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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Recently my wife and I visited a group of Alumni from the Rochester area. It was a group easy to relate to and to enjoy. We had dinner together and as you might expect, their conversations soon turned to the campus they had known. However, they didn't simply reminisce about the good old days. They really wanted to know whether the powerful influence of certain teachers who had contributed so much to their lives was still being felt.

Are the giants still there? No more profound question can be asked about a college. It penetrates to the heart of the institution. Although I know some of our youngest and newest teachers will surely be remembered with appreciation like that expressed by these Rochester alumni, that doesn't answer the question, not completely. Alumni inquire by name.

As they talked on, with pride and gratitude leading their thoughts, my mind silently returned again and again to a poem written by a friend who surely won't mind my sharing it. I believe it is a poem about giants—those senior faculty members who quietly guide us by example, who show us what only experience can reveal, who provide the heart and character of our alma mater. We know we owe them a part of ourselves because they are those who kindle and inspire our best, those whose gentle encouragement keeps our eyes turned toward what can still be accomplished even in the face of doubt and disappointment.

By Old Stump Fires

Come closer to the fire.
The air is chill—I grant you that.
What's that you say? Put on another log?
No this is a night for stumps.

The logs up here are second growth.
The stumps are left from primal growth—
Big trees gone down in fire.
Half-buried in the earth these roots have lain for years,

Tipped skyward,
Tempered by cold and sun,
Polished by sleet and wind and rain.
They're grey and old, all right;
Too old, some say;
But the sap's in them, there in the heart.
It takes care, though, in burning them.
Put a whole one in, you'll likely burn the house down.

We almost did, once, before we learned.
Knock them apart—a little of the heart in each.
They'll burn, then—like a wick—and with the logs
Will hold a fire all night.

That seems the way it is—
What's stood the storms and years is good,
Mixed in.
Logs will do for a quick fire, or when
The weather's mild. But when it's cold,
Mix in some stumps: they make a fire.
That lasts.

—Bernice Halbert

With anticipation we look to the future opportunities which face Lycoming College in 1978. With gratitude our inner lives are warmed by glowing embers from old stump fires that heat our college hearth.

FREDERICK E. BLUMER
President of the College

Two Faculty Members Honored At Annual Christmas Dinner



Left to right, President Blumer, Mary Landon Russell and John G. Hollenback.

Two members of the Lycoming faculty were honored on December 16 at the annual faculty-staff Christmas dinner in the college dining room.

Cited were Mrs. Mary Landon Russell, associate professor of music, who will retire at the end of the present academic year after 42 years on the college faculty, and John G. Hollenback, professor of business administration, who was given a 25-year award for exemplary service to Lycoming.

Mrs. Russell was presented with a silver tray and Hollenback a watch on behalf of the college by Dr. Frederick E. Blumer, president of Lycoming. Testimonials praising the two faculty members for their dedication and loyalty to the college were presented by Walter G. McIver, professor emeritus of music, and Dr. James K. Hummer, professor of chemistry.

Mrs. Russell, who teaches piano at Lycoming, is a graduate of Dickinson Junior College, the forerunner of Lycoming College; Susquehanna University, and the Pennsylvania State University. She also attended the Juilliard and Eastman Schools of Music. She has been active in church and music groups in the city for a number of years and helped organize both the Williamsport Civic Choir and the Williamsport Music Club. She is a member of several professional music organizations and several years ago was awarded the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Club's prestigious Keystone Salute for outstanding civic leadership. She has also been awarded the Outstanding Alumnus Award presented by the alumni association.

Hollenback, a native of Shamokin, also graduated from the former junior college and received his bachelor and master degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. He is presently head of the business administration department and marshal of the college. He taught at the University of Oklahoma for two years before joining the Lycoming faculty in 1952. He is also active in college and community affairs and is a member of various civic, fraternal and professional organizations. Jack served as faculty adviser to Lambda Chi Alpha, social fraternity on campus, and is a member of the Williamsport Rotary Club and the Ross Club.

January Graduates

Twenty-three seniors have completed all degree requirements and were awarded their degrees on January 1, 1978. No formal commencement is held for January graduates and their diplomas are mailed to them in approximately six weeks.

We congratulate those listed below and their parents, wish them success, good health and happiness, and welcome them to the ranks of Lycoming alumni:

Elva Lorrinda Dage, cum laude
Karen Lee Froch, magna cum laude, Honors in English
George William Geddon
Karen Helen Haas
Julie Updegrave Harstead, cum laude
Lynae Darobeth Horner
Gregory Scott Kerick
Timothy David McDonald
Steven Eugene McElrath
Jack William Miller
Rona L. Minkin
Sandra L. O'Fallon
Mary Elizabeth Ogden, magna cum laude
Carolyn Miller Sellers
Donna Lynn Seuren, magna cum laude
Donna Marie Shambough, cum laude
Harold Dwight Shaw, Jr.
David Lee Showers
Reina Sterling Staller
James George Thach
Bruce Robert Tucker
Nancy Kathleen Turous
Diane Louise Yaska

A New Record!

We are delighted to announce that the 1977 Lycoming College Fund drive has exceeded its \$100,000 goal. At this writing, checks with December dates are still arriving so no final accounting has been possible. It is clear, however, that the fund drive has been a success.

This sets a new record for the annual unrestricted Lycoming College Fund. Last year's fund was also a record with over \$85,000 received. Needless to say, we are very pleased and most grateful to those alumni, trustees, parents, friends, businesses and industries that contributed this year.

We also appreciate the numerous and generous restricted gifts we received. They are, however, designated for specific purposes and are not credited to the Lycoming College Fund.

A full accounting of all gifts and grants will be published in the March issue of this report. It will include donor lists, prestige club memberships and a complete financial accounting for 1977.

Unfair Competition?

A month or so ago, a letter went to parents and some other friends pointing out that Lycoming's fees were below the average of quite a few other area colleges with which we must compete. We received the following letter from one parent who shall remain nameless:

"We know that Lycoming is a bargain! Our other daughter is at _____ (close to \$7,000). Unfortunately this is why we have no available funds for donations."

But the envelope contained a check!

CLASS news

Edited by DALE V. BOWER '59

1897

BERTHA PIERSON SMAY celebrated her 100th birthday on December 25, 1977. Her daughter, Mary Catherine, with whom she lives, reports that Mrs. Smay is in fair health and enjoys reading the literature from the College. She still recalls her days at Dickinson Seminary 80 years ago. She lives in Pittsburgh.

1925

DOROTHY MOORE COURTNEY lives in Scotland, MD. She sent a contribution to the annual fund on her birthday, the 17th of December. She reports that she has been very busy helping her son with produce from the Potomac. She says he has been seen on ABC news, talking at his nets.

1955



GEORGE S. PORTER '55, of Jersey Shore, is shown presenting a very fine Indian Chief bust to Lycoming College recently. Dale Bower, Director of Alumni Affairs, accepted this thoughtful gift for the College. It will be placed on display with other college "Warriors" in what we hope will be a growing collection. George's son is ROBERT PORTER '63.

1959

MARGIE McCOMAS MORRIS, her husband, Barr, and their four children are living in Glens Falls, NY. They spend their summers at the camps in Diamond Point. Margie is serving on the board of directors of the Glens Falls Home, a non-profit home for elderly women founded in 1889.

CONNIE NICODEMUS VANCE has recently been awarded the Doctor of Education degree by Teachers College, Columbia University. The title of her dissertation is "A Group Profile of Contemporary Influentials in American Nursing". Connie is currently an assistant professor at New York University. She is a graduate of the Washington Hospital School of Nursing and has a master's degree in psychiatric-mental health nursing from Washington University in St. Louis. Connie is active in consumer and political organizations in the New York City area. She will be a member of the New York State delegation to the American Nurses' Association Convention in Hawaii in June. She is married to Patrick W. Vance who is an Editor with "The New York Times".

1963

TERRY L. ZIEGLER, editor of the "Grit", was the speaker at the Susquehanna Valley Branch of the American Association of University Women in November. His topic centered on the proposed Panama Canal treaties. He had attended a special White House briefing on this subject in November. Terry currently serves as president of the Williamsport Community Concert Association.

1964

WALTER H. MANNING, JR. and his wife, the former Ann White, announced the birth of a son, born October 14, 1977, at St. Joseph's East Hospital in Memphis, TN. "Matt" joins two sisters, Tracy, age 5, and Jody, age 2½.

1966

PAUL B. HENRY has left his position as pastor of the Scottsville United Methodist Church in Langhorne, PA, to join the staff of the Pennsylvania Foundation of Pastoral Counseling, Inc. He is presently the director of development and public relations. He combines these administrative responsibilities with clinical responsibilities as a pastoral counselor. The Foundation was founded in 1974 and is currently operating seven pastoral counseling centers in the greater Phila-

delphia area. While pastor of the Scottsville Church, Paul had the opportunity to minister to several Lyco alumni, including: BILL SIMMONDS '60, JAY BERKMIRE '64, BOB BENTZ '66, CLAYTON and DONNA WILLITS THOMAS '68 and BOB and SALLY WALKER '69. He also encouraged LORI IHLENFELDT, SCOTT CRAWFORD and SCOTT CROSBIE to attend Lycoming. Paul and his wife, the former LOUISE GOSSLER '65, and their two children live in Holland, PA.

1967

NANCY LUKE BROTZMAN and her husband, Reed, welcomed their second son, Verien Paul, born November 2, 1977. Nancy runs a Nordic Farm. She is breeding Aracauna chickens which lay pink eggs with blue dots, turkeys and several varieties of geese, turkeys and meat-rabbits. They live in Laceyville, PA.

1968

DONNA WILLITS THOMAS is vice-president of Will Travel, Inc., travel consultants with offices in the Richboro Plaza, Richboro, PA. She and her husband, Clayton, live in Langhorne, PA.

GREGORY D. HARRIS recently accepted a position as a design engineer with Tektronix, Inc., a manufacturer of oscilloscopes and other related electronic instruments with headquarters and manufacturing facilities in Beaverton, Oregon, a suburb of Portland. Greg taught in secondary schools in New York and Maryland for four years following his graduation from Lycoming. He is presently a candidate for a doctor of philosophy degree in theoretical physics at the Pennsylvania State University. He and his wife, the former Ann Cardennis, have one daughter, Wendy. Greg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver E. Harris. Ollie is the director of development at Lycoming.

ANGELA McELWAIN BEDNARCZYK and her husband, Frank, are living in an old Victorian house in Takoma Park, built in 1884. Over the past four years, they have been restoring it to its original condition and furnishing it with turn-of-the-century antiques. Angela is a science teacher in the middle school at Gallaudet College. She teaches children ages 12 to 15. All of the children in the school are hearing impaired. She teaches using total communication-speech and sign language together this year. She is a member of the school's career and education task force and is helping develop materials to teach careers to the children. She finds her profession to be challenging and exciting.

WILLIAM F. DeFRANCIS has left his firm and is very happy to be engaged in general practice of law with a specialty in taxation in New City, New York. He is busy on the board of directors of the Rockland County Estate Planners Council, is a former president of the Nyack Jaycees, a member of Kiwanis and has recently been included in Who's Who in American Law. He just finished his master's degree in law at New York University and is teaching legal research in the para-legal program at Rockland Community College. He and his wife, the former BARBARA HOLLEY '69, live at Valley Cottage, New York.

MAYETTA RINER NATELSON and her husband, Bob, enjoyed their travels through the Bahamas over their summer vacation.

1969

JOAN GHISELIN has been elected chairman of the Consumer Advisory Council of the P. U. C. She will be acting as a liaison between consumer groups and the Public Utility Commission. Joan has been a member of the U. S. Department of Energy anthracite task force, in addition to being an active member of the consumer advisory committee of the Governor's Council on Energy and energy director and board member of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters. She still finds time to be active in the Girl Scout movement and is a swim official in the Gov. Mifflin School District.

1971

BO JANE HEAP works full-time as corresponding secretary at IBM in Franklin Lakes, NJ, typing from recorded dictation. In an article published in "The Record", Hackensack, NJ, she was quoted as saying, "I love politics--it's my thing, my favorite thing." Bojane is one of six elected democratic municipal committee women in Ramsey. Her nights are occupied with fund raisers, meetings, and telephoning for borough council candidates. She coordinates the distribution of campaign literature in her district. She also canvasses voters by phone using a questionnaire. Still a big New York Mets fan, she is a member of the Lady Mets Club. Getting rides is one of her biggest problems, but she says she has learned to say with some regularity to people, "Since they don't make cars in braille, could you stop by and pick me up?" Bojane lives with her parents in Ramsey.



JAPAN AIR LINES on Fifth Avenue in New York City featured a holiday display window of origami. The exhibition was produced by MICHAEL SHALL for the Origami Center of America, Lillian Oppenheimer, director. Calligraphy for the window was created by SHIRLEY GOEBEL CHRISTIE. The exhibition, the first of its kind on such a large scale, featured a 25 foot Christmas tree decorated entirely with origami (single sheets of paper folded without the aid of scissors or paste to create any object imaginable) and was complete with life-size toys under the tree, also made of origami. Mobiles at various heights accented the two-story window. Michael is affiliated with the Origami Center of America and Shirley is an elementary art teacher in the Williamsport Area School District.



CAROLYN VANLARCOM and William R. Swift were married in November 1977, at Emanuel United Methodist Church, Camillus, NY. Carolyn received her master's degree from SUNY at Cortland, and teaches biology at Syracuse-Minoa Central School. They are living in Syracuse.

GENE VAN BENTHUSEN and Barbara Strauss were married November 5, 1977, in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Allentown. Gene is employed by the New Jersey Department of Health. They live in Milford.

1972

JOE and Jayne SONEY announced the birth of a son, Joseph William, born November 8, 1977. Joe is a financial analyst for Airco in Union, NJ. They live in Toms River.

HARRY AND JACQUELIN (PANELLA '73) SALVAGGIO announced the birth of a son, David, born September 27, 1977. Harry is employed as assistant controller of Ingersoll Rand, Philipsburg, NJ.

1973

PHYLLIS MONGIELLO KATZMAR and her husband, Jon, announced the birth of a daughter, Valerie Jane, born November 7, 1977. Phyllis plans to return to her job at the Aviation Supply Office as a general supply specialist. She has been working there for four years supporting Navy aircraft by inventory management and is due for a promotion to the GS-11 level this summer. Jon is an accountant for McNeill Laboratories. They live in Glenside.

JOHN M. OBZUD has been appointed administrator of the Community Development Program at Bel Air, MD. He received his master's degree from Morgan State College in Policy Analysis and Urban Planning and Economic Development. He will be responsible for the management and implementation of Federal Block Grant Funds and community revitalization program.

ROBERT HOWDEN has been appointed Editor of the Wyckoff News, Wyckoff, NJ. For the last three years, he has served as Assistant Editor of the newspaper. In his new position, Bob will be responsible for newspaper policy and content, and will oversee the paper's entire production. Bob is living in Franklin Lakes, NJ.

1974

DAVID DOWLING has been appointed a deputy district attorney by Dauphin County District Attorney, LeRoy S.

Zimmerman. Dave has been assigned to the trial section.

KAREN E. KNOUSE and Larry Brungart were married November 19, 1977, in York, PA. They have bought a home in Prairie Village, Kansas, where Larry is an insurance claims manager and Karen is a full-time studio art graduate student at the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

STANLEY DICK is teaching at Marion High School and is also head football coach at the same school. He is living in Tamaqua, PA.

THOMAS E. CIOFFI is the new assistant pro at the Williamsport Country Club. "Zeke" had previously been the assistant golf pro at White Deer Municipal Golf Course.

COLLEEN McCARTHY is teaching first grade in the Claymont School District, Claymont, DE. She is also active on the teacher's volleyball team and is a member of the United Methodist Church choir. Last summer she took a three week tour of Europe.

ELLEN M. WEBER passed the May, 1977, CPA exam in New York State.

1975

Albert and VANESSA HARPER SIMPSON announced the birth of a daughter, Tiaina Shapelle, born December 15, 1977. The Simpsons live in Maple Shade, NJ.

SALLY HAINES MARONEY and her husband have moved to Millville, NJ. Sally is employed by the Cedarville Board of Education teaching first grade.

DUANE E. RIGEL and Kim Kline were married October 1, 1977, in the Mt. Bethel United Church of Christ, McClure. KEITH WINTERS was an usher. Duane is employed at the Northeastern Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, PA, in the business department. They are living in Selinsgrove.

MICHAEL S. CONE has been appointed to the professional staff of Doctors Osteopathic Hospital, Philadelphia. A graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic medicine, he served an internship at Doctors Osteopathic Hospital and he is presently practicing family medicine in Philadelphia.

SUSAN GULVIN and Terrence Roberts were married May 28, 1977, in the United Methodist Church in Seneca Castle, NY. GAIL GLEASON BEAMER was a bridesmaid. Sue is employed by Lincoln First Bank, Geneva, NY. She is currently taking graduate courses at Nazareth College toward a permanent teaching certificate.

ANDREA J. BAUER and MARK YERKES '77 were married September 24, 1977, in the United Methodist Church in Cranford, NJ. Mark is employed by W. W. Adcock, Inc. in Millersville, Md. They are living in Glen Burnie.

ROBIN ZIMMER and Terry Pearl were married August 20, 1977, in Ridley Park, PA. Ushers included JOE GRIECO '76 and KEN McCABE '75. They are living on Long Island where Robin is employed as an environmentalist. He recently received his master's degree in environmental science from C. W. Post College. JAMES CARVER '73 assisted in performing the marriage ceremony.

1976

DEBBIE SANDMEYER and SUSAN WOLFE have been appointed to positions at the Women's Center at the Williamsport YWCA. Deb, the former coordinator of Help Yourself, has been named coordinator of the information and referral service. She will be assisted by Sue in this work.

PETER KEELY and ANNE JOHNSON '77 were married October 1, 1977. Pete and Ann are living in Williamsport where Ann is employed as a funding coordinator for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Pete is employed as an emergency services counselor for Divine Providence Hospital.

MICHELLE MUSTO is currently employed at her alma mater, Piscataway High School, teaching Spanish. During the summer she traveled through western United States.

PAUL MATHEWS is attending the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia along with LES BUDINGER. Paul is a first year student and Les is in his second year.

DAVID R. MELICK and Ellen Gerger were married October 9, 1977, at the Patrician Caterers, Livingston, NJ. JEFF MILLER '77 and WALTER LAWSON '77 were ushers. Dave is employed by Volt Technical Service in New York City as an account executive. He also works part-time in the Morris County Park Systems as a photographer and naturalist. They are residing in Randolph, NJ.

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