





# LYCOMING COLLEGE REPORT

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## Alumnus named county judge

Clinton W. Smith '55, of Williamsport, has been nominated by Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh to be Lycoming County's third judge. His nomination was to go before the state Senate for confirmation in January.

If confirmed, the 47-year-old Republican attorney would serve until the end of the year. County voters will elect a judge for the full 10-year term in November.

Smith, who was one of six attorneys interviewed for the judgeship, is a member of the law firm of Stuart, Murphy,

Smith, Missina, Harris and Rieders, of Williamsport. He is married to the former Mary C. Johnson '59.

After graduating from Lycoming with a degree in political science, Smith attended Dickinson School of Law. He earned his law degree in 1958, the same year he passed the bar exam and began a six-month tour of duty with the U. S. Army.

Smith was admitted to practice law in Lycoming County courts in 1959. That same year, he became associated with the law firm of former Judge D. M. Larrabee and Don L. Larrabee '23. Five years later, Smith was named an assistant district attorney to Henry G. Haqer, of Williamsport, now the state Senate majority leader. He held that post until January, 1968. During that period, he helped to form the law firm of Stuart, Murphy, Haqer and Smith.

The native of Duboistown, Pa., is a member of the Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce board of directors; Pine Street United Methodist Church, Williamsport, and the Loyalscock Township Planning Commission. He also is a trustee of the United Methodist Home for Children, Mechanicsburg, Pa., a coach of a Little League Baseball team, and a member of Masonic Lodge No. 106, F. & A. M., and the Williamsport Consistory.

Smith is one of 14 attorneys nominated to fill county court judgeships in 11 Pennsylvania counties. To continue as a judge, Smith would have to run in the primary election, a candidacy he has said, "I would seriously have to consider."



CLINTON W. SMITH

## Annual fund surges

By George P. Flint  
Director of Institutional Relations

A snow flurry in Williamsport produced a white Christmas, much to the delight of children and the "young at heart." A flurry of year-end giving to the Lycoming College Annual Giving Fund delighted everyone at the college.

While temperatures fell below zero, the 1980-81 Annual Giving thermometer rose to \$86,276 as of Jan. 5, or about 60 percent of the \$150,000 goal. Of particular note is alumni gifts, which reached \$43,465. This total is more than \$10,000 ahead of the total received as of Jan. 5, 1980.

If you have not yet given or would like to contribute a second gift, there is still time. As you may recall, at its spring meeting the Lycoming College Board of Trustees extended the Annual Giving Fund campaign to a 10-month period coinciding with Lycoming's fiscal year. Therefore, the current deadline is June 30.

We want to list your name on the Honor Roll of loyal alumni, friends, trustees, faculty and staff members, parents, and corporate supporters as a charter donor of the 1980-81 Lycoming College Annual Giving Fund. Gifts between Jan. 1, 1980, and June 30 will be recognized. The following giving clubs will receive

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## Student spotlight: Jeff, Robin, Kathy Wert

Good things come in threes for Lycoming. At least they do if they are Jeff, Robin, and Kathy Wert, of Stroudsburg, Pa.

The sibling students have made outstanding contributions to Lycoming, especially to the athletic teams. In addition, Jeff and Robin have received regional and national attention for their prowess on the athletic field.

A speedy wide receiver, Jeff set a single-season football record by catching 45 passes for 628 yards and six touchdowns during the 1980 season. His play earned him a berth on the Middle Atlantic Conference Northern Division all-star team and two citations by the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Robin, the goalie on the field hockey team, also has earned MAC honors and last fall continued on through local and regional all-star play to the national championship tournament of the U.S. Field Hockey Association in Bloomsfield Hills, Mich. Her Mid-East region team finished third among 11 entries from throughout the country. Having earned a reputation as one of the top

field hockey goalies in the country, she has been invited to play in an international tournament in Bermuda in March. Until then, she is playing guard on the women's basketball team.

Although Kathy didn't earn her brother's and sister's honors last fall, she made a definite impact on the field hockey program. In her first try at the sport after a four-year hiatus, she was the second leading scorer on the squad.

The Wert's' enrollments at Lycoming trace to Jeff, a three-time all-state football player who transferred to Lycoming from East Stroudsburg State after a disillusioning pre-season of big-time football at Temple University. The 20-year-old biology major and honor student enrolled at East Stroudsburg without yearning to play football, but was persuaded by the Lycoming grid staff to give it a try with the Warriors. Since entering Lycoming, he has flourished as an athlete and student leader. Jeff is junior class president and a member of Sigma Pi.

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# President's corner

Who discovered America? Columbus or Leonardo da Vinci? The provocative response to that question by John Howett, chairman of the Department of Art History at Emory University, has helped me prepare for the challenges of the New Year.

Lycoming College faces the new year much as Columbus faced the great voyage of 1492. Bravery is required, but even more important for Columbus was the courage of his conviction that the world as he perceived it was the real world and that other perceptions, though popular, were false. How could Columbus be so sure that he could navigate the boundless and unknown seas?

Columbus believed the world was round because he had gained a new perspective and understanding of space while exploring the West African coast. His contemporary, Leonardo da Vinci, addressed the very same question (how to perceive space) with equally revolutionary results.

The question is essentially an artistic problem to which da Vinci provided an artistic solution. Enjoying the benefits of their discoveries, we can state the question clearly. The question for da Vinci was: How does one create on a two-dimensional surface a viable image of complex interacting solids? The same question for Columbus was: How may one draw on a flat piece of paper a map of the

surface of the globe?

The experiments of da Vinci to improve the representation of space led him to abandon the orthogonal grid used by earlier Renaissance artists to provide perspective. He was able to visualize complex shapes in images which reveal their relationships to each other as these exist in three-dimensional space. The Last Supper, painted around 1495, illustrates this new perspective and serves as a turning point in art history. Michelangelo and other artists following da Vinci were never dependent upon the earlier orthogonal perspective again. And, neither were the cartographers! Leonardo da Vinci's genius may have contributed more to mapmaking than did the explorations of Columbus!

Professor Howett does not claim that Columbus was dependent or influenced directly by da Vinci. His point is illustrated by a reference to Oscar Wilde, who wrote about "how foggy London became after Monet had begun to paint there. Wilde was making a humorous but profound point about how Impressionism changed the way people saw."

New ideas change the way we see things. New perspectives thereby uncover new possibilities, generate new expectations, and invite new experiments. In 1492, a new definition of

space was in the making and because of it, a new world was being discovered. It is noteworthy that da Vinci posed the question most precisely. It was an artist who provided the answer which was to revolutionize mapmaking. Science and technology are not as independent of poetry and art as we commonly assume.

Professor Howett illustrates this point with a story from Goethe of two men, "one who lived in a tower and the other outside below. The man in the tower saw a friend's house on fire but could not reach it, and the man outside could reach it but could not see it. Both are needed to save the friend's house."

Who did discover America? Columbus or Leonardo da Vinci? And who will save the American house in our new space age? Obviously, it will be those whose vision is vast enough to encompass new and broadening horizons and those fortified with perspectives clear enough to arouse courage of their convictions. The essence of discovery remains unchanged. It springs from the eye trained to see the world as it is. At Lycoming, we study both art and science because we want to see things as they are in 1981. That is the challenge of the New Year!

*Frederick S. Blum*

## Werts (continued)

Robin followed Jeff to Lycoming after a distinguished high school career in field hockey (her first love), basketball, and softball because "I knew I'd be able to play as a freshman." The 19-year-old sophomore said her interest in sports developed because of Jeff.

Kathy, the least sports-minded member of the trio, nevertheless refuses to stand on the sidelines. She played field hockey and participated on the track team in high school, and followed her brother and sister to Lycoming because she liked the campus and thought "I'd at least make the team here." The 18-year-old freshman is a Spanish and French major.

Athletics bind the Werts, despite

their different academic interests and career aspirations. The three often dine together, and they support each other in athletics. Robin and Kathy attend all the football games when there are no hockey conflicts; Jeff returns the favor by watching his sisters play. And on autumn Saturday mornings, their parents, Robert and Sandra Werts, join them on campus.

After graduation, Jeff plans to pursue a career in chiropractic medicine or zoology, if a chance to play pro football doesn't come his way. He has two seasons of eligibility remaining. Robin is undecided about a career but knows she wants to continue playing field hockey beyond college through the club or AAU routes. Kathy has no post-graduate athletic ambitions.



KATHY, JEFF, ROBIN WERTS

## Lycoming (continued)

Committee Chairman, agreed to continue to lead the campaign to meet the Kresak challenge.

The \$150,000 challenge grant is the first grant of its type ever received by Lycoming, according to Robert E. Flint, director of institutional relations. "We are determined to meet this challenge with the same kind of enthusiastic success which has typified the Partners in Progress campaign," he said.

All contributions should be sent to the development office, Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa., 17701. Checks should be made payable to "Lycoming College." For additional information, call the development office at (717) 326-1951, ext. 206.

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## 'Summer Job Bank' seeking deposits

Lycoming's Career Development Center is organizing its 1981 Summer Job Bank for students. Alumni support of this program is imperative if the center is to reach its goal of helping all interested students find meaningful,

career-related summer jobs.

If you can hire a student or provide information about summer job opportunities, please fill out the form below and mail it to the Career Development Center.

### Summer Job Bank

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

PERSON TO CONTACT

JOB DESCRIPTION

REQUIREMENTS

NUMBER OF POSITIONS

SALARY

DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

## Faculty focus: Gertrude B. (Gerry) Madden

She never really wanted to be a teacher. But now, more than two decades later, the fact that students can challenge Gertrude B. (Gerry) Madden "to keep me from getting into a 59-year-old rut" keeps her tied to the classroom.

Madden, an associate professor of English and former newspaper reporter, public relations official, and radio personality, launched an education career at a relatively advanced age.

She explained that former Lycoming president Dr. D. Frederick Wertz approached her in 1958 about filling an English vacancy. She accepted the offer, and it was now one of the college's most senior faculty members.

The Williamsport native graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1942 with a bachelor's degree in English. With the world at war and many men fighting overseas, the time was ripe for women to enter traditionally male-dominated fields such as journalism. So she was hired as a reporter for the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, a job that, she said, encompassed some "hirsly" assignments.

"Under normal circumstances, they wouldn't have a woman running around at night on the police beat," Madden said.

Stints as a public relations editor for the U. S. Army in Philadelphia and as a reporter for the Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Daily Times followed her year and a half on the Sun-Gazette staff. Then in 1949, a vacation stop in Williamsport evolved into an unexpected resettlement in her hometown. Her husband, James, a Vermont native, rejected an insurance position in Philadelphia for a similar offer in Williamsport. Apparently, he found the hills surrounding Williamsport more attractive than the city. They have never seriously considered leaving the area since.

Before she was hired at Lycoming, Gerry was one of the area's more popular radio personalities as "Sally L'ison." The woman's interest show, sponsored by F. L. Stearns and Sons department store, was broadcast on WIPA.

Madden said her years at Lycoming



GERTRUDE  
B.  
(GERRY)  
MADDEN

have been "a terrific experience because I've seen the school grow, and I've grown with it." She completed a master's degree at Bucknell University in 1962 and has fulfilled all the requirements for a doctorate from The Pennsylvania State University except one: a foreign language. The associate professor decided against toiling with the language requirement because she had been out of school for 30 years.

Although many college students are discouraged from studying English because of its alleged low value in today's job market, Madden firmly believes that English is not a dead-end major -- provided a judicious selection of electives prepares students for a variety of careers beyond teaching. Disregarding the employment ramifications, Gerry stresses the value of acquiring literature knowledge.

"I've learned more from literature than anything else," she said, because "most creative writers are getting to the roots of people."

With the physical growth of Lycoming, Gerry has observed a mild case of social isolation that has widened the communications gap between faculty members and students. She pleasantly recalls the bygone days of fraternity party chaparron by faculty, when there existed a non-academic camaraderie between students and their professors. And, she said, just the physical structure of the college -- with nearly all faculty offices grouped in a wing of the Academic Center -- has resulted in "less reason for the kids to

drop in and say hello." Before the building opened, faculty offices were more scattered.

Outside of academia, the senior member of the English department is involved in a variety of community activities, and plays bridge and tennis. "Even at my age, I took it up six years ago," she said.

Still, after 22 years at Lycoming, teaching remains her first love. With new minds testing her every semester, she said: "I don't think there's anything that could challenge me more."

### Lycoming hires nursing consultant

An associate professor of nursing at The Pennsylvania State University has been hired by Lycoming to conduct the study of the feasibility of offering a nursing education program.

Dr. Janet A. Williamson, of Boalsburg, who formerly was the head of the nursing department at Penn State, will conduct the one-year study as a part-time consultant. She will examine whether Lycoming can help to alleviate a critical nursing shortage in North-central Pennsylvania by offering a cost-effective B.S.N. degree program.

Dr. Williamson's hiring is the result of a nationwide search. While conducting the study, she will remain a full-time faculty member at the university.

### Annual Fund *continues*

special recognition, including certificates signed by Lycoming President Dr. Frederick E. Blumer.

Charter Century Club:	\$100-499
Charter Dean's List	\$500-999
Charter Pres. Cabinet	\$1,000-

Alumni should send their gifts to the Alumni Office; all other contributors should send their gifts to the Development Office, Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa., 17701. Checks should be made payable to "Lycoming College."

by Welles B. Lobb

## Sports

At the conclusion of the 1980 portion of the '80-81 winter sports season, Lycoming's four winter athletic teams carried a cumulative 10-9 win-loss record.

Five Hair's vastly improved swimmers, who spent part of Christmas break training in Florida, led the way with a 4-0 mark. Lycoming's best year ever in the pool, an 11-1 record compiled in 1964-65, could be matched by the present team, according to the coach.

Hair predicted before the season that the bulk of the college's individual records would fall in 80-81; eight standards have been lowered already, all by freshman swimmers. Record-breakers are Ed Cianfarani, 200-yd individual medley, 2:00 (freestyle, 2:00 freestyle); Steve Newman, 200-free-style, 1:00 (freestyle); Fen Sholder, 100 freestyle; the 400 medley relay unit of Louise Zimmerman, Kurt Schussman, Tom Hilleran, and Cianfarani; and the 400 freestyle relay team of Karl Disney, Sholder, Hilleran, and Newman.

Bob Holmes' women's basketball team began the New Year with a 1-1 record. The lady players' goal, with 14 games to go, is to post Lycoming's first winning season on the courts in only its third year of varsity competi-

tion. The most valuable player of the early season has been freshman forward Ann Taggart (Bloomsdale, N. J.), who scored 22 points with an 11-for-15 shooting spree against Williamsport Community College.

Budd Whitehill's wrestlers' early-season 2-3 record is misleading because the losses were inflicted by Division I opponents. And the Warriors, on the strength of one-sided wins over Division II Mansfield State and Division III Kutztown, are ranked 11th in the nation in Division III.

The grapplers' impressive list will be challenged during remaining dual meets, as they must tangle with No. 6 Oswego State in January, No. 9 Elizabethtown in February, and several Division I teams. Warriors with undefeated dual match records are Dave Corbett (134 lbs., 3-0), Jim Maurer (140 lbs., 3-0), and Mike Morgan (158 lbs., 4-0).

Despite a 3-5 mark through December, the men's basketball team still is in good position for having a winning season and making the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs.

Dutch Burch's savers are 3-2 against Division III opposition and 1-1 in the MAC Northern Division. Lycoming reached the finals of the Mount St. Mary's Christmas Tournament by beating

Lebanon Valley (60-57), but fell to the powerful Division II hosts in the championship tilt.

With the emergence of senior forwards Jerry Kilpatrick (Gorristown) and Bob Hastings (Peckville) as capable all-around performers, Burch's lineup now has a balance the coach feared would be absent this season.

### Burds All-Americans

The achievements on the football field by brothers Rick and Mike Burd (Lock Haven, Pa.) have received national recognition. Senior quarterback Rick and junior tight end Mike have made the Associated Press Little All-America team as honorable mention selections.

Rick's statistics placed him as the nation's third leading Division III passer for the 1980 season.

Mike, meanwhile, quietly forced his way into the college record book with the yardage he gained by catching Rick's passes. His 1,092 reception yards is already a Lycoming record.

To make the Little All-America team, the Burds competed with the cream of the crop from all U.S. colleges and universities except those in the NCAA's Division I-A (the Penn States and Nebraska).

# Campus Calendar

February-March

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Feb. 7	Business Bldg. 8:00-8:00 H
Feb. 7	W/Shop 8:00-8:00 H
Feb. 11	Alumni Conv. 8:00-8:00 A
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Feb. 18	Deborah Walker 8:00-8:00 A
Feb. 21	Elizabeth Ann 8:00-8:00 A
Feb. 27-28	Exposition '81 (qualify)
<b>EXHIBITION</b>	
Feb. 7	Paperette Bldg. 8:15-8:15 H
Feb. 11	Alumni Conv. 8:00-8:00 A
Feb. 18	Deborah Walker 8:00-8:00 A
Feb. 21	Elizabeth Ann 8:00-8:00 A
<b>SPRING</b>	
Feb. 9	Scranton 7:00-7:00 A
Feb. 7	Elizabeth Ann 12:00-12:00 A
Feb. 10	Marshall 7:00-7:00 A
Feb. 14	Scranton 8:00-8:00 H
Feb. 20	Penn State 8:00-8:00 H
<b>JO. MEETING</b>	
Feb. 4	Scranton 8:00-8:00 A
Feb. 11	Scranton 8:00-8:00 A
<b>SPRING</b>	
Feb. 7	W/Shop 1:00-1:00 H
Feb. 11	W/Shop 7:00-7:00 H
Feb. 17	Robertson 7:00-7:00 H
Feb. 20-21-28	Exposition '81 (qualify)
<b>W/SHOP MEETINGS</b>	
Feb. 6	W/Shop 7:00-7:00 H
Feb. 12	Flint 7:00-7:00 A
Feb. 12	Flint 7:00-7:00 A
Feb. 17	Robertson 7:00-7:00 H
Feb. 18	Marshall 7:00-7:00 H
Feb. 21-28	Exposition '81 (qualify)
<b>TRIPS</b>	
Mar. 10	Scranton 3:00-3:00 H
<b>W/SHOP</b>	
Mar. 11	Scranton 1:00-1:00 H
<b>CLARE CONFE</b>	
Feb. 8	Band Concert 8:00
Feb. 20	Flint St. Methodist Church NOW
Mar. 10	Clare Memorial Concert 8:00
Mar. 25	Southern Valley Orchestra 8:00
<b>ART GALLERY</b>	
Jan. 10-Feb. 13	Sculpture from the Johnson Atelier
Feb. 10-Mar. 20	Prints and Diavolical work by Mark South
Mar. 1-Apr. 24	First Annual Senior Student Exhibition

# LYCOMING COLLEGE **REPORT**

**\$3,100,000**  
(Challenge Goal)

**\$2,400,358**  
(Gifts & pledges received)

**\$1,700,000**  
(Original Goal)



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Partners in Progress  
Fund

## Lycoming meeting Kresge challenge

Lycoming is meeting the challenge thrown at it by the Kresge Foundation, of Troy Mich.

Initial solicitations in the "challenge phase" of the Partners in Progress campaign have increased to \$2,400,358 for the total of gifts and pledges received for the Physical Education and Recreation Center. The total, which is more than \$700,000 above the original goal of \$1,700,000, leaves approximately \$700,000 to be raised to meet Kresge's challenge.

The foundation will pay \$150,000 to Lycoming if the college raises the balance of funds needed to cover the \$3.1 million cost of the complex by May 15. At the beginning of the campaign's "challenge phase," approximately \$900,000 remained to be raised to pay for all of the construction and equipment expenses of the Phys-ed center.

The "challenge phase" began last fall, when the Lycoming College Board of Trustees, Partners in Progress Campaign Planning Committee, Trustee Development Committee, and Leadership Gifts Committee unanimously approved extending the fund-raising campaign. At that time, Nathan W. Stuart '36, vice chairman of the trustees and National Campaign Chairman, and James G. Law, a trustee and Leadership Gifts

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