presentation from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Jane Schultz Room in the Wertz Student Cen-

A Homecoming Tailgate Lunch is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Homecoming parade will begin at 12:20 p.m. and will conclude at David Person Field, which is where the Warriors new mascot will be unveiled. Lycoming's football team will host Albright at 1:30 p.m. After the game, sports fans can head to Lamade Gymnasium for a swim meet at 4 p.m.

The All-Alumni Social Hour at 33 East, 33 E. Third St., will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by the Lycoming All-Alumni Gathering at The Old Corner Hotel. 328 Court St., from 9 p.m. to mid-

The weekend will wrap up Sunday with the Heritage Club and Tower Society breakfast with President Kent and Sharon Trachte at the president's house. The event is for alumni celebrating 50 or more years since their graduation and those who have included Lycoming in their estate plan or planned giving.

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2 miles from campus)



# Lyco students 'shack up' in the Rec Center for good cause

'Shack-a-Thon' event has strong turnout; Habitat president happy with results

On Monday, Habitat for Humanity hosted "Shack-a-Thon" for World Habitat Day from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Rec Center.

For a five-dollar-per-person entry fee, teams of three to five people worked to build the best shack. Teams were judged on creativity, structural soundness and aesthetics.

All money raised during "Shack-a-Thon" will go to the Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity Fund. For most stable shack, the win-

ners were The US Green Building Council Student Group at Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Winning the award for most creative and representing 1st Floor Asbury were Asha Bryant, Alysha Ardell, Lyndsay Devereaux and Olivia Lopez

Winners for the most aesthetically pleasing award were Kathy Jacobs, Abbey Smith and Cory Trego, representing the Pre-Health Society.

Seven teams participated in the event.

Judges from the Great Lycoming Habitat Board, Dr. Mahler and Liz Greenaway determined the winners.

Habitat for Humanity Lycoming chapter president and senior Annie Wegman was thrilled with the turnout and wanted to express her gratitude to all who participated.

"Thank you to everyone who made the Shack-A-Thon possible. This was a great and fun way to celebrate World Habitat Day and bring awareness to this important organization," Wegman said.

'Our campus chapter will continue to support and raise money for Habitat in order to help those in need of decent and affordable homes."

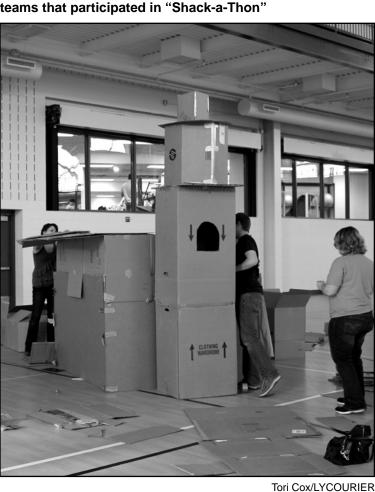


The US Green Building Council Student Group won the "most stable shack" award.



Teams worked hard to build their shacks. The competition

lasted from 3 to 7 p.m.



Teams were judged on three criteria: stability, creativity, and aesthetics.

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Brianne Charnigo



### Campus issues security alert

On Sept. 30, Dean Miller sent out the following information via email:

Early Sunday morning (9/29/13), an incident occurred in the Academic Center Parking Lot near Lamade Gym that has prompted this Safety and Security notice. Members of the college community walking back to campus were confronted by three individuals. The three individuals were making harassing state-

ments and attempted to rob them of a recent purchase.

The students called 911 as well as Lycoming's Safety and Security Office. Campus Safety and Security officers responded quickly and were able to chase down and apprehend one of the three individuals. The suspect was arrested by Williamsport police. Fortunately, no injuries resulted from this encounter. An investigation into this matter is on-going.

#### 'ARGH!': CAS holds pirate scavenger hunt



Photo by Em

Senior Kelly Ciesla and junior Taylor Kendra partied like pirates for the CAS scavenger hunt.

Sarah Jaran Staff Writer

At 6:10 p.m. Sept. 28, a band of CAS pirates and assorted mates began their search for treasure ourside of Williams Hall.

With around five color-coded teams and swash-buckling names, each team set out to find the missing pieces of the treasure map hidden by a greedy captain and his first mate.

Visiting common ports such as the bulletin board outside Wertz, the fish statue outside the AC, and the steps on the quad, each pirate crew was able to puzzle out the clues found with enough time to view the final encounter between the black-hearted captain and the men of the company. On the quad many of the sea lads, lasses, and captains chased down the fleeing duo and the one to grab the captain's scarf took the final piece of the puzzle.

The skillful pirate turned out to be none other than senior Victoria Yuskaitias and she received an extra portion of grog for her heroic deed

"I had a great time. I was pleasantly surprised to see everyone come out," Yuskaitias said. "We had a great turn out and it's a great way to meet new people and have some fun between classes."

After compiling the many portions of the map stolen by the evil captain, the multiple crews were able to navigate their way to the grog and entertainment.

# Student Senate:

## Updates for Sept. 23 and 30

Student senate has been busy for the last couple of weeks dealing with quite a few issues.

First, many students complained about Jack's Place. Students believe that portion sizes are too small for how high the prices are and are upset that getting water costs money. The portion sizes are on the small side because they have too much food for the space they have to work with. There just is not enough storage space. However, the portion sizes should be more accommodating in the future. As for the water, it costs money because people pay for the cup and straw. If students bring their own cups, consideration will be given and the water

Some students were also wondering how the cafeteria chooses which flavors of frozen yogurt to serve. It was reported that the company that supplies the yogurt has a total of fifty flavors that it gives the school. All of the flavors are rotated for now, and in the future, by eating more of the flavors they like, the students will be choosing which flavors stay and which ones go.

By next fall, the outside eating area should be built and ready for use. It will be located in front of Pennington lounge as an outside extension to Café 1812. This area is expected to be expensive but the class of 2014 is donating \$3,000 for the project.

The Commons was the last major topic of discussion. Vandalism is becoming a problem. There have been reports of vomit on the premise and urination in the elevator. An advisory board will most likely be put into effect in the near future to decide how to deal with these problems. So far there are two solutions. First, the Commons may be switching the building from access for all students to restricted access for residents only. The second is community billing, where everyone in the commons would be billed for any damage to property. The latter will only be used if other solutions fail to fix the problem.

Report compiled by Makenzie Smith.

# Lights out Lyco!

# Lycoming powers through outage

Robert Christian and Shannon Bolin Staff Writers

On Oct. 2, the campus and the surrounding Williamsport area experienced a power outage. The cause of the 45-minute outage remains unknown although it sparked some concern in the student body.

"It was a mess. Literally everything just shut down. I heard it messed up a lot of people's schedules but I still had class just like any other day," senior Kyle Shakespeare said.

All of the departments on campus had to improvise without power, which caused a lot of chaos in the dining hall. Unaware of how long the outage would last, workers quickly replaced all of the dishes with paper plates and plastic silverware. The made-to-order food at Bravisimo was

prepared on portable gas stoves and perishable beverages were put in large cooler dispensers so students could still have access to them.

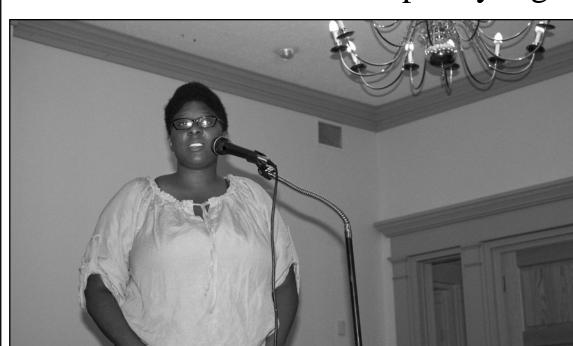
"I was really impressed with how quickly the dining hall workers got everything around for the outage. It was unfortunate that the outage happened right at most student's lunch time, but they handled it really well and everybody still got a hot meal," said senior Amy Vaughn.

With a plan of action, the college continued to function as normally as possible until the power came back on. Resident Advisors and other staff members kept dormitory, academic and administrative buildings functioning and orderly.

"My student life coordinator Anthony Pace informed the staff to let their residents know that classes were still going to be in session and that power should be restored by 1:30 p.m. I went back to my floor to relay the information to my residents in Skeath Hall," said Resident Advisor Cinnamin Quattlebaum.

Dean of Students Dan Miller responded with some safety procedures and outlines in case of another similar incident. He advises that all students turn off light swtiches and electronics plugged into outlets and power strips in case of fluctuating voltage that can damage electronics. It's important to remember if the power does go out to not report it to Safety and Security to prevent an overwhelming amount of calls. Only building secretaries or Resident Advisors should report a power outage. Avoid using elevators and if trapped in an elevator call safety and security for help on their emergency line (ext.

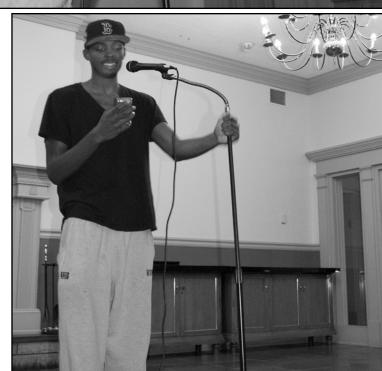
## Black Student Union hosts poetry night



Last Friday, the Black Student Union held its poetry night. Students stood before members of the club and recited poetry.

Above, BSU president, senior Sifa Blackmon, addresses the group. Blackmon introduced each poet throughout the night.

At right, BSU member, senior Anthony Martin read an original piece. Martin was one of many students who performed an original poem



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# offers classes for students

Alycia Lucio College Life Editor

For students interested in getting down and grooving to the rhythm of the music, Dance Club is the perfect place to show off all those great moves.

Students can learn a variety of dance styles, or simply express what they already know with individuals that share the same passion.

Junior and co-captain of Dance Club, Sarah Sipe, met for an interview to discuss all the information about dance club.

Class meetings are held between 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Each class is an hour long and are either at the Recreational Center's multi-purpose room, or the East Hall Coffee House.

"The club rarely meets as a whole," Sipe said. "It's usually just individual meetings, and the teachers and assistants will have their separate meetings.'

"We have ten different classes. Each one is its own kind of dance."

The dance class styles include: ballet, jazz, hip-hop, swing, Latin, belly, contemporary, tap, country line, and advanced dance. Each class has their own set of teachers and assistants. Sipe teaches ballet.

However, students aren't limited to joining just one class. They can participate in one or three, or as many as they can keep up with.

While attendance is down this semester, they usually have anywhere between 40 to 80

'It's a really fun club," Sipe said when asked why students should join. "It's stress relieving. It's exercise. We have a lot of fun with it."

One way that dance students get recognized for their hard practice is at the campus dance show that is performed every semester in Clarke Chapel.

This semester, the show is going to be November 24.

But the Dance Club isn't just all about performing in front of a live audience. If anything, joining dance club has been a learning experience for Sipe.

"My most memorable moment would have to be me and Brittany's first semester as co-captains," she said. "Just the whole running the show part of it is interesting.

When it does come down to performing though, the only part of being in front of a crowd she finds nerve-wracking is speaking about the club at the end.

"I've gotten better, not quite over it," Sipe said with a laugh. "I can dance in front of people. No problem. But once you ask me to speak at the end, it's

She laughed again, covering her face, implying that speaking in front of a large group of people is frightening.

If any students are interested in learning more about dance club, they can contact co-captains Sarah Sipe and Brittany Winn via email or their Facebook group found under Groups at Lycoming. Students can also check out the club's page on the campus website.



Above, a woman expresses herself through the art of dance. Dance Club teaches similar style of dancing.

# Club spotlight: Student's artwork shown at Community Arts Center



Erin Cieniwicz staffs a table in front of the Community Arts Center with one of her paintings.

**Alycia Lucio** College Life Editor

As usual, Fourth St. filled with musicians, bakers, and artists eager to sell their works for First Friday Oct. 4. Music blared all down the busy street as people from all over expressed their interest in the

This month, one of our very own art students, Junior Erin Cieniwicz had the opportunity to set up a table.

On display in front of the Community Arts Center were some of her paintings. Many of the people visiting the event stopped to take a look at her art, some smiling and complementing her on the colorful

"I've always been interested in painting," Cieniwicz said when asked what made her choose the specific style.

"My grandmother was a painter so I've like grown up with it. My aunt is a painter currently so I've always just been exposed to it."

She chose seven particular pieces for this show. One painting depicted a flamingo wearing a top hat and tuxedo and holding a martini glass, and another of British Royal Guards against a grassy background. She also had a more detailed piece of Big Ben down in black and white.

"I like a little bit of everything," Cieniwicz said. "I tend to go towards more like anatomy and things like that.'

Her painting of a skeleton against a brown background revealed her interest in anato-

When discussing the art

classes she'd taken, she said she'd learned a lot of techniques and skills from the art professors on campus.

"I have [Howard] Tran right now for 3D stuff. And I had Seth [Goodman] when I did all these," Cieniwicz said, gesturing toward her work on display. "I like both."

Out of all the courses she's taken with both professors, Goodman impacted her the

"I really liked my painting classes with Seth," Cieniwicz said. "He really let us explore and do what we want, and helped us out when we got stuck.'

Overall, Cienizicz was very pleased with her artwork and was excited to showcase it to an audience off campus. She hopes to have more opportunities to showcase her work.



Student Erin Cieniwicz's paintings are presented in front of the Community Arts Center in Williamsport for First Friday event.

# **Uptown Music Collective**

# Tickets are available for breast cancer research benefit concert in town

On Sat., Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. the Uptown Music Collective will partner with the Community Arts Center to present a fundraising concert and "Saturday Night's Alright: A Concert for the Cure" in support of Avon's Walk for Breast Cancer.

This annual event is held all across the country which helps to fuel breast cancer research and supports low-income and uninsured women get the care they desperately need.

The UMC's goal is to raise money to send student Janaya Daniele to participate in the 24 mile walk in honor of her aunt who died of cancer last year.

The two hour concert event will feature students from the nonprofit school of music, joined by the select Williamsport High School's select vocal groups GQ and Les Chaunteuse in a celebration of the great music from the 1970's.

The artists featured will include David Bowie, Elton John, The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Tina Turner, Stevie Wonder and

Established in April of 2000, the UMC (a 501(c) 3 nonprofit school of music) has developed a reputation as the premier source of music education in the area with an enrollment of over 135 students.

UCM offers private lessons at all levels on guitar, bass, drums, keyboards and vocals, as well as classes and workshops in music theory, songwriting, and styles such as the Blues, Jazz, Classical and Rock.

The primary age range of the Collective is 10 - 18 yrs. old, but is open to all ages and levels. Along with private lessons, the UMC offers a myriad of programs including its flagship

Performance Program.

This program educates students about the ins and outs of major and minor performances, including direction, production, preparation and technical aspects of the performances.

The program brings outstanding student run performances to the area, including most recently a collaboration performance with the Milissa Augustine Dance and Fitness Academy at the Community Arts Center called "Hot Fun in the Summertime."

"Saturday Night's Alright" will feature performers between 9 and 18 years of age who have been diligently preparing for this event.

Along with the live music, there will be a professional grade light and sound show or-

ganized by the students themselves. As with all UMC perfor-

mances, the students are not

only the performers, but also direct the show.

There is also a group of younger students, called "Tech Monkeys" who will serve as stage technicians, spot light operators and video operators.

Daniele (St. John Neumann Regional Academy) is co-directing the performance with Gianna Rockoff (Loyalsock Township High School).

The student leadership committee for this show is made up of AJ Robbins (Loyalsock Township High School), Haley Miller (WAHS), Zack Chism (WAHS), Brennan Hepler (Loyalsock Township High School), Kendall Palmatier (Jersey Shore Area High School) and Cade Palmatier (Jersey Shore Area Middle School).

Executive Director, Dave Brum-

baugh.

The leadership committee is under the supervision of UMC

### **IF YOU GO**

WHAT:

Benefit Concert

WHEN:

Sat. Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE:

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COST:

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# Congress shuts down government Obamacare debate blocks federal funding bill



The Lincoln Memorial is just one example the of many landmarks, parks, agencies, and operations affected by the government shutdown.

**Dan Zebrine** Opinion Editor

Last week, the United States Congress forced a shutdown of the United States government. The shutdown, which took effect in the opening days of October, has ceased the operations of all but the "essential" government functions - such as mail services, military action, and, of course, salaries for the President and members of Congress.

Debates over the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act – more commonly called Obamacare – led to the shutdown. The Republican-controlled House of Representatives refused to pass spending bills unless certain portions of the controversial healthcare bill were removed, while the Democrat-controlled Senate refused to pass spending bills unless Obamacare were to stand as

In what seems like an attempt to prove its own incompetence, Congress remained at war, with both sides refusing to compromise so that a spending bill might be agreed upon. Instead, Congress is still getting paid to resolve nothing, and the American people are left with half a government.

Okay, many citizens probably won't see the effects of the shutdown firsthand. Most government operations affecting people's daily lives, such as mail and social security, are running as usual. The shutdown has hit less essential government agencies to varying degrees. NASA, the EPA, and the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Education were hit the hardest, according to a report on slate. com. Over 90 percent of employees from these departments were furloughed.

Because more essential departments have not been hit yet, many citizens should be able to avoid seeing shutdown effects as long as Congress can agree

on a funding bill in a reasonable time. Others, however, are not so lucky. Some people, for example, have already had access to medical care reduced through the cancellation of some clinical trials offered by the Department of Public Health. Public pre-school programs in various states have already been forced to shut down, with more at the risk of closure if the shutdown continues. And as the shutdown continues, more and more programs will run out of

To be fair to Congress, it is unlikely that the shutdown will last long enough to cause a catastrophe - the last one lasted three weeks from 1995 into 1996 and the country is still intact. However, the longer the shutdown lasts, the worse things will get.

In the worst case, even essential operations will run out of funds, and only self-funded services such as mail and social security will remain. Without agencies like NASA and the Department of Public Health, the United States will fall behind in many areas of scientific and technological advancement. The economy will crash. Public schools will close.

Again, this post-apocalyptic vision of America is not going to happen as a result of this shutdown. It would require months, if not years, of a continued shutdown to so drastically damage the country. However, it is a theoretically possible outcome, and the fact that Congress would even risk such a thing is just appalling. Even Congress allowing the less drastic damage done by a shorter shutdown - closed public pre-schools, shutdown of clinical trials, and other effects already being seen – over their own elementary-school-style behavior is beyond offensive.

Essentially, then, what Congress is doing is completely failing the American people just so they don't have to compromise. This seems to be a rather risky move considering the general perception of the American public that Congress doesn't do anything anyway. Their approval rating, according to a CNN poll taken the weekend leading up to the shutdown, reached 10 percent an all-time low for CNN polls.

It certainly seems like a bad move for all of Congress, then, to force this shutdown. They're still getting paid for now, yes, but 10 percent approval is absolutely abysmal. Luckily for current Congress members, they have a year to turn things around before elections, or most of them would probably be out of a job.

The Republicans of Congress could especially be in trouble. After the House Republicans risked damage to their party's reputation by passing unpopular and doomed-to-fail budget proposals, another CNN poll reported that 46 percent of responders blame congressional Republicans for the shutdown.

House Speaker John Boehner isn't helping his party's case. Enough Republicans have announced that they would support a funding bill so that the shutdown could end assuming unanimous Democratic support, but the vote cannot happen if Boehner does not call for it - or some more difficult overruling procedures are followed. As of press time, however, the Speaker is still stubbornly holding on to the same stance that caused the shutdown in the first place and is refusing to allow the vote unless the Obamacare is changed.

It isn't just the Republicans, though. Approval for the Democratic Party has also decreased, all because no one is willing to compromise. Apparently Congress is more concerned about winning than serving the American people, and their popularity is only going to continue going down until they stop with these childish games and for once put the good of the country first.

## Apple succeeds in pleasing customers with iOS 7 update



Photo Credit: flickr user Janitors

The Apple iOS 7 update overhauled the mobile operating system's appearance for the first time since 2007.

Stephanie Bicchetti Staff Writer

On Sept. 18th, Apple released their newest update, iOS 7. Apple hasn't changed their look since 2007, so a new appearance is a welcome change. iOS 7 was designed to give people a new experience, while still being easy to use. The new update comes with several different new features such as a control center, AirDrop, smarter multitasking, and much more. The iOS 7 update was made to be easier and more enjoyable. It is available for iPhone 4 and up, iPod 5, and iPad.

There was also another new software update called the iOS 7.0.2. This was recently released to fix some minor bugs. More updates are expected within the next couple of weeks for more improvement and bug fixes, according to an arstechnica.com report.

I like the new upgrade. It was a little tiring seeing the same design and features on every new iPhone and iPod. I think it's a nice design yet easy to use. I like that we can finally have a full screen background and not have to crop anything out. The new features are very useful as

well. Improved multitasking was also a great idea. Now, it's easier to manage several different applications at once and it's a little more organized. You can check your email or scroll through Facebook, while you are playing a video on Youtube

without stopping. One of everyone's favorite new features, and one of mine as well, is the draw-up panel. The draw-up panel has a few quick apps you can easily access when you are on the go. Closing apps is also easier now, with only a quick swipe required to shut down a running app.

Even your same old Spotlight search has some new changes. The search feature is now connected to Safari, allowing Spotlight to search for things on the web. Spotlight's search has increased the amounts of results that load for you to choose from.

Apple has also improved Siri Now, Siri has better speech recognition, which we all knew we needed. I think Siri now is a lot less frustrating and actually picks up what you are saying.

I could go on and on with all the great new features I like, but go ahead and update your device for yourself. I don't think you'll be disappointed.

## Overheard at Lyco

"Could you wash your hair with it?"

"Everyone's going to start making out in a second."

-Communications

-Cafeteria

"I love when the power goes out. It feels like we're at war."

-Cafeteria

"It doesn't sound stupid. It sounds sexy."

> -Communications Building

## Beer and capitalism Staff opinion:

In 1933, Prohibition was repealed in the United States, and alcoholic beverages were made legal for purchase once again. Here we are, now, in 2013, and Pennsylvania has yet to reform Prohibition-era laws that restrict beer and wine sales.

This is the story of alcohol sales according to freemybeer.com, the website accompanying a campaign launched by Sheetz with the goal of reforming laws to allow beer sales in their stores. For

the past three years, campaigners have struggled for their cause, and it seems now they are finally on the verge of success.

Pennsylvania is one of the few states yet to reform the outdated laws that restrict the sale of beer and wine. With Prohibition long gone, these laws no longer are meant to limit the sale of alcohol and instead serve only to restrict those who can sell it.

The result of this is almost monopolistic. With a small number of sellers, competition is severely limited, and sellers will have more control over prices

The reform that the Free My Beer campaign seeks would allow for convenience and grocery stores to sell beer and wine, an outcome that would only benefit consumers. Availability would increase and prices would decrease, so consumers could travel less and pay less for the same product.

We see no reason why these

laws should not be reformed. Economically, the reform would allow for a more capitalistic market with more competition and lower prices. Alcohol is already readily available, so it is highly unlikely that the reform would cause any increase in alcohol-related accidents. Most importantly, however, it needs to be considered that most other states already have reformed these laws and have not had issues.

Free My Beer is currently

awaiting State Senate approval of a bill passed by the House that would, among other things, remove the ban on establishments selling both alcohol and gasoline, an important first step for the Sheetz-led campaign.

We support the campaign, and not only for the beer, but also for the economic freedom that the campaign is after. With such an anti-capitalist system in place, we are honestly just shocked the Senate has yet to approve the reform.

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Megastars such as One Direction, Cher Lloyd, Olly Murs, Rebeca Ferguson, Little Mix, Leona Lewis and Fifth Harmony all have one thing in commonithey are famous "The X Factor" is an American reality music competition show created by Simon Cowell. Before coming to America, the show had previously been running in the UK and Australia.

The third season of the U.S. version of "The X Factor" premiered on Sept. 11, 2013. That night, there were about 6.5 million viewers. Since then, viewership has increased to almost 8 million. Their viewership has decreased in the U.S. a lot compared to season one when they pulled in 12.5 million viewers on their highest night.

Other reality music competition shows such as "The Voice," "American Idol," and the fact that people don't really watch reality music competition shows any-more could be contributing to the show's decline.

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The judges this season on "The X Factor" are Simon Cow-

ell, Demi Lovato, Kelly Row-land, and Paulina Rubio. The host of the show is Mario Lopez. The chemistry between the judges is amazing. They get along so well, almost like a family. The talent this year is remarkable, and the live shows haven't started yet. The show airs Wed. at 8 p.m. and the results air Thurs. at 8 p.m. The episodes and results are available online at www.fox.com or www

#### IF YOU WATCH

WHAT: The X-Factor

WHEN: Wed. & Thurs. at 8 p.m.

**CHANNEL:** 14

### 'The X-Factor' 'A Night of Spoken Word' welcomes back performers



It's back! After a long hiatus, the monthly open mic/poetry event makes it's triumphant return to

monimy open interpolent eveni makes it's triumphant return to Converge Gallery in October. Season 3 of Spoken Word kicks off on Fri., Oct. 11 from 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. at the Con-verge Gallery. The gallery is lo-cated in the heart of downtown Williamsport at 140 West Fourth Street (between Plankenhorn's Stationery and The Clothier) Anyone interested in reading poetry, prose, free style verse, dramatic readings, stand up com-edy and more to the stage, but that all performances be kept under 5 minutes.

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If you are interested in participating on stage we ask that you arrive at 6:30 p.m. so that a running order can be established.

Converge Gallery has been bosting Spoken Word as a free public event for the past two years and provides an opportunity for literary talents of Williamsport and the surrounding areas to have a chance in the spotlight.

For more on Spoken Word and some videos from previous events, please check out the gallery website at www.convergegallery.com

#### **Worlds End State Park** offers foliage viewing



Cory Trego explores Double Run Trail at Worlds End State Park, a great trail for beginner hikers to experie

Cory Trego

Staff Writer

The arrival of October brings with it a brilliant transformation of the forests of the Northeast. The familiar green hues of sumer slowly cede to the warm and crisp colors of autumn.

For a few short weeks, the scenes provided by this transformation of the forest accompanied by cool temperatures made autumn the prime time to get out into the woods and enjoy some of the trails around the area. The state of the trails around the area. Some of the trails around the area state of the s

r hikers to experience fall.

Early reports suggest that the current name is a derivative of Whirls Glenn, the name early settlers gave this special area.

There are over 20 miles of maintained hiking trails within the park. The Canyon Vista trail is a rugged four-mile loop that travels along the Loyalsock Creek, through hardwood forest, and then along the crest of the canyon. The trail begins at an elevation of 1,200 and then slowly climbs 550 feet up the side of the canyon wall to the Loyalsock Canyon over 1,200 and then slowly climbs 550 feet up the side of the canyon wall to the Loyalsock Canyon over 1,200 and then slowly climbs 550 feet up the sine of the trail, a large outcropping of sand and side stone forms the Rock Gardet expense of the side of the canyon and overlooks the serpent-like up the trail briefly continues along the rest of the canyon and overlooks the serpent-like bends of the creek hundreds of feet below.

The Double Run Nature trail

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The Double Run Nature trail, marked with green trail blazes, gives beginner hikers a chance to experience the fall woods without steep accents and unstable footing. The trail follows Double Run as it umbles through a quiet hollow descending from the top of the Allegheny Plateau. Numerous waterfalls and aqua-green plunge pools punctuate this small

merous waterfalls and aqua-green plunge pools punctuate this small stream's trip to the Loyalsock Creek below.

The intense colors of fall last only for a brief time before the winds of winter leave the landscape brown and barren. To visit, stop by the park office, which is located just off of Route 154 at the entrance of the park, to obtain a copy of the latest trail maps and condition reports.

### 'Bioshock Infinite' creates argument about gameplay

Staff Writer

When "BioShock Infinite" first came out back in March, it was universally lauded by critics. It was called one of the greatest games ever made and the most important game of this genera-tion.

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Over the summer, however, there has been a bit of a backlash against the critical perception of "BioShock Infinite." Various gamers across the internet have attacked "BioShock Infinite," calling it things like "an overrated faux intellectual piece of garbage that no self-respectine samer.

calling it things like "an overrated daw intellectual piece of garbage that no self-respecting games rhould ever play under any conditions", and calling journalists that gave the game good review "complete hacks with no credentials what so ever that likely took bribe money to give this terrible game a good score so people would buy it".

Now as someone that has played the game over a dozen times and is in the process of writing up an in depth analysis of the game, I feel that "BioShock Infinite" is undoubtedly something that every gamer should play at least once.

"BioShock Infinite" takes place in the summer of 1912 and tells the story of Booker Dewitt, a former Pinkerton agent sent to Columbia, a floating city in the sky built on the ideas of American Exceptionalism and the science of quantum mechanics, who wipes away his debt by retrieving a mysterious woman named Elizabeth who has been imprisoned in the city since childhood and takes bre back to New York.

The story is undoubtedly the highlight of the game as the story

of Booker and Elizabeth is one that is deeply personal and closes with one of the most ambiguous yet satisfying endings I have ever seen and will no doubt lead to a little.

lot of discussion. Columbia is also a wonderful Columbia is also a wonderful setting to explore, a deceptively beautiful city that hides a dark underbelly of racism, classism, and religious extremism. The city's ruler, Zachary Hale Comstock, is a wonderful villain that embodies all the worst aspects of turn of the century America and serves as a worthy antagonist for Booker to face.

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The real star of this game, however, is Elizabeth. She spends almost the entire game by your side allowing you to witness her character are first hand. The supporting cast is interesting as well with my personal favorite being the tyrannical businessman Jere-mish Fink.

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"BioShock Infinite" is certainly one that gamers will not easily forget about.

Now the gameplay is what people say runs the game and white flawed it is not as horri-ble as people say. "BioShock Infinite" is a first person shooter that allows the player to use both guns and supernatural powers to deal with enemies, but the me-chanics feel rather uninspired in his game. They aren't bad by any means, but compared to other first person shooter games they don't really spark the imagination. Players can also augment their characters through use of infusions that can be used to in-crease health, salts (which is this game magic energy), or shields and gear that can be equipped for special effects like setting ene-

a little.

The game comes alive, however, when skylines and tears come into the picture. In some areas of the game, players can ride on skylines, basically roller-coasters in the sky, to quickly navigate the battle field and atack enemies with aerial assaults. Tears on the other hand are incredimental to the common of the

havigate life oaten here that are track enemies with aerial assaults. Tears on the other hand are inter-dimensional windows to other realities that the player can use to bring in supplies and other forms of bar-up-flexible player can use to bring in supplies and other forms of bar-up-flexible player can use the game fain for me and part of me hopes they return in other "BioShock" games and are further expanded upon to create even more diverse combat situations.

I feel the real problem gamers have with the gameplay of "BioShock Infinite" is it could have been more extraordinary and I don't think that is fair reason to hat the game. The gameplay is overall average but fun.

"BioShock Infinite" is one of the most important games of this gaming generations, here's why. It is one of those games that really got people talking about it. Months since its release, people are still talking about the ending, the symbolism, and whether they loved it or hated it. From respected game journalists to amateur gamers, this game left an impact on the influstry, I don't know what is.

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"BioShock Infinite" is available on Xbox 360, PS3, PC, and Mac.



"Bioshock Infinite" hero Booker Dewitt was sent to Columbia, a fictional, floating city to wipe away his debt by taking back a mysterious woman named Elizabeth to New York. He must face Zachary Hale Comstock, the city's ruler, to successfully return Elizabeth. The game enagages players with the real emotion of the characters.

# Sports Cottober 10, 2013 Sports The Lycourier Richardson surpasses 550 career kills

Kendra Bitner Sports Editor

The Warriors headed to Doylestown, Pa. on Saturday Oct. 5 for the Middle Atlantic Conference Crossovers where they defeated both FDU-Florham and Delaware Valley. Four Warriors finished the day with over 20 kills, led by sophomore Bethany Richardson.

In the first match against FDU-Florham (11-15 overall), the Warriors came out strong winning the first set 25-13. However, the Devils fought hard for the second set win 25-22 to tie up the match. The Warriors won the next consecutive sets 25-13 and 25-19 to finish the match

Freshmen Lauren Fink and Maggie Slawson led the Warriors with 19 and 12 kills respectively during the match. Richardson and freshman

Kristine Jahn each posted 9. Fink also led the Warriors in digs with 16 and junior Amber Seibel close behind with

The Warriors outhit the Devils in each set they won forcing FDU into the negatives during the first and third set. In the final set, the Warriors hit a match high of .370 collectively.

With a win under their belt, the Warriors were ready to take on their next opponent, the Delaware Valley Aggies. The Aggies (8-10 overall) came out strong but fell to the Warriors in five close sets.

The Warriors beat the Aggies 25-23 in the first set but fell in the next two with scores of 22-25 and 23-25. Not giving up, the Warriors closed the match by winning the last two sets 25-18 and

Richardson led the team with 19 kills, giving her a total of 28 for the day. Jahn put up another 12 and added 3 blocks.

Fink and Seibel led the defensive end of the match putting up a combined total of 39 digs. Senior setter Katelyn McKilliop ended the day with 98 assists (50 against the Aggies).

With 12 matches left in the regular season, Richardson has already posted 556 career kills as a sophomore. At this rate, she will be well on her way to over 1,000 kills as a senior Warrior.

"I am lucky that I have such great teammates that allow me to get that many kills," said Richardson. "My goal is definitely to get 1,000 kills by

the end of my junior year."
Sweeping the Crossovers, the Warriors (now 16-7 overall) head back onto their home court on Tuesday, Oct. 8 for a tough game against MAC opponent, Widener.



Photo Credit: Lycoming Athletics

Richardson reaches 556 career kills as a sophomore and hopes to reach 1,000 by her junior year.

## **Warrior football moves into first place** in the MAC after conquering Aggies

**Shannon Bolin** Staff Writer

The crowd gathered at David Person Field for the "pinkout" football game against Delaware Valley on Oct. 5. The Warriors battled with the Aggies for a close game from the first quarter. All of the spectators wore pink to match the player's gear to raise awareness for breast cancer.

The high-intensity game went back and forth and there was no clear outcome of the game until junior Tanner Troutman made an interception in the last two minutes of the game.

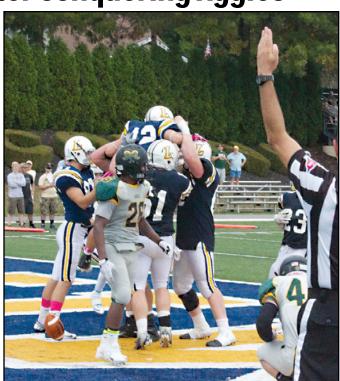
'To make big plays in a big game was just a great feeling. It reflects all the hard work and preparation we put in every week as a team," Troutman said.

The interception secured Lycoming's sovereignty as the Aggies were marching down the field for their last chance to beat the Warriors, and even earning a sounding from the touchdown cannon.

"It was super exciting. I'm really happy that we won, and you could tell the crowd was too, they were going crazy. Seeing that kind of positive energy in the stadium really got the team pumped up and think that's part of the rea son it was such a great game," said Dacin Kemmerer, a senior cheerleader for the col-

The impressive Warrior offense and defense has moved the team into first place within the MAC for the first time since 2004. Their efforts have also ranked them 24th in the D3football.com poll.

Junior Craig Needhammer



Robert Christian/LYCOURIER

#### Freshman wide receiver Corey Talerico celebrates after scoring a vital touchdown against the Aggies.

ran for 144 yards and two touchdowns against Delaware Valley, dubbing him MAC's Offensive Player of the week for the second time in his collegiate football career. Needhammer was joined by Troutman, who earned the MAC Defensive Player of the Week after eight tackles and two interceptions against the

That was definitely the best I have ever seen the guys play during my four years here at Lycoming. The game was so good, and everyone was really into it. When Tanner made that interception everybody in the crowd jumped to their feet and the players

were screaming and jumping around, too. It was really awesome you could almost feel the school spirit," senior

Maralee Fye said. With the season underway, the Warriors will travel next to Lebanon Valley on Oct. 12 to face the Dutchmen. The 15th MAC title is in clear view and the players are anxious to meet their goals.

'It's crazy to see how far the team has made it. We've come a long way and done a lot of impressive things so far this season, but we're not even half way there yet. This season holds so many opportunities for the team," senior Ryan Boccagno said.

#### Football (4-1)

Saturday, Sept. 28 at Widener W (16-14) Saturday, Oct. 5 vs Deleware Valley W (19-16)

Saturday, Oct. 12 at Lebanon Valley, 1 p.m.

#### **Cross Country**

Saturday, Oct. 12 DeSales Invitational, 11:15 a.m.

#### Men's Soccer (5-4-1)

Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Keystone W(4-0)Saturday, Sept. 28 at Rochester L(0-2)Saturday, Oct. 5 at Stevenson L(0-1)

Tuesday, Oct. 8 at Lebanon Valley, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 at Widener, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 vs Albright, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at Alvernia, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22 vs Messiah, 4 p.m.

#### Women's Soccer (1-9)

Saturday, Sept. 28 at FDU-Florham L(1-7)Wednesday, Oct. 2 vs Penn College L(1-3)Sunday, Oct. 6 at Stevenson L(0-9)

Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Lebanon Valley, 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 at Widener, 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15 vs Albright, 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at Alvernia, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 23 vs Messiah, 4 p.m.

#### Women's Volleyball (9-6)

Tuesday, Sept. 24 vs Albright	W (3-2)
Friday, Sept. 27 vs Elmira	W(3-0)
Friday, Sept. 27 vs Ithaca	W(3-2)
Saturday, Sept. 28 vs St. Mary's (MD)	L(1-3)
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Saturday, Oct. 5 at Delaware Valley	W (3-2)
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Tuesday, Oct. 8 at Widener, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 at Lancaster Bible, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 vs Hood, 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 vs Stevenson, 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Lebanon Valley, 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21 at Arcadia, 7 p.m.

## Senior Spotlight: Spencer Larson



Spencer Larson, #12, is a senior captain and midfielder for the women's Warrior soccer team. Larson scored her first goal this season in overtime header against Susquehanna University to win the annual River Derby game.

#### **Kendra Bitner** Sports Editor

From Edgewater, Md., Spencer Larson is entering her fourth year as a midfielder for the Warriors women's soccer team.

Larson played in 15 out of 16 games her freshman year. She posted two goals, one assist and 14 total shots. With a .500 shots on goal scoring percentage, she was an immediate asset to the Warriors.

Entering her sophomore year, she was unfortunately plagued with a knee injury. Larson only played three games before red-shirting for the season, giving her an extra season of eligibility.

The next year she recovered well and played in all 18 season games, starting in 15. Larson had one goal and led the team with 29 shots, 13 of which were on goal.

Larson started off her senior season with a bang. Starting in the first five games, she posed one goal, one assist, and eight shots before another knee injury.

Her goal gave the Warriors their first (and thus far only) win of the season. Larson headed the ball into the goal in OT for a win over Susquehanna in the annual River Derby game.

Fortunately, Larson was able to get back on the field for the Warrior's most recent game against Stevenson. Being her last season, Larson wants to continue with rehabilitation to ensure ending the season on the field.

Aside from soccer, Larson is a psychology major with hopes of a career dealing with drug rehabilitation or entering the Air Force.

She currently works with the theater department doing hair and makeup for performances. She loves anything that sparkles and the color pink. Scary movies are her favorite, but she hates dolls.

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## Men and women's soccer kicks into conference play

**Kendra Bitner** Sports Editor

Both men and women's soccer teams fell to Stevenson University in the first MAC conference game of the season. On Saturday, Oct. 5 the men's soccer team headed to Maryland to take on the Mustangs.

With 10 shots by the Warriors and 11 by the Mustangs, Stevenson's Andrew Garner second half goal was enough to ensure the 1-0 win for the Mustangs.

Junior Kevin Bishop and freshman Jason Coles led the Warriors with two shots each. Goalkeeper, junior Connor Keenan posted three saves compared to five by Mustang goalkeeper, Pat Carey.

On the next day the women's soccer team made the same trip to the Mustang's turf only to seek the same fate as the men. Falling 9-0 to the Mustangs, the Warriors put pressure on Stevenson during the game with five corner-kicks in the second half.

Led by freshman Alexa Bowman, the Warriors fin-ished with four shots on goal compared to 22 from the Mustangs. Warrior goalkeeper senior Caitlin Dougherty made one save in 65 minutes and junior Megan Maurer made one as well in the last 25.

Both Warrior men's and women's teams are 0-1 in the conference and head to Lebanon Valley for their next MAC game.