



BLUMER INAUGURATED PRESIDENT



THE ACT OF DEDICATION. Participating, l. to r., Walter J. Heim, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Dr. Blumer, and W. Gibbs McKenney, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Dr. Frederick E. Blumer was inaugurated as the eleventh president of Lycoming College in ceremonies held Saturday afternoon, April 16, in the First United Methodist Church, near the campus.

Dr. G. Dennis O'Brien, president of Bucknell University, presented the inauguration address on "What We Believe," and Dr. Blumer's response was based on the theme, "Confessions as Affirmation: A Hymn to the Divine."

The new Lycoming president was vice president for academic affairs and provost of Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, before he was named last year to succeed Dr. Harold H. Hutson, who retired. He began his new duties at Lycoming on July 1, 1976.

Dr. Blumer, a native of Glencoe, Okla., and an ordained minister, is a graduate of Millsaps College and holds the bachelor of divinity and the doctor of philosophy degrees from Emory University. He also studied at Georg August University in Göttingen, Germany, and Oxford University. He was associated with Nebraska Wesleyan University for 14 years before becoming president of Lycoming.

Representatives from more than 65 colleges and universities attended the Inauguration Day activities. The delegates and faculty were guests at a luncheon prior to the ceremonies, and a reception was held for Dr. and Mrs. Blumer immediately following the inauguration. An Inaugural Ball Saturday night concluded the program.

Other participants in the inauguration ceremonies included W. Gibbs McKenney, chairman of the board of trustees; James W. Grubb, pastor of the host church; Patrick Cerrillo, president of the Student Association of Lycoming College; Mrs. Mary Landon Russell, associate professor of music; John B. Ernst, president of the alumni association; Dr. James R. Jose, dean of the college; Walter J. Heim, vice chairman of the board of trustees, and Dr. Richard A. Hughes, assistant professor of religion. Also participating was the Lycoming College Band directed by Dr. Glen E. Morgan, professor of music.

Presidential Predecessors

Lycoming has always traced its origins back to the Williamsport Academy which opened its doors in 1812. While that is claimed as the founding date of the institution, records of commencements and presidents begin with the year 1848 when Benjamin H. Crever purchased the academy for the then Methodist Episcopal Church and changed its name to Dickinson Seminary. Using this date, Lycoming just graduated its 129th class and inaugurated its eleventh president.

Dr. Blumer was preceded by ten earlier presidents and one acting president:

- Thomas Bowman 1848-1858
- John Dashtel 1858-1860
- Thompson Mitchell 1860-1869
- Wilson L. Spottswood 1869-1873
- Edward J. Gray 1874-1905
- William P. Ewland 1905-1912
- Benjamin C. Conner 1913-1921
- John W. Long 1921-1935
- D. Frederick Wertz 1935-1968
- John G. Detweiler (acting) 1968-1969
- Harold H. Hutson 1969-1976



Inaugural Luncheon in Pennington Lounge



The President and the Inaugural Procession



President O'Brien and Blumer discuss a lighter moment



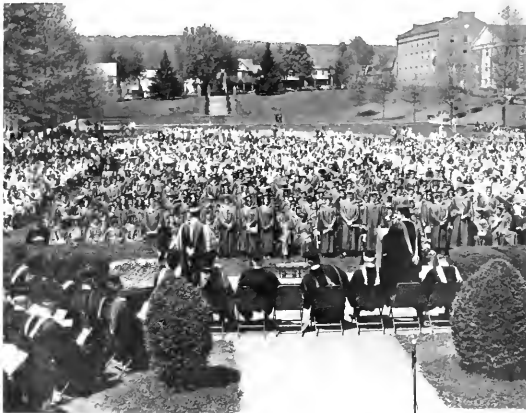
The President responds



The Blumers and friends at the reception

Congratulations — Class of 1977

The Rev. Harvey W. Marsland Receives Honorary Degree



Lycoming College conferred bachelor of arts degrees on 301 seniors and an honorary doctor of divinity degree on the Rev. Harvey W. Marsland, senior pastor of the Elm Park United Methodist Church, Scranton, during the 129th annual commencement exercises held Sunday afternoon, May 1, on the campus quad.

More than 2,000 parents, relatives and friends of the graduating seniors witnessed the ceremonies under a cloudless sky and a warm May sun which sent the temperatures into the 70's.

Dr. Frederick E. Blumer, president of Lycoming, conferred the degrees on the 301 graduating seniors and spoke briefly before the candidates were presented for their diplomas by Dr. James R. Jose, dean of the college, who also introduced the honor students.

Dr. Blumer, in addressing the seniors briefly, also requested that grandparents and parents of the graduates rise to be recognized. He said the day was a special occasion for him and that the graduating class would always be of special significance because it was the first class to receive degrees since he became president of Lycoming last July. He said the day would be branded in his mind forever and that he hoped the day would also be rewarding to the seniors.

Dr. Richard A. Hughes, assistant professor of religion and chaplain of the college, gave the invocation, and the Rev. Dr. Marsland pronounced the benediction. It was also announced during the ceremonies by Dr. Blumer that the board of trustees had approved the appointment of Dr. Hughes as chaplain to the college as the recipient of the reinstated M. B. Rich Chair of Religion. The reinstated chair has been established as a memorial to Rich.

Music for the exercises was provided by the college band, under the direction of Dr. Glen E. Morgan, professor of music, and the college choir, directed by Dr. Fred M. Thayer, assistant professor of music.

Dr. Blumer also delivered the baccalaureate address on "Faith as Receiving" Sunday morning in the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Blumer based his sermon on Hebrews 10:32-

11:6 and called on the seniors "to think back to the times of hardship and trial when faith alone was the sustaining power" of early Christians. "I have selected it not because I want you seniors to think back on all of the hard times you have had at Lycoming, but because I would like my parting words to be the best news I have to offer."

Expanding on the theme of faith, Dr. Blumer prevailed on the graduates to develop a sense of faith which would help enrich their lives and help prepare them for an unknown future. "No one has promised you a rose garden," Dr. Blumer told the seniors in conclusion. "But I promise you this: when you are surrounded by doubt, then faith will beckon."

Also participating in the baccalaureate service were Dr. Hughes, the Rev. John J. Tamulis, chaplain to Catholic students; the Rev. James W. Grubb, pastor of the host church; Mrs. Mary L. Russell, associate professor of music; Patrick J. Cerillo, a member of the graduating class, and the college choir directed by Dr. Thayer.



The Rev. Harvey W. Marsland, senior pastor of the Elm Park United Methodist Church, Scranton, and a former member of the board of trustees of Lycoming College, received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Lycoming in a ceremony held during the annual commencement exercises at the college on Sunday, May 1.

The Rev. Dr. Marsland is a graduate of Lafayette College and Drew Theological Seminary. He began his ministerial career in 1938 at the Berean United Methodist Church, Philadelphia, and in subsequent years served other churches in the Philadelphia area as well as pastorates in Harrisburg, Millersburg, Wayne, and Springfield. He also served as superintendent of the Allentown District of The United Methodist Church from 1971 until 1975 when he was named senior pastor at the Elm Park church.

He has been active through the years on various commissions and organizations within The United Methodist Church, including The Board of Christian Education of the Philadelphia Annual Conference, the Commission on Christian Higher Education, the Board of Ministry of the Philadelphia Annual Conference, and the Board of Directors of the Conference Center of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. He is presently chairman of the

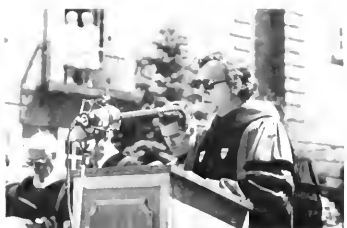
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Academic Awards & Prizes

1. THE EDWARD J. GRAY PRIZE
 A. Highest average in senior class
 B. Second highest average in senior class
 Debra J. Fredericks
 Stanley A. Smith
2. THE BISHOP WILLIAM PERRY FUND PRIZE
 Progress in scholarship, loyalty, school spirit and participation in school activities
 Andrew J. Fedore
3. THE FACULTY PRIZE
 Top student with satisfactory scholarship, outstanding in promotion of school spirit through participation in school activities
 Gregory M. Dubitsky
4. THE BENJAMIN C. CONNER PRIZE
 Graduating student who has done outstanding work in mathematics
 Craig R. Bavitsky
5. THE JOHN W. HOPKINS MEMORIAL AWARDS
 Outstanding achievement in chemical and biological sciences
 David P. Houser
6. THE CLASS OF 1907 PRIZE
 Outstanding in promotion of college spirit through participation in athletic and other activities
 Deborah A. Steier
7. THE DONALD GUNLAPPE LAW PRIZE
 Outstanding scholarship in legal principles
 John A. Myers
8. THE ELSA REISSER PRIZE
 Outstanding achievement in mathematics
 David T. Reinstein
9. THE ERNEST CHEMISTRY PRIZE
 Outstanding work in chemistry
 Gregory M. Dubitsky
10. THE ERNEST CHEMISTRY MEMORIAL PRIZES
 A. Highest average in mathematics
 B. Highest average in biology
 C. Highest average in chemistry
 D. Highest average in philosophy
 E. Highest average in psychology
 Ernie Q. Steiner
 David R. Houser
 Gregory M. Dubitsky
 Stephen W. Smith
 Debra J. Fredericks
11. THE CHARLES E. COVY AWARDS
 A. Outstanding in administration and efficiency in student affairs
 B. Best in administration and scholarship and proficiency in statistics
 C. Outstanding in administration and proficiency in statistics
 John A. Myers
 James D. Anderson
 Mark A. Yerkes
12. THE EDWARD T. HURLEY, III, MEMORIAL AWARD
 Outstanding achievement in accounting
 Debra S. King
13. THE JOHN A. STRUTHER PRIZE IN ECONOMICS
 Outstanding achievement in economics
 Mark A. Yerkes
14. THE RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE EXCELLENCE AWARDS
 Senior honors degree recipients with distinction
 Cary E. Neff
 Janet C. Williamson
15. THE RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE DANIELLETTED AWARD
 Student with highest outstanding work in the field of public administration
 William F. Sams
16. THE WILHELMINE CLAY THOMPSON AWARD
 Outstanding student with scholarship activities
 Paul E. Hoffman
17. THE PROFFERS PRIZE IN SOCIETY & ANTHROPOLOGY
 Outstanding work in the Department of Sociology
 Douglas J. Cogley
18. FRANCIS J. SKEATH AWARD
 Outstanding achievement in social studies
 Ernie Q. Steiner



Morris Elected Alumni Trustee

Dr. Robert L. Morris, a member of the faculty at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, was elected to a three-year term on the board of trustees at Lycoming as a representative of the college alumni association. Ten trustees and officers for 1977-78 were also re-elected.

Dr. Morris, professor of political science and director of international studies at Indiana, graduated from Lycoming in 1955. He taught a course in Russian at his alma mater from 1955-60 in conjunction with his full-time position as social studies teacher at Roosevelt Junior High School.

The new Lycoming trustee received his master's degree in Russian and history from Columbia University and his doctorate from West Virginia University. He also taught at Frostburg State College briefly before joining the staff at Indiana. Dr. Morris is a member of numerous professional societies and last year was one of 15 faculty members of state-supported colleges throughout Pennsylvania to be named recipients of "distinguished teaching chairs."

Re-elected to the board were J. Robert Fahnestock, John E. Person, Jr., Herman T. Schaevel, and Nathan W. Stuart, all of Williamsport; Daniel G. Fultz, of Pittsford, N.Y.; Mrs. Fred S. Gorman, of York; James G. Law, of Bloomsburg; Dr. Donald E. Shearer, of Montoursville; Dr. Willis W. Willard, III, of HERSHEY, and W. Russell Zacharias, of Allentown.

W. Gibbs McKenney, of Baltimore, and Walter J. Heim, of Montoursville, were re-elected chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, and Paul G. Gilmore and Kenneth E. Himes, both of Williamsport, were renamed secretary and treasurer, respectively.

In other business conducted by the board at the semi-annual meeting, several minor changes were approved for the by-laws to conform with Title Nine regulations, and Dr. Blumner reported that the college will end the fiscal year on June 30 with a budget surplus.

MARSLAND RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

Council on Finance and Administration, Wyoming Conference, and is a member of the World Methodist Council. He served as a delegate to the council conference held last year in Dublin, Ireland.

The Rev. Dr. Marsland, whose service on the board of trustees at Lycoming College began in 1971 and terminated in 1975, has been a member of the board of the Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia; the Pennsylvania Bible Society, and the Simpson House, Philadelphia. He is presently on the board of the Scranton Public Library.

He has also been active for many years in community organizations, having held memberships in various service clubs and organizations in communities in which he resided. He is presently a member of the Rotary Club of Scranton, and was a former member of the Phi Beta Club and the Union League of Philadelphia.

The Rev. Dr. Marsland has been named to Who's Who in Methodism and Who's Who in Religion in the U.S.A. He is married to the former Mary E. Clark, of Philadelphia. They have three children, William Ward, Robert Bruce and Carol Louise Soboch, who graduated from Lycoming in 1973.



Performance dates for the three contemporary plays which will feature the 1977 Arena Summer Theatre at Lycoming College were announced by Dr. Robert F. Falk, director of the summer program and professor of theatre at the college.

Dr. Falk said that each play will run from Thursday through Sunday on two consecutive weekends. The season will open on Thursday, June 23, with a production of the smashing mystery thriller "Sleuth," a popular and intriguing play with an unusual twist. The play will close on Sunday, July 3. "Habeas Corpus," a British farce, will be presented on consecutive nights from Thursday, July 7, to Sunday, July 10, and July 14-17. The final production will be "That Championship Season," beginning on Thursday, July 21, and ending on Sunday, July 31.

Dr. Falk said the final production was written by Jason Miller, a native of Scranton, and was a hit on Broadway several years ago. The play features a high school state basketball championship team in a reunion some years after their big victory.

The director said the 1977 season "will be slight departure from the usual" because the program does not include a musical. However, he said the plays chosen are "among the tops for enjoyable summer entertainment." He said residents of the community are invited to audition for parts in the plays. The dates will be announced for the auditions to be held later this month.

CAMPUS NOTES

A paper authored by Dr. WILLY SMITH appeared in the Spring issue (Vol. 6, No. 40) of MUFOR, a British journal devoted to Ufology.

RICHARD ERICKSON, astronomy/physics department, has been invited to present a paper at the 1977 annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic Planetary Society in Baltimore, May 12-14. Dr. Erickson's topic will be "An Undergraduate Program to Planetary Education."

ROGER SHIPLEY, art department, has had one of his sculptures accepted into the "11th Annual National Drawing and Small Sculptures Show" at Del Mar College, Corpus Christi.

JARI TAYLOR, foreign languages and literature department, has accepted an invitation to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar on "Modern Perspectives to Medieval Literature," to be conducted by Peter Haidu, professor of French, at the University of Illinois, Urbana, June 5-August 8.

After all is said and done, more is said than done.

Money doesn't talk anymore. It just goes without saying.

May Term Enrolls 355

An enrollment of 355 students in 38 May Term courses which opened the first week in May was announced by Robert J. Glunk, registrar.

Classes will conclude in the four-week segment of the college academic calendar on Friday, May 27, and a six-week summer session will open on Monday, June 6, and conclude on Friday, July 15. Summer school students will be offered 34 courses, including several designed to provide in-service training for teachers.

All but two of the courses on the May Term schedule are being held all or in part on campus. Off campus for the entire four weeks will be the students enrolled in a marine biology course with the classroom site located at the Bermuda Biological Station, and those participating in a sociology/anthropology class will spend four weeks in a tri-cultural community in Rio Arriba and Taos Counties, New Mexico.

Several will intersperse their time on campus with field trips. An accounting class will attend a public hearing of the New York Financial Accounting Standards Board, the photography class will spend two weeks in New Hampshire, a political science group will travel to Washington for a first-hand look at government in action, a theatre course will meet two weeks on campus and two weeks in a study of the current theatre scene in New York City, and students in a psychology class will divide their time between the campus and a trip on a wilderness waterway to study the interaction of human behavior and the environment.

In addition, students in two biology courses and those in a sociology course in juvenile delinquency will take short area field trips in conjunction with their classroom studies.

PRESIDENTIAL PREDECESSORS

John Dashiell served only two years, while Gray's tenure was 31 years. John W. Long, however, holds the record; he served for 34 years and his term of office spanned the total evolution of the institution from a preparatory school through its pioneering junior college years to the four-year college we know as Lycoming.

When Dr. Wertz left Lycoming to become Bishop Wertz in 1968, John G. Detweiler, a Williamsport industrialist and trustee of the College, was pressed into service as acting president. He served in that capacity while the trustees conducted a presidential search and during a very difficult period in American higher education.

You will be interested to know that our three surviving former presidents are well and enjoying life. Bishop Wertz continues to serve The United Methodist Church in the West Virginia Area. Mr. Detweiler is retired and living in Florida, and Dr. Hutson returned to the Washington, D.C., area following his retirement last June.

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ALUMNI REUNIONS — 1977



Left to right: Mrs. [Name], [Name], [Name], [Name]

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 payable to Dickinson College.



CITATION PRESENTED

Fred A. Pennington - You were born September 17, 1913, in Millville, Pennsylvania to George and Nora Whitmore Pennington. When your family moved to Williamsport, you enrolled in the Williamsport schools to complete your junior and senior high school education.

After graduation from the Williamsport High School, you enrolled at Dickinson Seminary, graduating forty-four years ago as a member of the Class of 1932. You then enrolled in Lehigh University where you earned your bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, graduating in 1936.

The following year you married Elizabeth Watkins. You and Betty are the proud parents of a son and a daughter, Fred A., Jr. and Cynthia Pennington Clappinger. Cynthia shares your alma mater, having graduated from Lycoming College in the Class of 1966.

One of your first job experiences was with Williamsport AVCO Corporation where you worked as a chemist in the summer of 1936. You then worked a year at Lehigh University as a graduate assistant in the Department of Chemistry.

You joined the firm, Andrew S. McCraith and Son, Inc. analytical and consulting chemist, of Harrisburg in 1938. You were a partner in that firm and you served as its president from 1957 until this year when you became Chairman of the Board.

Under your skillful guidance, it expanded from a domestic firm into a worldwide organization with offices and affiliates in Australia, Europe, Mexico and South America, specializing in the sampling and analysis of ores, metals, and minerals bought and sold in international trade.

You are a member of numerous professional, scientific and fraternal organizations of note but the contribution of your time and talent to civic, educational and religious organizations has been of great significance.

Lycoming College will always be grateful to you for your leadership and generosity as a member of its Board of Trustees. Elected to the board in 1955, you succeeded Robert F. Rich as its president in 1964. Named Chairman Emeritus in April of 1976, you continue your keen interest in the future of your alma mater.

Your life has been a life of service and although you have accomplished much, much is yet expected of you for your leadership ability remains keen and visionary. Engineer, educator, civic leader and churchman, you have brought high honor to your alma mater.

Tonight, the Alumni Association of Lycoming College takes great pride in asking you to receive the 1977 "Outstanding Alumnus Award," symbolized by the Lycoming College chair. You are a man deserving respect, Fred A. Pennington, Class of 1932.

Presented at Lycoming College
Williamsport, PA April 30, 1977



During the recognition of Leadership Club members at the Alumni Banquet, President Blumer presented a "President's Citation" certificate to his wife, Ann, in appreciation of her support in the 1976 Lycoming College Fund.



Ann Pennington, Senior Pledge Chairman

1977 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD



President Blumer reads the "Outstanding Alumnus Award" citation as Fred's proud father, George Pennington, listens. He accepted the award for Fred who was unable to attend the Alumni Banquet this year.



1912 - 5th President - Class of 1942 -- L. to R. - Cynthia Wentz (H. Heltzinger) and Mary Bennett (Shay)



1911 - 10th President - Class of 1967 -- L. to R. - Susan Scherer, Michelle (Dish), Jack Siebert & Marilyn Thomas



1910 - 12th President - Class of 1932 -- L. to R. - Susan Scherer & Marilyn Thomas



The Alumni Banquet in the dining room of the West Student Center - April 30, 1977.

Alumni Election Results

The following alumni were elected through mail ballot:

Alumni Association Officers (one-year term):
President - Jack Ernst '55, Doylestown;
Vice-President for Campus Affairs - Wrenrich Green '65, Williamsport; Vice-President for Regional Affairs - Kent Baldwin '64, Williamsport; and Secretary - Eleanor Layton Loomis '60, Troy.

Executive Board (three-year term):
Doris A. Crabbe '76, Philadelphia; Ray Fraavel '58, Canton; Seth Keller '65, Williamsport; Frances Gleason Levegood '52, Jersey Shore; David Phillips '63, Syracuse, NY; Carl Snyder '69, Cogan Station; and Ona Weimer '49, Woolrich.

Alumni Representative to the College Board of Trustees (nominated by the alumni association and elected to a three-year term by the Board of Trustees): Robert L. Morris '55, Indiana, PA.

Senior Pledging Record Broken

ANDY FEDORE '77, Chairman of the Senior Pledging Program, made the following announcement at the alumni banquet: "We are the 10th class to conduct a senior pledging program for the annual fund. We worked with the alumni office in setting up a campaign. We had five team captains and 25 additional workers or a total of 30 members of our class actively involved in making personal calls on fellow classmates.

"I am pleased to report that the Class of 1977 has broken all previous records for percentage of participation. As of now, 155 members, or 53% of our class, have signed a five-year pledge ranging from \$1.00 per year to \$60.00 per year. This amounts to \$1,594.50 per year for five years or a total pledge to the College of \$7,972.50."

HOMEcoming—1977

October 15th

SUPPORT THE 1977 LYCOMING COLLEGE FUND

