Message from the Athletic Director

The summer consisted of two noteworthy events that I want to share with our Warrior Club members. During Alumni & Reunion Weekend, we inducted the newest class to the Lycoming Athletics Hall of Fame, which included Joe Andrie ’12, Bobby Brown ’11, Jessica (Bennett) Brusgard ’08, Mike Doherty ’10, Kristina (Peacock) Manciocchi ’08, Matt Mendola ’04 and Ryan Yaple ’08. These individuals displayed excellence in their respective sports and the department is proud to recognize them among our very best. More than twenty members of the Hall of Fame returned to campus to welcome in the newest class (pictured above). You can read more about our Hall of Fame inductees at athletics.lycoming.edu.

On June 30th, Lycoming closed the books on another fiscal year and that gives us the opportunity to report on the progress of the Warrior Club. We experienced another record year in terms of Warrior Club members (630) and in dollars raised ($175,135) to support Lycoming’s 17 varsity athletic programs. The Warrior Club conducted six regional events throughout last year in connection to our teams in competition and presented the Senior Athlete Celebration. With the arrival of September, the athletics department is focused on providing an outstanding student-athlete experience to our new and returning athletes throughout the upcoming year. The increase in Warrior Club members and funds is significant because the Warrior Club plays a direct role in our ability to deliver an athletic environment that enables our student-athletes to achieve their highest academic, athletic and personal aspirations. Thank you for your support of Lycoming athletics. Go Warriors!

Mike Clark ’93, Director of Athletics

Upcoming Warrior Club & Related Events

Sept. 23  Budd Whitehill Memorial Golf Tournament, Knoebel’s Three Ponds Golf Course
Sept. 30  Men’s & Women’s Soccer Alumni Reunion, Lycoming College
Oct. 6-7  Homecoming, Lycoming College (Register Online at www.lycoming.edu/alumni/events)
          Men’s & Women’s Lacrosse Alumni Games
          Softball Alumni Game & Picnic
          1997 Football Team 20th Anniversary & Reunion
Nov. 5  Warrior Club Pre-Game Tailgate, Owings Mills, MD

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Spotlight

Two days before graduation, the Warrior Club sponsored the inaugural Senior Athlete Celebration. The evening featured a reception and dinner for all graduating student-athletes in the class of 2017. This opportunity connected coaches, senior athletes, alumni and administrators for a time of celebration that focused on the distinguished mark that the class of 2017 made on Lycoming College through their involvement in intercollegiate athletics.

The event coincided with senior week and was aimed at acknowledging the achievement and significance of graduating as a student-athlete and connecting the experiences had in athletics to life after college. Another focal point was instilling the notion of “Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior” and the overall benefit to staying connected to teammates, friends, the College and Lycoming’s athletic programs.

Dr. John Piper
Retired Professor and Dean of Lycoming College

Q&A with a career educator, historian, & longtime athletics supporter

Q. What does it mean to you to be a part of the Lycoming family?
The College has been one of the main centers of my life and work since I arrived. Many of our best friends are or have been faculty, staff, and former students. Lycoming became a second alma mater to me when the College graciously gave me an honorary degree in 2007 and as Lycoming’s historian I learn more about the College almost every day.

Q. In your opinion, what makes the Lycoming experience unique?
Lycoming is special because of its sense of community, or if you wish family. The love offered to the families of three former students who died on 9/11 is but the most dramatic example of something that takes place regularly. Another reason is the high level of collegiality that exists all across campus. Lycoming has a great community of learning. The College has been for me and many others more than a place to work. It has been part of all my life.

Q. What is your fondest Lycoming athletics memory?
In the early 1980s, I went to the Director of Athletics, Dutch Burch, and offered to begin a cross country program with two teams, one for women and one for men. He said it would be expensive and I said I intended to volunteer. After some discussion, he accepted my offer. My fondest memory is of the 1983 season when we moved from club to team status and had full teams for men and women. We did not win very often the first couple of years, but just seeing the Lycoming colors flying by still thrills me.

Q. What has motivated you to support Lycoming athletics for such a long time?
I believe in all kinds of development: mind, body, and spirit. Even if pressed I would find it hard to say which is the most important. Athletics means literally to compete and I think the body develops best when it faces competition. When I was Dean of the College, the athletics office reported to me and I found a very sympathetic spirit in Frank Girardi and in Budd Whitehill. They understood the importance of full human development and their work, the memory of it, continues to encourage me to do what I can to keep athletics at Lycoming alive and well.

Dr. Piper served Lycoming College for 38 years, first as a history professor and then as dean of the College from 1993 until his retirement in 2007. Still a visible face on campus, Dr. Piper, the College’s Historian, can be seen at a number of athletic competitions supporting Lycoming’s student-athletes.

Impact

In May, Lycoming’s football team traveled to Quebec, Canada to play an exhibition game against Vanier College. The experience included eight spring practices, a Blue/Gold spring scrimmage and the opportunity to travel to, tour, and play in a foreign city. This first-time international trip was made completely possible by the Warrior Club through the support of alumni, parents, and fans who directed their gifts to the football program.