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Wilkes to raise tuition and housing by 4.5% *Increase lowest projected among regional colleges*

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon News Editor

Wilkes University will raise its tuition by 4.5 percent for the 2008-2009 school year. According to Petra Carver, Vice President for Finance at Wilkes, this tuition increase is the lowest compared with other area institutions.

"We are actually the lowest of all the regional schools, as far as I know. The information I have is that they are between 5.5 and 9.9 percent," said Carver.

Carver said that many things are taken into consideration when considering a tuition increase.

"Part of it has to do with improving our infrastructure, meeting all of our cost applications, and if there is anything special that we need to do to enhance learning or enhance the environment. So all that flows into decision making because when all is said and done we need to come to a balanced budget," said Carver.

All pending and existing university projects are set forth in the document. According to Carver, Wilkes has put in a lot of money into the upgrade of University Towers and significant changes to the Henry Student Center (HSC).

Last year many changes were planned for the HSC, however, many of them did not become a reality. Carver said that the funds allocated for the HSC will go towards the general building maintenance along with some changes to the dining facilities.

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The Beacon/Gino Troiani

Students can expect to pay more when they return to school next year for both housing and tuition. Both will increase by 4.5 percent. By April 1, students were expected to have their housing deposits in to the UCOM along with their \$100 deposit. Faculty and staff salaries will also increase by 3.25 percent.

IT updates include mandatory password changes

BY NICOLE FRAIL
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Last month, the Information Technology (IT) Committee approved a revised security policy that requires all Wilkes University users to change their passwords every 180 days. On Tuesday, April 22, this policy will go into effect and all passwords that have not recently been altered will expire.

According to Mike Salem, Chief Information Officer of IT Services, the new policy will be enforced in an attempt to increase online security. The passwords that Wilkes students, faculty and staff use on a daily basis to log onto computers are the same passwords they use for email and MyWilkes access.

Salem confirmed that recent incidents concerning hacking have influenced the decision to revise the policy. Salem said that if a hacker

is patient, has the free time and is determined to get a user's password, it's difficult to stop them.

"The people who are looking to get your password will first look around [your surroundings] to see if they can find it. They do some shoulder surfing to try to look at you while you're logging in to see if they can pick up the keystrokes. Another way is that there could be a program on the computer to capture the keystrokes and pick it up," explained Salem.

Creating new passwords across campus will not only protect users' Wilkes-related information, but may also serve to protect their personal information at home or at work. According to Salem, changing your password every once in a while may also prevent an online hacker from getting personal information through fake emails from real companies, such as a variety of banks, Amazon or Ebay.

In addition to changing passwords every 180 days, the revised policy will now keep a record of password history by tracking the past five passwords users have used. This will require users to create complex or creative passwords, which will confuse a hacker expecting to find a "new" password with limited variation.

"This makes you start from square one if you're a hacker," said Salem. "And the second reason behind [the password changes] is that if somebody already has your password, then they will no longer have it."

While the new policy is designed to increase the security of Wilkes users' information, not all users are warming up to it.

"I don't like the changing of our passwords at all. It's even worse that there's a five pass-

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"We had some really good discussion about enhancements and which we could do. We couldn't do many. On the capital side it was very interesting to come to conclusion on which projects we should or shouldn't do," said Carver.

She also said there is some money set aside for the planning of the new Science, Health, and Engineering building to be constructed as a new part of Stark Learning Center.

Carver said the planning for next year's budget starts early in the school year.

"We start the initial budget cycling in October. That's when we start gathering information, building assumptions... you know a lot of pieces flow into the budget [including] enrollment information, financial aid discount information, salary information, general expenditures, [and] capital projects," added Carver.

According to Carver, all departments also have a chance to request enhancements and additions to the budget, which creates the initial draft of the budget.

Among budget items that will be increasing include housing at 4.5 percent, faculty and staff salaries which will increase by 3.25 per-

cent.

Some students have suggestions for the administration regarding tuition and rate increases.

Jessica McMahon, sophomore English and history double major, said, "I understand the need for a raise in tuition, based solely around our economy and constantly rising prices on materials. Education, however, is the one thing within our society that we are told we must attain in order to be successful. I would like to see Wilkes to be able to offer a guaranteed tuition rate, which would remain the same during the student's time at Wilkes." She added that, "If an increase in tuition were to occur, I would like to see it affecting only incoming students; rather than students who had looked at the school and were quoted a lower tuition rate."

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Research symposium held at Wilkes

BY ALISON WOODY
Beacon News Editor

On April 4, Wilkes University students got the chance to present research projects that they had conceived and executed during the 2nd Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Now, it is the faculty's turn. Through a combined effort of the Joint Urban Studies Center and seven local colleges, including Wilkes University, King's College, Misericordia University, Keystone College, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County Community College and the University of Scranton, this will be the first year of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Faculty Research Symposium.

According to a press release from the Joint Urban Studies Center (JUSC), a collaborative applied research center, the purpose for this event is to "bring together faculty from... institutions who are engaged in research that is based on or relevant to urban areas, broadly defined, or whose research draws on Northeastern PA for data, information or inspiration."

Thomas Baldino, professor of political science and the JUSC Academic Advisory Council Chair-

man, said, "The symposium was proposed as a vehicle to bring the faculty at all the participating colleges and universities together... Faculty from a wide range of disciplines will present their research; history, psychology, sociology, political science, business, pharmacy, environmental engineering, and education, to name a few."

Some examples of research that will be presented include methods or treatments in area hospitals and a study of acid mine run-off into the Susquehanna River.

The symposium will be held Friday, April 18 from 10 A.M. until 3 P.M. in the Henry Student Center.

The conference is free of charge and will also have a complimentary lunch buffet.



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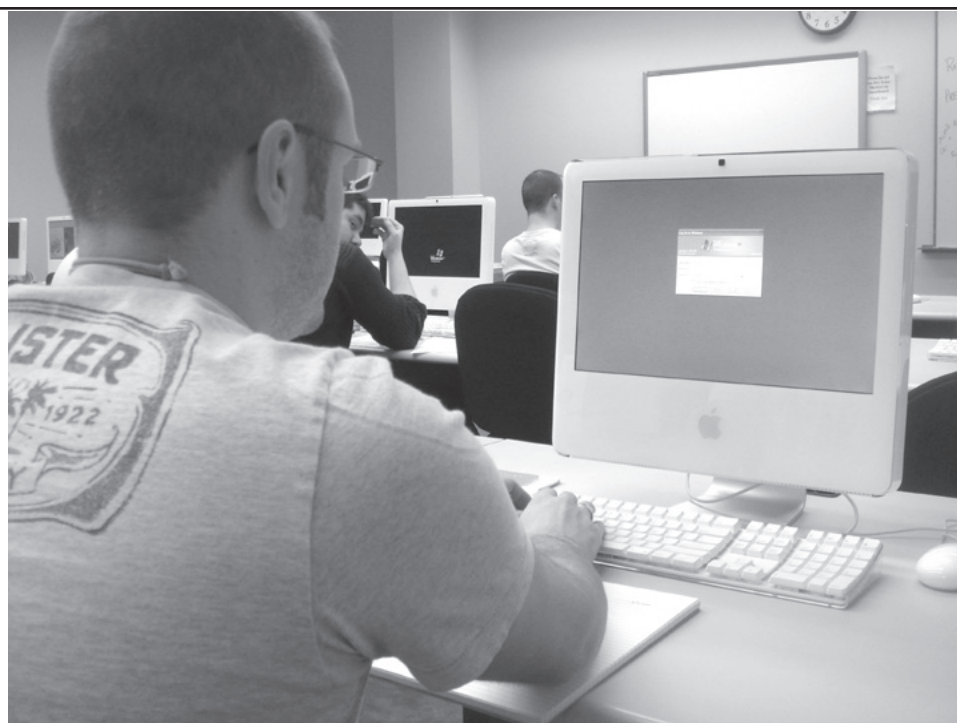
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word memory, so that makes it harder to create new ones. I wouldn't mind if we changed it every year, but every 180 days may become annoying," said Josh Hamilton, junior psychology major.

When changing passwords, IT recommends that each password is complex, made of a combination of letters and numbers. IT is also enforcing a "log-in lock-out," which is designed to lock a user's account if they fail to type in their password correctly five times in a row. The account will go into lockdown for fifteen minutes and then users will be able to try again.

In addition to mandatory password changes, IT is also planning on upgrading Microsoft Office software on campus computers. Microsoft Office 2003, which is currently installed on all campus computers, will eventually be replaced by Microsoft Office 2007, an enhanced program that has been "redesigned to make your work easier, faster, and more efficient," according to Microsoft's website.

"We want to have a transitional period. We want to carry it so that you have 2003 and 2007 on the machine so that if you



The Beacon / Jenna Stephens

According to IT Services, changing your password every 180 days may limit account hacking in the forms of email fraud and even shoulder surfing.

don't have what you need, you could go either way. Even some of the faculty aren't quite ready to switch just yet," said Salem.

Salem suggests that this idea may lead to a successful adjustment as there are many

differences between the 2003 and 2007 softwares. While Microsoft Office's website provides visual demos and guides to help confused users find their favorite tools in new menus and also to aid them in learn-

ing new tools such as "Ribbon" in Microsoft Word 2007, Salem feels that having both the old and new versions on a single computer will allow Wilkes users to compare the software for themselves while they explore and learn the ins and outs of the new program.

According to Salem, the mini macs on campus may be "challenged to support both versions of the software," but iMacs should be able to run both. In order for this option to be available on student computers in open access labs, IT is contemplating swapping the mini macs in the computer labs for iMacs located elsewhere across campus. A decision to rotate the computers on campus should be made in the coming weeks. If IT is unable to make the trade between the mini macs and the iMacs, Office 2007 will simply replace 2003 on all computers without the proposed transitional period.

Salem also added that he does not believe that the theft of the mini mac from the Farley library in December has influenced the decision to move the larger iMacs into popular student areas.



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Beacon News Briefs

Local, National, and International News Snippets

Local

WILKES UNIVERSITY - C-SPAN and YouTube will visit Wilkes University on Saturday, April 19, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Students and the general public will have a chance to take a tour of C-SPAN's mobile production studio, learn about internship opportunities and tape personal videos for YouTube.

WILKES-BARRE - On Sunday, April 6, several locations around Wilkes-Barre were spray painted with the letters "DVN." Some of the places that were damaged by the vandals included Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium, Kistler Elementary and several private homes. Police do not know what "DVN" stands for, however, they are looking to see if connection exists between this vandalism spree and the vandalism that occurred at Congregation Ohav Zedek two weeks ago.

PHILADELPHIA - After an unsuccessful tongue-in-cheek presidential campaign, Steven Colbert, host of *The Colbert Report*, will start a week of broadcasts from Philadelphia. Colbert will broadcast from the University of Pennsylvania and feature such guests as Governor Ed Rendell. Advertisements have already started for the broadcast including: "Philadelphia, you're about to get a new brother to love. No tongue."

National

SANDUSKY, OH - After being pictured in a Ku Klux Klan costume while on duty on January 20, Craig Franklin of Ohio's Highway Patrol was suspended without pay. Franklin's fellow patrolman who took the picture was demoted. The two say that they took the picture as a joke. They said that they were

disease connected to the Malt-O-Meal cereals. The cereals recalled by Malt-O-Meal are puffed wheat or puffed rice. Officials say that anyone who has consumed these items

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International

BAGHDAD - An Apache helicopter owned by the U.S. government destroyed one of its own vehicles in Baghdad on April 12. After seeing several militants placing roadside bombs along a road, the helicopter fired at them. The second fire missed its target and crashed into the U.S. vehicle. Two U.S. soldiers and three Iraqi civilians were injured.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Trying to end days of deadly protest and looting caused by high food cost, the Haitian government voted to oust its current Prime Minister, Jacques Edouard Alexis. Rene Preval, President of Haiti, will pick a new prime minister soon and has begun cutting the cost of food, by marking down rice 15%.

PARIS - Several locations around the globe saw protests over the arrival and relay of the Olympic torch. The torch was extinguished at least five times on its way through Paris. The protest over the flame has been mostly convened by pro-Tibet organizations. The protests have caused several changes in the flame's course, which angered many onlookers and protestors.



Photo Courtesy of C-SPAN

C-SPAN and YouTube will be stopping by Wilkes University on April 19 to talk about their campaign coverage and will allow students to record their own message to be put on their website.

referencing something they saw on a Comedy Central program.

WASHINGTON - Malt-O-Meal recalled two of its popular breakfast cereals last week, because of possible salmonella contamination. The federal Food and Drug Administration said that it knows of 23 people in 14 states that have been affected by the

and experience symptoms like nausea and vomiting should contact their physician.

LOS ANGELES - Four people were seriously injured when a two-engine plane crashed into two homes near Los Angeles on Saturday, April 12. The plane's engine crashed into one home, while a wing crashed into a second. The crash occurred a short

SG Notes April 9, 2008

Treasurer's Report

All College: \$4,225.22

General: \$4,398

Special Projects: \$2,260

Spirit: \$1,560

Leadership: \$4,550

Conferences: \$6,051

Start-Up: \$1,200

Club Reports

The following clubs presented updates on their events.

Programming Board

Campus Democrats

Money Matters

New Business

Indian Cultural Association (ICA) fund request - asked SG for approximately \$500 to

help pay expenses for their events.

Zebra Communication donation request - Zebra Communications asked for a donation from SG to help with its dodgeball tournament to fundraise for Candy's Place. SG agreed to donate \$100 to the event with the stipulation that the money cannot be used to form an SG team.

Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) fund request - Several members of SIFE came to SG and asked for a fund request of \$4,000. The money will be used to pay for their trip to Chicago to attend the national competition, in which they will compete. The organization has already done extensive fundraising for the trip. *

Lacrosse fund request - The Lacrosse Club asked for \$1,773 to pay for games and some equipment. There was much

discussion over the team's constitution and whether or not the money could be used for equipment. *

Faculty/Staff Choice Awards - Several faculty and staff positions were named for the awards. The nominations continue until next week and will then be narrowed down to a list of five and then voted on. Anyone with a nomination is encouraged to attend the next SG meeting. *

Old Business

SAM Fund Request

Relay For Life Donation

Member of the Month

Presidential Nominations

Events

Trivia Night - April 17, HSC first floor

lounge

Presidential Elections - April 17 until April 20

IRHC's Study Break Party - May 4, HSC first floor lounge

*Final decisions will be made next week.

(SG meetings are open to all students. They are held every Wednesday in the Miller Conference room on the second floor of the HSC.)



News Analysis: Beacon Election Update

Making sense of the election, candidates and issues

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon News Editor

On March 17, Presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-NY, told an audience about her trip to Bosnia as first lady, "I remember landing under sniper fire. There was supposed to be some kind of greeting ceremony at the airport, but instead we just ran with our heads down to get into the vehicles to get to our base."

Video later emerged of Clinton landing with her daughter, Chelsea, in Bosnia casually walking to their vehicles with several members of the media, and stopping to greet a young girl who recited a poem to Clinton.

Later, Clinton recanted her statement saying that she "mis-spoke," and the media fury over her statement eventually died down.

However, Clinton's husband, former President Bill Clinton, brought up the Bosnia trip last week, "...Hillary, one time late at night when she was exhausted, misstated and immediately apologized for it, what happened to her in Bosnia in 1995. Did you all see all that? Oh, they blew it up."

However, Sen. Clinton mentioned her Bosnia trip on several occasions and the famed March 17 speech occurred in the morning, not late at night as was suggested. These comments are making many people ask, why bring this all up again and lie about it?

It seems as though Clinton has also asked herself this, and in a speech given by the

former president he said, "Hillary called me and said, 'I misstated it, you said I misstated it, but you've got to let me handle it because you don't remember it, either.'"

It is unknown what damage the Bosnia comments have done to the Clinton cam-

And they fell through the Clinton administration, and the Bush administration, and each successive administration has said that somehow these communities are gonna regenerate and they have not. And it's not surprising then they get bitter, they cling

ment.

The latest Public Policy Polling survey released shows Clinton leading Obama, 46% to 43%, with 11% unsure whom they will vote for. Earlier this month Clinton had a substantive lead over Obama, but since the

Illinois senator has stepped up in his campaign in the state the numbers are starting to turn in his favor.

Obama supporters have been calling on Clinton to bow out of the race, saying that she cannot obtain the number of delegates needed to win the nomination. Clinton says that she is not pulling out of the race, because she may not be able to reach the number of delegates needed to win the nomination, but neither can he.

Obama is still ahead of Clinton in delegates with 1,631 to her 1,488. To win the Democratic nomination a candidate needs 2,024 delegates, but at this point many strategists are saying that neither Obama nor Clinton will be able to reach that number.

This means that the decision may come down to Superdelegates deciding who will be the Democratic nominee; however, the Democratic National Committee wants to avoid this at all costs, because such a move takes the power of choosing the nominee away from the people, which could cause some back-

lash from people within the party leading to fewer votes cast in November.

Meanwhile, on the Republican side of the election, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the presumptive Republican nominee seems to be trying to stay out of the negative spotlight by taking only little jabs at both Obama and Clinton.

The focus on McCain for now is who will be his vice presidential running mate. Many names have been thrown into consideration and McCain himself has said that he has a list of about 20 names to think over. However, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, the most talked about candidate, said that she is not interested in the job.

McCain is currently on a hybrid biography and campaign tour. Northeastern Pennsylvania does not appear right now to be on the schedule; however, with the primary on April 22, residents can expect to see more stops from both Clinton and Obama.



The Beacon / Gino Troiani

On Friday, April 11, Sean Astin stopped at Wilkes University to speak in support of Presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-NY. Astin is best known for his roles in movies such as *The Goonies*, *Rudy* and *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy*.

paigned, especially in Pennsylvania, where the primary is almost a week away.

But Sen. Clinton has gone on the offensive, challenging her opponent, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., over some comments he

made about Pennsylvanians. According to the Huffington Post, Obama said, "You go into some of these small towns in Pennsylvania, and like a lot of small towns in the Midwest, the jobs have been gone now for 25 years and nothing's replaced them.

to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations."

Clinton and McCain were quick to condemn Obama for his statements. "My opponent said that the people of Pennsylvania who face hard times are bitter. Well that's not my experience. As I travel around Pennsylvania. I meet people who are resilient, optimistic and positive who are rolling up their sleeves," said Clinton. "Pennsylvanians don't need a president who looks down on them. They need a president who stands up for them, who fights hard for your future, your jobs, your families."

Obama allegedly made the comments at a fundraising event in San Francisco at which he talked about people in Pennsylvania and the Midwest who lost their jobs under the Clinton and Bush administrations. On Sunday, he acknowledged he had chosen his words poorly, but did not back off his argu-

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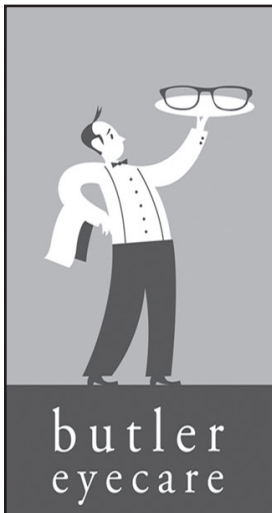
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Abstinence-only education doesn't work

Study finds 1 in 4 teenage girls have an STD

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL BOARD

Shocking government research on teenage girls and sexually transmitted diseases uncovered an unanticipated problem; one in four teenage girls in America has a sexually transmitted disease (STD).

According to a March 11 CNN.com article, at least one in four teenage girls nationwide has a sexually transmitted disease, or more than three million teens according to a recent governmental study done by the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention. This was a first study of its kind.

The study was conducted with 838 teenage females who participated in a 2003-2004 government health survey. The article reported that the, "teens were tested for four infections: human papillomavirus, or HPV, which can cause cervical cancer and affected 18 percent of girls studied; chlamydia, which affected 4 percent; trichomoniasis, 2.5 percent; and herpes simplex virus, 2 percent."

Given the findings, the nation needs to ask several important questions: First, what are teenagers learning in public schools that educate them about the risks of unprotected sexual activity? Second, why is the STD rate among teenage girls so high? And finally what can be done to decrease if not eliminate this growing problem?

Let's answer the second question first: the STD rate is so high because, quite simply, teens are having sex. But it's the way that this answer combines with the answer to the first question that gets us into trouble. Teenagers are learning that they have few, if any options, because of an abstinence only stance by the federal government.

Currently, the federal government exclusively funds abstinence-only sex education. Abstinence only education emphasizes that abstaining from sex before marriage is the best and only way to maintain health and restricts information about other prevention strategies such as condom use or birth control.

According to the National Coalition for Abstinence Education's (NCAE) website, "As part of the Welfare Reform act of 1996, Congress authorized \$50 million of federal funds annually for five years to be provided to the states in the form of block grants to promote abstinence until marriage. When combined with required state matching funds of \$3 for every \$4 federal dollars, \$437 million will be available to support the abstinence message during the duration of the program."

The *New York Times* reported in July 2007 that the federal government spent \$176 million in programs that support abstinence only education in public schools

in that year alone.

The NCAE's website added that the Title V program for abstinence only education requires the states to fund programs that, teach that "abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and other associated health problems; teaches that a mutually faithful monogamous relationship in the context of marriage is the expected standard of human sexual activity; teaches that sexual activity outside the context of marriage is likely to have harmful psychological and physical effects; and teaches that bearing children out-of-wedlock is likely to have harmful consequences for the child, the child's parents and society."

Now the abstinence argument is not in and of itself the problem. Technically, yes, if you avoid having sex, you are also going to avoid STDs. That logic is sound. But the abstinence only programs cannot educate teens about other precautions they can take in case they *do* opt to have sex, and herein lies the problem.

Because the government exclusively supports abstinence only programs, it could send mixed messages to teens. By teaching that abstinence outside of marriage is the only acceptable way to protect yourself from contracting STDs or unwanted pregnancies, it can suggest that there is no al-

ternative way to protect yourself if teens do have sex.

Though abstinence only education may seem like it would work in reducing sexual activity in teens, numerous studies have found otherwise. One of these studies was done in 2005 by Dr. Marcia Johnson for the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc. The study found that, "comprehensive sexual education programs as opposed to abstinence only programs are more effective in reducing 'risky' behavior in young people."

Based on these studies and reports, we contend that abstinence only education isn't effective enough in preventing STDs among teens and needs to be changed. The federal government should fund abstinence-plus programs. Abstinence-plus programs promote abstinence as the safest option but also encourage the use of condoms and other contraception for sexually active teens.

Dr. Johnson also found in her study that, "programs that include information about abstinence as well as the use of contraceptives can successfully delay the onset of sex and increase the use of condoms among sexually active teens."

By moving from an abstinence only to an abstinence plus educational appeal, Americans can hopefully get a handle on the growing problem of teens and STDs.

Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 34 responses.

The Beacon asked:

Where would you like to see Wilkes go in the next 75 years?

- Free parking and more parking available - **15%**
- New library and books - **24%**
- Expanded and solidified arts programs - **9%**
- New sidewalks - **0%**
- An entire campus that's environmentally friendly - **12%**
- Chain restaurants and stores on campus - **9%**
- Grocery store on campus - **3%**
- The most advanced technology available to all students - **9%**
- Nationally renowned athletic teams - **0%**
- Nationally renowned academic programs - **21%**

Next Week's Question:

What's your favorite spring-time activity?

- Frisbee
- Flying a kite
- Horseshoes
- Wiffleball
- Skipping class
- Walking or Running outside
- Eating ice cream or Rita's Italian Ice
- Picnic in the park
- Other

Visit www.wilkesbeacon.com to cast your vote. Results will be published in next week's issue of *The Beacon*.



A Sight for Sore Eyes: By Aleksander Lapinski

The Angry Rant: Guntastic

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

On April 5, one of the great movie stars and Americans of our time left us. Charlton Heston, the square-jawed actor best known for his performances in some of the more epic movies ever made; you know, back when movies could actually be called epic, unlike today's debacles like *Troy* or *Kingdom of Heaven*. He was a man's man in an era when leading men were actually men (I'm looking at you, Orlando Bloom).

He is best known for his roles in the original *Planet of the Apes*, in which he uttered the infamous, "damn dirty ape" line, and for his roles in *Soylent Green* ("It's people!"), *Ben-Hur* (for which he won the Oscar for Best Actor) and *The Ten Commandments*, while actively supporting the Civil Rights Movement.

But in 1998, Heston's acting career took a backseat while he presided over the National Rifle Association as its president until 2003, simultaneously bringing a famous face and recognition to the NRA, while promoting the right to bear arms as it is protected in the Second Amendment.

I want to preface the following with this: Shootings and crimes that are caused due to the use of guns are tragic, just like all other crimes are tragic. The rise of school shootings in this country makes me cringe, the same as anyone with a pulse. It's a disturbing trend, along with school violence

in general, and it's something that we can only hope to curb in the immediate future.

Having said that: Guns are not the problem.

It's become a popular stance to take today, as politicians, pundits and laypeople become more and more convinced that a ban on guns is indeed the answer to stop the violence that is overwhelming our country everyday.

While stricter gun control is needed, an outright ban on all firearms is not the answer.

To quote a slogan from the NRA, "If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."

Truer words have never been spoken. In other words, if every law-abiding citizen who has never committed a crime in their entire life has to give up their firearms that they only use for the occasional round of target practice, in hopes that they will never actually have to use it at against a human target has to give up their guns...then only the law-breaking, societal outcasts who do not respect nor regard the welfare or lives of others are going to have guns, which, guess what? *They will use to commit crimes!* That is what's happening now. Nothing is going to change if no one can have guns.

What needs to happen is that this country needs to start being a little more selective about who can purchase guns, while cracking down on those who can get guns illegally.

When you think about it, the problem

can be solved by using simple common sense: Don't let ex-cons buy guns, don't let those with mental disorders buy guns, don't sell an AK-47 at a gun show, and, most importantly, *Don't let children have access to guns!*

How many deaths could have been prevented if a parent would have used more common sense in storing their firearms? Quite a few, I imagine. It's the little things in life that make the difference everyday. Common sense can go a long way if people know how to use it.

Furthermore, I'd like to address those who blame guns on the school shootings. The shootings at Columbine and Virginia Tech were tragic on an enormous level. But those tragedies weren't caused because of the availability of firearms; they happened because the perpetrators were mentally disturbed people who were ignored by everyone around them. The parents of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold were ignorant to the fact that their children were planning this, even though both Harris and Klebold made journals and video diaries of their planning of the massacre at Columbine. It is worth noting that the firearms were not purchased legally.

Seung-Hui Cho, the shooter at Virginia Tech, purchased the firearms legally; however, he did not disclose his prior problems with mental health, which could prevent one from purchasing a firearm. In addition, Cho was also displaying erratic behavior, which was noticed prior to the shootings.

Again, the shootings at those schools are tragic and completely senseless, just like every other school shooting. I'm not taking anything away from the pain and suffering that is felt by the victims and their friends and families, but the killers were so committed to the act that a ban on firearms wouldn't have prevented them from happening. Those kids would have found out a way to procure a firearm, believe me. It's not hard to get a gun. There isn't a secret black market that you need to be a member of if you want to get your hands on a TEC-9 with the serial numbers scratched off.

All three of the shooters were exhibiting signs of anti-social tendencies. Would an intervention have prevented the shootings? Perhaps. Perhaps not. We'll never know.

But what we do know is that both of these tragedies were the result of the illegal and otherwise murky ability to obtain a firearm. In all fairness, not one of these kids should have had a gun. It's that simple.

Not every shooting that occurs in a school is as black-and-white as Columbine or Virginia Tech. Sometimes there aren't any warnings or signs that could cause concern. Sometimes these things just happen. It's unfortunate, but it's true.

What we need to do as a country is not ban guns altogether, but take more effective steps towards limiting access to those who shouldn't have guns. Is it going to be completely effective? Of course not. Someone is going to get their hands on a gun, just like someone is going to drive under the influence of alcohol - it's illegal, and we have safeguards in place to prevent it from happening, but it's not going to be completely eradicated.

And to the politicians: Stop using guns as a platform for your candidacies. You know as well as anyone else what the real problems are, but you're not willing to address them (in other words, the stupid parents didn't do their jobs). Instead, you attack an ancillary problem that is appealing to the masses because they are too stupid to realize how pointless a ban on firearms would be.

This is an issue that crops up every so often, usually after a shooting occurs in a public place, and the same old song and dance starts up yet again, as the solution to everyone's problem seems to be that guns need to be taken away. Usually, the proponents of these movements are the ones who say that the Second Amendment was created in a different time and that the meaning can't be applied to this day and age. However, those same people will go ahead and use the First Amendment as a blanket rule to burn a flag on the steps of a courthouse.

To the public: use your heads. The right to bear arms is a perfect example of how fear can cause those to think irrationally or out of haste. Every problem has a solution when you look past the obvious.

Here's to you... Mr. Annoying exhaust guy!

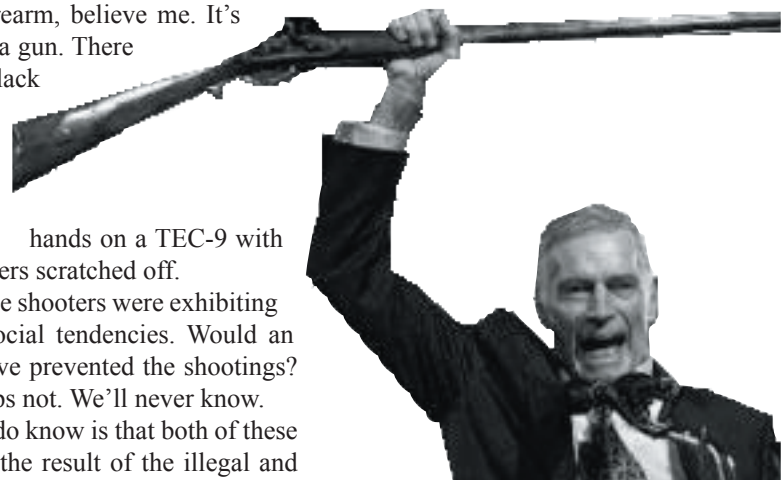
BY GINO TROIANI

Staff Writer/Photographer



Drawing By: Matt Vital

The wing on the back of your '94 Neon really compliments both its primer gray color, and the huge decal that displays the word NEON across your windshield. But you're proud, in fact you're so proud that you even went as far as installing a performance exhaust that sounds like a dying bumble bee so that everyone knows how cool your car really is. Keep on keeping on!



Courtesy 2snaps.tv

The late Charlton Heston fighting for our Second Amendment rights.

Gender gap factors into college acceptances

Less qualified young men accepted to balance the class

BY LAUREN SALEM
Beacon Staff Writer

The competition for acceptance into many private colleges in the United States among future female freshman has become intense over the past few years and will only get worse.

Currently, a girl has to be more than just the high school class president, captain of the cheerleading team, and a community service leader combined in order to get wait listed at some of the nation’s most selective colleges. Add advanced placement courses, top SAT scores, and extracurricular activities, and she *might* be accepted.

According to a recent study, admissions officers across the country are accepting boys with lower credentials instead of girls with higher credentials in order to close the campus gender gap. The practice is illegal and places unfair expectations on girls. According to *TIME* magazine, 58% of undergraduates nationally are female, which will increase to 60% over the next few years.

The declining number of freshman boys accepted to college has caused some admissions officers to fudge by placing lower expectations on boys, so they can close the gender gap. The usually highly selective private colleges that engage in the practice, do so because they want to meet the needs of

their institution, one of which is usually to ensure that the freshman class is not 70-30 female. A freshman class that is 70 percent female makes the school look less attractive to other male and female applicants, but not much can be done to control who applies to what colleges without discriminating.

In 2001, the University of Georgia was sued for violating Title VI (racial equality) and Title IX (gender equality) by intentionally discriminating against

Fall Enrollment by Gender
As of official census date

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Undergraduate Students					
Male Full-time	888	919	924	974	1,044
Female Full-time	897	977	1,044	1,036	1,066
Total	1,785	1,896	1,968	2,010	2,110
Male Part-time	138	100	107	97	122
Female Part-time	132	112	113	138	104
Total	270	212	220	235	226
First-Professional Students					
Male Full-time	91	97	97	100	105
Female Full-time	172	178	175	167	169
Total	263	275	272	267	274
Male Part-time	1	2	0	0	0
Female Part-time	1	2	1	1	1
Total	2	4	1	1	1
Graduate Students					
Male Full-time	52	38	63	75	102
Female Full-time	57	58	94	98	113
Total	109	96	157	173	215
Male Part-time	616	598	596	653	728
Female Part-time	1,345	1,283	1,266	1,438	1,560
Total	1,961	1,881	1,862	2,091	2,288
Total University					
Male Full-time	1,031	1,054	1,084	1,149	1,251
Female Full-time	1,126	1,213	1,313	1,301	1,348
Total	2,157	2,267	2,397	2,450	2,599
Male Part-time	755	700	703	750	850
Female Part-time	1,478	1,397	1,380	1,577	1,665
Total	2,233	2,097	2,083	2,327	2,515

Though universities and colleges across the nation are struggling to strike a balance between male and female undergraduate students, to date, Wilkes doesn’t appear to have this problem. (graphic taken from the 2007-2008 Wilkes University’s Fact Book)

three white women based on race and gender, according to an article posted by *The Weekly Standard*. In an attempt to boost the number of undergraduate black males, the university rejected the women and placed stricter requirements on women and other races. The courts agreed with the women after they argued that if they had been black men they would have been accepted.

So what is the cost of an attractive campus? About 3,000 wait list and rejection letters sent out to students, most of which are female, from Kenyon College, one of many schools fighting to resist the growing gender gap.

Jennifer Delahunty Britz, the dean of admissions at Kenyon College, wrote an editorial called, “To All the Girls I’ve Rejected,” printed in the *New York Times*, which stated that applying to college is a “...complicated and prolonged dance that begins early, and for young women, there is little margin for error...”

Delahunty and 10 other admissions officers sat around a table gulping coffee and looking over applications, when they came across an extraordinary application from a 17-year-old girl in Kentucky. The girl had taken six advanced placement courses, did 300 hours of community service, and was “the leader/president/editor/captain/lead actress in every activity in her school,” among other things. After all that, she was wait-listed because her test scores were only average.

“We had to have a debate before we decided to swallow the middling scores and write “admit” next to her name,” Delahunty wrote in her op-ed. “Had she been a male applicant, there would have been little, if any, hesitation to admit.”

When admissions officers use affirmative action to increase the number of boys on campus, it communicates a disturbing message to boys who will be applying to colleges in the future: you won’t have to work as hard as the girl sitting next to you in your high school English class to be accepted into college. This is just a set-up for failure that will increase the number of boys that dropout of college, because they aren’t prepared for what comes along with that acceptance letter they didn’t deserve. Acceptance into college should not be based on gender, but on who will be the most likely students to succeed in the future.

Your Voices

To Wilkes University students & staff,

I would personally like to thank everyone who had helped with or attended Block Party over the past weekend. With over 850 students present throughout the day, I would like to consider the Off Campus Council’s Block Party 2008 a *huge* success.

Sherri Homanko
Off Campus Council President

P.S. If anyone is interested in joining the Off Campus Council (OCC) for next year, assisting with Block Party, or has any comments or suggestions, please e-mail:

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Dear Editor:

Do educated people realize that the manner with which a candidate runs their campaign is representative of their basic, true character? If they’ve done it to others, they will do it to you!

As when Hillary ran for Senator of New York. She promised the unemployed, despondent people of Western New York, that she would bring to their area: economic growth, 200,000 jobs, tax breaks for college tuition and long-term care. She failed to fulfill these promises to her “own” people. When asked why these vows never achieved, she stated that she “thought” Al Gore would win the presidency-her standard diversion from a direct question. Why didn’t she say: “I lied?” she recently promised in Youngstown, Ohio, she would bring 5 million jobs to America. What is she “assuming” this time?

Hillary constantly demeans Obama; implies he’s just “words”, but she has forgotten her own empty “words”.

America does not need another represen-

tative in the White House practicing subterfuge then saying: “I lied.” How soon we forget! No self-respecting woman would tolerate such humiliation and embarrassment from her husband, in view of the entire world! Only one with an extremely selfish, egotistic, conceited personal goal in mind.

Obama runs on decent, respectable campaign on important issues; yet has to constantly divert in order to defend himself against Hillary’s and Bill’s disparagement and deceitfulness. Obama’s camp hasn’t once mentioned “Monica,” “Linda,” or “I lied,” yet Bill speaks malevolently of Obama; therefore manifesting his own impeccability.

Obama is cognizant of all walks of life; intelligent, tactful, diplomatic, truthful, of respectable character, and isn’t trying to fulfill an egotistic, fantasy dream of getting into history books.

Beguiling manipulators such as Hillary are not worthy of decent citizen’s vote.

Mrs. Brenda Reuter
Brodheadsville, PA

Student of the Week: Adam Burke

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA

Beacon Lifestyles Editor

According to Adam Burke, there's no greater feeling than performing in front of a crowd and listening to them sing along to the songs he wrote.

And Burke has lots of experience behind the microphone in front of a crowd.

When he was a high school sophomore, he started his first band, The Muckrakers, known as TMR. While he started out singing vocals, he soon realized he wanted to discover more about music, so he decided to learn to play the guitar. Now a sophomore double major in history and psychology at Wilkes, Burke plays guitar and sings in his current band, Pluto Was a Planet, and performs acoustic solos. Both the band and his solo performances allow for different means of self-expression, with the former having more of a heavier alternative feel, and the latter as more alternative acoustic rock.

On Wednesday April 16, Burke will perform for the third time at Barnes & Noble in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Upcoming solo performances at the bookstore also include May 7 and August 22, and he and his band are attempting to book a show at Cafe Metro. Because of his dedication to his music and to the Wilkes community through his psychology tutoring for University College, *The Beacon* has chosen Burke as its Student of the Week.

The Beacon: When did you first become interested in music?

Burke: I started a ska/punk band when I was a sophomore in high school. That was my first band, and it was also before I played guitar. I sang in this band, and eventually started playing guitar and did rhythm for a few songs. I wrote poetry and songs for years before that, but never had any place to apply the work.

The Beacon: Where do you get your inspiration for the songs you write?

Burke: My inspiration for my music comes from a lot of things. I really like to write outside when it's nice, or I like to drive out to the middle of nowhere and sit on the trunk of my car. My grandparents have a house in Cape May, New Jersey, and I always make sure I get a chance to go to the beach to think and write. I'll admit, I write primarily about girls, but I pull my moods, feelings, and rhythms from my environment. The two songs that I am definitely most proud of are "Beantown" and "Father Said". "Beantown" is about someone close

to you moving away for college, and coping quietly with what you know is right around the corner. It is more upbeat, and the lyrics are made to joke at the fear I had of losing someone important to me. "Father Said" is about a time when I asked my father for advice with

women, and he just laughed and said, "Get used

to it. There's not much you can do." It's my reminder to myself that I should heed the opinions and ideas of those who I know have been in my position before.

The Beacon: Explain the musical sound of your band.

Burke: My sound is completely different depending on who I am playing with. The band has a heavier alternative sound, whereas my acoustic songs are made more for my personal expression. There are a lot of things that I can't do without the band, so even songs that I play solo and in the band sound totally different depending on who's playing. I would describe my music as alternative acoustic rock, with the

band songs being alternative.

The Beacon: How does it feel after playing to a packed house?

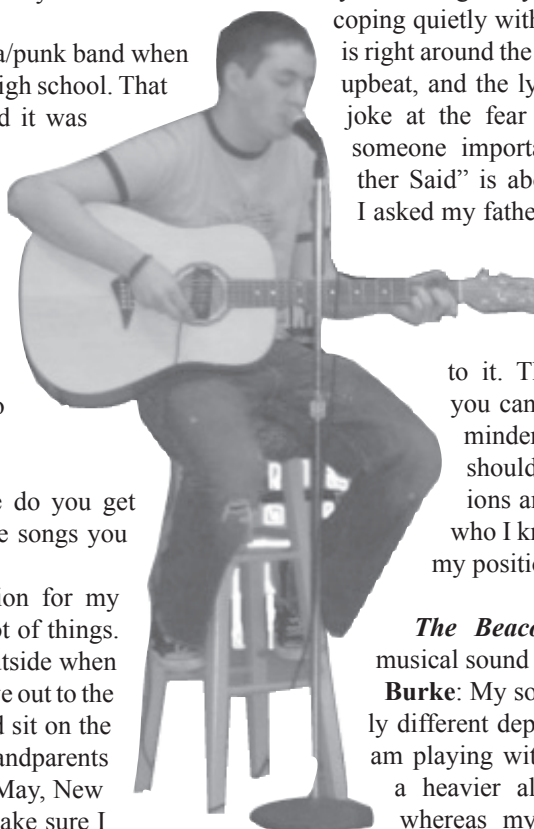
Burke: Playing and seeing a good crowd is awesome. There's no greater feeling than seeing people singing along with songs you wrote. The crowds are great, and they will come up to you and shake your hand. It's really a great feeling to feel accepted by everyone like that. I really can't thank them enough for their support.

The Beacon: What's the hardest part of juggling being a student and a musician?

Burke: The hardest part of juggling school and music is this. It is a lot easier to pick up a guitar than it is to pick up a book. I definitely enjoy playing more than I enjoy working on school, but both are things that I love, and both will eventually pay off. Knowing when to put down the guitar and crack a book is the hardest part of juggling the two.

The Beacon: What do you hope to do after you graduate?

Burke: When I graduate, I hope to go into the Peace Corps. I want to do it right when I graduate, so there are no excuses as to why I didn't. After that, who knows. If I land a nice job I'll take it. If I don't feel done with school, I want to go to grad school for one of my two majors, history or psychology.



Courtesy of Adam Burke

Product Review: HeadBlade Shaver

The Beacon tests the bald man's best friend

BY NICK PODOLAK

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

There comes a time in every man's life when he looks in the mirror and says, "Man, I'm getting old." For some, this disturbing discov-hairy occurs sooner than for others. Whether it's a receding hairline, widow's peak, or skullet that forces an individual to wear a baseball cap 'year round, shaving one's head suddenly becomes the most favorable option.

I happen to be one of these individuals, and while some may argue that my thinning hair gives me a distinguished look, I had the urge to shave it all off after my friends persuaded me that I had the "perfect head" for it.

I was reluctant at first. I mean, shaving your head is not just something you do

for fun; it's a bold move. Secondly, I get enough nicks on my face and neck when shaving with a disposable razor, the last thing I need is tissue-covered cuts all over my melon. Then a friend told me about the HeadBlade.

The HeadBlade is a device specifically designed for shaving one's head, and could best be described as a Micromachine of sorts with a triple blade at the front (think of a lawnmower for your head). In fact, it was one of *TIME* magazine's "Best Ten Designs of 2000."

After buzzing my hair to a short stubble with an electric trimmer, I lathered it up and slid the device onto my middle finger as directed, leading with the blade and making sure the HeadBlade's wheels were planted firmly on my scalp.

Instead of pulling the device, as you would with a handheld razor, you push it, and after one vertical swipe, I was sold. No nicks. No discomfort. Just cool liquid smooth.

The best advantage the HeadBlade has to offer is that you don't need someone else's assistance when shaving hard-to-reach places such as the back of your head and neck, though I would recommend the use of a mirror to make sure no spots are missed. However, it is awkward using the HeadBlade behind the ears. At that point, I had to resort to the Gillette Mach 3 to ensure a close shave. Furthermore, the blade often gets clogged with hair, and needs to be washed off vigorously. Fortunately, HeadBlade is compatible with Gillette Atra, Shick Ultrex, and Super II



blade cartridges.

It may take a couple of shaves to get used to, but once you have HeadBlade down pat, you may never go back to using a handheld razor again. And be sure to apply a cool balm afterwards to resist burning and irritation.

The cost of the HeadBlade runs about \$120 and can be found at most local drug stores or pharmacies.

So happy shaving, and remember...chicks dig the bald guy!

Photo courtesy of Headblade.com

A trip through the strange, scenic, and scary back roads of Pennsylvania

BY CHRISTINE ZAVASKAS
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Ah, spring. The season for love, flowers, and one of the greatest American traditions... road trips! Although one of the most frequent complaints by Wilkes students seems to be that there is nothing to do in the area, for those who are willing to venture off the highway a bit there are actually plenty of hidden attractions and natural wonders in Pennsylvania well worth an afternoon or overnight trip.

Few people know the concealed marvels of the Keystone State better than Ed Tettermer, curator, writer, and photographer for *The Shunpiker's Guide*, a publication with a name requiring some explanation.

According to Tettermer, "It's very simple, a shunpiker shuns the turnpikes."

Tettermer's job involves taking a week every month to journey to a different region of Pennsylvania and to explore the hidden landmarks, indepen-

dently owned restaurants, and charming bed and breakfasts that lie off the beaten path. Throughout his unique travels, Tettermer has found a plethora of interesting places that he recommends to students looking for an interesting way to spend a weekend.

Cherry Springs State Park

One natural site that Tettermer strongly recommends visiting is Cherry Springs State Park. According to this park's website, (<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/Parks/cherrysprings.aspx>) it is Pennsylvania's first official Dark Sky Park and one of the best places along the east coast for stargazing.

The park owes its exceptionally dark skies to its high elevation, small surrounding towns, and the precautions the

park takes to keep all light at a minimum.

"You can see so many stars! The sky almost gets red at night with the amount of stars. It's unbelievable, and you can see Andromeda with the naked eye. There are all these astronomers that show up with enormous telescopes and they have big star parties there...It's unbelievable, it looks like a Steven Spielberg movie," says Tettermer.

Camping is available inside the park on a first come, first served basis from April 11 until December 14, and according to the website www.mapquest.com, the park is only approximately a three-hour drive from campus. One important tip is to check the lunar calendar and plan a visit for the dark of the moon, when the stars will be the most visible.

Seven Tubs Nature Area

For those who want to visit a unique park that is closer to Wilkes, Dr. Sid Halsor a Professor of Environmental Engineering and Earth Science, recommends the Seven Tubs Nature Area. Located just a few minutes from campus, Halsor uses the park as a geological laboratory for three of the classes he teaches.

"Its claim to fame is that right along the base of the stream, it's called Wheelbarrow Run. There are a series of fairly deep, what we call potholes. They're excavation holes in the base of the stream channel. The stream comes down and it flows down through a narrow slot in the bedrock, so the water flows pretty quickly and then it gets into these pothole areas and it swirls like a whirlpool," says Halsor.

Hiking trails and beautiful scenery abound as well according to Halsor, who was also on the committee which helped create this county park.

"Swimming is not allowed there because it's, we thought, too dangerous...There are plenty of access points where you can get cooled off and just put your feet in the water... The water is always really clean and clear and it's fed by groundwater, so it's very appealing during a hot summer day," says Halsor.

Archbald Pothole

Approximately 45 minutes from Wilkes is another geologic pothole of note, but one which was formed under different circumstances.

Kristin Klimchak, a P1 pharmacy student, says about the Archbald Pothole, "It's nothing but a big narrow hole in the ground and everybody thinks it's so fascinating because it was made by a glacier."

This may not sound like a particularly interesting place to visit, but the site has considerable geologic significance. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources website (<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/>), the Archbald Pothole was formed about 15,000 years ago by a glacier. The 38 feet deep hole was created by melt water on top of a glacier which fell hundreds of feet down through a crack in the ice with enough force that over time, it created the huge pothole in solid rock. Today the pothole is the main feature of a 150-acre state park called... you guessed it, Archbald Pothole State Park.

Whistler's Mother Statue

Natural wonders are not Pennsylvania's only attractions. There are also plenty of odd, manmade landmarks. Upon driving into the town of Ashland, PA, the unsuspecting traveler may be a little surprised to find a large statue, possibly resembling their grandmother, glaring down upon them from atop a hill.

"I pulled into a stop light, looked up, and there on a hill was the world's only three dimensional replica of the painting 'Whistler's Mother.' It's a really famous old-time painting of this stern-looking woman in a rocking chair...She's looking down over the town scowling and it says in foot high letters carved in granite underneath her, 'MOTHER' and then it says, 'A mother is the holiest thing alive,'" says Tettermer.

This statue, which was erected in 1937 by the Ashland Boys Association, was meant to honor all mothers in Pennsylvania, but ac-

cording to Tettermer, it looks a bit creepy. For the complete story of what inspired this town to play host to such a creation, Tettermer suggests walking across the street to the local Historical Society, or there is also the option of checking out Danny's Boulevard Drive-In, a restaurant from the 1950s which still serves burgers to customers seated at a quaint lunch counter.

HIBERNIAN HOUSE BY JACK KEHOE

Hibernian House Tavern

For the road tripper whose thirst for the strange is still not quenched, Tettermer notes that not far from this eccentric statue is the Hibernian House Tavern, a bar that was once owned and operated by the leader of the Molly Maguires, Jack Kehoe.

"The Molly Maguires was this band of Irish union guys who were activists during the coal miners' struggle with the coal companies back in the mid 1800s... Jack Kehoe was one of the leaders and he and some of the others guys were brought to trial, run through a kangaroo court, and were hung in Pottsville...His great grandson still runs the tavern and inside is Jack Kehoe's cell door and this big concrete anchor that was shackled to his ankle when he was in jail," says Tettermer.

Gravity Hill/ Jean Bonnet Tavern

If a giant statue honoring mothers and a tavern using jail cell decor is still not strange enough, consider a longer trip to perhaps one of the most puzzling places that Tettermer recommends, Gravity Hill. Although this attraction is almost a four-hour drive from campus according to www.mapquest.com, the mystery seems to be well worth the trip.

According to the website www.gravityhill.com set up by the Bedford County Visitor's Bureau, "Gravity Hill is a phenomenon. Cars roll uphill and water flows the wrong way. It's a place where gravity has gone haywire. There is no fee to venture onto Gravity Hill. It is, quite simply, a road in a remote corner of Bedford County."

The website offers no explanation for these occurrences, but Tettermer attests, "I went there and in fact, you put your car into neutral and you will start drifting uphill. We got out and we spilled some water out of a water bottle and it ran uphill. We put a ball down and it started rolling uphill. I thought I was going nuts."

According to Tettermer, the place can be a little hard to find, but the website offers great directions and also a few reminders on Gravity Hill etiquette, such as being sure to check the rearview mirror before you put your car in neutral, and not turning your car around in someone's yard.

If an eight hour drive roundtrip is too much for one day, those who are not afraid of an otherworldly encounter could stay at the nearby Jean Bonnet Tavern, recommended by Tettermer.

According to the tavern's website (jeanbonnettavern.com) it was built in 1762 and is on the National Registry of Historic Places. With a building that is nearly 250 years old, more than a few guests and workers at the tavern have claimed to have ghostly experiences there.

"I got there and my door was open, and then I went outside and when I went back to my room the door was closed and locked. I went down to get it opened and they came back to open it for me and the door was wide open. Freaky stuff happens," says Tettermer.

Rooms at the Jean Bonnet Tavern run from \$85.00-\$120.00 per night and include a full breakfast. More information is available on the website along with a picture taken at the tavern in which some see a ghostly image.

Tunkhannock Viaduct

As for those road trippers who have no desire to spend quite so much money on gas, there is still the chance to see what was once described as the eighth wonder of the world, according to an article entitled "Lackawanna Intends Going Ahead with Improvements" published in the *Scranton Times* on November 8, 1915.

Andrew Franko, a senior history major, says about the Tunkhannock (Nicholson) Viaduct, "It's just amazing. It's a train bridge that goes across a valley from one mountain to the other. It's huge."

According to www.northeastpennsylvania.com, this behemoth concrete railroad bridge spans 2,375 feet in length and crosses the valley at a height of 300 feet above the bedrock. It is the largest poured concrete bridge in the world and at the time of its construction, the most expensive railroad bridge ever built according to the Pennsylvania State Website (<http://www.pa.gov/portal/server.pt>).

While visiting any of the other previously mentioned places can serve as the basis for a great road trip, there are also plenty of other attractions waiting to be discovered by those who want to look for them.

For those who are more inclined to explore, ask the locals where the best places to eat and stay are, and if they give the name of a chain establishment, to keep on asking.

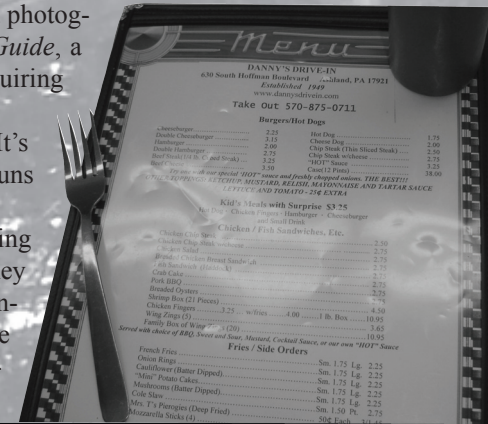
According to Tettermer, if you do this, "You'll find that you'll eat really well, sleep in great places filled with stories, and you'll meet people who you'll never forget because they have such great tales for you. They'll make you feel so welcome, no matter how old."

Tettermer has some suggestions as to how he goes about finding the "hidden gems" of Pennsylvania, "When I talk about shunpiking, I have a couple rules. Number one, rule, no four lane roads whatsoever. Every road must be two lanes. The other rule is, if you see smoke in the distance, stop because it probably means somebody's cooking barbeque and that's always a good thing, and no chains. So, no Holiday Inns, no Denny's, and no Ruby Tuesdays," says Tettermer.

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Nightlife Review: Colosseum Nightclub

BY ALISON WOODY

Beacon Managing Editor

New York City is filled with nightclubs and bars that almost always assure a good time. However, with over 120 miles separating Wilkes University and the “city that never sleeps,” getting there for a night of fun is often difficult for students.

That is why Colosseum Nightclub, located only 20 miles away on Adams Avenue in Scranton, is the perfect alternative. Located next to the Hilton, and surrounded by other local bars, Colosseum has taken Northeast PA nightlife to the next level.

The nightclub opened on March 15 and is operated by three experienced owners including Rob Dale, a veteran to the entertainment industry who has been a DJ for over 20 years.

My friends and I decided to give Colosseum a try this past Saturday night. We arrived to an overwhelming number of people just trying to get through the doors. The line moved quickly to the register, though, where we each coughed up an \$8 cover charge and prayed the place would be worth the price.

In true New York fashion, there was a strict dress code. This became apparent when almost every girl was in her finest dress and some guys actually took the time to put on a suit. Big, manly security teams were also stationed at every corner.

Upon first entering Colosseum, patrons are greeted by a house DJ located in “The Lounge”. This area of the nightclub has one bar area with numerous flat screen televisions, as well as a huge seating arrangement including velour couches. While meant to act as a place to relax, we found that “The Lounge” could actually be a nightclub in and of itself since people were dancing on tables and getting extremely rowdy.

“The Lounge” is centered in between two narrow hallways that lead to the dance floor, which, by the way, are not suitable for a nightclub hosting as many people as Colosseum has in mind. Not only did it take me about five minutes to get through the crowd, but along the way I was pushed and shoved into walls and other people. While I would expect a horde of people such as this on the dance floor, I don’t expect it on my way to it.

Once through the swarm of people, you are welcomed into a huge room, which is more specifically the nightclub portion of Colosseum. The circular dance floor is in the middle of the room, surrounded by bars and accentuated with the infamous disco ball and Grecian columns.

On one side of the dance floor is a large bar area that extends down the entire side of the room. There were anywhere between three and five bartenders stationed there throughout the night. This equated to very efficient service, especially for how busy the club was. While prices are a bit higher than what you would pay at any other local bar, that is to be expected for a nightclub modeled after the upscale atmosphere of those in New York City.

On the other side of the dance floor is another lounge area, as well as the DJ booth. With a state of the art sound system, Colosseum has already hosted some of the hottest DJs in the country, including Jonathan Peters and Denny Tsettos. Radio station 97.1 BHT also broadcasts live from the club on weekends.

Colosseum has a VIP room, priced at about \$500 for the entire night, which can fit about 25 people. With your own cocktail waitress and separate section of the nightclub, it may be a perfect spot to celebrate a 21st birthday or any other type of special occasion. The nightclub also offers a light menu and bottle service.

Overall, my experience was exactly what I expected. I anticipated a packed crowd, great music to dance to and expensive drinks. While I realize not everyone will love a nightclub inspired by New York City, Colosseum gets an “A” from me because it is the first club to successfully bring something different to this region. So long roadtrips, hello Colosseum!

COLOSSEUM
Nightclub & Lounge

Funkmaster Flex to perform for MSC fundraiser

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Sports Editor

The Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) has coordinated, arguably, the most anticipated event during Relay for Life weekend by hiring world-renowned radio personality/DJ Funkmaster Flex to perform in the Marts Gymnasium on April 26.

High profiled entertainers are difficult to book to such a low-key area such as the Northeastern Pennsylvania region, but Christian Tavaréz, freshman member of MSC, has a brother who is a close friend of Flex and persuaded him to perform.

"We didn't have any problems (getting Flex to perform)," said Tavaréz. "We just talked him into it and he said yes. He's a real good guy."

Accompanied by his entourage, Flex will be scratching and mixing it up for all college students interested in attending the party, not just Wilkes University students. Members of Flex's crew will also be on the turn tables while others will rock the party from the microphone.

Schools that have received invitations to join the party include Lafayette, Keystone,

Montclair State (NJ), University of Baltimore, Lackawanna and Luzerne County. More schools will be asked to join prior to party time. Also, 689 facebook requests were sent and more than 300 have accepted already according to student president of MSC, Valerie Martinez.

"What I'm looking forward to is high attendance and I'm hoping that all the

other institutions will be able to exchange conversations to help build friendships with the other students," said Martinez.

Last year MSC donated \$500 and participated in the walk that took place on the track around the football field for Relay for Life. This year, the walk overlaps the MSC fashion show which will be held in Weckesser from 7-9 p.m.

Rather than dismissing their involvement with Relay for Life, MSC decided to throw a bash that hosts America's number one radio personality to help raise funds for the cancer society.

During his shows, aired from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Monday-Thursday, Flex reaches over 2 million listeners per week according to his biography posted on hot97.com. Flex is the founder of Team Baurtwell, a custom car-show organization that tours worldwide. Members include, Mariah Carey, Shaquille O'Neal, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Danica Patrick, Manny Ramirez and many others.

"Funkmaster Flex has enormous presence with today's most desirable target audience," according to his biography. "When he plays a record, it becomes a hit. When he sponsors an event, it sets attendance records."

Except this time, MSC is sponsoring and they are hoping to fill the Marts Gym to capacity at a reasonable price. Wilkes students will be charged \$1. All other college students will be charged \$2.



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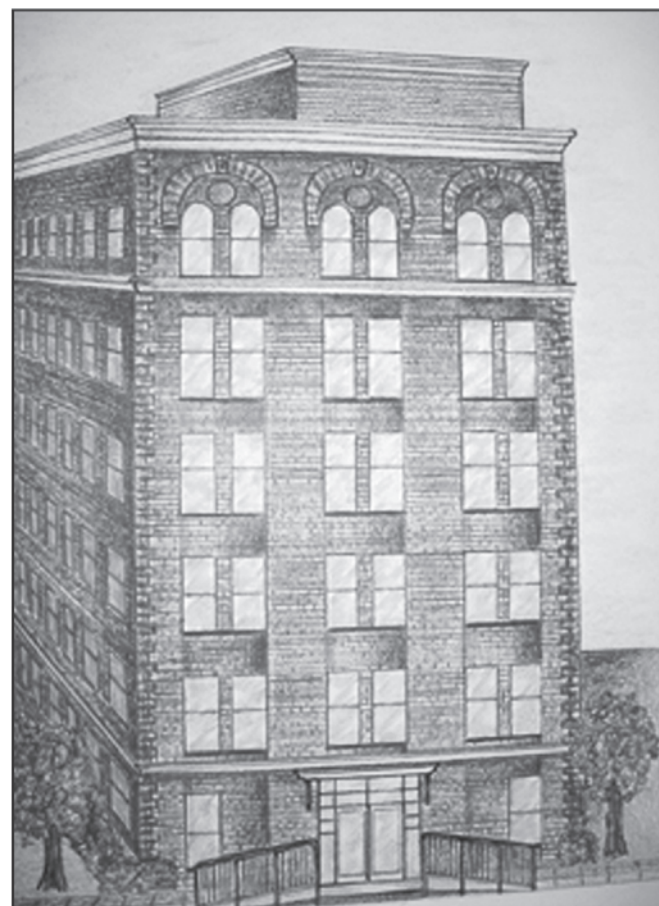
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Wilkes-Barre poetry scene flourishes

BY MARISSA PHILLIPS

Beacon A&E Editor

Although it is debatable, it might be the case that society is beginning to retire the notion of the obligatorily starving artist, honing his or her craft estranged from the rest of the world.

Art has always been something that you either get or you don't, but as of late, and specifically in this area, it seems that more and more people are becoming active in and more accepting of artistic endeavors. And although poets seem to be the artists given the worst rap in terms of being misunderstood, Wilkes-Barre and its surrounding areas are turning out to be quite rich in poetry.

Take just this month's schedule as an indication of the number of active poets we have within this area: on April 5 there was a Tazed Monkey poetry night at Donahue's; poet Barbara Barbara DeCesare will be on the Wilkes campus on April 15; on April 18 there will be a three-poet reading at Paper Kite Press; *The Manuscript* will then be holding an open poetry reading on April 24, with a subsequent unveiling of the new issue on April 29; and on April 30, Dr. Mischelle Anthony will host an open reading which will showcase the work of her Advanced Poetry Workshop class. In addition, creative writing faculty member, Jim Warner, regularly holds open mic readings at both Wilkes-Barre Barnes and Noble locations.

Whew! For a small area, there is a somewhat surprising, but bustling poetry scene. This is perhaps due in part to the open nature of these events. "It's very lively and conducive to a creative environment," said junior English major, Jason Sutton.

Take for example, Tazed Poetry nights, held at the bar Donahue's on the first Saturday of every month. Located in the back of a low-key dive bar, poets and audience members sit back with their drinks in a dimly lit room and start the reading whenever everyone seems about ready. Although there are featured readers from time to time, the readings are basically open to just about anyone who chooses to sign up. The result is an interesting mix, consisting of published poets reading beside college students, construction workers, school teachers, and just about anyone willing to share their thoughts and words with the crowd.

However, one criticism Sutton has about the area's poetry scene is that, "It would work better if it wasn't so insulated with-

in itself." But he noted the literary groups and circles are able to continue to grow because of their openness to newcomers, and the diversity of the opportunities and resources available.

Jim Warner's readings are offered in a sort of laid back atmosphere. Some of his past readings in Barnes and Noble have been not exclusively poetry readings, but an open mic night with varied talent. Poets were interwoven between musicians, playing to a crowd spanning a wide age range, with college students as well as parents along with their young children.

It is also important to note the numerous avenues existing in the area for poets to become published. Both Wilkes University and King's College publish their own literary magazines, Paper Kite Press and Etruscan Press publish entire poetic works, and *Antenna*, out of Scranton, is a small literary 'zine that can be picked up at local music venues. The availability of actual methods of publication work to encourage writers to keep active at their craft.

There are also opportunities on the Wilkes campus that serve as means of attracting new poets. Anthony's Advanced Poetry Workshop includes English majors, as well as theater and communications majors, some of whom are new to poetry. While the general creative writing course that the university offers to undergraduates does offer poetry, it just serves as an introduction, while Anthony's class teaches the student to experiment with different subjects, new voices, and new forms. Regardless of the poetry background each particular student had from the outset, students work together in the class through weekly open workshops, to break down each person's poem, pinpointing strengths as well as weaknesses. The students will then showcase their work to anyone on the campus who wishes to attend their reading at the end of the month.

There is also the *Manu-*



The Beacon/Marissa Phillips

Juniors Jason Sutton and Brad Defrain look at a past issue of the *The Manuscript* and discuss their favorite submissions. Sutton, an English major, has had numerous pieces of work published in the *The Manuscript* throughout the years.

script which, although historically produced by primarily English majors, is beginning to attract those from outside disciplines. Considering a recent redesign of the book, more readership has been attracted. Editor-in-chief of the book, Kacy Muir, explained, "I think more people have heard about it since spring

2007's *Manuscript* because of the art intensity."

Although Wilkes-Barre is comparatively small, the number of opportunities it offers to poets, young and old alike, is like that of a bigger city.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday April 15

-Wilkes will host a blood drive at the Henry Student Center as part of the Drive of 5 to Save Lives with other local colleges.

-Poet Barbara DeCesare will read at the Kirby Hall salon at 7:00pm. The event is free.

-Paul Taylor Dance Company will perform at the F.M. Kirby Center at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday April 16

-"Before the Devil Knows Your Dead" will show at the F.M. Kirby Center at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Thursday April 17

-Hot Buttered Rum will perform at 8:00 p.m. at the River Street Jazz Cafe. The Trevor MacDonald Band will open.

-Comedy Night at Donahue's Pub. Event begins at 10:00 p.m.

Friday April 18

-Goodbye Soundscape, The Cordova Academy Glee Club and Writing January will play at Cafe Metropolis at 8:00 p.m.

-Tigers Jaw, Das Black Milk, Midnight Railroad Carpet Flyers CD release at 8:00 p.m. at the Test Pattern Concert Hall in Scranton.

-New York poets ICE, Jane Ormerod and Brant Lyon will read from a book they recently collaborated on at Paper Kite Press in Kingston. The event starts at 8:30 p.m. and a book signing will follow.

-River Street Jazz Cafe will host Cabinet's CD release party at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday April 19

-"Dodging for Dollars," a dodge ball tournament to benefit Candy's Place will be held in the UCOM at 11:00 a.m.

-Captain We're Sinking, Falling Over Failure, The Loyal, and Thesis Statement will play at Cafe Metropolis at 8:00 p.m.

-Ricky Skaggs and Bruce Hornsby will perform with Kentucky Thunder at 8:00 p.m. at the F.M. Kirby Center.

Sunday April 20

-The IRHC will host a Scavenger Hunt behind Evans Hall. The event starts at 4:00 p.m. and prizes will be rewarded.

-Led Phish will perform at the River Street Jazz Cafe.

Monday April 21

-An Albatross, Monotonix from Isreal, and YGGR will play at Cafe Metropolis at 7:00 p.m.

Kudracross

BY CHRISTOPHER KUDRAK

Beacon Staff Writer

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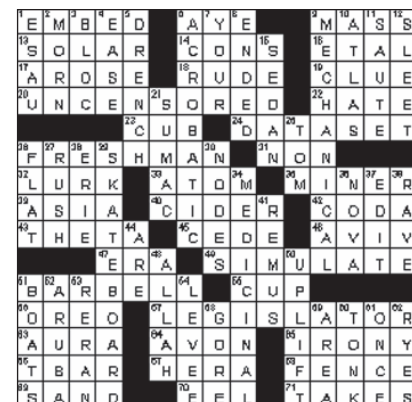
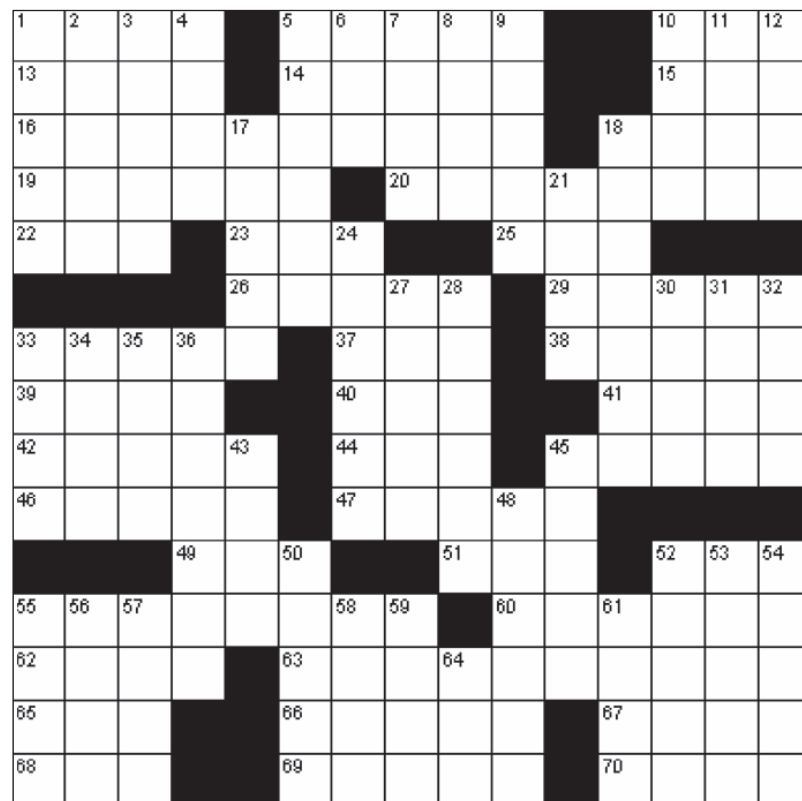
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Hulu.com

BY STEPHANIE GERCHMAN

Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

This website title sounds like some sort of quirky, time killer website. It is not. Fortunately, it is a website that shows full episodes and clips of recent TV shows and shows from way back and some full movies. So, if you miss your favorite show, chances are you will find the full episode on Hulu.com.

You might wonder how a website can post so many shows without breaking any laws...there are several sites that do this illegally. Since March 2007 Hulu has taken the legal route in providing full episodes and movies online. Hulu has partnerships with over 50 television providers such as Fox, NBC, Sony, Warner Bros. and Lionsgate. The site is supported by ads placed on the site so users can watch the episodes and movies for free anytime.

Some of the shows that there are full episodes for are *24*, *Dirt*, *Family Guy*, *House*, *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, *My Name is Earl*, *Top Chef*, *The Simpsons* and *The Office*. Some of the old favorites that are on the site are *The A-Team*, *The Addams Family*, *Charlie's Angels*, *Fame*, and *Doogie Howser M.D.* I know that the whole

series of *Dirt* is on Hulu and I'm sure there are a more full seasons if you look through them. This is good if you haven't watched the show and feel like you've missed something.

Full movies that are included on the site are *The Big Lebowski*, *Dude Where's My Car*, *Fever Pitch*, *Some Like it Hot*, *Requiem for a Dream* and *October Sky*. Okay, so the full movies choices aren't that great...but it's better than going to Blockbuster and wasting your money on a movie that will probably suck anyway.

The full television show episodes make this website worth the time. For those days when you just don't feel like leaving your...desk, there is Hulu. The videos show in a media player and you can make them full screen. If you want to watch videos with certain ratings sometimes you have to create a free account and sign in to view them. The videos are listed alphabetically by either TV or movies. Full episodes have a little symbol next to them and the rest are clips. I give this website a GP for Great Potential!

Commentary

GAME OF THE WEEK

Four teams vie for final two playoff spots

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

After six months of games, thousands of points, hundreds of rebounds and countless injuries, the NBA season is finally coming to a close as the remainder of the bubble



teams make one more push for the final playoff spots.

In the Eastern Conference, seven of the eight seeds have already been filled, with the Boston Celtics and the Detroit Pistons leading the pack. Joining them are the Orlando Magic, Cleveland Cavaliers, Washington Wizards, Toronto Raptors, and the Philadelphia 76ers.

With only one playoff spot left, it's going to come down to the Atlanta Hawks or the Indiana Pacers, both of whom need to win the remainder of their games to give themselves the best shot.

Atlanta Hawks vs. Miami Heat

The Hawks should win this game easily, as the Miami Heat have been one of the worst teams in the NBA this season, only two years removed from their last championship. With Shaquille O'Neal no longer with the team, the Heat have served mostly as a stepping stone for opposing teams who need to get a win.

In order for the game against the Heat to make a difference, the Hawks to first play the Magic before finishing off their season with Miami.

Dispatching the Miami Heat shouldn't prove to be too difficult for the Hawks, but a significant playoff run is nothing more than a pipe dream, as they will likely face the Boston Celtics in the first round.

The pick:
Atlanta Hawks: 91
Miami Heat: 85

New York Knicks vs. Indiana Pacers

The Indiana Pacers find themselves in similar situation, as they finish off their season against the New York Knicks, who have been the ire of fans all season long, due to poor play and poor personnel decisions.

The road to the Knicks isn't going to be easy, as they take on the playoff bound Washington Wizards in their next-to-last contest.

The Pacers should easily win over the Knicks, but in order for them to make the playoffs, they are going to need help from around the league in order to make up the gap in the standings to catch the Hawks.

The pick:
Indiana Pacers: 96
New York Knicks: 94

In the Western Conference, things are a bit closer. The New Orleans Hornets, the Los Angeles Lakers and the San Antonio Spurs are all separated by less than a game in the standings, while there is less than a five-game gap between the rest of the teams, which include the Utah Jazz, Houston Rockets, Phoenix Suns and the Dallas Mavericks.

The final spot is going to be a toss up between the Denver Nuggets and the Golden State Warriors; two teams that are going to score early and often.

Memphis Grizzlies vs. Denver Nuggets

The Denver Nuggets finish off their season against the Memphis Grizzlies, who will provide nothing more than background noise as they languish near the bottom of the standings.

The Nuggets, who scored 168 points in an earlier game this season, will have no problem getting past the Grizzlies, who have let opponents score over 106 points in games this season.



Despite their lack of defense, the Nuggets have the combination of Allen Iverson and Carmelo Anthony to lead the offense, which will easily trump the opposing Grizzlies.



The pick:
Denver Nuggets: 122
Memphis Grizzlies: 96

Seattle SuperSonics vs. Golden State Warriors

The Golden State Warriors are going to have a similarly easy time in their final game of the season as they take on the Seattle SuperSonics, whose only bright spot in an otherwise depressing season has been the emergence of Kevin Durant, who has lead the team in points, blocks and steals.

He will serve as the only significant roadblock to Golden State as they make their final grasp at the playoffs.

The Warriors should make quick work of the SuperSonics, as their dominant offense will take full advantage of Seattle's poor defense.

Despite a win against Seattle, Golden State is going to need help in order to reach the playoffs, as Denver has a one-game edge in the standings for the final spot.

The pick:
Golden State Warriors: 132
Seattle SuperSonics: 91



Double Take

Steph examines the stats that truly matter...

BY STEPHANIE GERCHMAN

Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

Normally, I have to choose one winner between two teams. Occasionally, I pick two. This week, I have to pick four. I hate you, Tim Seigfried.

For the first game, I had to pick between the Seattle SuperSonics and the Golden State Warriors. On one hand we have a beloved video game and on the other we have a killer song. Sonic the Hedgehog was my favorite Sega video game. How can you deny that little blue, speedy animal? But, I do love "The Warrior" by Scandal. You can't beat lyrics like, "break out of captivity and follow me stereo jungle child." These warriors are not only playing against Sonic, they are playing against SUPERsonics. They can probably move pretty fast and trying to beat several of them sounds hard. Normally I would pick the Supersonics to take this one since the only thing better than Sonic would be Supersonic. But, I mean come on, warriors have guns! Sorry Sonic, The Warriors are going to take this one.

The Memphis Grizzlies vs the Denver Nuggets is a no brainer. There is no way a chicken nugget can beat a big ol' bear.

The Atlanta Hawks have no chance in beating the Heat. Hawks are generally found in North America...this leads me to believe that they can't withstand high temperatures and you know what they say "If you can't stand the Heat get off the court..." or something like that!

I asked a friend what the hell a "knick" is, the answer I got was "a giant basketball that waves." And apparently, a pacer is a horse of some sort. The Pacers would win because there is no way a giant waving basketball is going to make it into the hoop. For real though, "Knicks" is short for knickerbockers which also won't win. A pair of shorts has no athletic ability!

Sega game characters, pants and some big birds do not prevail this week and it's iffy on whether a processed food product or a big big ol' bear is going to win. In the end you've got to know that "heart to heart you'll win if you survive" The Warriors...and according to me no one will survive the Warriors!

DeSales sweeps Wilkes in softball doubleheader

Gina Stefanelli hits a pair of solo homeruns in two losses

COURTESY OF JOHN SEITZINGER
Sports Information Director

Wilkes University and DeSales University played a Freedom Conference doubleheader on Saturday afternoon, with the home team winning both contests. The Bulldogs won the first game by a score of 7-2, before taking the nightcap 9-1.

The Lady Colonels saw their overall record drop to 17-11 and conference mark fall to 3-5. DeSales watched their record advance to 15-7 overall and 7-1 in the conference.

Wilkes' struggled to get going offensively, as the team only recorded five hits. Melisa Bracone had two of those hits, including a solo homerun in the fourth inning. Gina Stefanelli also had a solo homerun in the fourth inning to plate the only two runs for the Lady Colonels. Lindsay Behrenshausen suffered the loss after giving up 13 hits and five earned runs in six innings of work.

Maddie Roxandich, Kyra Monarek, Amanda Kensecki, Jen Lococo, Kelly Mo-

ran, and Jamie Pfitzenmayer all had two hits apiece to pace the DeSales attack. Kristen Cybularz pitched four innings, giving up three hits and two runs in the victory. Larissa Tenley pitched three innings while giving up two hits and striking out two batters to earn the save.

Stefanelli scored the only Lady Colonel run in game number two, with her second solo homerun on the day. Kathy Dalton's double and Kerry Finnerty's single were the only other two Wilkes' hits. Maureen Pelot took the loss after giving up eight hits and seven earned runs in three innings pitched.

Kensecki had three hits, three runs batted in, and two runs scored. Monarek had one hit, one run batted in, and two runs scored. Lococo earned the victory after pitching five innings, giving up three hits, one earned run, one walk, and striking out two batters.

The Lady Colonels softball team was swept by DeSales University on April 12 by scores of 7-2 and 9-1.



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Wilkes downs Misericordia and Manhattanville



The Beacon/Gino Troiani

Wilkes freshman Wes McCollum returns a volley during Saturday's match against Manhattanville. McCollum lost a singles match against Manhattanville's Julian Oribe, but would later triumph in a doubles match with freshman Jon Rohrbach. The Colonels are 12-2 overall with a 4-1 record in conference play.

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Sports Information Director

Wilkes University gutted out a tough 5-4 Freedom Conference victory over Manhattanville College on Saturday afternoon at the Ralston Complex. The win improved the Colonels to 12-2 overall and 4-1 in the conference, while the Valiants saw their record fall to 8-4 overall and 3-2 in conference play.

Wilkes took the early lead by winning two out of the three doubles matches. Kyle Ungvarsky and Chris Cozzillio were 8-5 winners over Julian Oribe and Allen Cheon, while Wes McCollum and Jon Rohrbach earned an 8-3 victory over Lance Dorfi and Kevin Lyons. Brian Fanelli and Tom Miller came close to completing the sweep for the Colonels, but suffered a 9-8 (8-6) defeat at the hands of Gabriel Mallen and Tim Crakes.

The Valiants' Oribe was able to defeat McCollum by a score of 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 at first singles. Dorfi earned another point for Manhattanville at second singles, coming from behind to defeat Wilkes' Ungvarsky 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.

Cozzillio, Rohrbach, and Fanelli would seal the victory for the Colonel, with each winning in straight sets in third, fourth, and fifth singles, respectively. Cozzillio defeated Cheon 6-0, 6-3, Rohrbach defeated Lyons 6-4, 6-4, and Fanelli took care of Crakes by

a score of 6-3, 6-3. Manhattanville's Mallen earned the final point for his squad, defeating Miller by a count of 6-1, 6-2.

On April 10, Wilkes University continued their impressive men's tennis season by downing Misericordia University, 8-1 in a non-conference match on Thursday afternoon at the Ralston Complex. The win improved the Colonels to 11-2 overall, while the Cougars saw their record fall to 1-10.

Wilkes swept all three doubles matches to take control early. Kyle Ungvarsky and Chris Cozzillio were 8-0 winners over Frank Nutt and Brett Ford. Wes McCollum and Jon Rohrbach earned an 8-3 victory over Ryan Calby and Matt Hornak. Brian Fanelli and Tom Miller capped the sweep by scoring an 8-4 verdict over Justin Muthler and Matt Hopkins.

McCollum opened singles play with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Nutt. Ungvarsky followed with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Calby that gave the Colonels a 5-0 lead and secured the team win.

Cozzillio topped Muthler at the third singles position, 6-1, 6-1, and Rohrbach defeated Hornak, 6-1, 6-2 at number-four to up the lead to 7-0. Fanelli would score a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Hopkins at number-five for the Colonels, before Misericordia got their only point in the final singles match when Ford had a 6-1, 0-1 lead over Miller before Miller was forced to retire.

Wilkes defeats Arcadia 13-11 in women's lacrosse *Leggio's five goals and two assists help in first MAC win of the year*

COURTESY OF JOHN SEITZINGER
Sports Information Director

Wilkes University held Arcadia University to only three second-half goals to secure a come-from-behind victory on Saturday afternoon at the Ralston Complex to earn their first Middle Atlantic Conference win on the season.

The victory enabled the Lady Colonels to even their overall record to 5-5 and see their conference mark move to 1-3. The Knights dropped to 4-8 overall and 0-5 in conference play with the loss.

Six different players scored for Wilkes, including Casandra Valentin whose free-position goal with 6:20 remaining turned out to be the eventual game-winner. Ashley Leggio paced the Lady Colonel attack with five goals and two assists, Brittney Hodnik had two goals and three assists, and Chelsea Weinstein had three tallies. Justine Leggio chipped in with a goal and an assist, and Melissa Polchinski added one goal of her own.

Jamie Stevenson scored five times to lead the Arcadia offensive attack. Jenni Groves had one goal and dished out three helpers, Erin Cunningham had a goal and an assist, and Jakki Timony, Jill Hersh, Janelle Jablonski, and Melanie Mark each had a goal apiece. Shannon Bustin had one assist for the Knights as well.

Wilkes goalkeeper Stacy Fimmano had an outstanding day between the pipes, finishing the game with 17 saves. Michelle Leone was credited with 13 saves in goal for Arcadia.



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Remaining Schedule

Monday, April 14 @ Misericordia...7:00p.m.

Wednesday, April 16 @ Manhattanville...4:00p.m.

Saturday, April 19 @ Messiah...1:00p.m.

(RIGHT) Sophomore laxer Ashley Leggio looks for an open pass as she's pursued by a salivating defense.

Athletic department hosts annual Charity Challenge

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Sports Editor

Over 50 Colonel athletes seemed immune to the chilly wind this Sunday afternoon when they gathered to compete in the annual Charity Challenge.

Wilkes coaches also attended the challenge to serve as keepers of the obstacle courses. Members of lacrosse, men's/ women's basketball, volleyball, field hockey, football and men's/women's soccer teams sectioned themselves into small teams and went head-to-head on nine different obstacle courses.

Courses included the sand bag run, tire flip, relay, medicine ball throw, and Hummer pull. In the latter challenge students pulled a Hummer with from a rope for a certain distance to see which team could reach the designated spot in the fastest time. Three categories were made available for the athletes to sign up. All male, all-female

and co-ed teams were established. High protein/carb meals like cheeseburgers and

beverages were served to help keep the athletes going.

"I was getting exhausted just watching the students," said Sherry Clements, a representative of the Children's Miracle Network, as she sat in her comfortable chair inside the concession area. "Just the truck pull alone...I'm like, 'I can't believe they're doing that.'"

The Colonel Charity Challenge has been a four-year tradition at Wilkes University. To enter, each student donates \$10, and the proceeds go to



The Beacon/Gino Troiani
A member of team Jerry Crooney's attempts to flip over a large tire during Sunday's Charity Challenge. Teams representing various clubs from the student body participated.

the Children's Miracle Network.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani
Sophomore volleyball server, LeeAnn Searfoss hustles her way through the agility rope

The Miracle Network then uses the money to purchase medical equipment to benefit the Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville, Geisinger Wilkes-Barre/Wyoming Valley, Moutaintop Clinic and the Scranton Clinic.

"We appreciate it so much, and the money that (Wilkes) brings in is unbelievable," said Clements. "It's amazing to see what college students can get together and do. Even for an organization like ours."

Clements also noted that money raised from the Charity Challenge enables the network to buy at least one article of



The Beacon/Gino Troiani
Senior Megan Cannon stretches her arms to catch a spiral in the multi-sport obstacle.

medical equipment.

After each team completes all courses, strength and conditioning coach, Keith Klahold, who also serves as the coordinator of the Colonel Charity Challenge, goes home and tallies the scores. Afterwards, the winners names are posted inside the weight room.

"It's a lot of work at first, but to see everybody here having a good time, it's always worth it," said Klahold.

Wilkes splits golf tri-match with FDU and Scranton

COURTESY OF JOHN SEITZINGER

Sports Information Director

The Wilkes University golf team saw their record move to 3-1 after splitting a tri-match with the University of Scranton and FDU-Florham on Friday afternoon at the par 71 Glenmaura National Golf Club.

FDU-Florham came in with the low team total for the day with 321 strokes. The Colonels finished just one shot back of the Devils with a total of 322, while the Royals finished four shots back with a total of 325.

Wilkes' Carmen Winters tied for medalist honors on the day by firing a round of 75. Sean Madden carded a 79 for the Colonels, while Mike Turano's 81 and Jamie Montville's 87 rounded out the scoring to post the team's final total.

Pat Walsh had a 76 and Greg Stockley carded a 79 to lead FDU-Florham. Mike Soukup shot an 81 and Conor Walsh scored an 85 to earn the victory for the Devils.

Scranton's Brad Sparks had the other low round on the day by shooting a 75. Jeff Slivinski was next with a 78, followed by Chris Mefford with an 85, and Sean Moroney with an 87.

Team Bunjay dominates

Intramural Basketball at Wilkes

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Sports Editor

This week, the intramural basketball season comes to a close and it's been an exciting season.

Shocker Squad remains undefeated in the western conference after posting two consecutive championship seasons.

The Dream Team is on fire with their four game winning streak as they lead the eastern conference with a 5-1 record. The Dandies are a full game behind the Dream Team and have been playing well as of late.

The playoffs begin tomorrow so make sure you find a nice spot on the gym floor to sit and catch the action.

Both number one seeds from each conference get a bye during the first round while the others grind it out for a chance to compete in the second round held on Thursday April 17th.

All games are played in the Ucomm.

Buckler, Follweiler lead Wilkes to win over Moravian *Colonels win fourth straight to improve to 14-9 overall*



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Senior Kyle Follweiler rounds the bases after ripping one over the fence in right field. He leads the team with a .439 batting average.

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Tom Buckler pitched five solid innings and Kyle Follweiler cracked four hits and drove in five runs to lead Wilkes University to a 14-5 non-conference baseball victory over Moravian College on Thursday afternoon at Artillery Park.

The Colonels won their fourth consecutive game to improve their overall record to 14-9. Moravian saw their overall mark slip to 11-14.

Buckler allowed only four hits and one unearned run to even his mound record at 2-2.

The sophomore struck out eight and walked only one. Matthew Swartz allowed five runs in three innings with five strikeouts for Moravian. The

loss dropped Swartz to 1-3 on the season.

Follweiler had a double and homerun among his four hits and also scored three times. Geoff Miller, who homered, Brad Woznisky, who had a double and triple, and Mike McAndrew, who doubled, had two hits apiece for the Colonels. Wilkes also received a solo homer from Chris Mayerski.

Brad Bodine had two doubles among his three hits to lead Moravian at the plate. Kevin Gambrino had a homerun and single, while Scott Brady drove in a pair of runs with a double for the Greyhounds.

UPDATE

The Colonels went on the road for a non-conference game against Widener Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

The Widener Pioneers held the Colonels to five runs while scoring 13 of their own.