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Relay returns!

Samantha Ferraro
Staff Writer

Every spring, students from all different clubs and organizations come together to honor those who have been affected by cancer at Relay For Life. This fundraising event occurs at schools all over the country where students rally together to raise money to fight for the cause. This helps to show that those who have struggled with or have been affected by cancer are never alone.

The 12 hour event itself is put together by the campus's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer (CAC). Organization members put this activity together by raising money to support cancer research. Many clubs and organizations outside of CAC form teams to assist in the fundraising, giving all students a chance to con-

tribute to the cause. These efforts will culminate in the final event next Friday.

To prepare for the event, CAC participates in various fundraisers all year long and has weekly meetings to update on progress and discuss plans.

"We make decorations nonstop the week of Relay and (the) day of is an 18-hour day for the committee," said senior Meghan Cox, president of CAC. The committee's goal this year is to reach \$27,000.

Each year, the theme changes; this year, it will be based on the 90s. The theme was chosen after last year's Relay for Life, and the events will be focused on the memorable decade.

For 12 hours, each club and organization has members alternate on and off to walk around the track in the Lamade Gymna-



Photo Credit: Lycoming College Facebook Page

Last year's event, shown above, was a great success. The college raised more than \$24,000 for the American Cancer Society.

sium to show their support. Many participants sport team and event T-shirts throughout the night. Activities are set up around the gym as well, giving participants something to do as they hang out and continue to fundraise up until the final hour of the event.

According to Cox, CAC sponsored events, such as volleyball and Mr. and Mrs. Relay, will also take place at the event with prizes for the activities. Other activities include Jeopardy and those sponsored by the various organizations around campus. Prior years' events have included activities such as making stuffed animals and playing Wii games for prizes.

An important moment of the night is the Luminaria ceremony where a pre-prepared slideshow is presented to honor those affected by cancer. It is a very emotional time for Relayers to reflect on the purpose of the entire night

and to show just how important it is to find a cure for a disease that kills 8 million people worldwide each year, according to the CDC. Luminaries are placed on the track, displaying the names of friends and family who have faced cancer, and during the slideshow, the luminaries are lit up as everyone does a lap to honor those named.

Overall, Colleges Against Cancer puts forth so much effort to make Relay for Life a huge success on campus. The event supports a great cause and raises money to help find a cure for a disease that has affected so many people, both Lycoming students and otherwise. There are always some new things at Relay to keep it fresh and exciting and to relate to the theme.

"We hope everyone will come and check it out! It is a lot of fun and a truly inspirational night," Cox said.



Photo Credit: Lycoming College Facebook Page

Luminaria line the track at last year's event in remembrance of those who lost their battle with cancer.

First annual Lyco Hunger Games crowns its first victor

By Tory Irwin
Editor-In-Chief

The odds weren't exactly in Stephanie Engle's favor going into the college's first annual Hunger Games.

The senior missed the training day the night before, and almost immediately after entering the arena, she "lost" an arm.

But Engle was able to push past these disadvantages and was crowned the Games' victor.

"I didn't think I was going to make it past the first two rounds, to be honest," Engle said. "I'm just really excited, because I didn't expect to make it this far."

Engle represented District 11, a combination of two campus religious groups, and was one of 24 tributes who took part in sophomore Nigel Barnes and junior Taylor Kendra's re-imagining of the popular book and movie series.

With Barnes acting as President and Kendra as head gamemaker, the two faithfully adapted the elements of the fictional world to fit a college environment, with a charitable twist. The games raised money for Project Hope Alliance, a national charity that fights poverty and hunger on a global scale, and gathered canned food to be donated locally.

Along with a team of five other gamemakers, Kendra and Barnes transformed the college's Recreation Center into an arena for the competition.

They designed rounds to challenge the competitors, employing elements from the books like "mutts"—genetic mutations that threaten the tributes' lives (but in the College setting, friends in masks who chased the contestants)—and annoyances to speed the killing along like playing viral song "What Does the Fox Say?" until 5 tributes were killed or \$50 was donated to Project Hope Alliance.

"Sort of like how the actual games in the movies, how the



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Stephanie Engle (center) poses with Nigel Barnes and Taylor Kendra on the cornucopia after winning the Hunger Games.

gamemakers call the shots, we've designed the rounds so they're not one hundred percent concrete that that's what's going to happen," Barnes said.

Of course, there was also the pesky issue of tributes not actually being allowed to kill each other, as they do in the source material.

To get around that, the two masterminds gave tributes nine flags: three around the waist, one for each limb, one on the heart and

one on the neck. Losing one of your "vitals" (the heart or neck) or losing all three of your waist flags equaled death. If an arm or leg flag was pulled, tributes had to compete in the rest of the games without using that limb.

"It's like battle royale flag football," Kendra said.

To help tributes, lifelines were made available through sponsor

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CAB announces concert

By Tory Irwin
Editor-In-Chief

Last Tuesday, Campus Activities Board Concert Chair Sara Anthony announced that the campus concert will feature AWOLNATION.

Anthony made the announcement during dinner at Wertz Dining Hall that the Billboard chart-topping band will be performing at Lycoming on April 11.

Anthony's announcement was greeted by cheers and a flurry of social media updates.

During the announcement, Larry Manolini, Director of Student Programs and Leadership Development, noted that finding an act has become more challenging over the past few years.

Before revealing the act, Anthony shared that the pair went through close to 200 acts before booking AWOLNATION.

Reaction to the announcement is positive, though not all students are excited by the concert.

"It's better than Mac Miller," senior Sarah Fetherolf said, "but I'm not super excited."

While some are excited by the choice, others are unaware of the band's music.

To raise enthusiasm for the concert, CAB has shared some AWOLNATION tracks on its Facebook page.

"The Spring Concert is... AWOLNATION!! Excited? So are we:) Everyone knows Sail, but here's a taste of some of their other fantastic music," read a caption linked to the song "People". AWOLNATION was formed by Aaron Bruno in 2009. The project rose to popularity when their single "Sail" climbed the Billboard charts in 2013.

As always, students will be able to use their ID to pick up a free ticket to the concert from Student Programs. Public tickets will be available for \$25.

Lost at Lyco

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No one guessed last week's image.

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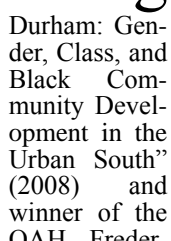


Ewing Lecture to address politics in Civil Rights era

The history department will welcome Leslie Brown, Ph.D., associate professor of history at Williams College, for the 41st annual Robert H. Ewing Lecture. Her presentation, "Power Politics in the Civil Rights Era," is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Lindsay Welch Honors Hall. A reception sponsored by the Presidential Inauguration Committee will follow the presentation. The event is free and open to the public.

Brown will explore "power politics" in historically nationalist terms. Her research reveals how black power politics of the 19th century coincided with the ideas and activism of Malcolm X, Fannie Lou Hamer, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and other civil rights organizations of the 1960s. By revealing these convergences, Brown demonstrates how the continuities in black activism link seemingly disparate perspectives such as those of Malcolm X, SNCC and the Black Panther Party.

Brown earned a Ph.D. from Duke University, where she was co-coordinator of "Behind the Veil: Documenting African American Life in the Jim Crow South," a collaborative research and curriculum project of the Center for Documentary Studies. She is the author of "Upbuilding Black



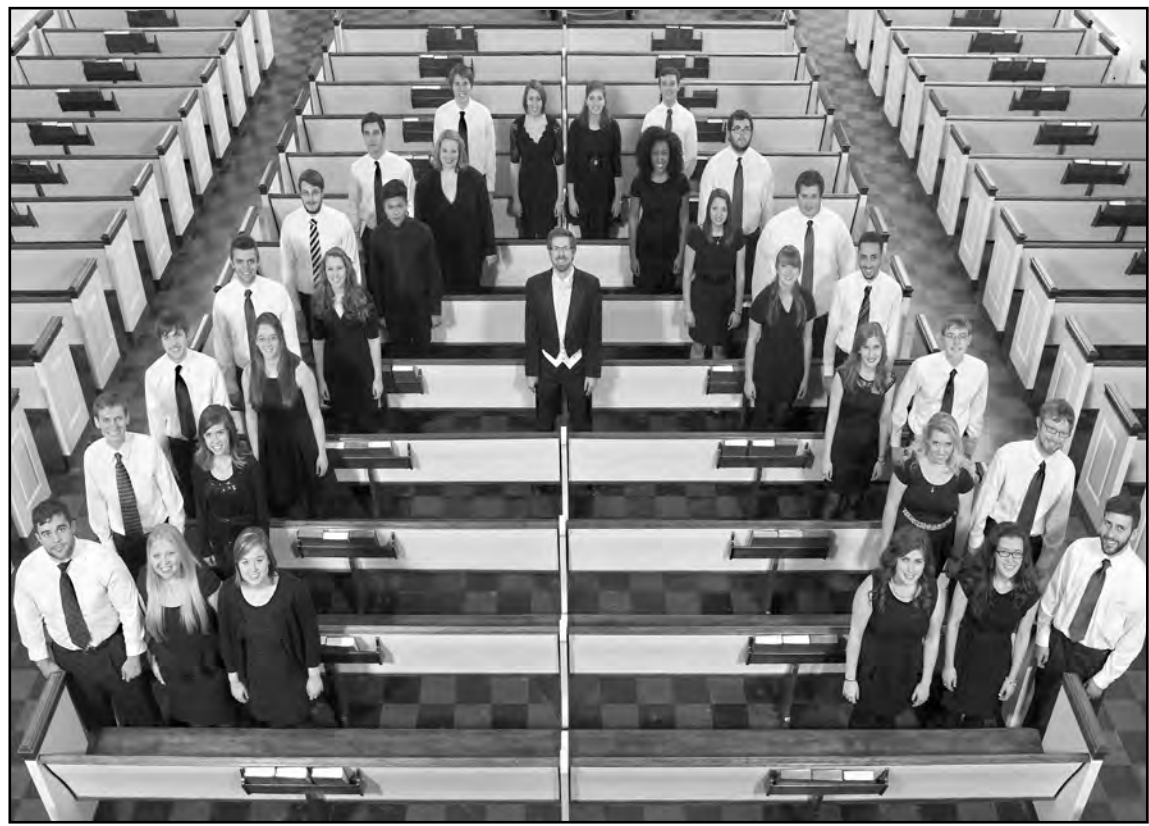
Leslie Brown

Durham: Gender, Class, and Black Community Development in the Urban South" (2008) and winner of the OAH Frederick Jackson Turner Award for the best book in U.S. history written by a first-time author.

Brown appears courtesy of the Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lectureship Program. OAH promotes excellence in the scholarship, teaching and presentation of American history, and encourages wide discussion of historical questions and equitable treatment of all practitioners of history. For more information on the OAH, please visit www.oah.org.

The Ewing Lecture Series was established in 1973 when Robert H. Ewing, for whom the series is named, retired after 27 years at Lycoming College. A revered teacher and friend of the college, his life was characterized by a deep religious faith, a passion for history and a strong devotion to a liberal arts education. These qualities touched the lives of all who came in contact with him and led his many friends to contribute to the Ewing Fund to establish this series.

Chamber Choir to perform concert of American music and poetry



The Chamber Choir will perform a concert of American music and poetry Monday, March 31, at 8 p.m. in Clarke Chapel. The event is free and open to the public. The performance will include some of the most central figures in the history of American choral music, as well as texts from Walt Whitman and Robert Frost. The concert will feature works by William Billings, Charles Ives and Randall Thompson, along with Jeffrey Van's "A Procession Winding Around Me" for choir and classical guitar.

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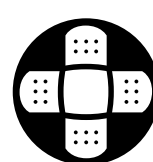
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points, which friends of the tributes and observers could build up through their donations.

"We've got sponsors that can help make things better for the tributes in the arena, and maybe it will be giving them back an extra flag they've lost or if they need something else that will help them in the arena for something that we throw at them," Kendra said.

"And as the games go on, certain things that they want or need will cost more sponsor points. And each district has provided a mentor that will be controlling when the sponsor points will be used for them. And some things they can't be helped with. You know if you get your heart ripped out, we're not saving you...but a limb, yeah, we might be able to buy you a limb again."

Engle benefitted from the sponsor points, regaining a waist flag and eventually an arm flag.

Going into the games with a strategy was just as important as it is in the books, and the tributes were eager to play along.

"At first I wasn't going to go in as an alliance, but it just kind of

happened," Engle said.

Engle teamed up with her fellow District 11 tribute Peeta and Katniss style and tried to help her stay in the games, but was unable to help her teammate secure a pair of goggles needed to avoid an airborne "poison" in one of the rounds.

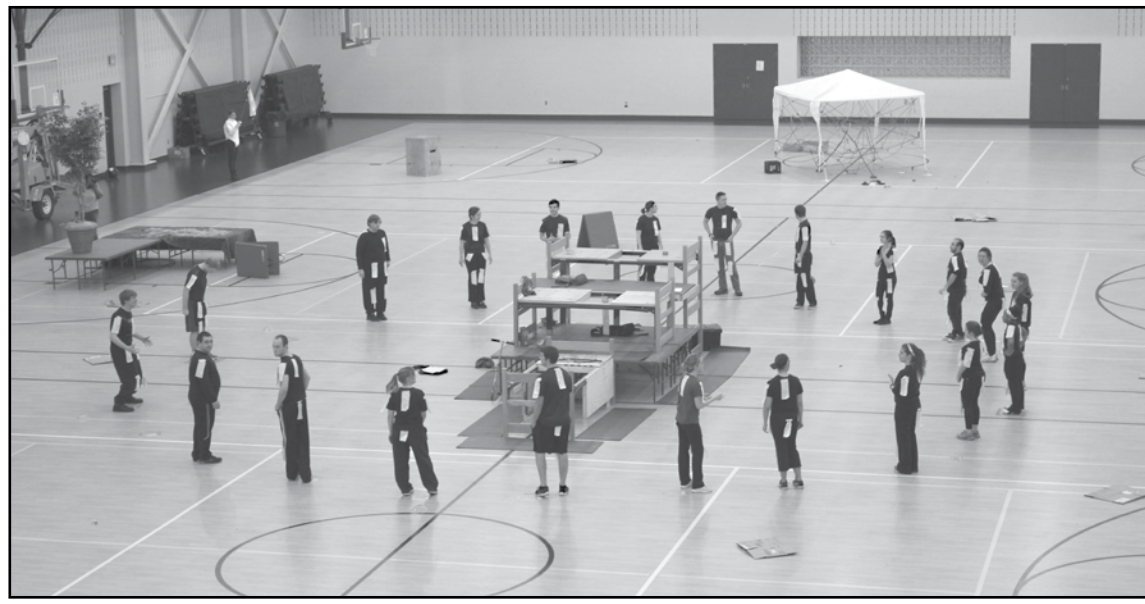
While the games may seem divisive, they served in uniting the college campus and raised \$305 for Project Hope Alliance and 115 lbs of canned goods for local shelters.

At the end of the day, that was Barnes' goal.

"One of the main things that I really wanted to stress is that even though it's all these clubs and fraternities and sororities competing against each other, it's also a chance to bring the entire campus together in one event for something that's bigger than everybody, really," he said.

The games will continue next year with planning already in the works for the event.

Want even more Hunger Games coverage? Check out our website, lycourier.lycoming.edu, for exclusive video content.



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Above, the tributes gather around the cornucopia before the games begin. Bottom left, Charlie Marshall has his game face on heading into the final rounds. Bottom right, Marshall faces off against Casey Huber and Stephanie Engle during the last round.



Bring on the green!

Sustainability efforts in dining hall continue

Jackie Croteau
Staff Writer

Before the spring semester of 2014, asking for a "to go" box meant contributing to the disposal of roughly 1,500-1,700 plastic containers per week. This number adds up to around 24,000 disposable containers in the dumpster each semester! With the switch to green reusable boxes, the college will continue to prevent the use of this much plastic each semester. But they would like to further the preservation of resources on the campus.

The student senate, in coordination with the Sustainability Committee, is currently discussing implementing sustainable cups which would serve the same purpose as the reusable boxes. Although the design is not settled on, the idea is for each student to receive a reusable cup at the beginning of the year that he or she would be responsible to bring to Wertz for each meal. Unlike the boxes, students would be responsible for washing their own cups, as they would their personal water bottles.

The current statistics for usage of to-go cups are more outrageous than the boxes.

Leslie Ekstrand, General Manager of Dining Services, gave her opinion on this potential change.

"I would be happy to implement [the reusable cups], because it's better for the environment," she said.

The evidence that she is right about the impact on the environment is in the numbers. About 6,000 to 8,000 cups are disposed of each week, making at least 96,000 disposals in one semester.

Despite the clear benefits of this change, the discussion has been met with a fair amount of re-

sistance from students. The greatest concern is that the students will not clean their cups properly and promote the spread of germs among their peers.

Other colleges that already use sustainable cups have responded to these potential health risks.

(Lycoming College uses about 200,000 cups a year.)

Ekstrand's former employer, Chatham University, has this same rule.

"In my last life, it was easy for us there, so I think it could be easy for us here," she said.

Perhaps the student senate would consider implementing this rule in order to make the students feel more secure, as well.

Students had similar negative opinions of the sustainable boxes, before they began to circulate.

Ekstrand described a short time period of initial pushback concerning convenience, but after that she was not approached about the decision.

There are currently 600 boxes in circulation.

When asked about the effect the change might have had on usage, she said that it was hard to gauge an increase or decrease in student use since this is the first semester it's been done. However, she did have records showing that about 100 to 125 students used to-go each day, and this semester the range was 110 to 140 students.

There does not appear to be any effect on student to-go practices.

"People don't necessarily handle change well," Ekstrand said.

This could foreshadow a similar pattern for sustainable cups as well. People may not initially appreciate it, but they may also choose to get over it.

There are also other supporters who see the value and contribution to the environment that such a change would have in making this campus a "more green" community.

Cafeteria upgrades: Dining Services makes changes to flex dollars, to-go cup systems

By Robert Christian
Staff Writer

New dining policies have been added since the return from spring break.

For starters, there has been an upgrade in the flex dollars system. If a student runs out of flex dollars, he will get 10% more flex dollars if he purchases at least \$50 of flex dollars, according to an email sent out by Dining Services.

Leslie Ekstrand, General Manager of Dining Services, said that this change was added to benefit students because dining services noticed that students had been

running out of flex dollars before the end of the spring semester. The decision was made in cooperation with College administration to be more helpful to students.

Dining staff also moved the location of the to-go coffee cups behind the counters. This decision has since been reversed, with cups being returned to their original location by the coffee makers for student use.

Ekstrand sent an email to students Monday outlining the issue.

"There were some students that were using the disposable hot cups in place of the green reusable to go containers and others that were using them to 'grocery

shop' in the dining hall," Ekstrand wrote. "Since we moved them behind the register we have gone from using between 6,000 and 8,000 cups per week to only using 2,500 this week. Even taking into account that many students may have skipped using them due to perceived inconvenience, this is not a small difference."

The decision to return the cups was influenced by Student Senate, according to Ekstrand's email.

"Student Senate has persuaded us that students will use the cups responsibly and not as a substitute for the green carry out containers or for 'grocery shopping' in the dining hall," she wrote.

Theatre, criminal justice departments host "The Letters Behind My Name"

Julia Cuddahy
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, the theatre and criminal justice departments as well as the women and gender studies program hosted the College and Community Fellowship's Theater for Social Change (TSC) original play, "The Letters Behind My Name." The play is based on true stories written by the performers themselves, who have experienced the criminal justice system fully.

"Theatre for Social Change is genuine proof that the theatre is a living art form that can have an incredible impact on people's lives. The performers in 'The Letters Behind My Name' aren't acting in the sense that they are creating fictional characters. They are enacting themselves and their own experiences. I found the production very emotionally moving because the performers were so authentic; their joy, their pain was real and raw," said Dr. J. Stanley, theatre department chair and coordinator of the women and gender studies program.

TSC hopes to use "The Letters Behind My Name" as a way of making the public more aware of the discrimination and injustices against incriminated women, as well as ex-convicts who must try and reintegrate themselves into the communities from which they were taken.

"The play highlighted how women's experiences [during their time in jail and afterwards] are unique, and how they experience different barriers than men," said Kerry Richmond, assistant criminal justice professor.

These issues include stigmas placed on convicts and discrimination they face in the work force, and overcoming these barriers. One story followed the life of a woman who had to hand over her baby to her mother while she was in jail as a result of a \$10 drug deal.

"The biggest theme [of 'The Letters Behind My Name'] was that people can change," Richmond said. "We put a stigma on criminals, but it's so important not to give up on people. These women are a great example of how people can turn their life around."

One of the major methods suggested by TSC toward erasing this stigma was through education.

"People released from prison who only have a high school diploma are generally restricted to minimum wage jobs where they face discrimination. It is difficult for them to support themselves, and often leads them to return to criminal behavior. With higher education and more degrees, there are more opportunities for them to support themselves and be self-sufficient," Richmond said.

The performance was followed by a question and answer period in which the audience members asked the women about their experiences and opinions regarding the criminal justice system.

One student asked what the women considered to be the ideal re-entry program. The group suggested that the best program would begin in prison and that after the prisoners' release housing and employment would be provided.

"The problem with re-entry programs is that each person's experience is different, but everyone needs support," Richmond said. "I agree that re-entry programs should start in prison, by giving the inmates a chance to make connections with successfully reintegrated inmates and services prior to being released. I also agree that housing and employment are the most immediate needs, and if not met, it's hard to be successful."

The play helped raise awareness not only of larger issues concerning the criminal justice system, but also smaller ones that are often overlooked.

#lycourier photo of the week



This week's Instagram photo of the week was contributed by senior Sarah Fetherolf, captioned "Real life Hunger Games." Post a photo on Instagram with #lycourier for your chance to be featured in the next issue of The Lycourier.

Art department travels to Pittsburgh



Stephanie Engle/LYCOURIER

Art students traveled to Pittsburgh last Friday as part of their colloquium. Above is a shot from the 36th floor of the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning. Below is a dinosaur exhibit from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.



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College names Konopski as vice president for enrollment management

College President Kent Trachte, Ph.D., has announced the appointment of Michael Konopski as vice president for enrollment management, effective July 1. Konopski will provide vision and direction for the college's enrollment and financial aid offices and serve as a member of the senior leadership team. He will succeed James Spencer, who is retiring on June 30 after a highly successful 25-year career at the college.

"During the interview process, Mike Konopski demonstrated enthusiasm about Lycoming's future and an understanding of its mission as a national liberal arts college," Trachte said. "He brings to the job 25 years of great experience in enrollment management, and I am confident that he is the right person to lead Lycoming in developing strategies that respond to the changing demographic environment that Lycoming faces. He shares our commitment to recruiting a student body that reflects the full spectrum of the American population and includes students from around the world."

Konopski currently serves as interim vice president for enrollment management at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, W.V. He previously served as dean of enrollment management at Niagara University in Buffalo, N.Y., where he led a team that produced multiple years of record freshman classes while also improving retention. He also increased undergraduate and gradu-

ate enrollment to the highest levels in school history, and planned and executed strategies that increased the number of students from out-of-state and diverse populations.

"I am very excited to be joining Lycoming and working to meet and exceed its enrollment goals going forward," Konopski said. "During the interview process, I was very impressed with President Trachte. His energy and leadership has permeated the campus. I felt like a great fit with the faculty and staff I met during my campus interview. With its strong financial foundation and initiatives to increase enrollment through partnerships such as KIPP, and efforts to increase international enrollment, I believe Lycoming is poised to be a leader among national liberal arts and sciences institutions."

Konopski has also been active in various professional organizations, including serving as past president of the Kentucky Association for College Admission Counseling and the National Catholic College Admission Association. He is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

The New York native was born in Corning and raised in Watkins Glen. He earned a bachelor's in communications from State University of New York at Geneseo in 1985 and a master's in student personnel administration at State University of New York at Buffalo in 1992.

College to host training camp for Special Olympics Pennsylvania athletes



The college will host a training camp March 29-30 for Special Olympics Pennsylvania athletes preparing for the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games scheduled for June 14-21 in Princeton, N.J. A total of 206 athletes and unified partners from across the state will train for a variety of sports, including aquatics, athletics, basketball, bocce, bowling, golf, gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball.

More than 100 Lycoming students will donate their time to the training camp, including students from the Student Senate, the Education Department and Community Service Center, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and many of the college's clubs, organizations and athletic teams.

Marisa Macy, Ph.D., assistant professor of education and an organizer of the event, is enthusiastic about Lycoming's students participating in the training camp.

"The student involvement is wonderful," Macy said. "We have students volunteering with various games, the Olympic Village and the dance Saturday night. Students are even donating their Sunday brunch to the athletes. We have such a caring and supportive community here."

The events, which are free and open to the public, will be held at various times and locations on and off campus. They begin with the Olympic Village from 10 a.m.

to 1 p.m. on Saturday, followed by sports camps from 2 to 5 p.m. and a dance from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Sports camps will continue on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

According to Jennifer Tresp, senior competition director for Special Olympics Pennsylvania, the training camp is important for the athletes so that they can meet their teammates, their coaches and prepare for the upcoming games. She added that the college is the perfect location for the camp.

"Lycoming's facilities are wonderful and the staff could not be more supportive," Tresp said.

Activities on Lycoming's campus will be held in the Academic Center, Wertz Student Center, Lamade Gymnasium and the Recreation Center. Off-campus training will be held at Faxon Lanes, Dynamat, South Williamsport Park, Williamsport Tennis Club, White Deer Course and Sons of Italy.

Special Olympics Pennsylvania provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

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Pterodactyl's Nest

Brianne Charnigo



LACES leaves the States: Working in Mendoza



Photo Credit: Kayla Gibson

The students participating in the LACES alternative spring break trip pose for a photo at Las Terrenas. Top row from left: Jared Cave, Kelly Blasi, John Woodburn, Shannon Bolin, Molly Russell and Molly Lakis. Bottom row from left: Peter Rittenhouse, Amanda Ferster, Samantha Stropko, Sarah Pickerin, Brittany Tasch, Riley Zimmerman, Luke McGreevy, Kalynn Newman, Le Dieu Linh Nguyen, Kayla Gibson and Kayla Darling.

Shannon Bolin College Life Editor

Fifteen students participated in the Alternative Spring Break offered by ACES (Advancing Communities by Educating and Serving) with their advisors Brittany Tasch and Jared Cave from March 2-8.

The 15 students and two advisors flew down to the Dominican Republic to aid numerous communities including Mendoza, Triple Ozama, El Conde, Cobone, and Las Terrenas. The students primarily resided in Mendoza at the Baseball Academy.

The group focused their energy on building relationships with the people of the communities. While establishing relationships within the community, the groups projects ranged from food outreaches, volunteer work at festivals and schools, land-

scaping, and painting.

The students were not alone in their volunteer work and were joined daily by members of the communities.

"We were painting the bleachers and walls around the baseball field and it wasn't even 10 minutes and some of the younger community boys had come over asking to help. They had helped us all day with painting and loved every minute of it. At that moment, I had realized that the group and myself had made a difference in those little boys lives. They wanted to help their community just like we were doing that entire week. It was something I had never seen in America before and I will never forget it," Kayla Gibson said.

"What I love about ACES North America and partnering with that organization on our trips to the Dominican Republic is that we get the opportunity to

see multiple communities and assist with multiple projects. I love how ACES is all about serving the Dominican people in whatever way possible and extending their reach as far as they can," Tasch said.

The volunteer work just scratched the surface with the group's main purpose.

"I love how we not only assist with projects, but that we are focused on building relationships with community members. It is service beyond what we naturally think it to be. It is building partnerships, developing relationships, helping others feel valued and loved. That's why these service trips are so much different. It's about the individuals and the communities and not just about what we can get done for them," Tasch said.

After a week of service, the students have been impacted in various ways by their experiences and new relationships.

"This trip gave me a brand new lens in which I view the world. In my past travels, I have seen immense poverty where people make homes in piles of garbage and the DR is not too far off from that. It is important to realize that there are people all around that are in need of help and it is the duty of all of us to help the less fortunate," sophomore Pete Rittenhouse said.

"It was so strange to think that before I started this adventure, I was terrified at the situation I was putting myself in. At the end of the week I was sitting there crying because the amazing people there made me want to stay forever. Everyone there is so genuine and kind despite their circumstances. I'll never forget all those kids who ran onto the bus to hug us all goodbye," Kelly Blasi said.

"The trip re-taught me what I thought I already knew. For one, it reminded me of the value of the little things, and that those things are more than just food and shelter; that simple things like emotions are just as important. It also reminded me that no one has to try to save the world alone. Something that just kind of struck me was how, despite the poverty, everyone seemed, well, relatively happy. I haven't figured out where that will lead yet, developmentally, but it's something that's still bouncing around my head," Kayla Darling

said.

"I knew what I would be experiencing but I had no idea how much the environment and the communities would impact me. I hear all the time about those in need and always thought I would be able to sympathize with them. When we were driving through the communities, I'll never forget what I saw. But now that I've been on the other side of that window working with them, I know it's not just about remembering, it's about understanding. This experience has made me understand the problems that these communities face every day and they are simple things that we, as Americans, take for granted much too often," said Sarah Pickerin, President of the Lycoming Chapter of ACES.

The college hopes to continue their relationship with ACES in the Dominican and continue to establish relationships and improve the communities.

"We had an amazing group of students go on the trip this year. We just have amazing students in general at Lycoming College and I am so blessed that I get to work with them. This year was challenging in a beautifully transformative way. I can say with confidence that each student came back changed on their own journey and I am beyond excited to see how that change continues to unfold," Tasch said.



Photo Credit: Kayla Gibson

Junior Kayla Gibson smiles for a photo with some of the community members from Mendoza.

Student Spotlight: Kathy Jacobs serves in Guatemala



Photo Credit: Cory Trego

Senior Kathy Jacobs embarked on a service trip to Guatemala to work with the communities.

Cory Trego Staff Writer

Campus is filled with a host of students who have a drive to pursue their goals. After a quick look at the life of senior Kathy Jacobs, one would find it difficult to exclude her from this group. Jacobs grew up in the nearby town of Milton.

She began playing tennis in eighth grade, and continued to play throughout high school, earning all conference honors her senior year.

Her dedication to the sport and to her team members and her attitude on and off of the courts earned her the team's Sportsmanship Award.

Her strong academic record indicated that her work ethic was not limited to athletic endeavors. She was a member of the Spanish Honor Society, the National Honors Society, and the editor of her school's newspaper and yearbook.

She even found time to volunteer as a student mentor in Milton's Link Crew program, helping students make the adjustment to high school. Her hard work and natural intellect led her to graduate at the top of her class.

While school work and athletics were key parts of her life, her experiences outside of the classroom had unimaginable impacts on her life. In high school, Jacobs had the opportunity to travel on several missions trips. She loved working with children and found great joy traveling to help others. These first few trips paved the way to a life changing trip she took during the fall of her sophomore year of college.

Jacobs entered as a freshman biology major with plans to matriculate to medical school after graduation.

She excelled in her classes freshman year and was awarded the M.B. Rich Prize for academic excellence.

After reviewing her schedule, Jacobs decided she could take the fall of her sophomore off and still graduate on time, so she connected with an agency called Adventures and Missions to travel on a three month service trip to Guatemala.

"During freshmen year, I felt God was calling me to go on another trip. At first I thought school was more important, but

after reevaluating my schedule, I realized it would be the perfect time to go," Jacobs said of her decision.

She soon found herself on the way to Guatemala with 22 other college students, none of whom she had met previously.

Jacobs noted that at first she was homesick, but she made it through the first few weeks by focusing on one day at a time. Each week, she would accompany the group to a children's hospital, where she would deliver crayons and coloring books to the children.

"When everything else felt so foreign, the children's hospital felt like home. I loved every minute of that experience," Jacobs said.

She built relationships with the local people by also helping at an orphanage, visiting local churches, and delivering food for impoverished families. As she settled into her role, she began to develop a love for the people and culture of Guatemala.

"Toward the end of the trip, I knew that this was not my last visit to this special place. I saw the need there, and I wanted to help. As soon as I came home I wanted to go back," said Jacobs.

Indeed, by the fall of her junior year, she began planning a return trip, except this time she would not be a participant, but a team leader. In August 2013, she returned to Guatemala with a crew of eleven young adults.

The first week of the trip was modeled after her previous experience; volunteers went to the hospital and orphanage to visit the children, they attended local churches, and they learned about the culture of the area.

The second week was spent constructing a school for special needs children, installing a holding tank so locals could have fresh water, and helping to continue a food providing program that delivered food to a local garbage dump where many locals worked to collect recyclables for cash.

This second trip only served to strengthen her love for the people of Guatemala, and prompted her to return this past December. While there, she woke up on the fifth day of her trip with severe pain.

She was taken to a local private hospital and was diagnosed with kidney stones.

One stone had become lodged

in her ureter and was causing severe swelling in her kidney.

The doctor deemed that immediate surgery was necessary. She successfully had the stone removed, but the experience gave her a glimpse into medical practices in developing countries.

"It forced me to slow down and recover, which allowed me to spend time building and strengthening relationships," Jacobs said.

The experience did not deter her from her overall goals. For the future, she plans to return to Guatemala this summer and spend the duration of the year working with people there to evaluate the needs of the community.

She hopes to lead a few teams over the summer to expand upon the work that has been completed over the past few years.

She also wants to begin an ESL program and anticipates developing a comprehensive food delivery and nutrition program for pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and infants living in poverty.

The few months spent in Guatemala when she was a sophomore altered the course of Jacobs' life dramatically.

"I spent my entire life wanting to be a doctor to treat those without quality access to medical care. I realized that this is still a need, but there is a step that can be taken before treatment, and that is prevention," she said.

While at the children's hospital, a pattern became evident to her.

People kept returning with recurring illnesses, and the doctors would continually give the same advice: go home, take the prescribed medicine, eat well, and drink clean water.

The problem with this advice was that most of these people did not have access to nutritional food and clean water, and so their problems would persist.

When she returns this summer, Jacobs hopes to begin a process that focuses on prevention programs that will limit illness and improve the quality of life for all. Her ultimate goal is to begin a non-profit organization or work for a non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the needs of her new family in Guatemala.

For more information, you can visit her blog at www.purejoy-missions.com.

Creation on campus

Secular Student Alliance interest group hopes to make debut as an official club

DC Keys Staff Writer

Matthew Diemer, the leader of the interest group for students of non-religious affiliation has begun the process to establish the Secular Student Alliance as an official club.

Diemer hopes that creating this club will help students find acceptance and discuss issues while finding those who share their views.

"Why not start a club for the fastest growing minority in the United States," said Diemer.

The four pillars of the SSA are community, advocacy, service, and education and will function as a way to hold organized debates.

"I would first like to stress the fact that this club would not be adversarial in nature. While

there are many ways in which we differ in our beliefs, both religious and non-religious people alike also hold many of the same goals and values, perhaps just with different motives behind them," Diemer said.

While the interest group is still undergoing the transition into an official club, numerous students are supporting the process.

"I think all the students on campus should be represented and if this club needs to be established so they have a scheduled time where they can talk about their beliefs, I think that's great. It's awesome to see how many organizations are formed to meet the student's needs," junior Macky Litwin said.

The meeting time for the interest group has yet to be determined as they wait on the completion of the process.

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General Motors can live with killing 12 Company dodges responsibility for deaths in delayed recall



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The Chevrolet Cobalt is one of six General Motors products recalled in February because of a faulty ignition switch cutting power to steering, braking, and air bag mechanisms.

Dan Zebrine
Opinion Editor

Last month, General Motors declared war on corporate responsibility when it recalled over one million vehicles. The reason for the recall was a faulty ignition, which could easily be turned from the “on” position by something as slight as a keychain hung on the key or driving over a rough patch. This would cut power to the steering, breaking, and air bag mechanisms.

Of course, a recall normally wouldn’t be “declaring war on corporate responsibility.” It is, in most cases, the exact opposite. Except, well, there was one slight problem with how GM went about accepting responsibility for a problem they caused: they waited ten years to do it.

In court proceedings, GM engineers reported being aware of the problem while testing a Chevrolet Cobalt in 2004. It was determined not to be a safety issue, until GM became aware of deaths linked to the problem in 2007, according to CNN report. Then, instead of coming forward with the problem immediately and maybe preventing some of the 12 to 303 deaths that it caused, the company took seven years to trace the problem specifically to the ignition switch before issuing the recall.

An intermediate step was the creation of an insert for the key that would reduce the chance of the car being turned off. This solution, according to NBC News, was not announced pub-

licly, but rather the inserts were sent to dealers with instructions to give them to customers if they reported experiencing the problem. That is, of course, if their car shutting off and disabling the air bags didn’t kill them.

Back to those 12 to 303 deaths: the Center for Auto Safety released a report that up to 303 deaths may be attributed to the ignition issue. Because numbers matter when you’re talking about killing your customers, GM denounced the report, stating that those deaths are based on cases of air bag failure, which can be caused by other problems. GM admits that 12 deaths are definitely a result of the faulty ignition.

So, what’s the punishment for a ten year delay in recalling a product that killed at least 12 people? Apparently, a fine of only \$35 million, pending a decision by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. With a value of about \$50 billion, that’s not even a tenth of a percent of GM’s worth.

Even more disgusting than the relative pennies that 12 deaths might cost GM is the fact that the company may be protected from civil suits filed by the families of victims. Remember when GM went bankrupt in 2009, and instead of going out of business the government gave it a bunch of money? That bailout, apparently, shields GM from such lawsuits, according to CNN.

This entire ordeal is simply despicable. GM’s delay in the recall is just mind-boggling.

We’re all aware that GM, and pretty much every other corporation out there, just wants our money. At some point, though, a company just needs to accept that its customer’s safety sometimes needs to come before money – after all, no one is going to buy a product if they’re scared it might kill them.

Following that, there’s the pending fine by the NHTSA for a whopping 0.07 percent of GM’s worth, hardly a fitting punishment for killing at least 12 people. For a sentence that’s supposed to hold GM responsible, the fine almost does more in support of corporate irresponsibility – a symbolic gesture that tells companies, “go ahead, kill a few people, you can afford it.” Add to that a bailout that could protect GM from civil cases, and we have a government that is failing at its single most important job, to protect its citizens.

What disgusts me most about this, though, is GM’s behavior regarding the number of deaths. Their irresponsibility killed people, the end. Fighting over the number makes GM seem as though they don’t care, as if they’re okay that they killed 12 people. That attitude is inexcusable. In a case like this, what’s the difference between 12 and 303? When all this could have been avoided by GM taking immediate action, it shouldn’t matter if it’s one death or one million deaths. All that matters is that GM killed people, and they should be held much more responsible for that than they are.

I’m too stressed to think of a headline: The looming nightmare of adulthood

Tory Irwin
Editor-in-Chief

I’m stressed. And not in the normal, “Oh, I’m a college student, I’m stressed,” way. Or, at least not in a way that I’ve experienced before.

No, I’m stressed in a way that is unique to a college senior, and I’m pretty sure most seniors understand the way I’m feeling.

Walking the line between being a college student and being on the verge of starting a career is mentally strenuous even when just planning out my day. Should I be writing another cover letter? Should I be doing work on my capstone paper? What’s the best use of my time? How can I make sure that I get a job but get the diploma that I need to make sure I can get that job?

And that’s just considering academics. Most Lycoming students are overinvolved in several clubs and organizations, and senior year means taking over leadership positions in said activities. While these are often times fun and rewarding experiences, it’s also a cause of major stress when it comes to divvying up the chunks of brain matter that I devote to each topic.

So what’s the solution? How do we find a way to focus on both the future and the now?

....No, seriously. This isn’t one of my rhetorical questions. I’m asking you. What should I do? Send your answers to lycourier@lycoming.edu.

Okay, I’m just kidding about the emails, but there are some days where I’m just at a loss. I try to do one thing and then feel guilty about ignoring the other.

My mind races between the two when suddenly, another responsibility I’m seemingly neglecting rears its ugly head and before I know it, I’m just sitting around worrying about everything but not doing anything.

If I’m being honest, it’s insanely hard for me to take it in stride, but I know that that’s exactly what I, and every other senior who’s in my boat, have to do. Time management has always been challenging, but managing time well is always going to be a necessary part of life. I just wish it weren’t so difficult now.

And I guess the thing to remember about all this stress is that it’s just normal...or at least that’s what I’m telling myself to get through the day.

But just know that if you’re feeling this way too, you are most definitely not alone.

Overheard at Lyco

“I should have just become a stripper.”

-The Quad

“These scissors have my blood on them.”

-Burchfield Lounge

“Siri wants to send you to restaurants to eat boys.”

-The Apartments

“I’m old and I have a knife.”

-Communications Building

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

In an October issue of the Lycourier, the LGBTQIA Advisory Committee wrote a letter regarding an event the English Society was hosting for Halloween. The costume party that was highlighted in the Lycourier advertised a costume category that was defined as “sluttiest.” After raising this issue, the committee had an opportunity to meet with some of the leadership of the English Society. In this meeting, the members of the society shared that they made changes to the event after noting some initial concerns that were raised. It was determined as a result of this meeting, that the English Society and the LGBTQIA committee have a shared concern for the campus climate with respect to the use of offensive and degrading language.

The LGBTQIA Advisory Committee would like to clarify that the initial letter to the editor was in no way intended to be defamatory toward the English Society and its mission. Rather, it was concerning to the advisory committee that this type of language was acceptable, and being published in a forum that so widely represents the College and its mission. It is through the sharing of concerns, and constructive dialogue that we can maintain the high degree of integrity associated with Lycoming College and its campus environment.

Sincerely,
The LGBTQIA Advisory Committee

Staff opinion: Dining woes



Tory Irwin/LYCOURIER

An example of the poor cooking in the cafeteria.

It seems that if anything can bring the student community together, it’s issues with Dining Services. As college kids, food tops the list of our priorities, beaten perhaps only by sleep. So, when something happens with it, we get unhappy.

Most recently, we were troubled by the disappearance of the “to-go” coffee cups set out at the coffee brewers. They were, instead, moved to the register, to be handed out only upon request.

This was met by unanimous objection and a lot of questions by students. Ultimately, the student senate pushed for Dining Services to rethink this new policy. Leslie Ekstrand, general manager of Dining Services, announced through e-mail Monday that they would indeed return the cups to their original location.

In her e-mail, Ekstrand explained the reasoning behind the original move. Students, she says, were using the cups to “grocery shop,” taking items from the cafeteria for consumption later. She also counters the student response of the unlimited meal plan, stating that the unlimited refers to the ability to get a meal whenever desired and not to take unlimited food from the cafeteria. First off, we’d like to commend

both senate and Dining Services for resolving this issue so quickly. We do, however, have some objections to why the cups were moved in the first place.

Yes, we agree that students should probably limit how much food they “grocery shop” from the cafeteria. But eliminating it altogether? Seeing as how we’re required to have a meal plan, I think we deserve a little freedom in that regard.

Seriously, meal plans are expensive. So when we’re forced to have one, that greatly reduces the amount of money we have to spend at grocery stores.

Because, let’s be real here, at a cost of around \$7.25 per meal for the unlimited plan, we could eat better food for cheaper either cooking for ourselves or even eating at local restaurants. As long as students don’t abuse the “grocery shopping” in the cafeteria, it definitely helps us poor college kids if we can supplement the cost of the meal plan we are forced to have by taking just a little extra.

And, speaking of eating better than cafeteria food, students are still plagued by inconsistently-cooked meat. This has been an issue for years. Sometimes, the burgers will be hockey pucks. Others, the grilled chicken will be pink and undercooked.

This is simply not okay. Again, we are required to pay for a meal plan. If we’re forced to pay for the food, it’d be nice if it were, you know, edible.

For an extreme example of this poor quality, the front page has a picture (seen above in black and white) of a hamburger from the cafeteria featuring a burnt crust with an essentially raw center. Luckily, they aren’t normally quite this bad, but they’re definitely far from good. And, when we have to pay for it, we deserve some semblance of quality.

Letters to the editor



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Fire and Ice: CAB to double feature two hit flicks

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On March 28-30, Campus Activities Board will show "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" and "Frozen" in Heim G-11. Both films performed incredibly well during their box office run (with Frozen still being in theaters at the beginning of March after a November release!) and were generally well-received critically, and for good reason. These films showcase strong heroines with a spirit of resilience and feature award-winning cast and crew members.

In "Catching Fire", the second installment in the Hunger Games trilogy, we pick up with Katniss (played by Academy Award-winning actress Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta (played by Josh Hutcherson) after their controversial double victory in the previous year's competition. The two aren't speaking, and Katniss's relationship with her childhood friend, Gale (played by Liam Hemsworth), is growing more complicated. Her world is once again disrupted when a new rule in the Games takes her and Peeta back into the arena.

The drama is fiercer, the relationships are more developed,

and the action is doubled in this thrilling sequel. Lawrence shines on screen once again as the heroic Katniss. The film will grip you until the very end.

Meanwhile, "Frozen" follows the heart-warming tale of two sister princesses who have been estranged after spending their childhood apart. When the eldest sister, Elsa (voiced by Idina Menzel), reveals her ice powers to the kingdom and unleashes an eternal winter, she flees in fear, leading her younger sister Anna (voiced by Kristen Bell) on a quest to bring Elsa back and end the winter.

The relationship between the two is endearing, and the wacky sidekicks that Anna meets along the way provide entertaining fodder. Though the movie has its questionable moments (how exactly do Elsa's ice powers work?), it's an enjoyable ride and lives up to the Disney tradition.

The film nabbed two Oscars (for Best Animated Feature and Best Original Song) and has been a force to be reckoned with in the box office.

On the 28 and the 30 "Catching Fire" will show at 8 p.m. and "Frozen" will show at 10:45 p.m. On the 29, "Frozen" will show at 1, 3, and 8 p.m. and "Catching Fire" will show at 10:45 p.m.



Photo Credit: Flickr User Fernando Rodriguez

Katniss goes back to the arena to compete in a fiercer, more action packed competition. Her relationships with Peeta and Gale are put to the test and rules are added to the game.

Tyler Perry gives in to 'Temptation': A movie review

Makenzie Smith
Staff Writer

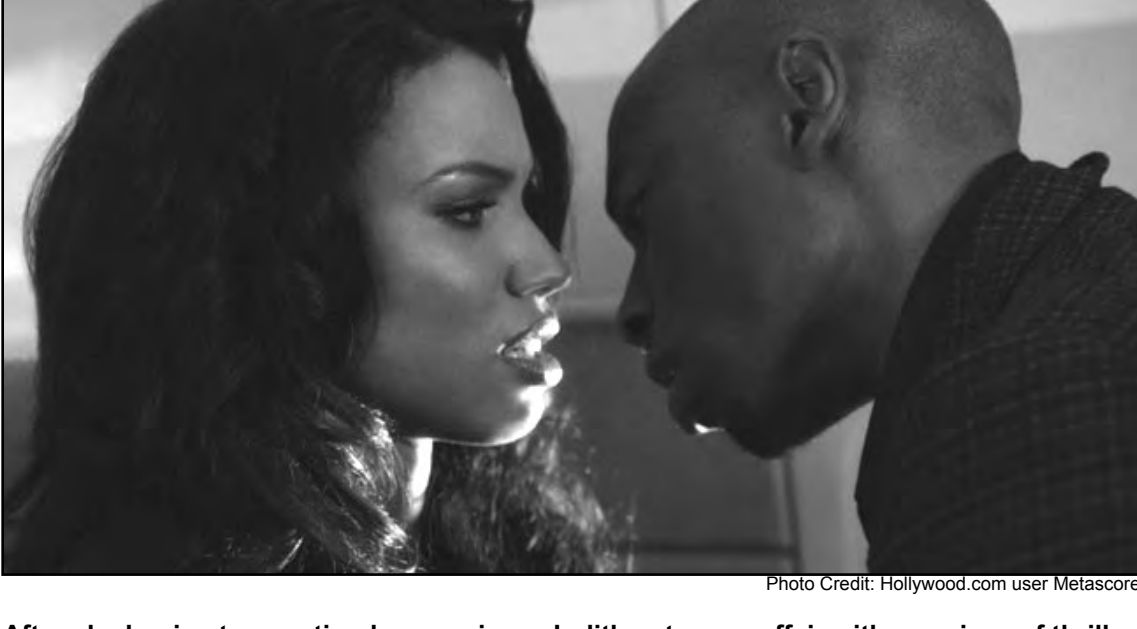


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After she begins to question her marriage, Judith enters an affair with promises of thrills.

Tyler Perry's "Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor" was recently added to Netflix. It is a decent thriller that is all about how easy it is to take a good marriage for granted.

An intelligent woman, Judith, works reluctantly at a high-class matchmaking service. She married her first love interest, Bryce, and they moved to the northern states to fulfill both of their dreams. She wanted to be a marriage counselor and he was a pharmacist. They were always in love with each other since they were about six years old.

Harley, a potential business partner and founder of a social media application, is mesmerized by Judith and he stops at nothing to win her over. He is her perfect match

of intellect but after engaging in an affair, she soon discovers that he has an incredibly dark side.

Meanwhile, Bryce helps hire a new employee for the local drugstore and he starts to notice that she is a little jumpy. Eventually, she tells him her past which is full of secrets, one of which is that her ex-husband, Harley, tried to kill her and she spent the last couple of years trying to escape his reach.

The affair runs its course and everyone moves on with their lives. All in all, the movie is full of complex details and plot twists that keep the audience at the edge of their seats, rooting at for Bryce.

It was released to DVD in July of 2013 but was just recently added to Netflix.

Listen up: Ed Sheeran's new alternative album opens window to soul

Makenzie Smith
Staff Writer

Most popular artists today cloud their music with explosions of synthesized sounds that take away from the rawness of the meaning behind the music and render the listener incapable of truly understanding what is meant by the lyrics or they are incredibly blunt and vulgar. Ed Sheeran's "+" album is the exact opposite. His meaningful and straightforward lyrics paired with his beautiful voice and acoustic instrumental tracks create an amazing experience where the

listener feels like he or she can feel exactly how the artist felt when he wrote the songs, as well as understand and feel the place from where his emotions were coming. Two or three tracks are rap and although the instrumentals are faster and have more electronic elements to them, the lyrical aspect of the works are still full of typical Sheeran topics such as sleep deprivation and love. One track, "You Need Me, I Don't Need You" is loaded with sass.

The album was released on Sep. 9, 2011. It is still available for purchase on iTunes.com.



Photo Credit: Deviantart user Shiizaya-Chan

Ed Sheeran's vocal and writing talents are displayed in his tracks on '+'.

Video game review: 'South Park: The stick of truth'

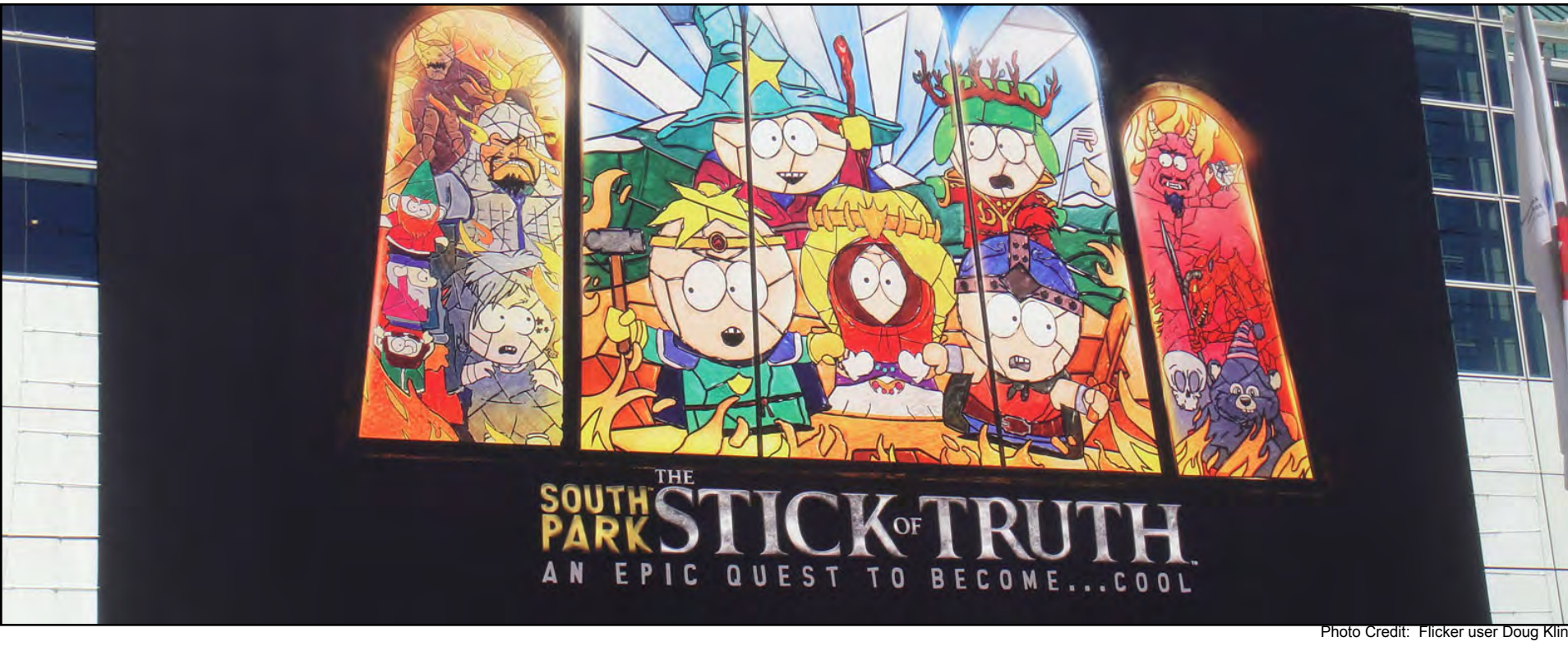


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'The Stick of Truth' was displayed at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in 2012. 'The story is written by show creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker.'

Ryan Krebs
Staff Writer

I'm a big fan of the TV show South Park. Vulgar and crass, yet at the same time intelligent and insightful, there are few shows that as culturally influential as South Park.

Sadly, for the longest time there were no great South Park games. There was that crappy first-person shooter back on the Nintendo 64 and a few decent Xbox Live arcade games, but nothing that really managed to truly capture the feel and tone of the actual show. That has now changed with "South Park: The Stick of Truth," which

is basically an interactive, roughly 12-hour episode of the show. In "South Park: The Stick of Truth" you play as the new kid in the quiet mountain of South Park, Colo. who gets wrapped up in the live action role-playing (LARP) game that all the kids in South Park are playing. The new kid is recruited by Cartman's humans to fight against Kyle's drow elves in the never-ending battle for the Stick of Truth, a normal wooden stick used as the central plot device in the kids LARPing game.

The story is written by show creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker, and it shines through every single part of the game. From the game's main story and side

quests to the little Easter eggs the player can find by exploring South Park, the game is simply a treat for life long fans of the show like myself and will leave fans laughing themselves silly more than once. However, since game censorship is not harsh as TV censorship, "South Park: The Stick of Truth" can get away with gross and offensive things that not even the show could get away with. One level in particular takes place in an abortion clinic that goes through every single gross and offensive joke you can do with an abortion clinic and beyond. So, consider yourself warned about what is waiting for you when you start this game.

The game's writing and humor are good, but what about the actual gameplay? South Park plays like a standard turned based role-playing game (RPG) with a South Park layer of paint. There are four classes gamers can play as Fighter, Mage, Thief, and Jew, the latter being a class only South Park could pull off. Players also get buddies, characters from the show, to help in combat, like Butters and Kenny each with their own abilities and talents to help against fighting enemies. Outside of combat, players can explore the town of South Park looking for treasure and side quests using fart magic and other powers like an anal probe that

lets you teleport at certain places.

If I have any problem with the gameplay at all, it's that it's a little too easy. If you're looking for challenge you'll want to turn the difficulty up in the option menu.

All in all, "South Park: The Stick of Truth" is the South Park game fans have always wanted. If you are not a big fan of the show, it is likely not going to give any satisfaction, but if you are a big fan of the show, then this is something you cannot pass up. It is the ultimate South Park experience and one of the best licensed games I have ever played.

"South Park: The Stick of Truth" is available on the PS3, Xbox 360, and PC

Spring break is both work and play for Lady Warriors

Kendra Bitner
Sports Editor

Both the softball and women's lacrosse teams headed to Myrtle Beach, S.C. on Sunday, March 2 to get their season off to a sandy start.

It wasn't all fun and waves for the ladies as they attempted to take some Warrior wins back home to snowy Williamsport.

The softball team played in the Fast Pitch Dreams Spring Classic where they met competition from Ohio, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

On the first day, the Warriors faced a double header against the Gwynedd Mercy University Griffins. With scores of 9-8 and 6-2, the Warriors prevailed in a season-opening sweep.

The thrilling first game ended with three straight hits before winning a run, allowing the Warriors to win 9-8. Offensively, the Warriors looked outstanding with four runs in the first inning. Sophomore Caroline Lapano pitched a full game for the Warriors allowing only 10 hits and earning four runs.

With confidence, the Warriors successfully defeated the Griffins in the second game as well with a five-run second inning.

In the second day, the Warriors went 1-1 beating Malone and losing against the Mount Union. A 6-4 win over Division II Malone University was a great way to cap the day after losing 5-4 to Mount Union earlier on.

Sophomore Elisa Novak got

the game started with a single against the Malone Pioneers. Fellow sophomore Dominique Thomas led the offense by going 3-for-3 with two doubles and an RBI. Lapano also finished strong allowing 11 hits, earning two runs, and striking at four.

As Wednesday rolled around, the Warriors again split their competition winning against York (Pa.) and losing against Ferrum. It was a tough loss against Ferrum College with a score of 3-18 with only 5 innings. However, the Warriors bounced back later in the day for a 4-3 win over the York College Spartans. Novak led the team against the Spartans finishing 2-of-4.

One more win on the last day against Mount Union allowed the Warriors to finish up the tournament 5-2. The blustery weather didn't keep the Warriors from heating up the field with a 6-2 win over the Purple Raiders. Meant to be a double header, the second game was postponed for Friday, and then canceled due to bad weather.

The tournament really started the softball season off with a bang.

"We really came together as a team in Myrtle Beach, and it showed on and off the field," Lapano said.

"We are very anxious to get into conference play here at home and continue working towards our goal of getting into playoffs."

Switching from bats to sticks, the women's lacrosse team opened up their season

with an 11-19 loss against Wilkes on Monday, March 3. The warm air allowed the Warriors to play a solid match against the Colonels, but they were still a few goals short of taking home a win.

Wilkes came out hot from the start having 13 goals at the half. Senior Amber Graybill posted two goals and three assists to open up her last season as a Warrior. Junior Casey McGuire also added three goals.

On Wednesday, the Warriors faced their second and final game of the tournament against Ferrum. Like the softball girls, the lacrosse ladies also fell to the Panthers with a score of 16-17.

The tight game resulted in a disappointing loss as the Warriors left the beach behind. The Panthers scored three goals in the last 151 seconds stealing the win right from underneath the Warriors. McGuire finished the game with a career-high of nine points by scoring six goals and nine three assists.

Despite the 0-2 tournament record, the team benefited a lot from the experience.

"Myrtle Beach was a complete change of scenery from our below zero preseason," Graybill said.

"We needed this tournament to bond with each other off the field since we are such a young team."

The lacrosse team gets back on the road on Tuesday, March 18 against King's (Pa.). Softball hosts Messiah on Saturday, March 22 for their first conference game.



Photo Credit: John Cieniewicz

The women's lacrosse team takes time to grow together on the field as well as off the field during their spring break tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The Warriors finished the tournament 0-2.

Men's lacrosse breaks streak with a win

Kendra Bitner
Sports Editor

Coming off a five-game losing streak, the Warrior men's lacrosse team was looking for a turnaround as they headed to FDU-Florham on Saturday, March 15. A 12-5 win over the Devils was exactly what they needed to turn their season around.

Within the first 20 minutes of the game, the Warriors had scored three goals leaving the Devils still at zero.

The Devils responded with a goal in the second quarter, but the Warriors found the net two more times leaving the field with a 5-1 lead at the half.

With vengeance, the Devils scored to start the third quarter, but senior Matt McCaffer and junior Sean Reilly showed dominance each scoring to bring the score to 7-2. The final quarter was the last chance for FDU to pull though, but two goals was not enough to match the five more scored by the Warriors.

McCaffer led the team with six goals followed by Reilly and sophomore Mike Cooper with two each. The defense was also led by McCaffer



Photo Credit: Lycoming Athletics

Senior Matt McCaffer earns Commonwealth Conference Player of the Week on Monday, March 17.

with four groundballs adding to the team total of 32. Junior goalkeeper Alex Wylly also stopped 16 shots, with 11 in the first half.

With his outstanding performance during this match as well as earlier in the week, McCaffer earned his first Commonwealth Conference

Player of the Week award. With 10 goals on 14 shots that week, he averaged a .714 shooting percentage.

The team will be back on the road looking for their second win against Gwynedd Mercy University on Sat., March 22 at 3 p.m.

Senior Spotlight: Ben Adrian



Ben Adrian, #33, is a senior midfielder and defender for the Warrior men's lacrosse team.

Kendra Bitner
Sports Editor

From Dallas, Pa. Ben Adrian is entering his third year as a midfielder and defender for the Lycoming Warrior men's lacrosse team.

Adrian transferred to Lycoming from Rollins College after his freshman year. At Rollins he played in 11 of the 13 season games scoring one goal and two assists.

He entered into the Warrior team as a sophomore and

played in all 13 games. He picked up seven groundballs and caused one turnover. As a junior he played in all 15 games, starting in eight. He recovered 19 groundballs and caused three turnovers. One assist was made against Gwynedd-Mercy.

This season Adrian has played and started in the first six games of the season. He has already scooped up 10 groundballs and caused four turnovers. During his years on the team, Adrian has also been a regular member of the MAC Academic Honor Roll.

Adrian is a business administration major with tracks in management and finance. After graduation he plans on traveling to France to begin a career.

Off the field he enjoys fishing, playing the trumpet, and photo bombing. He loves his family, teammates, and animals. Netflix is a huge addiction for this Philadelphia Eagles fanatic.

"This has been a great year so far with a fantastic group of guys," Adrian says.

"The opportunity to represent Lycoming while playing a sport I love is something that I am truly fortunate to have."



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Men's Lacrosse (1-5)

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Dickinson	L (4-17)
Saturday, Feb. 22 vs Susquehanna	L (8-9)
Wednesday, Mar. 3 at Ithaca	L (3-15)
Saturday, Mar. 8 at Scranton	L (5-12)
Tuesday, Mar. 11 at SUNY Geneseo	L (10-15)
Saturday, Mar. 15 at FDU-Florham	W (12-5)

Saturday, Mar. 22 at Gwynedd Mercy, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 26 at Lebanon Valley, 4 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse (1-4)

Monday, Mar. 3 vs Wilkes	L (11-19)
Wednesday, Mar. 5 vs Ferrum	L (16-17)
Saturday, Mar. 8 at Elmira	L (9-11)
Wednesday, Mar. 12 at Marywood	W (20-7)

Tuesday, Mar. 18 at King's (Pa.), 4 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 22 vs Rutgers-Camden, 2 p.m.
Monday, Mar. 24 vs Bard, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 26 vs Lebanon Valley, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 29 vs Alvernia, 1 p.m.

Softball (5-2)

Monday, Mar. 3 at Gwynedd Mercy	W (9-8)
Monday, Mar. 3 at Gwynedd Mercy	W (6-2)
Tuesday, Mar. 4 at Mount Union	L (4-5)
Tuesday, Mar. 4 at Malone	W (6-4)
Wednesday, Mar. 5 at Ferrum	L (3-18)
Wednesday, Mar. 5 at York (Pa.)	W (4-3)
Thursday, Mar. 6 at Mount Union	W (6-2)

Saturday, Mar. 22 vs Messiah (DH), 1 p.m.
Sunday, Mar. 23 at Elmira (DH), 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 25 at Keystone, 3 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 27 at Misericordia, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 29 vs Albright, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Mar. 30 at Lebanon Valley, 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis (0-3)

Saturday, Mar. 22 at Misericordia, 12 p.m.
Monday, Mar. 24 at Juniata, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 29 at Albright, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Mar. 30 vs King's (Pa.), 12 p.m.

Women's Tennis (1-3)

Wednesday, Mar. 19 at Juniata, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 22 at Misericordia, 12 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 29 at Albright, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Mar. 30 vs King's (Pa.), 12 p.m.

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