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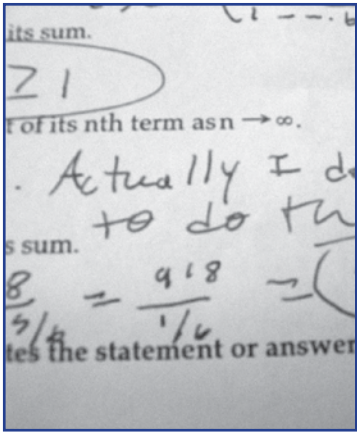
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Homecoming Rewind: *Lyco celebrates with week of festivities*



Robert Christian/LYCOURIER

President Trachte poses with homecoming queen Dacin Kemmerer and king Cory Trego on the field. "Everyone on the court was an amazing candidate and I consider myself very fortunate to have won," Kemmerer said.



Emma Daniels/LYCOURIER

Mud wrestling was held on Thursday afternoon on the quad. The event is a favorite of many students during homecoming week.

Shannon Bolin with Jackie Croteau Staff Writers

Coming home never felt this sweet.

Oct. 21-26 proved to be an eventful and successful homecoming week, offering a fun experience to the returning alum as well as current students on campus. Homecoming events were held every night leading up to the big game on Saturday against Albright.

The homecoming events kicked off on Monday with numerous clubs and organizations on campus competing against one another in volleyball.

"Volleyball gets better and better every year. I really hope my team can eventually beat the reigning champions, Phi Kappa Psi," junior Kelly Blasi said.

On Tuesday, Lyco's Got Talent event featured juggling, poetry reading, musical performances, and many more acts. Senior Chris Connolly took home the gold in the annual show for his highly-applauded performance on the violin. Juniors Juanita "Cinnamon" Quattlebaum-Thompson and Jimmy Nottingham were announced as homecoming prince and princess.

"I was flattered to have made it to the top three but I never would have thought I would take home the crown. When I heard my name I was surprised and excited. It was a true Miss America-type moment and reaction," said Quattlebaum-Thompson.

Clubs represented themselves at Hall Crawl, and sold tasty treats on a crisp Wednesday night.

The festivities continued with mud wrestling on Thursday, and the week was wrapped up with a 1.812k color run that ended with a bonfire on the quad.

"Mudwrestling was really fun! I'm pretty sure I still have mud in my ears, but it was a great time and I'm really glad I did it even though it was freezing," said sophomore Arissa Dickison.

"The color run was a really good time. I thought the running part would be a lot easier than it was, but the glowsticks made it more fun! There were a lot of students from different clubs and organizations that showed up so it felt like a good way to integrate

everyone and we all had fun with it," senior Cassandra Lee said.

Excitement coursed through the student body as everyone anticipated the homecoming game against Albright College, including the homecoming court. Seniors Dacin Kemmerer and Cory Trego took the crown as homecoming queen and king.

"It was actually a bit of a surprise! I didn't really think I had much of a chance; I was honored to just be on the court," Trego said.

Trego was humbled by his win, saying that the other nominees were all deserving of the honor.

"All of the students at Lycoming play an integral role in the building of the campus community. Many others could certainly be recognized for their tireless devotion to the betterment of Lycoming."

"I'm just really grateful that people thought I was a good choice and took the time to vote. Everyone on the court was an amazing candidate and I consider myself very fortunate to have won," Kemmerer said of winning the queen title.

The new mascot, "Lycos the Warrior," was introduced at the start of the game, and he raised his sword to keep the packed crowd cheering loudly, as the Warriors played hard.

The homecoming game against Albright started at 1:30 p.m. at David Person Field. The teams went back and forth against one another into overtime with a tie 17 to 17. Senior CJ Arhontakis blocked the Albright field goal in overtime and senior Zack Czap kicked the winning field goal to finish with a 20-17 win.

"It was a great feeling to help the team win. It was really nice to relax after all the pressure and intensity of the big game," Czap said.

With only two games left in the season, Czap feels confident the team will take home the MAC championship title.

"Overall, the team is doing really well. We've had to overcome a couple obstacles along the way. We had a tough loss on the first against King's but we're looking to regroup and win our last two games. If things go our way, we can still win the conference," Czap said.



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Kemmerer and Trego wave to the crowd as they ride a convertible in the homecoming parade.

Lyco announces lupine mascot



Photo Credit: Lycoming College Facebook

During the homecoming game, the college announced that its mascot will be a wolf named Lycos the Warrior. The name comes from the Greek word for wolf.

DC Keys Staff Writer

At the homecoming football game on Oct. 26, the college announced that its new mascot would be Lycos the Warrior, a wolf hero in Greek clothing.

Before the announcement was made, excitement grew over the new mascot, causing much speculation over what the new mascot would be. Guesses ranged from a human warrior to a warrior squirrel.

"If it's not a squirrel I don't care," freshman Sydney Mackey said.

The announcement was made before the start of the homecoming game. The cheer came out of a box on the cheerleader float during the parade.

Though the announcement was a source of excitement for many, some students didn't understand why wolves were picked. It's a play on the root "lyco" in Lycoming, which is

similar to the Greek word "lycos," meaning "wolf."

On the school's website, provost, dean of the college and member of the mascot planning committee Phil Sprunger said, "Earlier this year, we adopted a new sword and shield logo for our sports teams, and that was successfully embraced by our teams and fans."

"The new mascot moves from the tools of a warrior that are found in our logo and creates a warrior figure that can interact with fans at our games."

"I like it. I think it's cool how it translates to wolf," freshman Amanda Wilsolmerski said when asked how she felt about the mascot.

The wolf is dressed like a warrior complete with a sword it carries around.

At the homecoming game, towels were being handed out with the new mascot's likeness on them.

Lost at Lyco

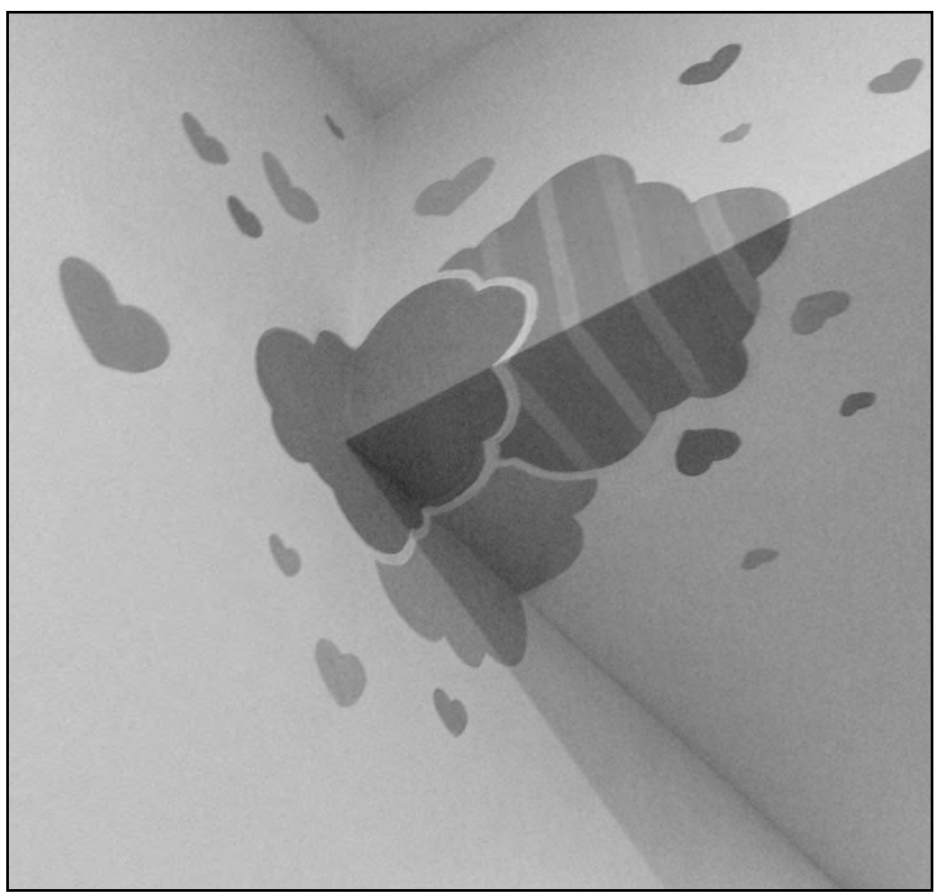
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Photo by Tori Cox



Dining Services holds pumpkin carving contest

Robert Christian
Staff Writer

On Oct. 25, Dining Services hosted a pumpkin carving contest for homecoming. Nineteen teams entered the contest for a chance to win a pizza party.

The teams picked up their pumpkins on Oct. 22nd and brought them to the cafeteria to be judged during dinner that day.

In the end, the winning pumpkin was carved by "Vincent's Team of Greatness" led by Vincent Clay.

The pumpkin they submitted was a very happy looking pumpkin with a hat.

The second place winner was "Team Amurica" led by Jennifer

Crider who carved out a tiger into their pumpkin.

Third place winner was "The Three Muskateers" led by Victoria Yuskatitits, who presented a spooky witch themed pumpkin also sporting a hat.

Notable submissions include carvings of Jack Skellington by team "Carissa", and Oogie Boogie by "Allysha Ardell", a pumpkin referencing the show "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D" by "The Agents of Lyco", and carvings of a Charmander by "Third floor Williams" and Pikachu by "Team Rocket".

After the initial contest the pumpkins were put outside of the dining hall for all to see until Halloween Night.



Robert Christian/LYCOURIER

Shown above are entrants in pumpkin carving contest.

Running from zombies for a good cause



Photo Credit: Karisa Calvitti

ACES North America hosted a Zombie 5K. Participants were chased by zombies through the race route. The event raised money for various projects in the Dominican Republic.

Shannon Bolin
Staff Writer

On Sat., Oct. 26 zombies ran loose through Indian Park in Montoursville at 4 p.m. Many students volunteered and participated in the Zombie 5k race that ACES North America. All proceeds from the 5k walk/run were raised by ACES for various projects that they sponsor in the Dominican Republic.

"It was such an amazing event. I'm really glad I got to be a part of it. It was a really unique and

fun race because the zombies weren't the average slow zombies seen in horror stories. They were running after the participants and chasing them down. It really seemed like everybody was having fun. Next year I'll have to dress up and do it, too," volunteer Cassidy Coveleski said.

LACES, Lycoming's ACES chapter traveled to Indian Park to volunteer their time at the run and help out their parent organization.

"It's wonderful that we have such a fantastic relationship

with our parent organization. We work with ACES on their big project like the Zombie 5k and the ACES yard sale. Our presence on campus is entirely because of ACES, and we're so happy to have the opportunity to better our school and community because of them," said Sarah Pickerin, secretary of LACES.

The spooky setting in Indian Park set the mood for Halloween as Zombies chased participants throughout the run. Anybody could sign up to run and had the opportunity to get a Zombie 5k T-shirt.

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Facial Hair 'Fundrazor'

CAS holds BEARD event to raise funds for causes



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Paul Sweet was one of the six men who volunteered to shave his beard for the CAS fundraiser.

Stephanie Bichetti
Staff Writer

The idea for B.E.A.R.D. (Beards Equal Artistic Resource Development) began in January 2011. Creative Arts Society (CAS) needed a way to raise money for art supplies as their budget disappeared. A former member of CAS looked hard into the mirror and thought "I have this beard. It will do." So the shaving of beards began. Junior Taylor Kendra thought it'd be a fun and beneficial way to raise money themselves and bring back the fundraiser. From Oct. 21 to 24, CAS set up collections with photos in Wertz Dining Hall and the AC foyer. Students were allowed to vote on their favorite beards. There were six men that volunteered to participate this year:

Cody Giles, Paul Sweet, Chris Hoffman, Adam Beacker, Nathan Kaczmerick, and Kevin Kane.

In first place, came the Half a Beard. From there, the preferred styles were Seneca Crane (from the Hunger Games), Bat-Stache (batman symbol), Imperial Muttonchops, The Villain, and Hulk Hogan.

A neat thing that CAS does is that they don't collect money from its members or residents, which is different from other organizations.

The purpose of this event was to raise money for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and promoting the arts in Williamsport.

CAS members thought that everyone did an amazing job and look forward to doing it again next year.



Stephanie Engle/LYCOURIER

Money raised by CAS went to NAMI and arts programs in Williamsport. Above, CAS members follow a pattern to shave a volunteer's beard into one of the winning styles.

Students to participate in coffee house art exhibition organized by alumnus

Alumnus Joshua Troxler '12 has organized an art show featuring several Lycoming students at Alabaster Coffee Roaster and Tea Company, 410 Pine St. The opening reception will be held today from 7 to 8 p.m. and the exhibit will be on display until Dec. 5.

The featured students are seniors Ethan Bierly, Tori Cox, Stephanie Engle, Amaraja Sholder, Jehiel Boner and Christina Moliterno; juniors Faith Emrich, Matthew Amendolara and Emily Schumann; sophomores Bryan McGinnis, Elizabeth Hughes and Leah Handwerk; and freshmen Geena Woodley and Joseph Troxler.

Joshua wanted to organize the art show partially to connect more students with downtown Williamsport.

"I love the Lycoming College art department, Alabaster and Williamsport," he said. "As a former student, I am shocked at how many students at Lyco never venture downtown."

The idea for the exhibition was hatched last year, when Joshua, who is curator for Alabaster, talked to the art department about reserving two months at the coffee shop for students each year. Seth Goodman, assistant professor of art, fully supported the plan and told students to choose original artworks for Joshua to review.

"There is so much work coming out of Lyco that it was overwhelming - in a good way," Joshua said. "I personally love all the work that was selected as did the faculty of the art department. I can't wait to have it all up."

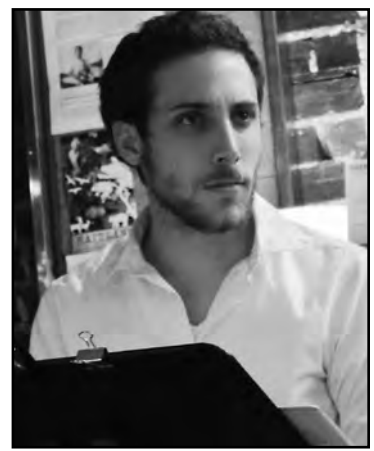


Photo Credit: College Relations

Alumnus Joshua Troxler '12 is seen at a play reading at Alabaster Coffee Roaster and Tea Company. Troxler has organized an art exhibition at the coffee shop that features several current students.

Clean Water Institute interns participate in river symposium

Clean Water Institute (CWI) interns and faculty presented posters at the eighth annual Susquehanna River Symposium, which was held on Oct. 18-19 at Bucknell University. The theme of the conference was "A Fragmented System - Dams on the Susquehanna River" and many of the presentations and posters highlighted research on the Susquehanna River.

The symposium focused on the effects of a variety of dams on the river, from pre-historic glacial ice dams and historic mill, canal and logging dams, to modern hydroelectric, flood control and recreational dams.

The meeting also served as an outlet for the Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies to feature its annual report. This year, two CWI interns - senior biology major

Chelsea Brewer and sophomore biology major Miranda Giraldo - researched and co-edited the report with Renee Carey of the North Central PA Conservancy. Research posters by more than 100 students and faculty members were presented.

Besides Brewer and Giraldo, students who participated were senior biology majors Jenna Baker, Lynette Dooley, Sarah Fetherolf, Brian Gordon, Laura Shelmire and Cory Trego; junior Alyssa Sechler; sophomores Clayton Good and Sarah Pedrick; senior chemistry major Emily Vebrosky; and 2013 graduate Quentin Reinford.

The students were accompanied by faculty members Mel Zimmerman, Ph.D., biology professor and director of CWI, and Peter Petokas, Ph.D., biology and CWI research asso-

ciate. Zimmerman directs the environmental science program and teaches courses in ecology, aquatic biology, invertebrate zoology, environmental science and tropical marine biology. His research and publications deal with stream ecology and restoration, wetland ecology and wastewater biology.

Petokas previously taught human anatomy and biology general education courses at before becoming the first research associate in the history of the college. Petokas' work with CWI is primarily in the area of stream restoration incorporating elements of Natural Stream Channel Design. His projects include developing an inventory of stream restoration projects in Pennsylvania and constructing an online database of reference reach data.

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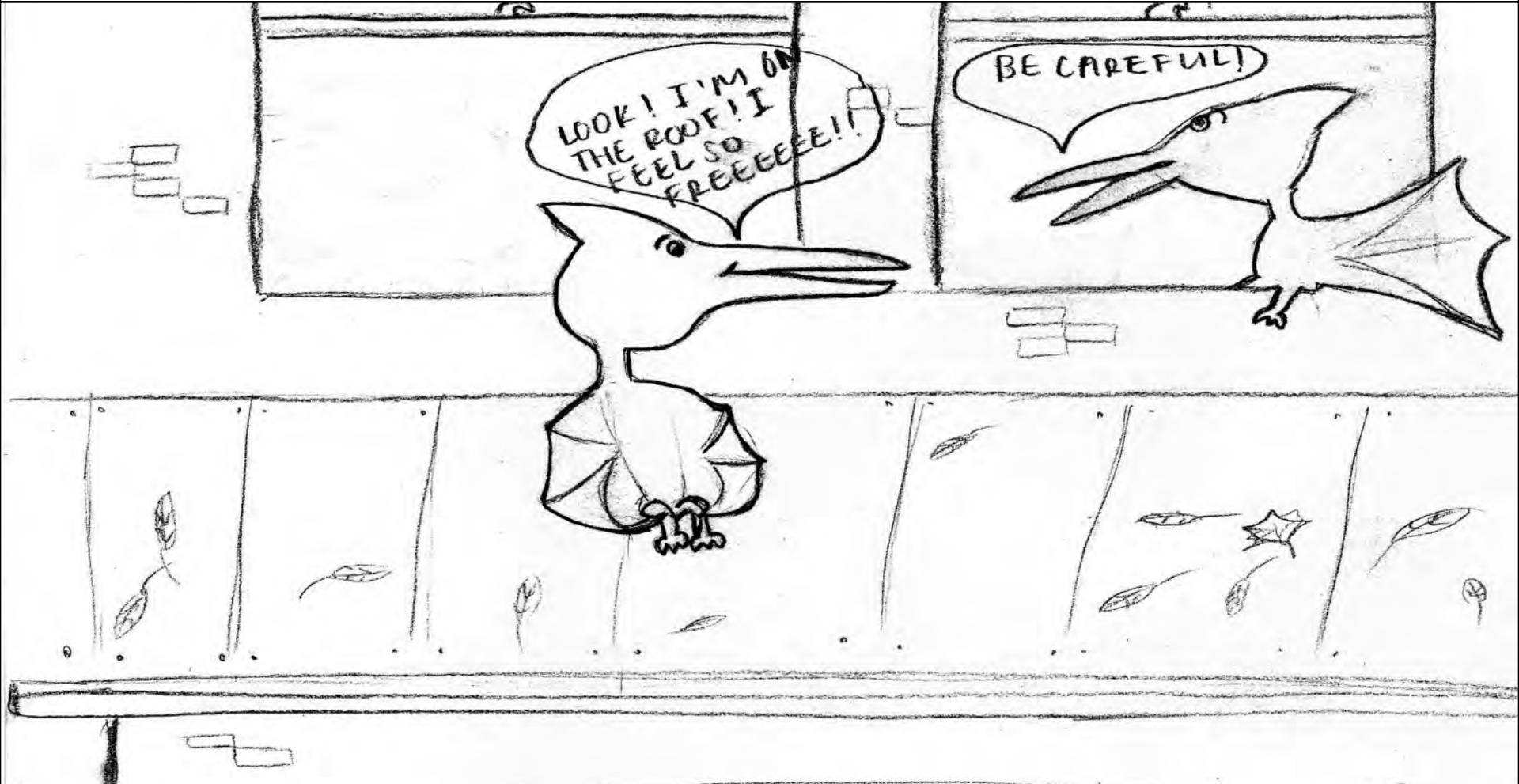
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"Be the kind of leader that you would follow."

Pterodactyl's Nest

Brianne Charnigo



Silent Ranks raises funds and spirits for troops

Tory Irwin
Editor-in-Chief

Lycorning College supports the troops.

That was the message behind the Silent Ranks-sponsored event held from 12 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The event featured games, crafts, food and a raffle, auctioning off highly-coveted prizes, including a trip for two to Catalina Island in California.

This year's event was a success, bringing in more than \$500, which is more than a \$200 improvement over funds raised last year.

Money raised Sunday will go to creating care packages for active troops.

"We host this event to both raise money for care packages for our troops and to raise awareness and general support for the men and women fighting for our country every day," Silent Ranks President Jenna Zimmer said. "We donate all our proceeds to the USO's care package project. With this we can pick what type of care package we want our donation to go towards and they package and send them."

Donations from local businesses made the event possible.

"We get our donations from the community. Local businesses

from both Williamsport and our home towns. Everything (raffle, auction, and food) that we have at our event is donated. We are completely non-profit," Zimmer said.

The Silent Ranks club was started initially by Zimmer and former student Crystal Hampson. Hampson's husband and Zimmer's brother were both in the Marines and the two found it was hard to find people who understood their situation. Zimmer said they knew there would be other people on campus with connection to the military, so they decided to start a club to support the troops. Shortly after the club formed, Hampson's husband was stationed in California and she transferred schools to stay with him.

Zimmer believes it's important to have this club on campus to serve as a reminder of what the troops do for the country.

"I think it is extremely important because we tend to forget about our military, but they never forget about us. Our clubs slogan is 'standing behind the ones who stand in front,'" Zimmer said.

On Fridays, Silent Ranks members wear red as part of a national movement to honor those who have sacrificed their lives in battle. The club will be selling red shirts later this semester.



Tori Cox/LYCOURIER

Members of Silent Ranks pose with their table at Sunday's event. The club raised more than \$500 to donate to care packages for soldiers.



Tori Cox/LYCOURIER

Recruitment tables were set up during the event. Shown above is a Marine table. "I think it is extremely important because we tend to forget about our military, but they never forget about us. Our clubs slogan is 'standing behind the ones who stand in front,'" Zimmer said of the event.



Tori Cox/LYCOURIER

The event featured crafts, games, food and raffles for attendees to participate in. Above, two girls are assisted by event volunteers at one of the many games.

Student Senate: Update for Oct. 28

There was no Student Senate meeting Oct. 21 due to homecoming activities.

On Oct. 28, Student Senate discussed a few issues.

Junior Rebecca Sellers, Chair of Residential Life Committee, said that Res life is looking into amending student conduct policy and is looking to get commuter student access to residence halls. A vote took place with 42 for and 6 against.

Student Senate voted in favor of a book club. The book club

plans to read at least one book per month, however reading the book of choice each month is not required to participate in the club. Further, the club will donate each book it reads to various organizations.

GLOBAL announced that the organization has changed its name and is now the Gender and Sexuality Alliance.

Report compiled by Makenzie Smith

CAS has 'crazy' good time hosting haunted asylum-themed event

Sarah Jaran
Staff Writer

Starting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 26 the Creative Arts Society, held a haunted house for students on their floor. The theme of the haunted house was an insane asylum.

It began in the entrance to Williams and wound its way through the many CAS members' rooms to finish in the CAS lounge. The three hosts were dressed as either nurses or doctors at the asylum and began the tour with a history of the institution and why it was

shut down.

Then the visitors found themselves in the reception room where the fee and their names were taken down. The final count of visitors was around 75. Senior Nicole Hughes consider the turnout to be "a great success."

"I am so proud of what we accomplished," Hughes said.

"Without the support of CAS, none of this would have been possible."

The decorators and actors were all members of the society and took their roles very seriously.

From patient Nigel in his cage

to the doctor performing a lobotomy with only scissors, each character was thought up and realized by a Creative Arts Society member.

"It was a really fun experience for everyone involved. And we are normally really jolly people so it was nice to be described as terrifying," said junior Taylor Kendra, who played a former-gymnast patient.

The insane asylum was a great success and every person involved felt very proud of what the society was able to accomplish as an entry into Halloween.



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Students spend a day in New York City to watch 'Wicked' on Broadway



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The Gershwin theater featured the Wicked sign shown above off 51st street and Broadway. Many individuals attended the show, making it a packed house.

From left to right are seniors Stephanie Sarkodie, Aja Sholder, Tiffanie Brown, Ariel Gold, and their local friend Gerhardt Gerckens standing in front of the Wicked theater.

Alycia Lucio College Life Editor

This past Sunday, students took a trip to New York to see director Joe Mantello's version of "Wicked" on Broadway, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board (CAB).

"I picked 'Wicked' after doing a survey last semester and receiving an overwhelming amount of interest from students in the show," said senior Tory Irwin, The Travel and Leisure Chair of CAB.

At the time, the cast celebrated the 10 year anniversary of "Wicked". According to the musical website, "Wicked" is the winner of over 50 major awards including the Grammy Award and three Tony Awards.

"Wicked" is a tale of friendship, love, revenge, and spells. The play tells the untold story of the witches of Oz before the arrival of Dorothy.

One witch known as Elpha-

ba is the outcast of her classmates and disappointment to her father because of her emerald-green skin. While she is very smart and outspoken, she's misunderstood, causing her to get in trouble often.

The other witch, Glinda, is spoiled, popular, and beautiful.

After an accidental mix-up, both Elphaba and Glinda are forced to become roommates, beginning their journey. As the story of "Wicked" unfolds, the audience witnesses how these two opposites become friends, and ultimately end up as the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good.

Senior Aja Sholder said she'd love to see "Wicked" again. She appreciated most the design of the stage and ornateness of the costumes.

"My favorite costume was Glinda's blue dress at the beginning," Sholder said.

Another student attending the trip was senior Ariel Gold.

"I like that Campus Activities Board pays for it," she said

when asked about the trip, "because Broadway tickets are so expensive."

The parts of the play Gold enjoyed the most were the costumes and singing.

"Elphaba had an amazing voice, and she was a substitute for a few shows that were playing today. So she was a really good substitute," Gold said.

Being Gold's fourth time seeing "Wicked" on Broadway, she noticed only a couple of different choices that this director made.

"It's more or less the exact same thing," Gold said. "I think the blue dress that Glinda wore is different this time. I could be wrong, but it looked different."

"And then the placement of people is a little different like the extras. All the monkeys are in different placement. In one of the shows I've seen, the monkeys came out into the audience, and this time they never came out."

Along with them was senior Stephanie Sarkodie, who saw

the play for her first time. The part of the play that shocked her the most was the relationship between Elphaba and Fiyero.

"I did not realize he was the scarecrow," Sarkodie said, "and that was a huge shock when they transformed him, and I realized they were in love."

"That whole thing was completely different because I don't remember much from the Wizard of Oz anyway, and so from what I do remember the backstory was much more interesting."

Sarkodie's favorite characters were Elphaba and Fiyero.

"Well, I loved 'Defying Gravity'. I think that's the best song out of the whole play," Sarkodie said, "and when she sang it, she was crazy good. It was so good and so powerful."

"I just got caught up and swept up in her moment when she realizes she's bigger than everyone who tried to put her down, that she won't let them contain her. I thought that was wonderful."

"And I liked Fiyero because he was able to admit that his ideas about life were wrong, and that by meeting Elphaba he changed into a better person. I like him a lot. I liked them both together."

Overall, Sarkodie really enjoyed the play.

Irwin also enjoyed the songs from the play. She spoke about her favorite moment.

"'No Good Deed' is my favorite song from the show," Irwin said. "It's a really important moment for Elphaba, and the actress was phenomenal."

Before and after the play, students were allowed to walk around Times Square. It was a little chilly, but overall a nice day in the city.

"The trip went very well," Irwin said. "I was really pleased with the show and the behavior of the students, and I think everyone enjoyed themselves."

"Wicked was a great trip," Irwin said. "I'm really looking forward to next semester's Broadway trip as well."

Ride a horse, not a cowboy: Equestrian tries to corral up more students

Alycia Lucio College Life Editor

Do you love horses? Would you like to ride them instead of sit in your dorm room?

Equestrian is an active way to learn more about riding and spend some quality time with horses. It consists of a club and competitive team.

The team participants are considered members of the club as well. The only difference is that students who are only in the club don't compete.

Senior Jennifer Gillin, Vice President of Equestrian, explains all the information students need to know about joining either the club or the team.

"The biggest difference is that the team has to attend ten lessons per semester," Gillin said, "and in doing so, gets to compete against the other schools in our region."

The club started in the fall of 2009. Currently, it has 12 members, four of whom are on the team that recently started in spring of 2013. But Gillin hopes to get more students interested and increase those numbers.

"It's really important to us that the club and team stay connected," said senior Lindsey Scott, President of Equestrian.

Members of the Equestrian club and team meet every Monday at 8 p.m. in Pennington Lounge.

"I love that there is always an outlet to spend time with horses," Gillin said. "Whether it's during a lesson or volunteering at Sunnybrook Therapeutic Riding Center, there is something for everyone to enjoy!"

While helping at the therapeutic barn is completely free, the club and team offer individual lessons for \$50 and \$15 is reimbursed back to club members.

But don't think joining ei-

ther the club or team is expensive. Equestrian helps members with whatever they need.

And for the members on the team, Equestrian covers show fees and as much as possible of any other fees that may come up.

"If you want to show," Gillin said, "you do need to have your own show equipment, although there are plenty of girls willing to share."

"You do not need to have your own horse though. They will be provided for lessons and showing."

One big incentive to join is that no experience is necessary for either the team or the club.

"We welcome all levels of riding," Gillin said. "It's a great way to get involved with an amazing sport and to meet people who are passionate about horses and riding."

For Gillin, the most memorable moment was their first show last semester.

"It was my first time in the show ring, and it was one of the most exhilarating things I have ever done," Gillin said with excitement.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, team members placed 1st, 5th, and 6th in their show, which Scott said is fantastic.

On Nov. 16 and 17, the Equestrian Team has its last two shows of the season at Briarwood Farms in New Jersey.

Also, club members are hopefully going to have an event coming up as well.

"In the spring," Scott said, "we're going to try and volunteer at a rescue, so that should be some quality horse time."

For students interested in joining the club or team, they can contact either Gillin or Scott at giljenn@lycoming.edu or scolind@lycoming.edu. Also, they may check out their Facebook group which can be found by searching "Lycos Equestrian-Club."



Photo Credit: Dr. Ryan Adams

Above: From left to right are students Kelly Higgins, Maggie Hervey, trainer Rachel Martin, Jen Gillin, and Stephanie Osczepinski at a team show. Below: Ronnie Smith (closest to the horse) and Jen Gillin are shown helping out at SunnyBrook Meadows Therapeutic Riding's anniversary event.



Photo Credit: Karen Scott

Kanye, are you crazy?

Rapper continues embarrassment, calling out First Lady Michelle Obama



Photo Credit: flickr user dwolf

Kanye West is almost as famous for his controversial antics as he is for his rapping career.

Dan Zebrine
Opinion Editor

When someone pulls a stunt idiotic enough to be labeled a jackass by the President of the United States, it might be expected that that person should reevaluate their life choices. Yet, here we are, four years after Kanye West's infamous interruption of Taylor Swift at the 2009 Video Music Awards – an act that drew just such a reaction from President Obama – and the rapper seems ready to embarrass himself even further.

On a recent radio interview with Ryan Seacrest, West claimed that his now-fiancée Kim Kardashian is more influential in the fashion world than Michelle Obama. The comment was brought on by Kardashian's repeated rejection from the cover of "Vogue," while the first lady has been featured twice.

To prove his point, West referenced a picture Kardashian posted of herself on Instagram, a rather posterior-centric image of the woman in skimpy swimwear. Obama, according to West, would never post such a picture of herself, and so is clearly no competition for Kardashian in the world of fashion.

In all fairness to West, he is right on one point: as far as I'm aware, at least, Michelle Obama has never posted on Instagram a picture of her rear end in unnecessarily revealing attire. How this invalidates the first lady's sense of fashion, however, is beyond me.

More important, though, is the fact that West seems to be under the impression that fashion is purely about the superficial. And, I'll be honest, I don't keep a close eye on the fashion world, so for all I know it could be.

I certainly hope that isn't the case. I really hope the overall goal of the fashion industry is not to prioritize a woman's body over what that body encapsulates, to reduce women to – literally, in the case of Kardashian's Instagram picture in question – a piece of ass.

Granted, as a male, I might not be the best person to judge what is and isn't sexist towards women. However, the implication of the claim that a woman's willingness to post a picture of her butt to Instagram is directly proportional to her influence in the fashion world is just appalling to me. Are girls supposed to emulate a woman put on the map by a sex tape and a friendship with Paris Hilton, and who dresses solely to highlight her sexual characteristics?

Hopefully, the actions of "Vogue" are indeed a reflection of the greater fashion community and not an isolated event. Again, I am in no way a fashion expert, but I feel confident in my belief that true style is a visual manifestation of the positive personal qualities of a person, not a means of reducing them to a purely sexual object.

At the risk of repeating myself, it truly does just completely baffle me how anyone – even someone as notoriously asinine as West – could compare that Kardashian Instagram post to Michelle Obama's "Vogue" covers. Since when has confidence and beauty ever been on a level comparable to a lack of self-respect and an ample posterior? More importantly, when did the latter become the symbol of influence?

West can whine all he wants about his fiancée being turned down by "Vogue." I truly do not care how personally victimized he feels or how unfair it is for her to be overlooked because she's just a reality star. I can't imagine his pain would be any worse than the damage that could be caused by an entire generation of girls idolizing a woman who slept her way into fame.

Every time a fashion magazine chooses a Michelle Obama over a Kim Kardashian, there's at least one right choice being made in the world, and the day that changes, we will have a problem. Until that happens, Kanye West can cry and play victim as much as he wants. He will simply be, in the words of President Barack Obama, a jackass.

Staff Opinion: An uneven distribution

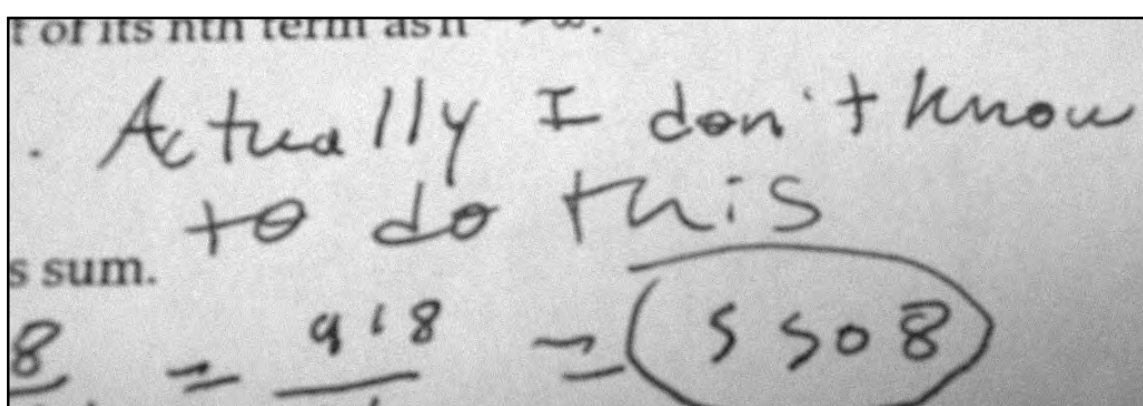


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While many students complain about having to take classes such as math, the college's distribution requirement has deeper flaws.

The distribution program: it's long been the bane of Lycoming Students. It forces English majors to do math, chemistry majors to do art, and philosophy majors to do science.

Students chose their majors for a reason. They go into college with an expectation that they be adequately taught within their chosen major. The distribution program somewhat interferes with that.

Of course, we don't have a lot of room to complain. We did choose to come here knowing the implications of a liberal arts college, after all. We don't even really hate the distribution program. A lot of good can come out of a well-rounded education.

The issue is that the education offered by the distribution program might be too well-rounded. The program requires 15 courses – two of which can be avoided by passing tests offered by the school. Even this minimum of 13 courses is equivalent to or more than the number of courses required for most majors.

Yes, a well-rounded education is good. But is it really necessary that half our required courses be distribution classes? This significantly reduces students' ability to take electives relevant to their career goals and better prepare them for their desired future.

This can put Lycoming grad-

uates at a disadvantage. Whether their plans are for a full-time job right away or to move on to graduate school, students will face competition. In such a circumstance, additional relevant high-level courses will be more impressive than introductory distribution courses.

There are a variety of ways students can lighten the load of the distribution program, but some ways are becoming more and more difficult for students, and others have never been reliable options. Options such as Advanced Placement tests and dual-enrollment are available, but these become more difficult for some students to afford as public school funding is cut. Students can also be greatly limited by which AP classes their school districts choose to offer.

May- and summer-term classes are in theory a great idea; however, there isn't exactly a good variety of courses offered by the school during these terms. Students can take summer classes at other schools, but this route can get quite expensive without any financial aid or scholarships. Taking courses during either of these terms also severely limits students' availability to work during the summer, so this may not even be a viable option for many students.

The distribution program has another major flaw: it favors

some majors more than others. For most majors, there are two or three courses that overlap between the major and distribution requirements. Math majors can double-dip only once. Archaeology majors can double-dip up to six times, leaving only four courses required to complete their major requirements.

At this point, we'd like to offer the disclaimer that we are in no way attacking the archaeology department, nor are we implying that math majors are in any way better than any other major. Our complaint lies solely with the unbalanced nature of the distribution program.

There is a problem with the system when there are majors that only have one cross-over course and other majors have five or six. There is a problem when some students have to sacrifice taking relevant courses just so they can satisfy the distribution requirements.

We don't want the program to disappear. It can be fun to take courses outside of one's major. It's a nice break, especially for juniors and seniors taking upper-level major courses, to be able to take easier classes. And, yes, there is a good bit of value in having a well-rounded education. But in an increasingly competitive world, at what point does an education become too well-rounded?

A word from the editor

Tory Irwin
Editor-in-Chief

As the Editor-in-Chief of the Lycourier, I hear a lot of opinions – from my staff, from professors, and of course, from the student body.

In some cases, opinions are very positive. There are accolades for something in the paper

that people are impressed with, or praise for something that has been done on campus, and people are really pleased with the actions of various organizations.

And, of course, there are some that are negative. Some people express frustration with something we've published, anger with the actions of a group on campus or dislike for a certain school policy or custom.

I think it's all wonderful.

Because that's the nature of an opinion. It's a thought or personal belief that is important to you and that you have the right to express.

For example, if a student shares that they are unhappy with the way an organization runs an event, that student has every right to voice that opinion and make her objections known. In the same way, another student has the right to rebut that argument and explain why the actions of that organization are positive.

The Lycourier will never discourage its readers from expressing their opinions to us, either verbally or via written word, and we will gladly listen to and thoughtfully consider all of the views you share.

If you see something on campus that you find appealing or appalling, write into us. This page is a forum for student opinions. The job of the Lycourier first and foremost is to publish content that is important to students.

The point of this page is not to discourage you or to make you feel as though your voice is not heard, but rather the contrary. We invite you to share your opinions, truthfully and unabashedly.

We do not censor ourselves. We will not censor you.

Overheard at Lyco

"It's like inventing the wheel but with toilet paper."

-The Apartments

"I haven't been feeling well since I put this rock in my pocket."

-The AC

"I picked a lock. I was wearing a clock."

-Communications Building

"It's better than a sexy Sharknado."

-The Apartments

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Kill demons, become a 'Shadow Warrior'

Ryan Krebs
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Video games these days try too hard to be taken seriously. The desperate goal is to be described as realistic and cinematic. When they try to bring back a beloved franchise for the days before gaming went mainstream, they tend to screw it up big time.

From the offensive and sexist "Duke Nukem Forever" to the false marketing blunder "Aliens Colonial Marines," it would seem that making a remake of "Shadow Warrior" - a first person shooter that was built upon Asian stereotypes back in the day - would be a recipe for yet another disaster. Luckily, the remake of "Shadow Warrior" resulted in a great game that merges the best first person shooter mechanics of the past with more modern mechanics to create one heck of an experience.

You play as a guy named Lo Wang, and from that name

alone you can guess what kind of tone the game is going to have. Fortunately, the game is way too tongue in cheek to be considered offensive and it never tries to shock you with something needlessly dark like the Alien Hive in "Duke Nukem Forever."

The game starts with Lo Wang going to get a sword for his employer Zilla a quest which quickly escalates to demons invading the world. Lo Wang teams up with an Ancient Spirit named Hoji to find three pieces of a magic sword and prevent the demon apocalypse.

For most of the game, Lo Wang and Hoji travel China in search of the sword and exchange funny banter with one another along the way. Whether you find that funny or annoying will depend on your sense of humor.

However, one thing that caught me off guard when I first finished the game was

the surprisingly somber ending. But I liked it because it reflected on my journey, and that is something a lot of other modern shooter games don't really have me do.

All in all, the story is a goofy, fun adventure that ends on a sad note. It'll leave you looking back on the journey longing for the good old days.

Now the gameplay of "Shadow Warrior" is on the surface, standard first-person shooter fare. Lo Wang gets an assortment of guns that you have to use to kill all the demon baddies that get in your way.

Unlike most shooter games these days, you can carry all nine weapons at once and switch between them on the fly. Each gun has three upgrades that make it easier and more entertaining to kill demon baddies that get in your way. For example, you can shoot and remote-detonate crossbow bolts at an enemy

and blow it and its friends up.

Lo Wang also gets demon powers that allow him to heal damage, push enemies back, and levitate them into the air for easy takedowns. But, the shining star of Lo Wang's weapons is the katana which you can use to slice and dice your way through enemies with ease. It is just so much fun to use.

The game also features a skill system that allows the player to build Lo Wang's abilities in a way the suits their play styles.

The one thing I was disappointed with in this entire game was the final boss. It wasn't bad; it just didn't feel epic enough to be a final boss. But that is only a small problem and the rest of the boss fights are fun and creative to make up for it.

In conclusion, "Shadow Warrior" is a fun game that gives a lot of fun weapons and power to play around with

when killing demons.

The best parts of old school, first-person shooter games mixed with the best parts of modern first person shooter games. The game is currently only available on PC and can be purchased on Steam and Good Old Games for \$40. Make sure you have a decently powerful computer. I played the game on my aging laptop with almost all the most powerful graphic settings turned off, and the game still lagged during the more intense combat sections.

The game is coming to Playstation 4, so you may just want to wait until that happens if you don't want to spend absurd amounts of money on a gaming PC. But if you have a computer powerful enough to run the game I highly recommend it. "Shadow Warrior" is a great game the fuses both old and new ideas to create something wonderful and exciting.



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In the game, gamers play as Lo Wang and go on quests to kill demons. Game reviewer Ryan Krebs describes the "Shadow Warrior" as a "goofy, fun adventure that ends on a sad note."

Gaze at the stellar cosmos across the Northern Tier

Cory Trego
Staff Writer

Even though the warm months of summer have faded and the cold and crisp air of fall has settled over the region, the waning days of fall continue to provide nature lovers with plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

While the leaves across the northern tier of the state have fallen, another stunning sight graces this part of Penn's Woods on clear and chilly nights. The sparsely populated areas of dense forest that spread across north-central Pennsylvania create ideal conditions for stargazing.

Northern Pennsylvania is home to one of the best sites for star gazing east of the Mississippi River. Cherry Springs State Park is a true astronomer's haven. Cherry Springs is located in a remote area of Potter County in the midst of the sprawling Susquehannock State Forest atop the Allegheny Plateau. Its location along the top of the highest plateaus in the region coupled with the area's stark remoteness combine to create some of the best star gazing conditions in the east.

The park sits at 2,300 feet

above sea level, high above the surrounding landscape. Development in the area is scarce, and the few inhabited houses are tucked deep into the valley below, their light blocked by thick forest and the steep valley walls. In 2000, the park was designated Pennsylvania's first "dark sky park." Seven years later, it was designated an "International Dark Sky Park" by the International Dark-Sky Association. In the years since, many efforts have been made to optimize the stargazing opportunities at the park. The astronomer's viewing field offers a 360 degree view of the sky. All white lights in the park have been converted to red lights, and all lights are shielded to minimize viewing impacts. Many have said that on moonless nights, the Milky Way is so bright that it casts shadows onto the ground.

The park hosts two "star parties" each year, which are usually attended by hundred of amateur and professional astronomers. The next star party will be hosted by the Astronomical Society of Harrisburg.

While Cherry Springs is a bit of a drive, the trip alone is worth it. The easiest travel route is to take Route 15 north

and then exit onto PA Route 6 west. After driving through the small town of Galeton, follow Route 144 south to Route 44. The park lies just a few miles north of the junction of 44 and 144.

While Cherry Springs may offer some of the best stargazing in the nation, the vast stretches of woodlands across the northern part of the state all offer spectacular star gazing. Little Pine State Park, just off of Route 44 near Waterville, has a large earthen dam that offers stargazers a large open area. The sparsely populated Little Pine Creek Valley emits little light pollution to dim the intensity of celestial lights. Lyman Run State Park, located just outside of Galeton, offers nearly the same star gazing experience as Cherry Springs, but usually lacks any significant crowds. Camp sites are also available at Lyman Run.

The best stargazing opportunities occur during the new moon lunar phase, when skies are almost eerily dark. If you are willing to brave some brisk weather well into the evening hours, stargazing can leave you breathless and in wonder of the magnitude of our universe.



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Northern Pennsylvania is home to one of the best sites for star gazing.

Review: Google+ chat becomes prominent method of communication

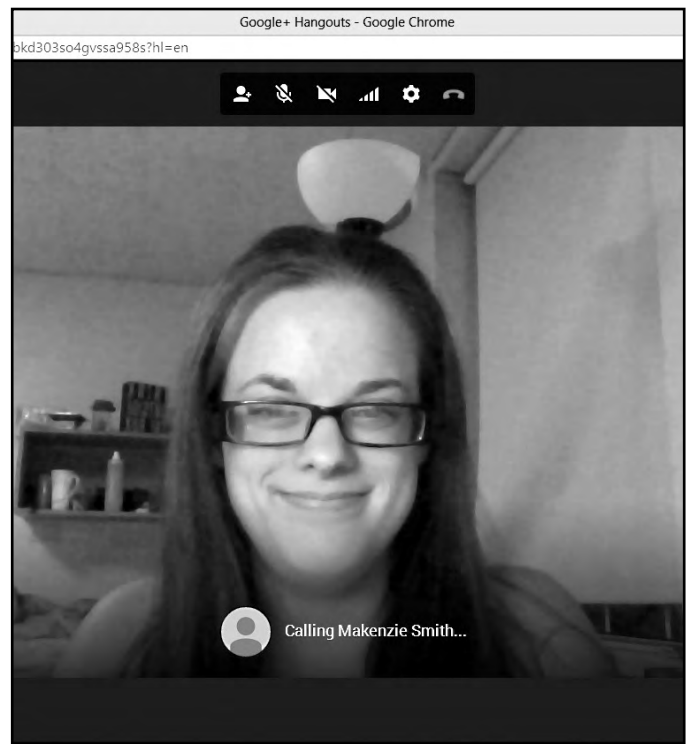


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Krysta Corliss reviews Google+ and other video chat sites. Google+ is easier to use and has fewer glitches.

Krysta Corliss
Staff Writer

The internet is rapidly taking over as the No. 1 method of communication, especially for long distance communication. Skype was one of the first websites which offered a place where people could video chat with one another, despite physical location. For a while, Skype was the only commonly-known method for placing private video calls. Now, however, a new competitor has gained visibility. Google+ is a relatively new platform which combines both social media and a place for private video communication, and offers competition for Skype. The interface for

initiating calls is somewhat confusing for those who already do not use Google+, as it is mixed in with the rest of the site. Receiving a call is much easier. Interface within a call has just undergone a few changes, which has increased the ease of use. Now, there is more area within the window for the video. The tools which used to be fixed on the left side of the screen now only appear with a wave of the mouse. The interface is clean, easy to use. Additionally, Google+ seems to have less frequent crashes and glitches than Skype. Finally, the last benefit of using Google+ is that there is the possibility to video call multiple users at one time.

Perseverance prevails in OT Homecoming win



Photo Credit: Lycoming Athletics

Senior Zack Czap led the Warriors with two field goals which were necessary for the win.

Kendra Bitner
Sports Editor

A suspense-filled crowd packed the stands of the David Person Field as senior kicker Zack Czap secured the homecoming win with a 29-yard field goal on Saturday, Oct. 26 against the Albright College Lions in overtime.

Like at all Homecoming games, fans of all ages joined together to cheer for their fellow Warriors. As the cool breezes of November chilled the air, the colors of blue and gold filled the stands.

The Warriors started off hesitant throwing two interceptions in the first two possessions. This gave the Lions the advantage and they kicked a 36-yard field goal to put some points on the board.

It wasn't long before junior Tyler Jenny, quarterback, scored the first touchdown with a 23-yard run setting the Warriors ahead 7-3 in the first quarter. Retaliating, the

Lions also scored off a run placing them ahead 7-10 in the second.

After halftime the Warriors held the ball but were unable to finish, handing over yet another touchdown.

Down by 10 points, the Warriors desperately needed a touchdown to stay in the game. Luckily Jenny was able to find the hands of senior Matt Atkinson, receiver, who ran for 16 yards.

Junior Craig Needhammer rushed for the touchdown putting the Warriors down by only three.

To tie the game, Czap conquered the winds and perfectly placed the 35-yard field goal. The fans rose to their feet as the Warriors and Lions began the overtime challenge.

With the Lions receiving the ball first, they were unable to gain a first down. Senior C.J. Arhontakis was able to break through the Lion's defensive line and block the

Albright field goal attempt.

The fate of the game now rested in the hands of the Warriors. Needhammer carried the ball a total of 15 yards before turning again to Czap for the win.

Exclamations of victory rang throughout Williamsport as the Warriors prevailed.

On the defensive end for the Warriors, senior Dwight Hentz led the team with nine tackles while fellow senior Tyler Denike added eight. Junior John Siebel, receiver, had a total of 60 yards while Atkinson posted 53.

For his excellence on the field, Czap earned his second Middle Atlantic Conference Special Teams Player of the Week honor.

The Warriors traveled to King's College on Saturday, Nov. 2 where they fell to the Dutchmen 28-24. This places the Warriors in a three-way tie for second place in the MAC.

Battle of the sexes: Warrior basketball



Photo Credit: Lycoming Athletics

Both the men's and women's basketball teams were selected to finish sixth in the Middle Atlantic Conference this season.

Kendra Bitner
Sports Editor

In the Middle Atlantic Conference preseason poll, the Warrior men and women were both selected to finish sixth in the conference. This is the first time that the men and women have been placed on an even playing field in many years.

The men's team, which is normally ranked in a stronger position, posted a 51-28 record over the past three seasons. They have appeared in the past two MAC championship games and have made conference finals in four out of the past six years.

Two starters, seniors Kevin Anthony and Michael Rudy,

are returning for the men. Anthony added 9.7 points per game and 5.5 rebounds. Rudy followed right behind with 8.4 points and 4.4 rebounds. Fellow senior Justin Miller will also look to lead the team.

After losing four starters including seniors Jerold Williams and Anthony Martin, as well as sophomore Chris Foreman, the Warriors will rely heavily on the upperclassmen to lead the team. Four freshmen join the team with large shoes to fill.

The Warrior women made their first playoff appearance for 13 years last season which improved their standing and also places them in sixth place.

After losing only two seniors from the previous sea-

son, four starters are returning for the women's squad: senior Julia Antonelli, juniors Ali Derr and Janelle Ziminski, and sophomore Olivia Manges. All-conference honors winner Antonelli averaged 11.4 points and 8.7 rebounds per game last season. Five eager freshmen join the team in hopes of becoming an integral part of the squad.

Both the men and the women open their season on Friday, Nov. 15. The men will host Penn College at 6 p.m. and the women will travel to DeSales.

This will be an exciting season of Warrior basketball as some friendly competition arises to see who will come out on top.

Senior Spotlight: Zack Brower



Zack Brower is a senior freestyle swimmer. This season, he was named captain of the Warriors men's swim team.

Kendra Bitner
Sports Editor

From East Stroudsburg, Pa., Zack Brower is entering his fourth year as a freestyle swimmer for the Warrior men's swim team. In his freshman year, Brower earned four Second Team All-MAC

honors on relay teams. His time of 1:32.28 allowed him to finish fourth in the 200-yard freestyle relay during the 2011 MAC Championships.

By sophomore year, Brower was significantly improving his times and earned yet another Second Team All-MAC honor finishing sixth in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 48.93. Last season, with the help of Brower, the men's 4x100 yard relay team broke the 2004 school record in the MAC Championships with a time of 3:14.65. Collectively, Brower earned points in all three events of the 2013 MAC Championships.

As well as being an integral part of the quad, Brower has been named to the MAC Academic Honor roll and earned a MAC Sportsmanship Team accolade.

Brower splashes into his senior season as a captain looking for yet more improvement. In the home opener against Albright, Brower and his teammates finished the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:49.22. By the sec-

ond meet against Hood, the relay team greatly improved the time to 1:30.44 winning the event for the Warriors.

"Zack, individually, is never happy, but he always improves," said head coach Jerry Hammaker. "He still ends up anchoring a lot of relays, and we can always count on him."

Aside from swimming, Brower is a political science and history major. His favorite things to do include watching sports and hanging out with his fraternity brothers. Something that not too many people know about Brower is that he has tried out for Jeopardy twice and missed the final cut both times. As a senior, Brower wants to show some Warrior pride and finish his season on a high note.

"We turned heads last year with our team performance at MAC's. This year I want to make sure people know it wasn't a fluke, and I want my personal performance to be part of the reason we do well."

Lycourier Sports

Football (5-3)

Saturday, Oct. 26 vs Albright W (20-17)
Saturday, Nov. 2 at King's L (24-28)

Saturday, Nov. 9 vs FDU-Florham, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 16 at Stevenson, 1 p.m.

Men's Soccer (9-7-2)

Tuesday, Oct. 22 vs Messiah L (1-2)
Saturday, Oct. 26 at Arcadia W (2-1)
Wednesday, Oct. 30 vs Elizabethtown L (1-2)
Saturday, Nov. 2 vs Hood W (2-1)
Monday, Nov. 4 vs Lebanon Valley NEED!

Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Messiah, 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer (1-16-1)

Wednesday Oct. 23 vs Messiah L (0-9)
Saturday, Oct. 26 at Arcadia L (0-4)
Tuesday, Oct. 29 vs Elizabethtown L (0-8)
Saturday, Nov. 2 vs Hood T (0-0)

Women's Volleyball (25-10)

Friday, Oct. 25 vs Alfred State W (3-0)
Friday, Oct. 25 at Houghton W (3-1)
Saturday, Oct. 26 vs Mich-Dearborn L (1-3)
Saturday, Oct. 26 vs SUNY Canton W (3-1)
Saturday, Nov. 2 vs PSU Altoona W (3-0)
Saturday, Nov. 2 at Pitt-Bradford W (3-2)
Monday, Nov. 4 at Elizabethtown NEED!

Men's Swimming (0-2)

Saturday, Oct. 26 vs Albright L (72-128)
Saturday, Nov. 2 at Hood L (68-137)

Saturday, Nov. 9 vs Elizabethtown, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 17 at Misericordia, 1 p.m.

Women's Swimming (0-2)

Saturday, Oct. 26 vs Albright L (71-129)
Saturday, Nov. 2 at Hood L (81-124)

Saturday, Nov. 9 vs Elizabethtown, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 17 at Misericordia, 1 p.m.

Men's soccer enters MAC tournament play

Kendra Bitner
Sports Editor

Lebanon Valley on Monday, Nov. 4 for their first playoff game.

Some of the team's success can be attributed to new head coach Nate Gibboney who coached the Warriors to a six-game winning streak.

Defensively, the Warriors are one of the best teams in the conference allowing only 0.86 goals per game. Junior Connor Keenan, goalkeeper for the Warriors, has had an exceptional season posting four shutouts. Freshmen Alfonso Mutuku and Moises Lazo have been leading offensively.

The winner of the first round match between the Warriors and the Flying Dutchmen will advance to play number one seed Messiah on Wednesday, Nov. 6.

For the first time in five years, the Warrior men's soccer team is entering the post-season. After a 2-10-2 season in 2012, the Warriors were predicted to finish ninth in the MAC. However, with a new team and a new look in 2013, the Warriors were able to overcome obstacles and finish in ninth place.

A 2-0 win against Hood College allowed the Warriors to continue their season. With goals from junior Kevin Seymour and senior Connor McNiff, as well as a strong defensive game, the Blazers were not able to compete.

The 9-7-2 team looks brighter than ever as they host

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