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Issues arise in wake of renovations announcement

By Christine Lee
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Plans to renovate the University Center on Main Street its neighbor at 141 S. Main St. bring up additional issues regarding space on campus.

Over spring break on March 5, the university announced its intentions to move the entire Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership into UCOM and to purchase and renovate the building next to it at 141 S. Main St., formerly Bartikowsky Jewelers.

Vice President of Finance and General Counsel Loren Prescott said the business school will take up the entirety of UCOM with the exception of Colonel Gambini's Café, the recreation center and information technology offices. Prescott explained that the IT department will not move out due to their infrastructure in the building.

Prescott is not entirely clear on the use of the parking lot that has been acquired along with the building at 141 S. Main St.; however, he does know it will be accessible for most of campus.

"It will be similar to many of the other lots on campus that allow faculty, staff, commuter students and anybody with a parking pass to park there," Prescott said. "I think that's most likely, but we haven't made a final decision on it yet."

He said the use of the parking lot depends on the needs of campus and discussions on its use will involve Public Safety and Student Affairs. Once the Sidhu School begins moving into UCOM, the building at 141 S. Main St. is slated to house administrative offices currently housed in UCOM, including Student Services, Finance and Accounting offices and Human Resources.

Prescott said an exact process hasn't been determined for deciding the building's permanent use but will include a detailed evaluation of the space needs of the academic and administrative candidates that may suitable to benefit from being in the location.

Prescott said there are some academic programs that are better candidates than others as their components are located in multiple buildings across campus, most notably the



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Space issues have arisen on campus due to the growing concern of building changes. There are plans to renovate the UCOM and the neighboring building. The change in locations of programs is hoped to improve performance.

Communication Studies Department and the School of Education.

"They're in more than one building and we understand that bringing all of the faculty and all of the students together in one space is beneficial," he said.

Prescott explained that using the building for administrative purposes allows the university to get to know the space and the nature of the building, allowing them to evaluate how well the building will serve the needs of a particular program.

The process would involve identifying the programs and having detailed discussions with faculty, staff and students involved in the programs, known as the programming phase in architecture.

"They really come to understand the needs that the users of the space have for the space so there will be a lot of interviews with faculty and staff and students," Prescott said.

Prescott explained this process was employed during the planning of the Cohen Science Center. The administrative use of 141 S.

Main St. is not being completely ruled out as they already have to move out of UCOM.

"It's possible that the administrative functions that will move in there, the ones in UCOM now, it's possible they'll stay there," he said. "We moved them out in order to move another program in that we're going to have to find homes for them and we'll have to do programming for them."

Prescott said there have been no final plans made for the spaces being vacated by the business school in Breiseth and Weckesser halls but the same plan for determining the long-term use of 141 S. Main St. will be used for those spaces as well.

"We've got some programs that we know need new space and we have some programs that we know need to be pulled together," he said.

Some of the plans include putting all of the School of Education in Breiseth Hall and relocating the English as a Second Language Program located in Hollenback Hall, as that building does not fit the academic needs of that

program well.

"Hollenback was in years past was used as a residence hall and really we think is best suited as an office building but it's not an academic building," he said. "It doesn't give the students in that program good academic space, it doesn't give the instructors good office space."

However, because there hasn't been a careful evaluation of the program's space needs, Prescott said he isn't certain where the ESL program will be relocated to.

If the program were to move out of Hollenback, its future use will depend on finding an administrative function on campus that provides a service to the campus but is mostly a collection of various offices for those in that unit. The building's location also plays a role in deciding its future.

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Trip to NYC planned to go down in 'History' for club

By Sarah Bedford

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The Wilkes History Club is more than meets the eye. Composed of roughly 12 members, the organization gathers students who have a passion for history and a desire to present it in a fun way, according to the Vice President, Jenette Stapert, senior education major.

This year, the group is planning a trip to New York City on April 5. Members of the club were asked for input on where they would like to go, such as Williamsburg, Virginia; Baltimore, Maryland and New York City.

In past years, the group has visited Washington, D.C. to visit the Smithsonian Museum, the Cherry Blossom Festival and parade, and Gettysburg and Boston for weekend trips.

“We really try to go different places every year,” Stapert said.

Along with planning a yearly trip, the group also plans numerous fundraisers such as bake sales, Gertrude Hawk chocolates and Krispy Creme doughnuts.

History Club also participates in community service such as Relay for Life. This year, in keeping with the Relay for Life theme, the group will be using Paul Revere as their focal point titling their stand, “The Cure is Coming!”

As part of their community efforts in the past, they have also donated money to the Historical Society.

In doing community service based events, they also look to get their name out there in other ways such as “History Day” where members created presentations on historical buildings such as Wilkes Mansions and the Stegmaier Mansion and showed them to the community including members of the Historical Society.

Other plans for the History Club include working on their elections for the new executive board. Elections will be held at the end of the year.

Stapert explained that with numerous members being graduating seniors, there is a definite need for new members.

“The more members we get, the more we can do.”

During “Club Day” this year, the club en-



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Members of the ‘History Club’ work their bake sale during club members to raise money. From left to right, Rachel Rakowski, Andrew Paski, Ashley Rash, and Melissa Thorne.

listed a little help from a statute of Napoleon Bonaparte to help bring in members by having students pose for pictures with the historical figure.

They hope next year, they'll have more ways to entice students as well.

The most common misconception about History Club is that the members just sit around and read textbooks which is simply not the case.

During weekly club meetings, which are held Thursdays at 12 p.m. in Capin 103, the club plays a game called, “Smack-It”.

The objective of “Smack-It” is to write historical topics on a board, such as famous

women in history, as the club did at one of their most recent meetings, and after a description is given of the person, players must “smack” the correct answer which is scattered somewhere on the board, using fly-swatters.

“Our games get heated.. it was me against the club. I dominated,” Stapert laughed.

By doing activities like this, members of the club aren't just being competitive and having fun, they're also learning different historical facts.

“You look deeper and into the little secrets... things they didn't teach you in a regular history class,” Stapert explained.

Stapert also said that very few members are

actually history majors.

“You don't have to be a history major to join.”

Students wishing to get involved with the club are invited to stop by one of their meetings and see how the group works or can contact Stapert at jenette.stapert@wilkes.edu or the History Club President, Melissa Thorne, melissa.thorne@wilkes.edu.



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Health, Wellness Fair provides information, testing

By Amanda Stickles

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Wilkes University had its annual Health and Wellness Fair getting people educated on health issues in an interactive way.

The event was held on March 25 in the Henry Student Center Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and welcomed all students, staff and faculty.

The event had several different tables set up, each with different information and screenings for guests to check out. It was a way for everyone to become aware of the

health issues people may or do face in their lives.

Gail Holby, coordinator of the Health and Wellness Fair and Michele Grushinski, part of Human Resources, greeted people at the door, giving them a warm welcome for coming and stopping by and encouraged everyone to take advantage of all the great things presented in the fair.

“It becomes a great turnout every year,” Holby said.

Screenings and presenters in the event included: chiropractic evaluation, diabetes education, sex education, fitness education, massages, alcohol screening, contraception,

smoking cessation, bone density screening, blood pressure, blood glucose, and access to a nutritionist and representatives from Wilkes medical and vision insurance and much more.

The event encourages students from the nursing and pharmacy programs to become a part of the fair as well and set up their own tables with billboards and information to give out to the guests.

Several different tables were giving away free samples which included: skin care products, vitamin health bars, ChapStick, pens, snacks and more.

Health Services, Human Resources and BACCHUS sponsored the Health and Well-

ness Fair this year.

“I'm in charge of getting the benefits and the local sponsors for the event, and every year we try to get someone new to spice things up,” Grushinski said.

Students, staff and guests also had the opportunity to put their name in raffles and get a chance to win prizes that included: yoga mats, iTunes cards, hair products, skin products, candy, hot cocoa mix and more.



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Culver named to 'Association of Writers'

By Amanda Sickles
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Wilkes University has newly announced Bonnie Culver as the president of the Association of Writers Program.

AWP fosters literary achievement, advances the art of writing, and serves writers, teachers and students of contemporary writing. The program was founded in 1967 and supports nearly 50,000 writers and over 500 college and university Creative Writing programs as well as 100 writers' conference and centers.

Wilkes has been actively engaged in the association as a member of the program and sponsor of the annual conference since 2005.

Culver became a part of Wilkes in 1990 and was associate professor of English for seven years before being named Dean of the College of Arts, Science and Professional Studies. She also co-founded alongside J. Michael Lennon, Wilkes vice president emeritus

for academic affairs and professor emeritus of English, the low-residency M.A. / M.F.A. creative writing graduate program in 2005.

Culver is the co-founder and director of Wilkes graduate Creative Writing Program and has also been awarded on the national board of trustees for the writing program.

"I am absolutely sure that it was the reputation and strength of the Wilkes Creative Writing Program that made me a visible member of AWP.

"I expect this opportunity will make the program even more visible and bring our program into the national conversation about writing," Culver said in a press release.

Culver has also served in the past on several committees of the Fairfax, Va.-based organization, including the finance, strategic planning and executive committees.

David Fenza, executive director of AWP, praised Culver for all of her accomplishments as a writer, teacher and administrator. Culver has done exceptional work thus far as an advocate member for the AWP.



Courtesy of Marketing Communications
Bonnie Culver was named the president of the Association of Writers Program.

Culver is also a member of the Dramatists Guild, the president of the James Jones Society, and an advisory board member of both Norman Mailer Society and Etruscan Press.

Culver has written over 20 plays and many which have been produced by community, regional and university theaters and equity companies from New York City to Los Angeles. She has received individual and institutional grants and awards from the New York State Council on the Arts, the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the Maslow Foundation, among others.

"The thing I enjoy most about writing is the creative aspect, the blank page to work from; being able to collaborate with experienced actors and students and seeing everything come together into a full piece," Culver said.



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Wilkes embraces diversity in programming

By Nicole Zukowski
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Many universities strive to have diversity on campus to express a global awareness. Wilkes is no exception to the rule.

On the university's website, Wilkes states that diversity is one of the core values that the campus is built upon.

On campus there is an Office of Diversity Initiatives (ODI), who serves students, faculty, and staff from underrepresented groups to develop a nurturing and empowering support system at Wilkes University. There are three focus areas of the ODI; diversity student services, diversity education and programming. All areas are designed to foster appreciation for difference in the classroom and the community.

Wilkes' Center for Global Education and Diversity is home to ODI. The building located on Franklin and S. River is designed to help prepare students for the global job market.

The center for Global Education and Diver-

sity offers students the knowledge and understanding to communication with cross-cultural backgrounds and nationalities.

To celebrate Black History month, on March 22 ODI held a bus to trip to Harlem to the Cotton Club to listen to jazz music.

Not only is the student population diverse with students from all different backgrounds and many international students, but so is the teaching staff.

"I definitely felt welcomed from the very first day," Dr. Andreea Maierian, visiting assistant professor of political science said. "Faculty tries to help and students are very positive towards me."

Dr. Maierian is a native of Romania.

One weekly way to give students an opportunity to learn about different cultures is the Global Coffee Hour. On Wednesday afternoon people from all over Wilkes campus and the community get together to have conversation with an international spin.

"I believe that Wilkes embraces diversity on campus. I think we do a great job of getting students from all different type of backgrounds

to get involved," Jaleel Sterking, Multicultural Student Coalition president said. "We always have to keep in mind that there is more work that can be done."

As student ran groups are concern, Wilkes is house to the Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC). This group of students aims to spread diversity on campus and the surrounding community.

"MSC tries to promote diversity through having events that are fun," Sterling adds. "We just recently had our 2nd annual One World Party which involves food from different cultures and students performing a dance or even talking about their culture. The event was very successful; we had over about 200 people at the event."

MSC is known to host the talent show along with other events on campus. They have a free a trip to Philly coming up along with an event that will team up with the Asian Club.

Other student groups that educate about diversity is the Indian Cultural Association. ICA in October celebrates Diwali, the celebration of the triumph of good over evil.

Also in October Wilkes holds Family Heritage Day. This day was created for students, faculty and staff to have opportunities to celebrate heritages and share typical cuisine with the community. Many groups had tables at the event with food, memorabilia and relics of their culture, some including Polish, African-American, Indian, Chinese, Greek and Pennsylvania Dutch.

Wilkes has a Safe Space program on campus that aims to give a helpful environment to students that are lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and questioning community by identifying a supportive faculty member or student group that is willing to listen about LGBTQ issues. Student sessions are held throughout the year, the last one was on March 18.

Wilkes offers a variety of options for students to participation in programs, which inspire racial, ethnic, or cultural understanding, awareness, and appreciation.



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Visit from state board reveals no problem within nursing curriculum despite poor scores, Associate Dean Merrigan calls scores "an anamoly"

By Christine Lee
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Despite lower-than-average test scores on the National Council Licensing Exam last year, a visit from an official from the state nursing board has revealed no problems with the School of Nursing.

Last month, the education officer from the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing visited campus to ensure that the school was complying with the proponents of its action plan after it was revealed an overall pass rate for first

time undergraduate test takers of 74 percent. Associate Dean Mary Ann Merrigan said the officer believed the scores to be an abnormality for the school.

"Everything that she saw she was pleased with," Merrigan said. "She hopes, as did we, that it was just an anomaly this year because based on everything she saw she didn't see any problems with our program."

Merrigan said the officer reinforced the things already being done in the action plan, including changing the passing grade of nursing courses to 79 percent, maintaining a grade-

point average of 2.5, requiring a 500 math and verbal SAT score to be admitted into the program and reconstructing courses.

"It was a very positive visit, that's for certain," Merrigan said.

Merrigan said the officer was impressed to see that Wilkes has invested the time and money into the program by giving them a new simulation center in the basement of Stark Learning Center and a new home on the second floor of Stark.

"She was impressed with the facilities in the simulation center," Merrigan said.

Merrigan explained the visit was considered part of the school's three-year compliance review, which looks at whether the school is acting in accordance with the regulations set up by the board. The visit revealed no compliance issues with the program.

"To her it looked like we have been doing the correct thing and we're continuing to do the correct thing," Merrigan said.



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NEPA Employment hosts job fair

By Amanda Fulk
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Are you ready to take the next step toward your future career?

Northeast Pennsylvania Employment Consortium will be hosting its annual employment fair from 11-2 p.m., April 1, in the Henry Student Center Ballroom.

This year the NPEC will host 47 companies seeking students from local colleges and universities interested in internships and possible employment specifically in business, education, health care and human services. Wilkes University has been chosen to hold

one of the two employment fairs that are sponsored by five other NEPA Career Services programs through the NPEC. The second fair will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at Marywood University.

The employment fair offers an opportunity for students to meet with several companies for possible recruitment and to seek potential employment.

"Going to a job fair gives you an extra edge over individuals who do not attend but still apply online," Carol Bosack, Career Services director, said.

While submitting resumes online has become a requirement in the job-hunting process,

it must be noted that human interaction serves just as important.

"The job fair serves as a pre-screening for the employers," Bosack said.

Without a face and personality to add to the resume, an individual may miss an opportunity for future employment.

All Wilkes students are encouraged to attend, with no fee for students and alumni. Students are required to dress in a professional manner.

"Put your best, polished foot forward," Bosack said.

A professional resume must be submitted at time of registration as well as plenty of re-

sumes to provide potential employers.

For students interested in attending the employment fair but not fully prepared, Career Services encourages students to take advantage of the services that the staff has to offer. For resume assistance, contact Career Services through its email at career@wilkes.edu or call at (570)408-4060.

For additional information on the upcoming employment fair, contact Bosack at carol.bosack@wilkes.edu. Career Services is located in Conyngham Hall on the second floor.



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SG Notes: Karaoke, games denied funding in Capital Projects

By Nicholas Durdan
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Wilkes University's Student Government perused multiple fund requests despite its depleting funds, and new club recognition.

The annual Big Event, Wilkes University's cross club community service project presented its proposed budget to Student Government.

Student Government requested that the event committee finalize the numbers to make the budget clearer for the vote next week.

The proposed budget request is \$3,000. The American Pharmacy Association requested \$1,650 for registration fees for an upcoming conference discussing addiction for those with drug and alcohol dependencies.

All other expenses would be paid for out of pocket.

Representatives thought the idea was great and was fairly inexpensive. The vote will be held at the following meeting.

The ASME club's fund request for its annual car show came to vote at this week's meeting.

After a budget modification, the club promised to give any excess revenue back to Student Government.

Student Government voted to allocate \$2,300 to ASME with a vote of 31-6-1 for miscellaneous expenses.

The Choral Club had its retroactive request voted on at last week's meeting. The request was for \$1,654.68 for various costs.

After tense debates, the motion passed with a close margin of 20-14-2.

ASHRAE requested club recognition status, after amending its constitution to match Student Government's constitution.

The motion to award club recognition passed with a vote of 25-9-0.

Capital projects gave its list of proposed projects for this year, and the projects were voted upon.

The proposed plans for a new Xbox gaming system in the Student Union Building lounge, for \$680 and a new Karaoke machine for approximately \$400, did not pass the vote.

The proposed projects for a new speaker system for \$600, new furniture for the Student Union Building lounge for \$11,000, and 20 new folding tables for \$1,679.99 were voted on.

Wilkes Communications Alumni Ryan

Wood and Todd Oravic were guest presenters for a request to make a video about Wilkes University.

The idea is about the students and why Wilkes matters. "We really want any student who has a good story to come to us for the video, we would appreciate it," said Wood.

The budget report for Student Government is as follows: all college: \$2,663.39, spirit: \$2,630, conference: \$1,366.64, general: \$3,283.16, giving Student Government a total of: \$9,943.19.

Student Government meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Miller Room at the Henry Student Center.



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Beacon Briefs

'Hollywood Gala' benefits orphans

Zebra Communications, the student-run public relations agency at Wilkes, in collaboration with Integrative Marketing Communications, will host "An Old Hollywood Gala," 7 to 10 p.m. April 10 in the lobby of the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center.

The fundraising event will benefit the Embrace a Child in Tanzania campaign to raise money to support four children who have been orphaned due to HIV/AIDS in Karagwe, Tanzania.

Tickets for the event will be \$10 in advance or at the door. Tickets will be sold from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the Henry Student Center up until the day of the event.

The gala is a "black tie" affair, with carving stations, pasta and hors d'oeuvres donated by a community businessperson. Desserts will be donated by the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre.

With the purchase of a ticket, attendees will receive a raffle ticket entered to win a \$50 gift card to Ruth's Chris Steak House at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes University student, John Scalse, will be providing the evening's music from

Hollywood movies classic and contemporary, as well as a vocal performance by Macey McGuire and Brandon Schmeer on guitar.

The event is intended to increase awareness of AIDS at global and local level. The money raised from the event will help pay for necessities and schooling for children whose lives have been altered due to HIV/AIDS.

For those who cannot attend the event but are interested in helping, donations are accepted. Contact Anthony Bartoli at anthony.bartoli@wilkes.edu or 570-313-2959.

Grad paperwork needed by April 15

Any level student planning on completing their degree requirements and graduating on May 17 should be registered for GRD 000 and have their completed graduation paperwork which includes diploma order, cap and gown order.

The paperwork should be turned into Student Services no later than April 15. If not done already, students should notify the Registrar and meet with their advisers as soon as possible.

Students cannot be added to the May graduation list after this date without penalty.

Writers Series presents Curtis Smith

The English Department, sponsored by the

Allan Hamilton Dickson Fund, hosted Curtis Smith, whose stories and essays have appeared in more than 70 literary journals.

His work has been named to the Best American Short Stories Distinguished Stories List, The Best American Mystery Stories Distinguished Stories List, and the Notable Writing list of The Best American Spiritual Writing.

The presentation was at 7 p.m. March 25 and 26 in the Kirby Hall Salon. For more information contact Deb Archavage, debra.archavage@wilkes.edu.

'Check Out Chekhov' opens April 3

There will be an evening of one act plays by Anton Pavlovich Chekov at 8 p.m. on April 3 in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center.

Russian physician, dramaturge and author, Chekhov's career as a dramatist produced four classics and his best short stories are held in high esteem by writers and critics.

General admission is \$10, seniors/students \$5, faculty/staff/students can get in free with Wilkes ID. Reservations are encouraged. Contact the Box Office at 570-408-4540.

Lenten series continues to April 16

The Office of Campus Interfaith and the City of Wilkes-Barre's Downtown Ministerium will be hosting a Lenten Luncheon Series.

This year, the theme is "Finding Your Way Home."

It will continue each Wednesday through April 16, and is held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (across from Boscov's).

The service begins at 11:30 a.m., with an organ recital, the ecumenical/Interfaith Service begins at noon.

Following the service is a soup and sandwich lunch, sponsored by one of the local churches.

The suggested donation is \$4 with proceeds this year benefiting the Wilkes-Barre Free Clinic. Contact Caitlin Czeh in the Interfaith Office at ext. 5904 or caitlin.czeh@wilkes.edu.

Big Event registration is under way

Wilkes University Student Government will hold its third annual community-wide Big Event Saturday, April 26.

Wilkes student volunteers will descend upon the surrounding neighborhoods, dedicating a day to community service.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the conclusion expected at 3 p.m. For questions or concerns please contact Kassi Bugg at kassandra.bugg@wilkes.edu.

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Writing Center guides students with words on paper



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Students can get the attention they need with a simple visit to the Writing Center on the basement of the Farley Library.

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L&A&E Editor

Grammar, sentence structure, transitions, flow – the most common frustrations that accompany the organization of a cohesive, well-written paper. It's a task of every college student to accomplish this. But worry no more – your online writing center has come to the rescue.

The Writing Center at Wilkes University is not necessarily just about working on the best possible paper for next class. It's about building stronger writers through academic support.

It provides students with a sense of teamwork, as they collaborate with others, as well as develop writing skills and give them independence to be their own educators, critics and editors in the future.

Associate Professor of English and Philosophy Chad Stanley, who also oversees the Writing Center, thinks of it as a two-way street that is beneficial on both sides.

"It's academic support for the client who comes in to work with the consultant, but it's personal, professional and academic development for the peer tutor," he said. "It's a mentoring experience for them, they get to meet others and become a greater part of the campus and support community."

The center had been in existence long before Stanley came to Wilkes in 2005, and since its start, it has seen a tremendous increase in the number of consultations per year, going from about 400 to between 1,000 and 1,300. Maybe these numbers also say something about the evaluations of consultations, which follow the

same sort of model as the Student Response Survey.

"My goal has always been – and we're inching closer to it – to achieve parity with the number of consultations we complete a year and the number of student undergraduate at Wilkes University," he said.

An online writing version of the center has also been in place for quite some time, and although Stanley said he thought the online center would be more popular in proportion with the number of online courses and students, that's not exactly the case.

"Students still want to come in and meet with a human being," he said.

Sometimes the thought of having to put together a paper that makes sense and express's an individual's ideas can be a cumbersome task, but the thought of asking for help might be just as scary. However, Stanley said there haven't been many encounters of reluctance to do so, which he's slightly surprised by.

With the number of students across campus and those who swing through the library doors on a daily basis, it can be difficult to keep track of the visits the Writing Center receives.

Stanley said it attracts many repeat as well as different clients with different educational backgrounds, all of which show a commitment to academics and improving their writing. In fact, many of them are already equipped with great writing skills. But Stanley also hopes that students can take the skills gained at the Writing Center and apply them on their own.

"We want people returning, but we also want them developing the skills so they can increasingly be their own consultants," he said.

Since its first days on Wilkes terrain, the Writing Center has consistently been the recipient of positive feedback. Stanley said the forms filled out within the center show "wonderful and glowing" comments.

But it doesn't end at the comments left on a piece of paper. Truth be told, once in a while, faculty will talk of a student who shined from their time spent there. Students leave the writing center ready to write excellent papers, and faculty see improvements at the other end.

Faculty aren't the only ones feeling satis-

fied with the work that comes from the Writing Center.

"They really enjoy their work, and in some cases, work the beyond the hours they're scheduled or even paid for, which I certainly want to avoid and discourage, but it's a sign of a real commitment to it."

While consultants and students, do their best, and faculty clap on the sidelines at what's being accomplished, at its core, the Writing Center is much more than a place for learning and heightening writing. It's a place where relationships foster.

"It's a community-forming and culture-forming activity," he said. "Students meet each other. Students work with writing consultants who may already be friends, so it becomes kind of a social experience."

And students who come reap the same kind of benefits.

"For the clients, this is certainly an academic support entity, but also a means of becoming greater, more closely attached to the university and one's peers," Stanley said.

While no one ever said the task was easy, they never said it wouldn't be worth it.

"It's very difficult work, but it's very rewarding. You really get to different side of peers, and an enormous arch of improvement and pride comes from that."

Senior pharmacy major Danielle Koch joined the Writing Center because she enjoys helping people, and she said it's nice to watch students grow.

"You see the difference in people's work as they progress, they kind of gain self-confidence

in their writing abilities and overall," she said. "Also, if they need help in tutoring, showing them toward the tutoring center as well."

The satisfaction the Writing Center has given Koch has led her to seek other opportunities where help can be provided, no matter the nature of the job.

Koch finds that the internal struggle with most people is that they're self-conscious about their writing, but the Writing Center helps to break things down for students. Writing can also be challenging for those whom English is a second language. However, the center's relaxed and welcoming atmosphere makes asking questions a bit easier.

Most errors seen at the Writing Center are minor – things that require quick and easy fixes. There will always be procrastinators, but Koch said early visits are strongly advised. And remember, before submitting the draft, check for those basic foundations to ensure flow and a quality paper.

When writing is important to students, it also becomes personal, which is why Stanley said there is an anxiety associated with putting oneself on paper.

However, once students come to the Writing Center, the apprehension dies down. Perhaps this is credited to chatting about their work.

"It always helps to get yourself talking about what you're writing about," he said. "That occasion where a writer has to verbally communicate what they're trying to put on paper is tremendously helpful."

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Workplace Beauty: preparing for interviews

By Ashley Evert
Assistant Managing Editor

The season of summer internships is among us. Students everywhere are getting calls and e-mails back from potential employers letting them know that they have been granted an interview... but now what? What do you wear? How will you do your hair? Is your daily makeup too dramatic or too subdued?

No worries, fellow intern-hopefuls, I can help with all of your questions. Let's start with a very common question that will have

you rifling through your closet like a mad-woman for hours the night before the big meeting:

What will you wear?

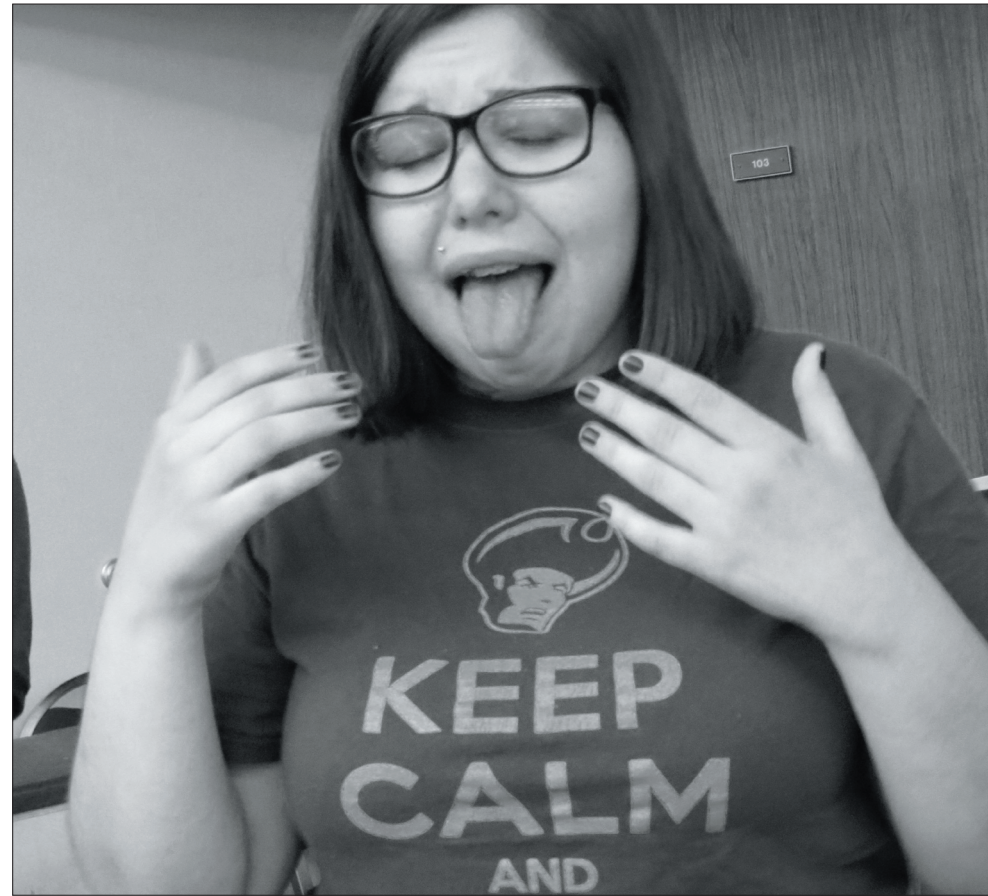
This may seem like common sense, but many college students are still seen waltzing into job/internship fairs with hemlines that are too short and heels that are too tall. You may be able to walk like a supermodel in those six inch Jeffrey Campbell's, but it's a little much for your first impression.

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Wilkes Biology Club hosts Fear Factor event

Competitors tested their limits (and their stomachs) in this vomit-inducing challenge

The Beacon/James Jaskolka



Held last Monday in Stark 101, Wilkes Fear Factor challenged contestants to eat a number of disgusting entrees, including dried insects (top left), cow intestines and to drink, a liquid that's used to grow bacteria. Nick Pandelios (bottom right) won the event, taking home the prize – a \$100 gift card.



Leahy defends building renovations, cites 'strategic plan'

By James Jaskolka
Assistant L&A&E Editor

With the recent announcement regarding the university's purchase of 141 S. Main St. (formerly Bartikowsky Jewelers) and the renovations for the UCOM came some backlash from students and faculty who are concerned that the renovations are not putting the money to use fairly.

Much of the feedback came from the Communication Studies Department, which has been petitioning for eight years for a new building, said Mark Stine, department chair.

Stine said there had been talk as recently as last summer about consolidating the Communication Studies Department into one building. Specifically, Stine had relayed information to the administration that Bartikowsky's would be "the best fit" for the department.

The enthusiasm, however, was turned to disappointment when, after the building's purchase, the administration revealed it was to be used as "swing space" for offices while the UCOM was renovated for the Jay S. Sidhu

School of Business.

"I don't at all doubt the genuineness of both our current provost and president's desire to bring us together," Stine said. "I think they truly do see it as something important. But at the end of the day, it has to actually happen.

"I think Communication Studies will suffer if we don't come together in one year or two years," he continued. "If you look at the communication industry today, it's an industry in which they're delivering content via internet, television, radio ... our department, that is spread all over campus, really doesn't have the opportunity to reflect what's going on in the industry due to our lack of physical proximity."

Some students also expressed disappointment with the renovations, implying that certain aesthetic features, like the new gated entrance to the campus, are a waste of money.

"It's great that Wilkes is spending millions on a 'dramatic gateway' to our campus, but like, how about renovations to the Dante?" junior theater major Erin Reese said. "They won't even give the Dante a new carpet."

When asked about these issues, President Leahy cited his administration's "strategic plan," which appears to be an agenda that seeks to make more major and minor renovations to the campus and the surrounding area in the next few years in an effort to "help the whole campus."

"The strategic plan is almost finalized," Leahy said. "Renovation for engineering labs for the College of Science & Engineering, consolidation into some sort of media center for Communication Studies and renovations to the Dante and the library are all clearly embedded in the strategic plan."

Leahy voiced genuine concern at the feedback, but said this is only the beginning of the renovations for Wilkes.

"Quickly on the heels of Sidhu are the other projects," he said. "We'll be tackling a lot of these at one time."

Leahy also spoke in defense of the gateway, saying the current alleyway between Bartikowsky and UCOM is "not attractive, not inviting and not safe."

"[The alleyway] is becoming more and

more a major artery through campus," he said, speaking of the fact that some of the university's main buildings -- UCOM, University Towers and the parking garage -- are all located by the alley. "To rely on that alleyway is, in my opinion, unacceptable."

Leahy said he hopes that the "Southeast Campus Development Project," which is the official title for the renovations, will "create a very meaningful connection between the heart of our campus and the heart of downtown," ultimately making S. Main St. a safer and more student-friendly area.

"We will have anchored Wilkes's presence on that part of South Main," he said. "We want to continue to be a force of positive economic development in the community in hopes that others will follow suit."

To learn more about the "strategic plan" or Leahy's vision over the next few years, readers can go to <http://www.wilkes.edu/pages/4207.asp>.



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WCLH offers new car-themed show

By Amanda Kornak
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Wilkes University's radio station, WCLH, has added a new talk show that focuses on automotive news and issues to its program.

Zachary Benedict, a freshman at Wilkes University, is now the host of "Auto Talk" on WCLH 90.7 FM. The show revolves around cars, discussing automotive news and playing a few songs that are car themed. Benedict's first show ran March 19 and will continue to air every Wednesday from 1-1:30 p.m.

"It is a show where we talk about domestic automotive news specifically dedicated to the American auto market and I give my personal opinion on a story," Benedict said.

Once Benedict decided he wanted his own show, the next step was to talk with Renee Loftus, the general manager and advisor for WCLH.

"...he said, 'I'd like to be on the radio, but I'd like to do a different show, I'd like to do a show about cars,' and he explained and he knows a lot about cars, it's been an interest with him," Loftus said.

"I had always grown up around my father working on cars, he had me help him with little stuff and I was fascinated by it," Benedict said.

Benedict shares his knowledge of cars with

the listeners of his shows every week.

"There is a segment that I do just before the shows will end and it's called 'The Mechanic's Tip of the Week,' and I give my personal tip on something to do with your car, like this week's tip was to always keep your car washed especially in the winter time," Benedict said.

Although Benedict shares his own tips and tricks about cars, the show was not created to be a resource to use when having car troubles.

"So it's not necessarily like a 'help' show, but I would actually love to help people with their problems," Benedict said.

Benedict does have a few ideas for those days that lack news to share on the show. Theme days may make their debut in the next few weeks, as well as days where listeners call in to voice their own thoughts and opinions about automotive issues and news.

"It's really cool. It adds diversity to our program here at Wilkes," Loftus said.

To get updates about the show, follow "Auto Talk WCLH" on Twitter and Instagram, or like "Auto Talk with Zach Benedict WCLH 90.7 FM" on Facebook. To offer your ideas or thoughts about the show, email auto-talkwclh@gmail.com.



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Commuter Council planning trip to Baltimore Inner Harbor, including optional discounted Orioles baseball game

By Jeremy Hartman
Correspondent

Students can attend a discounted Baltimore Orioles game, visit the National Aquarium, visit Edgar Allen Poe's grave or a number of other activities during the Commuter Council's bus trip to Baltimore April 13.

Tickets are being sold from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the Henry Student Center until April 13.

The trip will cost \$25 for the bus fee, but it will be an additional \$10 for students who attend the Baltimore Orioles game. It is a one-day trip. Students will be heading to Inner Harbor, Baltimore.

Students who are not interested in attending the baseball game have many other entertainment options on which to spend their day.

"It is a great trip to get some of the commuters here at Wilkes University as well as other students to go out and have an experience in great place," said Christopher Cousin, a senior chemistry major and commuter from Kingston who is the Commuter Council president.

"Students have been asking about going to

Baltimore, so here is their chance." The Commuter Council works with Student Government to make events for the school, such as the Big Event, the New York City bus trip, and the Valentine's Social. They also help with the parking passes on campus and have handed out free Rita's in the Student Center.

"These trips are a great way to get commuters involved with school activities," Cousin said.

"The council is looking forward to the trip, and the students that are going seem excited as well. We usually do the trip to New York, but this trip should be just as good."

Jon Conklin, a junior at Wilkes, said he has enjoyed these bus trips. "I went on the New York bus trip last year had had a great time," he said. "If I didn't already have plans on the day for the Baltimore trip I would definitely go. The Commuter Council does a great job with this event."

To learn more about the event, students can contact Cousin at christopher.cousin@wilkes.edu.



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Anyone can be a mentor and any kind of work is accepted. However, there are some things to keep in mind.

Papers shouldn't simply be dropped off. Second, the work is for the student writer, and the Writing Center largely serves to give students the opportunity to sit down, look over papers and find ways to improve.

While consultants might suggest options or provide comments for revision, they will not

manipulate or alter work. Their role is to guide, not change. Still, students who would like another set of eyes on their paper can take comfort in knowing that comments can help create a better writer.

Stanley said although it can sometimes slow things down, in reality that step-by-step writing process is an advantage because it provides that time for revision, during which the comments from consultants can be applied.

"Just that on its own makes for stronger writing -- the more you can do to build stages into the process of doing the paper," he said.

Students looking for guidance on their work usually come with something substantial. However, consultants are there to work with students, and provide help and support, so if students would rather just talk about papers instead of bringing them along, they can do that too.


The doors to the Writing Center in the basement of the library are always open, and the

same goes for online. But if students are more comfortable making an appointment by talking to consultants they know, there's nothing wrong with that either.

So the next time you're stuck on a paper, head to the Writing Center, where someone will be willing to lend a helping hand.



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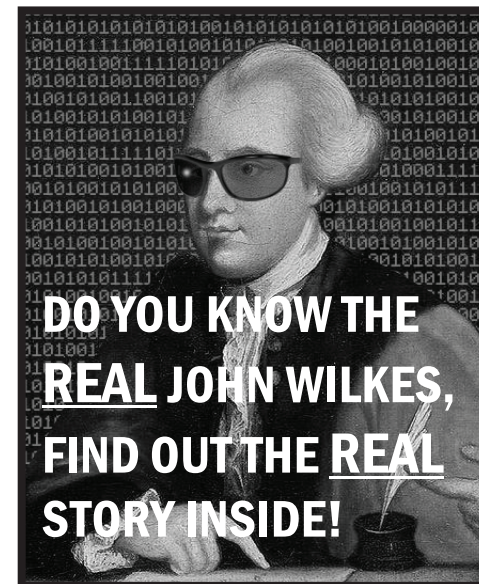
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IS THE WILKES BEACON CONTROLLED BY THE ILLUMINATI?

By Sue DeNaaem
Bed Wetting Speicalist

As university students, readers of The Beacon expect their source of news to deliver honest and up-to-date information on the campus happenings.

Inside sources, however, say that the award-winning student newspaper may be catering to the agenda of the infamous secret society, the Illuminati.

Bill Thomas, 2013 Wilkes graduate and former Beacon editor, recently confided to the University Enquirer his troubling times in the office.

“The Sunday meetings were always weird,” Thomas recalled. “I would come in to edit my pages and everyone would be sitting by candlelight, in robes, chanting. It was so bizarre. I was just scared to say anything until now.

“The paper itself really started to change after that, too,” Thomas

continued. “I would turn in articles and they would be replaced by something completely different. It was almost like they were censoring me, or trying to promote their own agenda.”

For readers who aren’t familiar with the organization, the Illuminati was founded in 1776 to oppose prejudice, religious influence over public

life and abuses to state power, as well as to spread awareness about women’s rights and education.

The Illuminati, despite supposedly disbanding after being outlawed in 1785, is rumored to still exist in today’s society, pulling the strings of modern civilization through leaders like the president, celebrities and, according to Thomas, newspaper staff.

Thomas said the Beacon, while not founded by the Illuminati, was taken over by the secret society sometime in the last few years.

When asked about these allegations, current members of the Beacon staff appeared perplexed.

“That’s just ridiculous,” said one devilishly handsome assistant editor, who opted to remain anonymous to protect his identity. “Bill Thomas is

definitely not a credible source. All of the pizza, old movies and punk rock music fried his brain a long, long time ago.”

“Bill Thomas is a pawn of the Catholic Church,” said Dr. Loran Lewis, Beacon adviser and journalism professor. “He should not be trusted.”

Lewis refers to the fact that the original illuminati was banned under encouragement by the Catholic Church.

“Why would a newspaper be under Illuminati control?” said Paul Kaspriskie, design editor. “My dad told me the Illuminati doesn’t exist. He was a roadie for Devo once.”

Students are encouraged to read the Beacon and draw their own conclusions about the wonderful, award-winning student newspaper.

KING’S COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR FORMER RAMADA INN

By Seymour Butz
Voyueristic Photoextortionist

Keeping pace with Wilkes University in its own special way, King’s College recently announced the new plan for the former Ramada Hotel, which they believe will put them among such prestigious institutions as NYU and Yale.

The college announced that the building will be named the “Chad Kroeger School for Nickelbackian Studies” and should be ready to be opened by the fall of 2014. Dean of Admissions Tom Foolery said, “Kroeger had always been the fish that got away from our recruitment department, and this will finally allow King’s College to have the undeniable tie to whom college believes is the greatest musical artist of all time.”

With the addition of the building the University will be modifying its current Music and Fine Arts major to be synchronized with the new building’s idea of Nickelbackian Studies as the future of the industry.

Department Chair Rusty Trombone spoke about how it better gears students for the ever changing industry of Musical History say-



EXCLUSIVE SIDEBAR: SCOTT STAPP NAMED THE NEWEST DEPARTMENT CHAIR AT KING’S COLLEGE

In addition to the conversion of their entire Fine Arts Department to a facility designed for the nation’s leading Nickelbackian Studies, King’s College announced who they would be bringing on to head up the department.

Scott Stapp of Creed fame, will be brought on as a Full-Time

Professor and department chair to oversee the development of some of the brightest minds in the industry.

“Stapp is one of the best in the business and our students should be able to learn from the best,” said Trombone about the recent hire.

While Stapp was unavailable for comment because of a scheduling

ing, “If there is one thing that our students should take away from their experience at King’s College, it is that we provide unprecedented access to all Nickelback deep cuts and live recordings.”

“When our students reach the market employers will see how well versed in Nickelback they are and typically by pass the interview process and hire them on the spot.”

The facility is said to have a state-of-the-art concert hall for optimum listening pleasure, in addition to a room entirely filled old VHS tapes of “Miami Vice.”

The Oasis Bar will remain open to the joy of many local drunks and sad businessmen; however, it will now only play “Wonderwall” on a constant 24-hour loop.

conflict as he was busy bouncing at a local church, we can imagine he is overjoyed to finally be employed as he was recently let go from his career at Family Dollar for his poor customer service abilities as he would often place things on unattainably high shelves while threatening to take customers, ‘higher.’

BAT BOY PLANS TO ATTEND IN FALL SEMESTER

Former Vice Presidential Candidate will be pursuing degree at WU

By Billy Tea
Lead Stalkvestigative Reporter

Wilkes University has produced many world-famous celebrities over the years (such as... um... just trust us on this), but now the school has attracted one jet-setting A-list superstar that blows them all out of the water: Bat Boy!

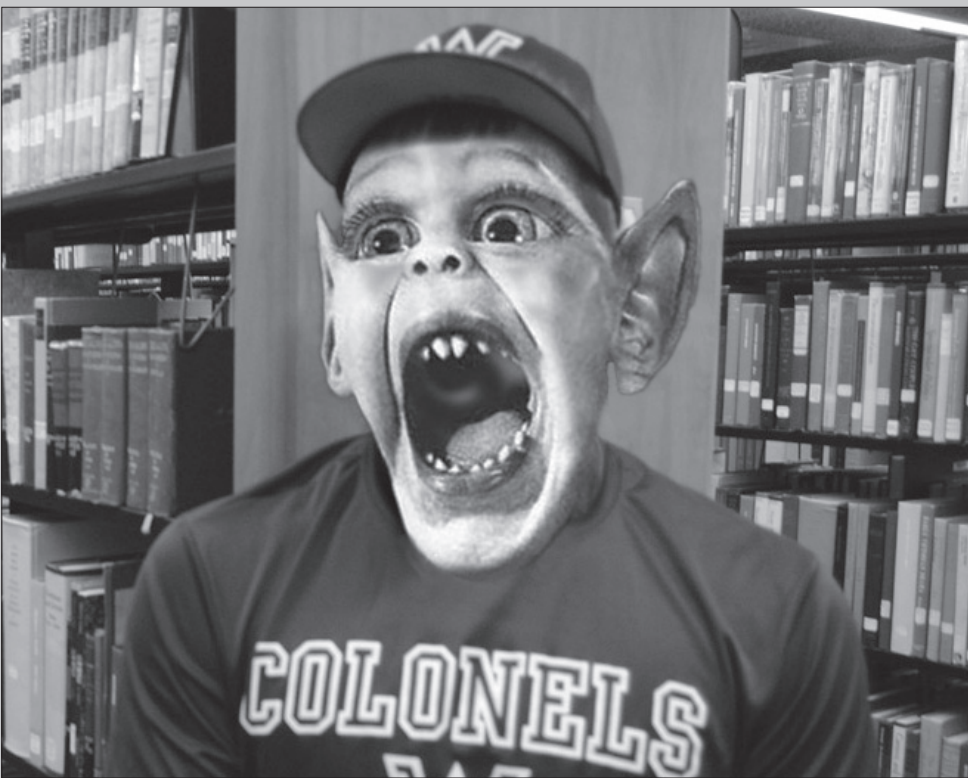
“Ever since I was a wee lad, my parents impressed upon me the importance of education. It was important to them that I went to college because they never did,” the hideous freak of nature, who was accepted for enrollment in the 2014 fall semester, said.

“Of course, my mom was a godforsaken mutant and my dad was from the South, so you can’t blame either of them for growing up uneducated.”

First finding fame in the pages of insane supermarket tabloid Weekly World News (which still rivals The Beacon in terms of reporter accuracy), Bat Boy was a California gubernatorial candidate during the infamous 2003 recall election (coming in second behind Uzi-wielding meat-head Arnold You-Know-Who-Don’t-Make-Me-Spell-This, but above porn-star Mary Carey and diminutive human-punchline Gary Coleman).

Bat Boy also served courageously on the front lines during George W. Bush’s War on Terror, filled in as pope between the resignation of Benedict XVI and the election of Francis, and briefly married pop princess Britney Spears. His life story was even made into an off-Broadway musical, which a grand total of 12 people paid to see (though that’s still more people than would ever come to a Wilkes theater department production).

Despite his impressive resume’, not all members of the student body are excited by the prospect of sitting next to a pointy-eared nocturnal imp in the classroom.



A photo caption would look like this probably I’m not sure what I’d write because right now I’ve been working way too fucking long on this goofy ass spread about goofy shit but there should definitely be 3 lines looking at thtis right now and I’m about to adjust the kerning because it looks a little sprerad out and funky

“I really don’t like what it says about the value of my degree. If our admissions standards are that low, how am I going to ever compete in the job market with people coming out of Harvard or Yale,” senior philosophy Jack Meoff said. “We have enough weirdos lurking around the pool tables in the SUB, don’t we?”

No telling what jobs Meoff hopes to land with a philosophy degree in the first place, but university admissions representative Connie Lingus nevertheless responded to Meoff’s concerns with this convoluted bit of public-relations nonsense:

“Diversification is the lifeblood of Wilkes University. Bat Boy may be a little different, but students like him are the white blood cells within the educational hemoglobin that help to fight off the virus of prejudice and the bacteriophages of cultural homogenization. What the hell am I even talking about?”

Later, when asked about how Wilkes students are expected to compete with students from Harvard or Yale, meanwhile, Lingus just laughed. She then added, “If you want to talk about low standards, look at some of the people who go to King’s.”

With all this controversy, is Bat Boy nervous about coming to Wilkes this fall?

“Listen,” he said, “I grew up in a cave in West Virginia devoid of all light and happiness. Kind of like the commuter’s lounge in the basement of Conyngnam Hall. I spent the first ten years of my life eating rats, cockroaches and my own feces. The food at the cafeteria here tastes about the same. I remember having to fight five other rabid, malformed beasts like myself just to survive. It looked remarkably similar to what I’ve seen in the campus computer labs during finals week.

“All in all, I think I’ll fit in just fine.”

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JOHN WILKES WAS A CYBORG

And he’s pissed about all the science nonsense

By Ben Dover
Chief Gossip Mongler

A recent discovery regarding the history of Wilkes reveals secrets that some students may find shocking.

According to the Wilkes University Wikipedia page, the campus was established in 1933 as a satellite school for Bucknell College, and was named after “English radical politician” John Wilkes.

However, new information from leading intellectuals supports a new theory that claims the founding we know may be little more than a hoax.

Dr. Aztro Gnomy, a quantum physics professor at Marywood University, claims that Wilkes was founded under near-science-fiction circumstances.

“We have reasons to believe that several universities across the country, including Wilkes University, were created by time travelers,” he announced yesterday during a press conference. “More specifically, by cyborgs from the future.”

The announcement came as a surprise to many, but Gnomy was quick to defend his case. According to him, a group of futuristic cyborgs have been travelling through the “space-time continuum,” taking over the identities of various historical figures and then using their human bodies to establish universities promoting the liberal arts.

Wilkes, according to Gnomy, was not founded as a satellite school.

“Bucknell Junior College, as it was originally known, was just a way to keep the media distracted while John Wilkes -- sent from the future, and then from the past -- and his particular envoy of cyborgs set up the university to further their own agendas,” Gnomy said.

“Us historians all know that Wilkes went a little crazy after retirement,” Hofstra University history professor Dr. Faye Kinayme said in an interview. “What most of us don’t understand is that this is the age when the cyborg overtook him. After that, he ceased to be himself.”

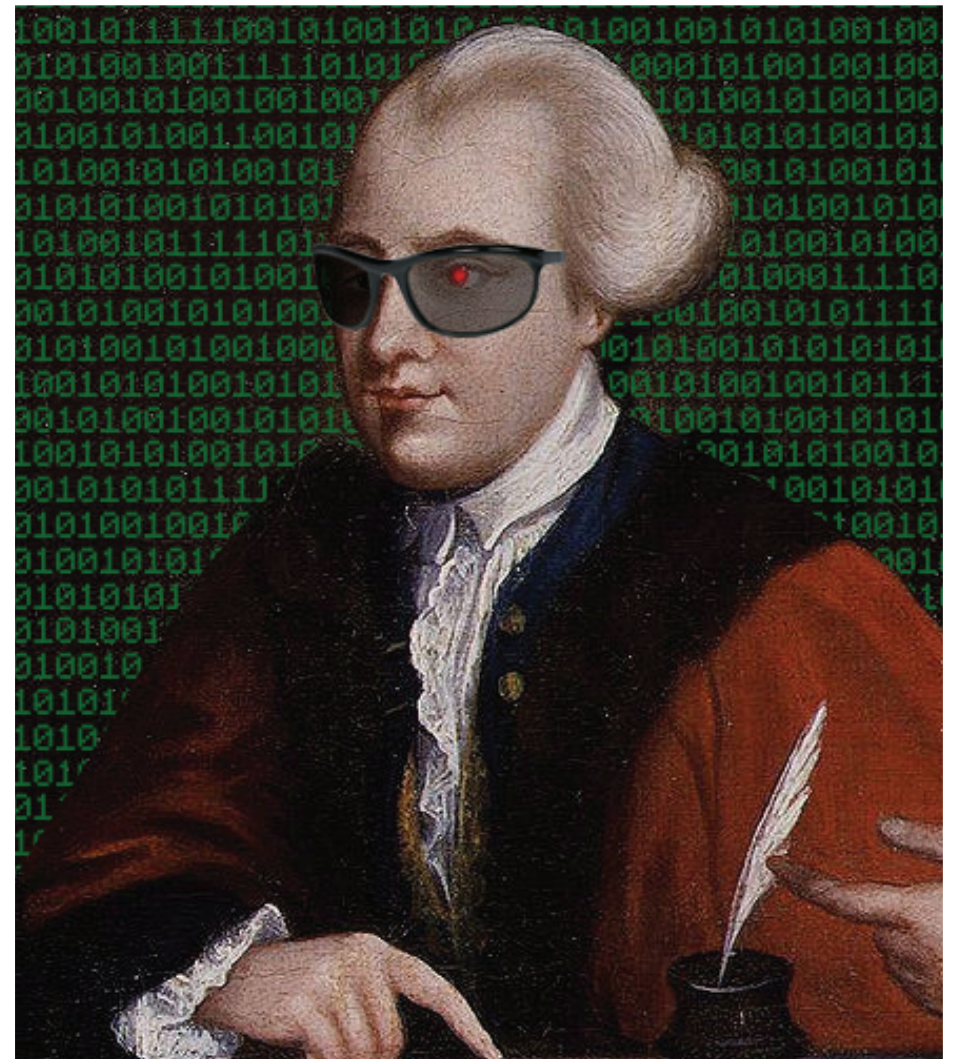
Kinayme, who has worked on development for this theory with Gnomy for several years, said that the cyborgs travel back in time to promote the liberal arts in order to save our generation from becoming reliant on technology.

“The cyborgs were created over hundreds of years from an increasing dependency on technology. Dr. Gnomy and I believe that they travel to the past and set up these liberal arts universities as a way to encourage the youth of today to take an interest in happenings outside of computers.”

“There’s just one problem,” Kinayme continued. “Wilkes has become increasingly focused on science. The cyborgs don’t like that. Not at all.”

In perhaps an even more shocking turn of events, Gnomy and Kinayme said that the cyborgs may have something to do with the increased number of assaults around campus.

Evidence from students backs this up; a majority of those assaulted have been students studying science. Some students have even reported seeing what they describe as “robotic” activity before being attacked.



When John Wilkes was last seen in the 1700s or whatever time they dressed like this, he was credited as wearing some sweet wrap around shades and seemed to be radiating out of his left eye, which was exceptionally noticable as it was typically known as one of the laziest eyes in all of history Seriously though, it is wonky, just look at the picture, wonky.

“I was walking past the Wilkes statue on the way back from the Library,” said one student who preferred to remain anonymous. “I saw its head turn to follow me. I swear to God I did. The next thing I know, I’m being grabbed from behind -- but no one was around.”

The student said that they reported it to Public Safety, who made no attempt to issue a warning to the campus, supporting Kinayme and Gnomy’s theory that the campus security has been overrun by the cyborgs in an effort to sustain their regime.

No one can be sure if this much is true, but evidence seems to support the threat of danger, especially for science majors.

Students should be cautious about who they trust and remember the following tips:

- Avoid the library late at night. Do your studying in your room.
- Discard all clothing that may label you as a science major. Considering carrying around a guitar case or a video camera to deceive any cyborg monitoring you.
- Do not engage in social media use in public areas; the cyborgs may see your heavy usage as dependency and take preventative measures against it.

Students concerned with the impending doom of our University can contact Health Services for free and confidential therapy sessions.

WHAT A-LISTER WAS SPOTTED AT VIP DAY
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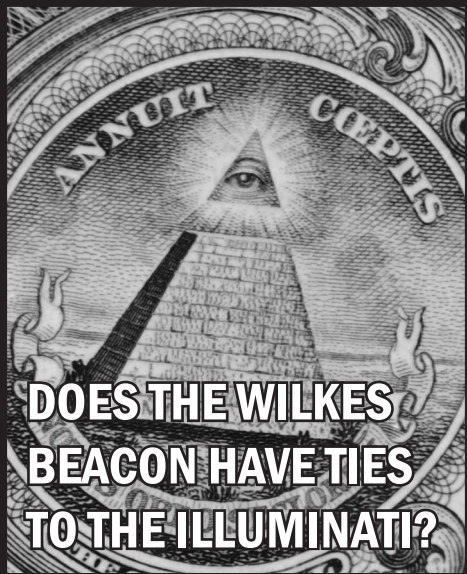
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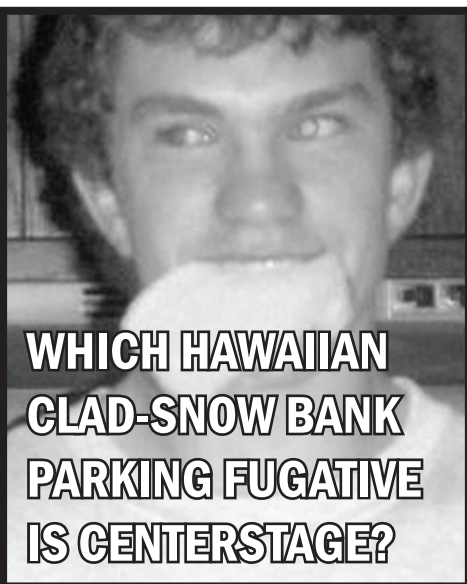


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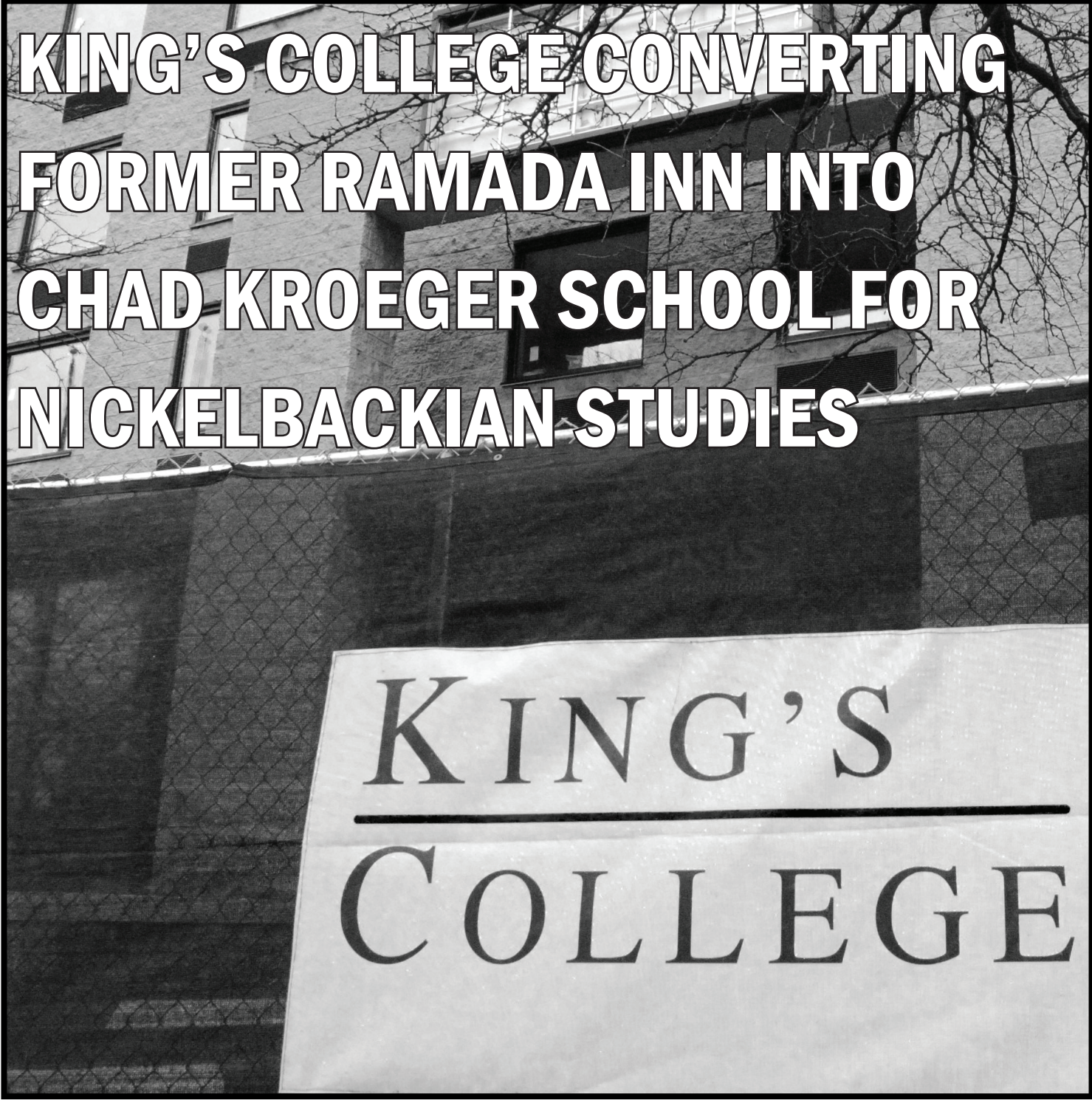


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First Amendment violated by trashing student press

By Beacon Editorial Staff

It has been brought to our attention that freedoms allotted to the press and first amendment have both been violated here at Wilkes University.

Last week, Volume 67, Issue 16 of the Wilkes Beacon suspiciously disappeared from several newspaper stands around campus.

With the stroke of ridiculously stupid irony, this act of censorship has taken place during a week dedicated to providing information to the public, known as Sunshine Week throughout the journalistic community the week is observed March 16-22.

The week was enacted to celebrate the right the press has to report on all government activities and promote a dialogue about the freedom of information.

Even more ironic is a possible reason as to why this act of unlawful censorship occurred, to deprive information to would-be students during an informative weekend the university promotes.

This occurrence took place just before VIP Day last Saturday, an exclusive annual event intended to help accepted high school students become more familiar with the Wilkes campus.

Issue 16 of *The Beacon* contained a news article that described a drop in test scores on the National Nursing Licensing Exam, which prompted a necessary plan of action to help the nursing school increase its pass rate for first time undergraduate test takers.

While it is not definite that this story was the reason for the paper's disappearance, no other news was "controversial" enough to cause suspicion.

This newsworthy story seemed to have angered some unidentified individuals who made a quick attempt to sweep the story away by throwing away the newspapers, which were later found in the stacks by trash cans.

It is estimated that around 20 percent of the *Beacons* were thrown away.

Printing bundles for distribution costs \$985 a week, making the monetary loss of last weeks newspapers around \$197 of student money.

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What most people do not know is that newspapers hold value, even if they are considered to be "free."

Technically speaking, only the first copy of a free newspaper is actually free.

A monetary amount is placed on any subsequent copies in order to uphold the value of news against newspaper theft.

Although some people may be angered by certain stories that are published within a paper's pages, it is the duty and obligation of journalists to report all of the news, positive or negative.

Attempting to remove the story by eliminating the news source entirely could make matters worse, and may bring even more attention to the story after word gets around that papers went missing after a controversial topic was published.

Trashing newspapers that hold negative news is unlawful censorship and violates the freedoms of all readers by preventing the dissemination of information.

Newspaper theft is responsible for the loss of thousands of student media dollars each year across the country.


It is not only unfair to the readers and student journalists who puts countless hours into production each week, but also to the businesses who paid to have their ads and coupons placed in the paper, never to be read.

Many readers may find the stealing of a "free" newspaper to be a trivial matter.

Some do not realize the absolutely vital role that a free press plays in the sustenance of a democracy in which information flows freely and citizens have the right to know the good, the bad, the ugly, the right, the wrong, and everything else that happens to fall between the extremes.

It is your right to read the news, and it is your right not to read the news.

But it is not your right to interfere with the rights of others by depriving them of their own property.

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Michelle Obama's product label initiative provides food for thought

By Lyndsie Yamrus

Senior Assistant Opinion Editor

Nutrition fact labels are useful tools that allow us to make informed choices as to what foods best compliment our dietary needs.

These labels were introduced about 20 years ago, according to the Food and Drug Administration, and are now required on all prepared food items, including (but not limited to) canned foods, frozen foods, snacks, bread, drinks, etc.

Food labels are a big deal, especially with the rising number of obesity and diet-related illnesses in our country. One would think that for the sake of our country's health, the nutrition facts would be completely spelled out for us by now. But that isn't the case.

Food labels are downright confusing and deceiving. A package of chips or pretzels whose nutrition facts read "100 calories," are probably ending up in the cart because people might think that that number applies for the whole bag.

But companies can easily hike up the number of servings per container, which decreases the number of calories per serving.

So, if "100 calories" applies to one serving, and there are five servings per bag, that's actually 500 calories per bag. Everyday shoppers don't think like that.

Why should we have to do the math for every product in the store? Consumer shouldn't have to study each product to see how nutritious it is for their bodies, especially when nutrition information varies for different

products.

Companies don't want to make their food look unhealthy because no one would buy it. So they don't lie, per say, they just skip around the truth.

First Lady Michelle Obama, creator of the anti-obesity campaign "Let's Move," hopes to initiate much needed changes to these food labels in the near future.

The changes would include increasing the font size of the calories (so it sticks out), doing away with the nonsense serving sizes and focusing more on sugar rather than fat.

In reality, who ever eats only half of a cup of ice cream? Probably no one, unless you have incredible amounts of self-control. We eat differently than we did in 1994 (when servings were first installed into the labels). We eat more.

The new labels would be more realistic, increasing or decreasing the serving size to better correspond with what individuals actually consume.

A small bag of Crunchy Cheetos does not need to be broken up into two servings, or even worse, "21 pieces."

No one really shares a small bag of chips, and besides that, no one is going to count out 21 pieces exactly and leave extra Cheetos in the bag.

Sugar is, arguably, the devil. In 2010, dietary guidelines for American's health determined that the calorie intake from sugar was too high and needed to be reduced.

No manufacturer wants to list sugar on their

products, and they will go out of their ways to hide it from consumers.


Sugars occur naturally in foods, but it's the "added sugar" that really makes the difference. "Added sugars" will be specified individually rather than grouping them with naturally occurring sugars on the changed labels.

Honest nutrition information on packaging is essential for healthy Americans.

Michelle Obama's guiding principle in this

change is that anyone should be able to walk into the food store and know what food is good for them and their families.

Unfortunately, manufacturers don't want to tell you the truth about what you're eating, but the new labels may soon help us make better decisions about what we are buying.

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Michelle Obama's new product label initiatives may lead to healthier choices.

Colonel Critiques

Newest addition to ‘Private’ series is page-turning thriller

By Anne Yoskoski
Managing Editor

The newest addition to the ‘Private’ series by James Patterson, co-written with Mark Sullivan, is a page-turning, chill-inducing thriller.

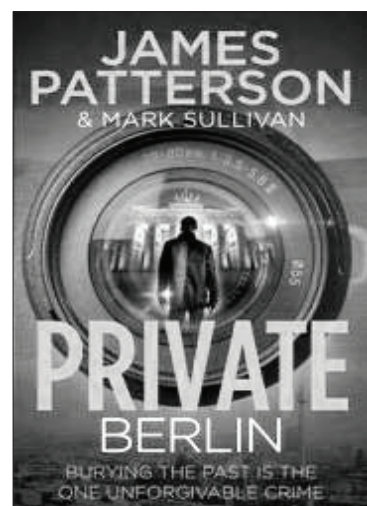
Chris Schneider is missing and it is up to his former fiancé, Mattie Engel, to find him.

In the classic Patterson style the reader will find tragedy, romance and fast paced pursuits.

All of these scenes are quickly cut together in chapters, with random chapters thrown in from the elusive suspect.

As someone who has read all of the ‘Private’ novels, I am used to reading about terrifying situations from the point of the killer.

In ‘Private: Berlin,’ though, Patterson and Sullivan have stepped up their game.



This villain actually made my skin crawl.

Although I knew things weren’t going well when the first stop was an abandoned slaughterhouse in Berlin, I wasn’t prepared for the character of the killer to be so well developed that he had unique traits and mannerisms.

Somewhat similar to the villain in ‘Private: London,’ this villain has dealt with children, and has no problem disposing of anyone who gets in

his way.

This chase is a departure, in a sense, from the high-tech-motif usually present in ‘Private’ novels.

This killer has to be traced back to Berlin before the wall fell, taking every Berliner back to a time of utter turmoil in the country filled with bombings, secret police forces, and the memories of the thousands who were never found.

Obviously this isn’t a bed time story, but the historical facts make it an interesting, albeit creepy, read. Some sections made my eyes glaze over, and others made the hair on my arms stand up. Patterson and Sullivan need to look at their formula and remove the trite romance. While the readers end up liking Mattie’s new boyfriend by the end, the story of their relationship practically writes itself. It also becomes obvious that Mattie’s young son will be contingent on her safety, and who couldn’t predict that she would offer the ultimate sacrifice to save her child?

The twist that Patterson and Sullivan added was shocking even to an avid Patterson reader. There is no way to explain it without giving it away.

The fast pace made it easy to read in one long sitting. Patterson fans will still be slightly surprised with other twists to the new formula.

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‘Divergent’ does not reflect book, leaving viewers disappointed

By Jill Reifsnyder
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The first thing I’m going to say is that if you loved the book and are a dedicated reader expecting the movie to reflect its paper counterpart, you will be disappointed with Neil Burger’s adaptation and I would suggest saving your money until it’s released to Redbox.

As with any popular bandwagon book now a day, it was only a matter of time before “Divergent” hit the big screens. The heroine, Tris, discovers she fits into more than of these factions and is branded Divergent. She quickly learns Divergents are extremely dangerous to the fragile structure her society maintains as they do not conform easily and pose a threat to the tyranny ruling faction, the intelligent. Tris leaves her faction, the abnegation, in the hope of finding her true place of belonging only to endure a grueling initiation process and to be thrown into the midst of the political overthrow of her home faction, which she feels responsible for resolving.

One redeeming factor of this movie is the almost unknown cast featuring Shailene Woodley and Theo James, who play Tris and Four respectively. The only real big name in the movie is Jeanine, played by Kate Winslet. However, the characters seemed watered down in comparison to the book’s portrayal. Many of the characters seemed much less intense than in the book.

I feel that some of the differences were unnecessary and took away from character development. Some events are altered slightly to make the heroine of the story the true hero, even if the book wasn’t originally written that way.

The same stands true for the many events left out of the movie to appeal to a younger and larger demographic. Some of the more gruesome scenes were neglected in the movie to try to keep the PG-13 rating. I feel that some of these fictional occurrences were important to emphasize the level of immediate danger and fear the characters endured through during their time as brave initiates..

My biggest annoyance with this movie was the director’s choice to visually add more villainous scenes at the cost of the true story’s words.

If you read the book and loved it, as I did, I feel you will be disappointed with this cinematic adaptation. On the other hand, if you are naïve to the plot and characters of the story, I think this movie can be quite enjoyable.

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‘Grouplove’ concert gains recognition of unrecognized songs

By Eric Casey
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I had the pleasure of attending a concert in Philadelphia on Tuesday, March 26. The opening acts were Alex Winston and a duo called MS MR. Grouplove was the headlining act. All three of which can fall under the indie pop, indie rock, or dark wave genres.

Grouplove is an interesting and pretty wacky band from Los Angeles. To be honest, I’ve only known them from their two hit songs “Tongue Tied” from their 2011 “Never Trust a Happy Song” album which reached number No. 42 on the Billboard Hot 100 and No. 1 on the Alternative Songs chart in 2012.

Tons of fake high school hippies passing joints around were at the packed concert, but that was not surprising at all. Aside from the occasional person with a cell phone in your face, the crowd was pretty groovy.

Grouplove put on an unbelievable show and was louder and more hard-core than I thought they were. If only their live performances were as great as their studio recordings.

The only downside to their newest (and debut) album is that the studio recordings are sometimes sub par.

However, they’re still a fun band that shouldn’t be taken so seriously. The first two songs off their album “I’m with You” and “Borderlines and Aliens” aren’t the best opening tracks ever, but they’re pretty decent.

“Schoolboy” finally picks up the mood followed by singles “Ways to Go” and “Shark Attack.” The latter is even doing pretty well on alternative radio at the moment. “Sit Still” feels like The Lumineers just made a collaboration with Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros somewhere in a desert. “Hippy Hill” pretty much explains how they don’t want to be perceived as “hipsters,” but hippies instead. “Yeah I’d rather be a hippy than a hipster, what! yeah I’d rather be grooving than grinding up.”

The last half of the album is surprisingly well put together and adds to the overall “summer” feeling effect. It is definitely an improvement from their debut album. Although Grouplove may never become a mainstream pop band, they are likely to achieve huge cult status over the next few years as they continue to spread good vibes.

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Every week, Opinion Editor Sara Davis or a guest writer give an informative crash-course on the most random subject they can think of that week. Their views do not reflect those of The Beacon, its staff or Wilkes University. This week Sara Davis informs readers on Autism Awareness Month

Autism Awareness Month 101

By Sara Davis
Opinion Editor

As we enter the month of April, we often think of things such as the season of spring, April Fool's Day and sometimes holidays such as Easter.

This month is also dedicated to something that is not nearly recognized enough. April is Autism Awareness Month.

I think it is safe to say that a majority of the people reading this don't even know that there was even a month dedicated to Autism.

It's a shame that we can recognize insignificant holidays, such as April Fool's Day, often spending a decent amount of money to assist our celebrations for these holidays but not acknowledge a month dedicated to helping people.

With that being said, how can we justify not donating to organizations, such as the Autism Society of America?

People often use the excuse that times are hard they don't have the money as college students to justify not donating money to organizations that fund individuals with disabilities.

It's sad to think that some people don't have money for charity but have money to celebrate or party.

According to ehow.com, Autism Awareness Month has been celebrated since the 1970s.

The purpose of this month is to raise awareness of the disorder and to encourage other people to accept and respect the differences within these individuals.

Autism.org also states that one in 88 people are diagnosed with an autism disorder somewhere on the spectrum.

If you think about it, that number isn't small.

Chances are that you know someone personally or know someone who is close to an individual with autism.

The most inspiring aspect of this month is the fact that it promotes the acceptance the differences within these individuals.

Unfortunately, the amount of bullying has increased over the last few years and it does not appear to be stopping anytime soon.

According to CBS News, "Researchers from the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore and Johns Hopkins University conducted a survey of 1,200 parents who had a child with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and found 63 percent of the kids had been bullied."

Often times we hear of people with disabilities, such as autism, being picked on because they are different.

It seems to be forgotten that we are all different and that everyone has something special to offer.

I am a cheerleader and the gym that I cheer at had a special needs team.

Among some of these members are children with autism. I have seen these athletes perform just as well as other cheerleaders that do not have autism.

In addition to their athletic capabilities, they are also some of the nicest and accepting people I know.

If Autism Awareness Month was recognized on a broader spectrum, perhaps more people would be able to see this.

A disorder does not define a person, and autism is no exception.

The bottom line is to take some time this month to recognize and appreciate individuals with autism.

Do some research and you might be able to walk away knowing something that you didn't know before.

Better yet, maybe you can donate a few dollars to the Autism Society of America instead of buying those extra party supplies.



Courtesy of Instagram

The puzzle piece is known to be the symbol for autism, and can be used to show recognition and acceptance for individuals who are affected by autism.

What is autism?

Let this "cheat sheet," with terminology gathered from Autism Delaware, serve as a guide to better understand some of the terminology involved with autism.

Autism: A condition involving developmental delay in social skills, language and behavior.

Behavioral Therapy: A therapeutic approach that incorporates the use of conditioning and reinforcements.

Applied Behavioral Analysis: An analysis used to evaluate individuals with autism. This procedure involves manipulating an environment to elicit a desired response.

Developmental Delay: A slower development rate on an individual, when compared to individuals of their same age group.

Americans with Disabilities Act: A federal law that provides equal opportunities for individuals with disabilities, autism included. This act allows these individuals to receive equality in areas such as employment and public accommodations.


Auditory Memory: An individual's ability to receive information presented orally, and then being able to remember and apply.

Childhood Autism Rating Scale: A test that is used to diagnose autism. This test evaluates in 15 areas of ability, often in which to determine the severity.

Asperger's Syndrome: An autism spectrum disorder. This disorder is typically characterized with above-average cognitive function and communication deficits.

Adaptive Behavior: An individual's ability to adhere to new experiences or environments.

Articulation: An individual's ability to produce sounds in relation to their speech.

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Lady Colonels off to a fast start

Women's lacrosse team seeks to continue success as it heads into conference play

By Grant Rogers

Staff Writer

The Wilkes University women's lacrosse team is starting off hotter than any other team in school history.

The Lady Colonels are undefeated half way through the season at 7-0.

With a high scoring offense led by Tori Kerr, Gabby Ford, Carly Smith and Madeleine Brownsey, the Lady Colonels average 18 goals per game compared to their opponents who only average six goals a game.

The Lady Colonels are loaded with sharpshooters who put shots on goal with a shot percentage of 52 percent taking 249 shots and putting 130 of those shots in goal.

Not only does the women's team have an offense that puts goals on net but they also have the defense to go with it, only allowing 42 goals.

Leading scorers for Wilkes is sophomore midfielder Kerr with 30 goals followed by sophomore attacker Brownsey with 26 goals, senior midfielder Ford with 25 goals and junior midfielder Smith with 24 goals.

Leading the team in assists is Smith with 24 assists followed by Ford with 14 assists and finally Brownsey with six assists.

Total point leaders for the Lady Colonels are Smith with 48 points followed by Ford with 39 points, Kerr with 36 points and finally Brownsey with 32 points.

The Lady Colonels out hustle their opponents to ground balls, 194 ground balls compared to opponents 139 ground balls.

Part of Wilkes' success is how well players clear the ball. Out of 83 clear attempts this season the lady colonels have successfully cleared the ball 68 times that is almost double the amount of their opponents.

"It's definitely a good feeling to be undefeated," Smith said. "We've put a lot of work in over the off season and preseason so it's nice to see that our hard work is paying off."

The Lady Colonels control their destiny as they head into the last half of their season and hoping to make it back to the Freedom Conference semifinals like last season.

"The goal is to keep our streak going, and to make it to the conference championship" Smith added.

The team now heads into Freedom Conference for the rest of the regular season. The Lady Colonels are back in action April 2 as they travel to Purchase, N.Y., to take on conference rival Manhattanville.

That will be followed by major rival King's College, Fairleigh Dickson, powerhouse Arcadia University, The College at Old Westbury, Misericordia University and finally Eastern University.



Beacon file photos

Senior midfielder Gabby Ford, #22, above, has been one of the leading scorers for the Lady Colonels' undefeated lacrosse team. At right, sophomore Madeleine Brownsey has also been a leader in scoring and assists. The team hosts Manhattanville April and King's April 5.

Galluzzo earns Player of Week honors

By Jared Powell

Correspondent

The Lady Colonels are showing little mercy on their opponents. The closest game this team has played so far was against SUNY Canton where they won 18-11 at home.

The Lady Colonels have won by mercy rule in five of their seven games and are not planning to look back.

The team has yet to play a conference game, but freshman Morgan Galluzzo said the team's goal is to "Do well during conference games and make it to playoffs."

Galluzzo has sparked the team on the defen-

sive side by playing her heart out at the goalie position. She was named Freedom Conference goalie of the week, posting 10 total saves, and averaging less than seven goals scored on per game. Most importantly, she is a key reason Wilkes remains undefeated.

"Our team is very talented across the board," Galluzzo said. "From attack to mid to defense. We work great together that is something most teams do not get to experience."

On the offensive side, the Lady Colonels have four women who have at least 24 goals. Senior Gabby Ford with 25, junior Carley Smith with 24, and sophomores Madeleine Brownsey, 26, and Tori Kerr, 30, account for another 56 goals.



Coach: Softball hitting, pitching need to improve

By Marcus Leaf
Correspondent

The Wilkes University women's softball team (1-9) is set to take on Scranton university's Royals (3-6), coach Frank Matthews believes the team has a lot to improve on before going into the April 1 double header.

The purple-and-white has a team batting average of .297. The offense is led by freshmen Shannon Stricker, who will come into the game batting .516. Stricker has had five multi-hit games with eight starts and also has yet to strikeout this season. The freshman has 16 hits, six RBIs, and seven runs, in just 31 at bats for Scranton.

The Royals pitching staff has a combined era of 4.67 within nine games. The staff is led by sophomore Jamie Hempey, who has a era of 4.20. Hempey has appeared in five games, pitching in 20 innings and striking out 15 for the Royals.

The Lady Colonels, meanwhile, have a team batting average of .186. The blue-and-gold's offense is led by senior Jordan Borger, who is

hitting an impressive .375 with a total of 9 hits through 10 starts.

The Lady Colonels pitching staff is also struggling with a team era of 9.87. Sophomore Haylie Phillips leads Wilkes with a 3.71 era. Phillips collected the Lady Colonels' first win last week against Delaware Valley College.

Matthews said he believes that the ladies have a lot to improve on in order to compete Friday against Scranton.

"Besides having to hit better, and hit better in certain situations," Matthews said. "We also have to improve our defense and our pitching."

The Lady Colonels are leading the Middle Atlantic Conference with errors and also have the highest era.

"In order to be successful against Scranton as well as other teams this season, our pitchers will have to live on the black of the plate and stay out of the white, and our defense is going to have to consistently make plays in the field," Matthews said.

The Lady Colonels face off against Scranton Universities Royals at 4 p.m. April 1 at the Ralston Athletic Complex.



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Megan Kisela tosses a change up to retire the side in the second inning in a game against New Paltz.

Colonels keep baseball streak alive with sweep in home double-header against Keuka College

By Brandon Gubitosa
Interim Sports Editor

The Colonels continued their winning streak to four games Thursday as they swept Keuka College in a double header at Artillery Park.

The team has won four of their last six and currently has an 8-6 record.

Wilkes got off to a fast start in the first game of the double header as they posted six runs in the first inning on their way to a 14-2 win.

The Colonels got a run on the board early when Stephen Ruch doubled to left field scoring Matthew Reese and advancing Tom Ring to third.

In the bottom of the second junior Dan Pisanchyn homered for the second time this season giving the Colonels a 7-0 lead. Junior second basemen Bobby Schappell RBI single in the third inning expanded their lead to 9-0. Schappell's hit was one of 15 put up by the Colonels.

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In the second game of a double header, the Colonels continued their dominance as they went on to beat Keuka College 11-6.



Photo courtesy of Benjamin Kramer
Photography

Stephen Ruch, shown here against Eastern University, had a run-scoring double against Keuka.

Freshman pitcher Johnny Jan Jr. picked up his first win of the season going two innings allowing three hits.

Pitchers Brandon Michael, Forrest Jordan and Tom Ring also pitched a combined five inning allowing a combined total of five hits.

After Justyn Shuck led off the game for

Keuka College with a triple, and then scored on a sacrifice fly by Jake Burachalk the Colonels were down early 1-0.

In the bottom of the second inning Wilkes got on the scoreboard, thanks to an RBI double by sophomore Ryan Herbst scoring Marcus Leaf and advancing Bobby O'Keefe to third base.

Schappell then singled up the middle scoring O'Keefe and giving the Colonels a 2-1 lead. Wilkes quickly responded to Keuka scoring two runs in the third, as they put four on the board in the fourth.

Ring hit a sac fly to right that scored Reese. Ruch then doubled to left center scoring Schappell which was then followed by a Marino ground-rule double that scored Ruch.

Later in the inning a wild pitch allowed James Brown to safely slide in at home pushing the Colonels lead to 6-4.

Keuka's Burachalk responded in the fifth with a solo homerun trimming Wilkes lead to one. The Colonels responded later in the fifth scoring three runs thanks to two bases loaded walks and a hit by pitch.

The Colonels then added two more runs boosting their lead to 11-6. One of those runs was provided from the bat of sophomore Ryan Herbst who hit a monster home run over the left center fence.

The score held up throughout the rest of the game and the Colonels went on to win 11-6.

The Colonels return to action April 1 at Artillery Park as they take on The University of Scranton Royals. They then face off at cross-town rival King's College April 4.



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Football players lead dodgeball team to victory

By J.T. Keer
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Intramural sports give students a chance to come together and compete against one another for the love of the game.

The Inter-Residence Hall Council, led by Himil Desai, organized a dodgeball tournament March 22-23 that gave students a chance to relieve some stress and have a good time playing a sport that requires little understanding to be successful in.

"I feel like everyone had a good time, and that's all we wanted," Desai said. "IRHC does a good job creating events for students to go out and have fun in."

The championship game in the tournament featured a matchup of players from the Wilkes football team.

The play of the tournament occurred when Ryan Dailey caught a pass from teammate Storm Deemer and nailed Tyheed Jackson with a blazing throw to the chest.

As the only man left on the floor, freshman Jerome Robinson did everything he could to help his team win the championship, but Robinson was taken out when Dailey caught him with another one of his hard throws.

The championship team included Deemer, Dailey, Behrmann, Jon Conklin, Ryan Casey, Michael Frendak and Nick Brady.

IRHC runs events like this throughout the year. It is teamed with Wilkes Programming Board to look for musicians for the school's BBQ April 26.

Getting to know...

Carley Smith

Junior Women's Lacrosse Player

Carley Smith is a junior midfielder from York, Pa., and Dallastown Area High School. Carley continues to build on her impressive career for the Lady Colonels by leading the team with 41 points (22 goals and 19 assists) just six games into the season. The Lady Colonels are currently 6-0 outscoring their opponents 111-40.

By JT Kerr
Sports Writer

Q: What brought you to Wilkes?

The pharmacy program, but then I worked in a pharmacy my first summer of school and realized it wasn't really for me. So now I'm a bio major.

What are you looking to do in the biology field?

I want to go to grad school to be a physician's assistant.

What inspired you to do that?

I did a ton of shadowing in different health care fields. I even got to be in the OR for a couple neuro surgeries, one where they removed a brain tumor. From all my shadowing I just realized physician's assistant was the best fit for me.

That's awesome, but didn't you get a little queasy from watching a brain surgery?

Ha ha, surprisingly no. My mom was so paranoid that I was going to faint though because I've gotten woozy and passed out a couple times before. Long story short, I ran into one of the swing set poles in second grade, got a bloody mouth then fainted.

Jeez that's crazy, what's your favorite part about being at Wilkes?

Probably the people I've met, and close friendships I've made. As well as getting to know my professors on a more personal level.

What's the best thing about being on the lacrosse team?

The group of girls for sure there's never a dull moment.

How'd you get into playing lacrosse?

All my friends were playing in eighth grade, and it looked like they were having fun, so I figured I'd try it out. I had to give up soccer since they were both the same

season.

How was your high school career?

Well my high school team was really young, our first team was put together my freshman year. However, we worked really well together since a lot of us had played with each other in other sports.

Did you guys do well?

Yes, we made districts a few times.

What was the biggest transition from high school to college?

Just learning how to play with a new team.

Since you guys are undefeated, how far do you see this team going?

I think we have a lot of potential this season. I can't really say we've tested our true capability with the teams we've played so far. I'm interested to see how far we'll go myself. We're going to hit some good competition in conference, but I think we'll be ready for it.

When do you think you'll get your first test?

Manhattanville, which is our first conference game.

You lead your team with 41 points. What allows you to pass and score the ball so well?

The attack works really hard to run the plays right and get open. Tori and I play behind the goal, so it's a lot easier to hit cutters.

So it's safe to say you enjoy where you play on the field?

Technically that's call the low attack. I am a mid-field player with Gabby and Tori so we run the whole field.

What goals do you have for yourself and team the rest of the season?

I'd like to make it back to conference finals and hopefully send our seniors off with a conference win.



Colonel Scoreboard

Baseball

March 27

Game 1

Wilkes 14, Keuka College 2

Game 2

Wilkes 11, Keuka College 6

March 31

Desales University

Center Valley, PA

April 1

University of Scranton

Artillery Park

April 3

Delaware Valley College

Doylstown, PA

Softball

March 30

Desales University

Ralston Athletic Park

April 1

University of Scranton

Ralston Athletic Park

April 3

Lycoming College

Ralston Athletic Park

April 5

King's College

Ralston Athletic Park

Women's Lacrosse

April 2

Manhattanville College

Purchase, NY

April 5

King's College

Wilkes-Barre, PA

Men's Tennis

March 31

Arcadia University

Glenside, PA

April 2

Farleigh-Dickson College at Florham

Ralston Athletic Complex

April 5

Eastern University

Ralston Athletic Complex

April 8

King's College

Ralston Athletic Complex

Women's Tennis

March 27

Wilkes 5, Elizabethtown 4

March 31

Arcadia University

Glenside, PA

April 2

Farleigh-Dickson College at Florham

Ralston Athletic Complex

April 5

Eastern University

Men's, women's tennis teams stay confident of title hopes

By J.T. Keer

Sports Writer

Ever since Head Coach Chris Leicht has took over as the Wilkes University men's and women's tennis team, they have dominated their opponents frequently.

Leicht has coached 70 All-Freedom performers since 2003 on both the men's and women's roster combined. He has seen 14 individual MAC champions and nine doubles pairings take home the title on the men's side and has also seen 25 individual and 13 doubles MAC championships on the women's side.

He's been named coach of the year eight times on the women's side and six times for the men.

With a great coach that brings in great players year in and year out, the recipe for success will continue to be here as long as he is the head man. This upcoming spring season should prove to be no different for the Colonels.

"The players have worked extremely hard this fall and off-season, and we are ready for our upcoming conference matches," Leicht said.

"We are excited to compete again for conference team championships. The women are going for their seventh straight championship and men going for eighth straight championship. Also, we would love the opportunity to play in the NCAA National Tournament again."

With so many championships in a row, Leicht understands that teams will be gunning

for them. As long as the Colonels and Lady Colonels continue to work hard and perform under pressure there is no reason another league championship is not in reach.

Leicht believes he has great captains that do an awesome job of leading by example. One of the men's captains, senior Alex Makos, looks to cap off an excellent career by having a great last year.


"My expectations for this upcoming season are to continue onto the play-offs and compete in the MAC finals," the senior captain said.

Makos also wants this year's men's team to go places it has never done before.

"I would like to win two rounds in the NCAA National Tournament which has never been done in school history. We made it through one round last year and it was a great experience. I want to share this great experience the current freshmen."

The women's team has big goals as well, following a great spring break trip where they took two of their three matches. Senior women's Captain Ally Kristofko has similar expectations to those of Leicht and Makos.

"This season our expectation is to win another conference title," Kristofko said. "We worked hard during the offseason, and we played well during our spring break in South Carolina. We feel that we've put in the time and the effort and that it will pay off for us on the court this season."

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Golf tees off April 1 against Baptist Bible

The Wilkes University men's golf team tees off at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, against Baptist Bible College at the Huntsville Country Club in Dallas.

Senior Michael Daubert is back as the No. 1 golfer and looks to lead the Colonels this upcoming season after putting up an impressive fall season.

Senior Darren Mensch returns as the No. 2 golfer this season and will play a big part in contributing to the team's success this upcoming season.

Freshman John Scalese will be playing from the No. 3 position this season after putting up impressive numbers as a freshman in the fall season. In his first collegiate match in the fall, Scalese shot 15 over par finishing seventh among all golfers.

The Colonels will be a part of six matches this upcoming season and they play their home matches in Huntsville.

After their match April 1, the Colonels are back in action on April 7 at Huntsville against the University of Scranton. From April 13-14 the Colonels will be participating in the Glenmaura National Collegiate Invitational which takes place at the Glenmaura Country Club in Moosic.

The MAC Golf Championship takes place from April 26-27 at the Hershey Country Club in Hershey. Wilkes will look to improve from last year's seventh place finish.

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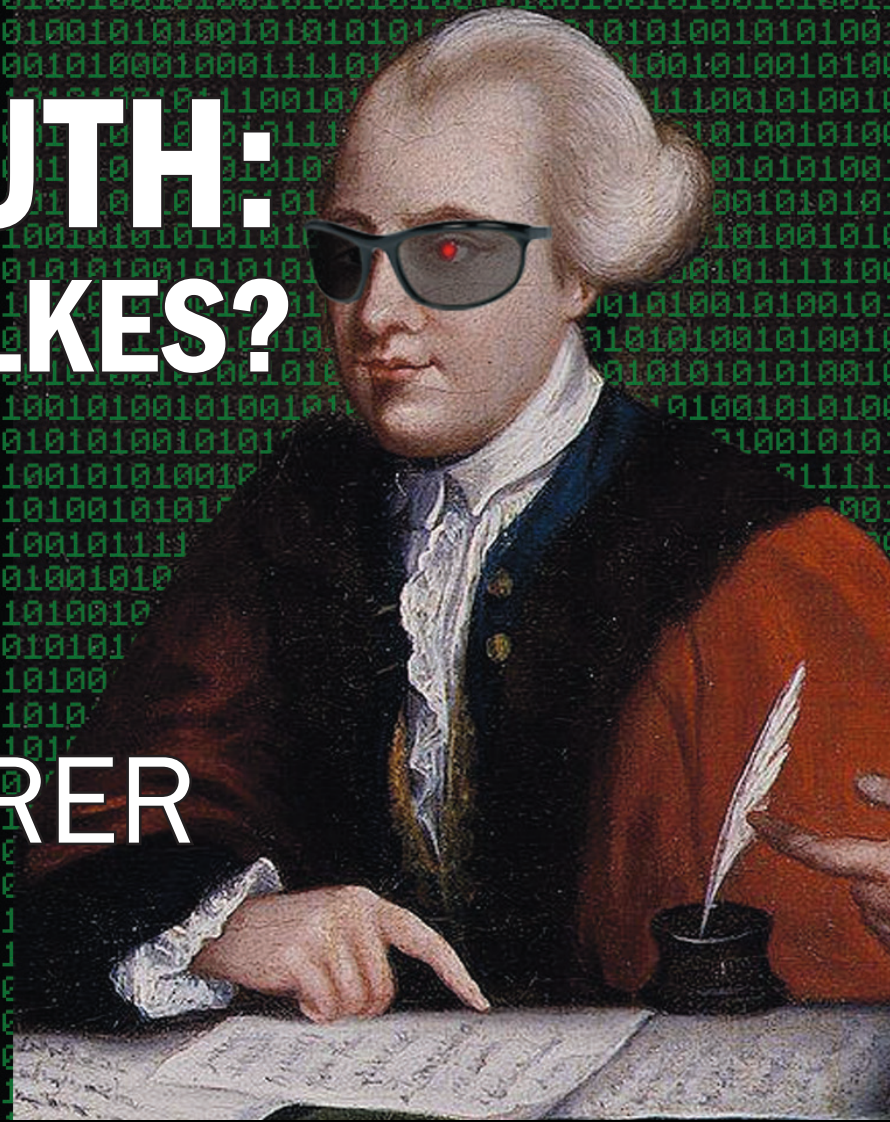
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