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Sydney Hanadel, a senior at Wyoming Valley West High School, was working at Cook's Pharmacy in Kingston when she was surprised by the Colonel Coalition.

Colonel Coalition greets prospective students with surprise mob

BY KIRSTIN COOK

Assistant A&E Editor

The Wilkes University Colonel, with dozens of followers in tow, ambushed five high school seniors on Saturday in an attempt to welcome students to the Wilkes community.

The event, dubbed the Colonel Coalition, was orchestrated by 160 over 90, an adver-

tising agency which handles marketing for Wilkes.

During the Coalition, the mascot and a bus packed with approximately 30 current students, admissions counselors and marketing representatives, stopped at five locations around Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Michelle Prescott, director of public relations at 160 Over 90, described this event as a "friendly flashmob."

"We wanted to show that a mob of people could also be a positive thing," Prescott said. "It could be something that generates positivity, that sends a good message."

The purpose of the event was to greet prospective students as well as bring attention to Wilkes, according to Vicki Mayk, Associate Director of Marketing Communications.

"It has a dual purpose: to welcome these

students, and also to kind of raise our profile in the community so people can see one of the things that we pride ourselves on at Wilkes... the personal attention that students receive here," Mayk said.

One of the outcomes that Prescott hoped for was that future students felt as if they were a part of the Wilkes community before they are actually enrolled.

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FREE SPANISH CLASSES – Free Spanish classes will be offered by Friedes Rangel Noguera, Venezuelan student, every Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. in Capin Hall, room 102. For more information or questions, contact freide.rangel-noguera@wilkes.edu

SISTER CORITA EXHIBITION – The Sordoni Art Gallery is now displaying Sister Corita: The Joyous Revolutionary, which focuses on politically-charged serigraphs from the years 1950 through 1980. The exhibit will be on display until May 23. The Sordoni Art Gallery is open to the public from noon until 4:30 p.m. It is located at 150 South River Street in the Stark Learning Center. For more information, call 408-4325.

PARKING APPLICATIONS – Parking Applications for the Fall 2010 semester will be available as of Monday, April 12 in the following locations: Public Safety Office, 148 South Main Street 1st floor, UCOM Garage; Residence Life Office, third floor of Passan Hall; Information Desk, first floor of HSC; Commuter Lounge, Conyngham Basement. Applications are due by May 14 to the Public Safety Office and no application will be accepted after that date.

PRESIDENT'S COFFEE HOUR – President Tim Gilmour will host his next coffee hour on Tuesday, April 20 at 3 p.m. in the Student Lounge in the Henry Student Center. The time of the coffee hour was changed due to feedback from students and others from the campus community. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education's peer evaluation committee recommended that the President and his cabinet set topics for the meetings. The topic will be academic advising.

BLOOD DRIVE – On Tuesday, April 20, there will be a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Ballroom. There will be registration tables in the HSC today, April 13 and Thursday, April 15. Contact Megan Boone, for more information or to sign up at 408-5905 or megan.boone@wilkes.edu.

SPAIN STUDY ABROAD MEETING – There will be a study abroad meeting on Tuesday, April 20 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Kirby Hall's salon on the first floor. Students who are traveling to Spain this summer will have an opportunity to have questions answered by students who have already been to Spain on a study abroad experience.

VRC RALLY – The Victims Resource Center will be hosting their annual Crime Victims Rights March and Rally on Wednesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m. The March will begin at the Wilkes HSC and King's College Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center. The two groups will end with a rally at the Victims Resource Center at 71 North Franklin Street. The rally will begin at 6 p.m.

GERANIUM SALE – Orders for the twenty-fifth annual geranium sale to benefit the Victim's Resource Center must be placed by April 21. Geraniums are available in pink or red and can be picked up May 6 or May 7. Contact Gretchen Yeninas at 408-4428 or gretchen.yeninas@wilkes.edu.

MAX ROSENN LECTURE – Best-selling author Greg Mortenson will be speaking at the 29th Annual Max Rosenn Lecture on Sunday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the F.M. Kirby Center on Public Square. Tickets are free, but attendees must have a ticket to enter. For tickets, call F.M. Kirby Center box office at (570) 826-1100. Mortenson is the co-author of The New York Times best-seller Three Cups of Tea, co-founder of the

non-profit Central Asia Institute and founder of Pennies for Peace. Wilkes recently launched a 'Pennies for Peace' campaign to raise money for Mortenson's schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The book has sold over 3.6 million copies, been published in 41 countries, and was a New York Times bestseller for more than three years after its 2007 release.

CROSS COUNTRY MEETING – There will be a meeting on Monday, April 26 at 6 p.m. for current members of the cross country team or anyone who is interested in joining the team. Coach Wadas requests that students meet outside of the Hall of Fame room on the second floor of the Marts Gym. For more information or to make other meeting arrangements contact Coach Wadas at 570-574-9771 or email nicholas.wadas@wilkes.edu.

VIOLA VAUGHN AT KIRBY CENTER – The Center for Global Education and Diversity, in partnership with the F.M. Kirby Center hosts Dr. Viola Vaughn on Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kirby Center. Vaughn is the founder and executive director of Women's Health Education and Prevention Strategies Alliance and 10,000 Girls in Senegal, Africa. Vaughn will speak of her experiences with these organizations over the years. In addition, Vaughn was also named a CNN "Hero" in 2008. For more information, contact Dr. Godlove Fonjweng at godlove.fonjweng@wilkes.edu.

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Bigler Journalism Conference



The Beacon/Allison Roth

Friday April 16, Kevin Blackistone, contributor to ESPN's "Around the Horn" and AOL/FanHouse, spoke at the 10th Annual Tom Bigler Journalism Conference. The Wilkes University communications department hosted the event. Coordinators invited students from local high schools to come and learn about sports reporting and promotion as well as the communication studies.

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Two incidents prompt posted notifications but no text alerts

Wilkes officials differentiate between isolated and community cases

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On March 22 and April 7, Wilkes University students, faculty and staff arrived on campus to find community notifications posted on numerous entrances to many of the school's buildings.

The day before each notification was posted, an incident occurred on or around campus that university officials were required to report to the campus.

While the printed notifications were posted, many subscribers of the emergency contact system's text message notifications were surprised to find that they did not receive a text message reporting either incident.

According to Jerry Rebo, manager of public safety, subscribers did not receive text message notifications because the events that occurred on March 21 and April 6 were considered to be isolated incidents that did not affect the Wilkes community at large.

Thomas Messinger, executive director of facilities, said both cases involved two parties who were angry with one another and acted on their frustration. The cases did not concern any Wilkes community members outside of the situation.

"When they are isolated cases, they are only given a community notification that we put on dorms and academic buildings," said Rebo. "An isolated case is something like a domestic incident, which is usually between two people and has no affect on the community."

While isolated incidents only receive paper notifications, community incidents are

reported to subscribers via text. Community incidents include any acts of violence on campus, robberies and assaults.

"An example of something different [a community incident] would be the purse snatching behind Weckesser last semester," said Messinger. "Of course, there is a need for widespread knowledge if something like this occurs because it could affect anybody that is walking by or on campus or adjacent to the campus."

Rebo explained that there is a process that decides whether cases are crucial enough to notify the community through texts. The goal is to report the incident to the campus as soon as possible.

Once public safety reports the incident to the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, the officers then contact either Dr. Paul Adams, vice president of Student Affairs, or Mark Allen, dean of Student Affairs. Together, Rebo and Student Affairs, along with input from Messinger, decide how much information to announce to the community. They then send a notice to Marketing Communications and Information Technology to announce on WilkesToday and through text messages.

While there appears to be a clear distinction between isolated and community cases, many students were not aware that cases were divided into two categories. Some stated that even if the incidents are isolated, they would still like to be notified via text when an incident occurs.

"I didn't know there was a difference," said Margaret Wesolowski, junior business administration major. "[The flyers are in] small print, [and] you have to go to class, so you have no time to read it. Text messages are quick and easy."

Elizabeth Taber, freshman pre-pharmacy

major, agreed. "It's not enough to put a sign on the door. If they want us to see it, they should just go all out and send the text messages in both cases," she said.

Rebo stated that another reason emergency contact system subscribers do not receive notices about cases that are considered to be isolated is because they do not want the incident to become dramatized or for the community to become hysterical.

"We don't want to scare the public," said Rebo. "If it was going to affect the whole community, yes the text goes out for your protection."

According to Rebo and Messinger, whether the incident is considered to be isolated or one that affects the entire community, Wilkes University must disclose information to the community in some way because they are required to follow the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

SecurityOnCampus.org, a web site dedicated to keeping all high school and college campuses safe and secure, states that the Clery Act "is the landmark federal law [...] that requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. Because the law is tied to participation in federal student financial aid programs it applies to most institutions of higher education both public and private."

The Clery Act was named after Jeanne Clery, a 19-year-old college student who was raped and murdered in her dorm in 1986.

According to Messinger, aside from the emergency notifications, an incident report of all events on Wilkes' campus is circulated online each day.

Both Messinger and Rebo stressed that it is important that students, faculty and staff sign up for the text notifications on the My-Wilkes Portal.

"Just about all students have cell phones today - a very limited number do not - and they really ought to take advantage of the service," said Messinger. "You never know what the circumstance could be. There's not that many active shooter circumstances that occur on college campuses, but when they do, everyone really needs to know what's going on. Having a notification can obviously save your life. The probability of that happening here is relatively small, [but] it's a situation where you want to be able to have that knowledge and be able to protect yourself as best you can."

Rebo added that this also applies to any active assaults that may occur on campus. If a notification is sent out that says when and where an incident occurred and what the attacker looked like, everyone on campus that receives that notification will know to avoid the area and to report anyone they see that matches the suspect's description.

Messinger and Rebo also added that students should always be aware of their surroundings, should never walk alone downtown or on campus at night, and should be extra aware when attending parties on or off campus that involve alcohol. Following these steps will add to safety on campus.

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COALITION

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According to the prospective students, the event was a success.

"It makes you feel more welcomed into the community," said Brian Zingaretti, a potential pre-pharmacy major from James M. Coughlin High School.

The members of the Colonel Coalition also expressed their welcome to the potential students by writing personal messages to them on postcards.

Future pre-pharmacy student Erika Green, from Wyoming Valley West High School, felt that the postcards was the best part of

the surprise.

"It's a really good thing, because it was surprising and it's cool, especially the letters from all the other students," Green said.

Green had thought she was in on the surprise and that it was for her friend, and was shocked when students were actually chanting her name. She added that this event made Wilkes stand out from other universities.

"As far as I know this is the only school that does this," she said.

Mayk feels that there is a future for the Colonel Coalition, which was not the original notion.

"It started out as an idea we he community," said Brian Zingaretti, an incoming

pre-pharmacy major from thought we were going to use just maybe for a one-time basis, and now it looks like it's something we might try to keep going," she said.

Though the Colonel has been involved with similar events in the past, this event was the first time a specialized group of people accompanied the mascot.

"We're calling it the Colonel Coalition really just to sort of get a group with school spirit who's out there with the Colonel so it's not just the mascot by himself," Mayk said.

The event was different from the modern approach at using social media to contact prospective students, which Prescott found to be an advantage.

"That's what makes doing something like this so unique, that it's not as expected anymore," Prescott said, "The gathering of a large group of people to go and celebrate one person doesn't happen as much. A lot more of the communication is through technology."

Prescott said that students would appreciate this face-to-face interaction.

"I think in this day and age of technology it's interesting and important to have that personal connection," she said. "That's what Wilkes is all about, and that's what we want to show."

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Messinger to retire, search for new director of facilities launched

BY CATHRYN FREAR

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Thomas Messinger, executive director of facilities, will be retiring from the University effective May 2. As executive director of facilities, Messinger is responsible for a great many things across campus.

According to Messinger, his job involves overseeing the facilities operation and various activities on the campus grounds such as preventative maintenance, repair maintenance, grounds maintenance, risk management, custodial services, maintaining the shuttle busses and maintaining the mailroom. He is also in charge of Public Safety and Campus Services, such as 2FIX.

Messinger said it is the right time for him to leave the University and enter retirement.

"I want to take advantage of the time off and seek other opportunities," said Messinger.

According to Messinger, in his stead, Petra Carver, vice president of finance and

support operations, Paul Kaspriskie, manager of capital projects; John Pesta, director of capital projects and Bob Swetts, manager of capital assets will be taking on assigning who will be receiving Messinger's tasks until his replacement is found.

"The managers in facilities are very capable individuals and we will work as a team to ensure that Tom's responsibilities are completed," said Pesta.

For now, Carver is filling his position on an interim basis. However, a search to fill the position on a permanent basis has begun.

"We've started a search to streamline finding a really qualified manager [as to] get someone to permanently fill the position," said Carver, adding that a search committee is to be formed on campus this week.

Pesta said that they will be looking for someone with relatively the same qualifications as Messinger.

"Although I am not directly responsible for filling the position, I would think the University will be looking for an individual with a strong background in higher educa-

tion facilities management, good communication skills and an overall knowledge of the construction industry," said Pesta.

Carver also noted that they are looking for an "out of the box thinker."

"We want someone capable and energetic," said Carver. "We need someone who is looking toward the future with things like green energy and sustainable resources. They also should look at things with a fresh eye but also be able to carry forward the [projects Messinger] has started."

With the remaining planned renovations to the library still up in the air, as well as the SHE building plans underway and the Ralston field remodel, Carver said that there are a lot of important changes happening around campus that Messinger's replacement will have to be prepared to take on immediately.

Pesta said that Messinger has been a useful resource and will be missed, both on a personal and professional level.

"His experience and knowledge regarding college and university facilities operations will be missed. On a personal level, I will

miss working with him and I will also miss his great sense of humor," said Pesta.

Carver said that hard work and dedication, such as that displayed by Messinger, can be taken for granted; however, she said she appreciates everything Messinger has done for the University.

"I wish him the best," said Carver. "He has done so much good for the campus...I would like to express my gratitude toward Tom for being so hard-working and dedicated. I will really miss him."

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Adventure Education Program Update
– Over the summer, Gabe Lamberti is plan-

Programming Board Constitution Revision (Week 1 of 2) -- Programming Board currently has a president, secretary, treasurer and then several different chair-holders.

IRHC - May 6, 7-9p.m. is the study party. Also, in honor of Earth Day, the cafeteria will be going tray-less April 21-22.

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Wilkes facing a crisis of identity

Misappropriated funds and budget cuts leave Wilkes in jeopardy

BY THE BEACON

Editorial Board

Questioning the future of the United States, Benjamin Franklin wondered whether a carving of a half sun in Independence Hall was rising or setting during the crafting of the Constitution.

One has to wonder the same about the future of Wilkes University as the institution goes through immense changes over the next few years. The addition of a law school, new science facilities and new athletic fields are a few of the projects Wilkes is trying to get off the ground.

As Wilkes focuses on these new endeavors, the institution must not forget about its existing programs and current students. Already, many programs appear to have been put on autopilot with the mentality that funding should be kept to a minimum while resources are diverted to other projects. According to Renee Loftus, WCLH manager, it was announced in a department meeting that the communications studies budget for the next school was cut significantly and was done so without the consultation of the Dean or the department chair. This is just one example across the University.

Without question this mentality will lead

to the ruin of Wilkes University. As prices for supplies increase, the University cannot expect to keep funding at the same level and especially below what it was before. Quality will, and in many cases has already, suffer.

Wilkes is going through an identity crisis and needs to decide what it wants to be. The current conversations do not appear to be working. The main question should be, does Wilkes want to be a large mediocre university? Or, does Wilkes want to be a small jewel of excellence in Northeastern Pa.? The students prefer the latter.

The law school is a perfect example of the school's ongoing identity crisis. Wilkes is clearly pouring resources into the creation of the school, while funding is being cut for existing programs. Wilkes needs to ask itself if it's ready to create a law school at the cost of its existing programs, which bring in a considerable amount of money to the institution. Also, does the school want to just say they created a law school, or do they want to say they did it right? As for upgrading our science facilities, this project is necessary. The Stark Learning Center, which in its day stood as a hallmark of education in the Wyoming Valley, now sits as a shadow

of its former self with outdated equipment.

Funds should focus on necessary projects, instead of things like the landscaping of a bee garden next to Fenner Hall.

The students, faculty and staff are leading lives of quiet desperation, and they need leadership that can promise and show them that their time and money are worth investing in Wilkes University. Until then, Wilkes' students, faculty and staff should call, email or write letters to every member of Wilkes' board of trustees and let them know of any discontent.

Unfortunately, without drastic changes, Wilkes will continue down a road where students and faculty start jumping ship. Initial cuts in funding have resulted in a loss in the quality of education we offer, causing students to leave, which leads to less money, which leads to more funding cuts, which leads to a continued loss in quality.

It appears as though the half sun, in Wilkes University's case, is setting. And without a change in course, that sun may very well extinguish in only a few years.

Maybe Wilkes will have to put projects like the law school on hold, but it will preserve the worth of the institution and the degrees it awards.

BEACON POLL

The Beacon poll is unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on the Wilkes campus. The poll was based on 7 responses.

Last week's question:

Have you been tested before for STDs or do you plan on getting tested in the near future?

- Yes 57%
- No 43%

This week, The Beacon asks:

Do you think that Wilkes should spend more time focusing on existing programs instead of developing new ones?

- Yes
- No

Cast your vote online at:
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Program down, salaries up at Misericordia

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS

News Editor

Misericordia University recently decided to cut their Circle of Friends program due to lack of funding. The program assisted challenged women through college.

Yet, somehow, Misericordia raised all of its salaries for professor, associate professor and assistant professor positions by an average of 3.7 percent.

The Circle of Friends program began about eight years ago and it was funded by a grant from the Sordoni foundation and a private donation from Andrew and Susan Sordoni. Their daughter was in the first group of women in this program. The program helped women with developmental disabilities and provided social interaction on campus through mentoring activities.

Since its first year, the program benefited

seven female students at Misericordia. This year, the grant and private donation will be exhausted by the end of this Spring 2010 semester. Fundraising for the program has been unsuccessful.

According to an article in *The Times Leader* on April 8, the students enrolled in the program pay \$30,000 per year. Funding is also needed to pay mentors for the students and pay for housing for the mentors, as well.

If the University decided to keep salaries at their current amount, there would have been approximately \$7,600 to fund the program.

Although this is most likely not enough to fund The Circle of Friends program, the remaining money is at least a start. It seems that the University has not exhausted all of their possibilities to keep this program because of their recent decision to raise salaries.

Fundraising for this program has gone by the wayside. Sister Bernadette Duross, special assistant to the president of Misericordia University, said that there has been a history of unsuccessful fundraising for this program.

Duross cites the current economic situation for the ending of the program and lack of successful fundraising.

If the University was more serious about economic struggle, they wouldn't have raised professor salaries by an average of 3.7 percent.

According to an article in *The Times Leader* on Monday, April 12, most of the nation is struggling and many colleges and universities are barely raising professor salaries.

And yet, area colleges are increasing salaries by a significant amount.

Duross said that the program should be celebrated, rather than lamenting the program's loss.

But people in the area do not want to see a good program leave Misericordia University.

For example, Selena Water is in her final year with the program. Her mother, Dori, said that the program has had a great effect on her daughter. She wishes that more girls could take advantage of the program because of her daughter's wonderful experience.

The current economy is difficult to deal with for many Americans, but for Americans with disabilities, moving through life on a day-to-day basis can be more difficult. Programs like The Circle of Friends benefited seven area women and could have benefited more women, too, if money was budgeted more effectively and fundraising was placed at a higher priority.

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Circus animal abuse a growing concern

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Imagine one day you are sitting at home eating dinner with your family when a bunch of men break into your home and take you away. You are then locked in a cage where your only options are to stand or turn around.

When you are finally released from the cage, you are beaten into submission and forced to perform unnatural acts against your will. Now imagine going through the same barbarous routine every day for the rest of your life.

This is just a small taste of the abhorrent life of an average circus animal, which are horribly abused in many ways.

According to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), circus animals are often whipped, forced into shackles and tight collars, shocked with electric prods and pierced with bullhooks. Some even have their claws and teeth removed. Many times, these animals do not receive proper veterinary care.

The horrible conditions into which circus animals are forced often cause the animals to display unnatural behaviors.

Animal Defenders International (ADI) has observed the conditions of elephants in traveling circuses. ADI reports that circus elephants spent 60 percent of their time shackled and 25 percent of their time exhibiting abnormal behaviors.

In the most extreme condition, an elephant was seen shackled for 96 percent of its time and spending 70-90 percent of its time swaying back and forth repeatedly and bobbing its head. Head bobbing is the most common abnormal behavioral trait in circus animals.

Since abuse has strong psychological effects on circus animals, there is always a

chance that animals will rebel. A week ago, Andrew Anderton, an elephant handler from Florida working with a local circus, tragically died after being kicked by an elephant. According to an article in the Times Leader, Luzerne County Coroner John P. Corcoran ruled that the death was an accident and the elephant did not intend to harm Anderton.

In Defense of Animals (IDA), a nonprofit animal protection organization, disagrees with Corcoran. IDA believes that Anderton's death was not an accident, and that the elephant's reaction was likely a product of abuse.

Not much has been done to prevent animal abuse in circuses, and that needs to change.

The Animal Welfare Act was signed into law in 1966; however, the Act does not really do much at all. The Act specifies minimum requirements for aspects such as handling, housing, transportation, feeding and sanitation. But a major problem with the Act is that it specifically states that handling elephants with sticks and hooks is appropriate.

Even worse, the Act does not protect animals being used for experiments, no matter how painful or unnecessary the experiment may be.

Animal abuse in circuses has been a major problem for years. Thanks to hundreds of animal rights organizations around the world, circus animal abuse is becoming exposed to the public and more people are becoming aware of the revolting abuse being inflicted on circus animals.

If you are looking to take action against circus animal abuse, the easiest way is to boycott circuses with animal performers. There are many circuses that do not use animals and are just as entertaining.

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Cartoon by Tom Reilly

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Apparently ignorance is bliss

BY MATTHEW GOGAS

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It is that time of year again: Spring Commencement. This year's Commencement, which is right around the corner, makes me quite weary. I see a crop of graduating seniors that are completely unprepared to face the challenges of the world.

These students are not a collective handful amongst the majority; they are the majority. The majority of graduating seniors are not going to find career jobs out of college or in the distant future because they are extremely unqualified. These are the students that never applied themselves, never actively participated, or learned basic, yet essential skills they are going to need when they go looking for that career job right out of college.

Let's cite specific examples. I am a communication studies major at Wilkes. My concentration is journalism. Even if we were not close friends, you would guess or recognize this fact. Why? Well, it is because I participate in both Zebra Communications, the student-run public relations agency at Wilkes, and you read my section every week in this newspaper. However, I cannot say I see the same level of participation in some of the other students in the communication studies department. I could not tell you half of their concentrations because though I see them in class every day, I never see them participating in any co-curricular activities.

The same holds true for nearly every other major at Wilkes. There are a handful of students who get involved in co-curricular organizations pertaining to their major, while the rest coast by aimlessly. Did you know that the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business & Leadership has an organization called Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE)? Did you know that Wilkes has a history club? Well, if you did not know, you would if you did more at Wilkes than just attend classes.

Also, in case you did not know, there are some students on campus that have not yet mastered the art of reading, writing, and

spelling. Maybe this is a reflection of the institution of college, but maybe not. Every college has students who fall through the cracks or slip by unnoticed. For an institution at the college level, is it really Wilkes' job to teach students how to read and write? Don't think so. The only thing Wilkes and every other college are guilty of is passing these students through the system to make a profit.

The point of that whole tangent there was that basic skills, like being able to communicate, are essential in the job market. The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) last month issued the results of its national salary survey, which found that employers look for communication skills, both verbal and written, before any other skill. So, if you cannot communicate, it is doubtful you will be hired in today's job market.

And I am not trying to make the tired argument here that, in this stalling economy, graduating college seniors need to have as many skills as they can. In fact, CareerBuilder's Annual Job Forecast found that the number of employers planning to hire recent college graduates has increased this year from 43 percent in 2009 to 44 percent in 2010. Regardless of the state of the economy, graduating seniors should have skills and experience because they are going to need them to get a good career.

Now some of these seniors are entering the job market without a clue about what they are up against and how competitive it will be. I fear their ignorance for the past four years has led them here, though I wish them the best of luck. Maybe if things don't work out looking for a career job, they will go back to school and take it more seriously the second time around.

And let this be a lesson for all underclassmen too. Work hard, take college seriously, and participate. You are going to need all the skills and experience you can learn.

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Students struggle to overcome cell phone addiction

BY MICHELE FLANNERY

Business Manager

Let me set the scene for you. It is a beautiful spring day, the sun is shining and students are starting to file out of their morning classes. On a jaunt from the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center to the library, you tend to see many people hustling about with armfuls of books, a loving grasp on their significant other, or, most likely, people buried in their cell phones.

And it is not just something that is a college phenomenon. Walking, driving, sitting at Barnes and Noble sipping coffee -- people are constantly glued to their cell phones. A relatively new technology, cell phones started around the 1970s as a rather large, bulky, not too convenient portable phone that was not capable of doing half of what its descendents can now do.

Since then cell phones have morphed into mini-entertainment systems supplying us with not only the ability to call anyone at anytime anywhere in the world, but also watch TV, listen to music, surf the web and much more all from a device that can fit in the palm of your hand. But are we as a society dependent on cell phones so much that we cannot even walk down the street between classes without checking our email, sending a text message, or just using the

preventive measure, I use my phone to call whoever might be home, even if I just talk to my home answering machine, if I feel like I'm being followed by a suggestive individual.

The second reason I am glued to my phone is for entertainment. Let's face it, having games and a multitude of other entertaining options in your pocket during a boring lecture or lull between classes is a great convenience.

And the third reason is quite ironic. I am dependent on this technology to keep me connected at all times, but I also use it as a way to shut out people. Sometimes, I just do not want to interact with anyone and would rather browse web pages for something interesting to read than have an actual, face-to-face, diatomic conversation.

Physorg.com defines cell phone addiction as "this need to be connected, to know what's going on." Sit down and think what a day without your cell phone would be like. How dependent are we as a society on these tiny technological marvels?

Truly, life in 2010 revolves around using different forms of technology on a day-to-day basis. While it is important to be connected and aware of what is going on in the world, it is just as important to be able to turn the phone off for an hour or two to spend time with family, actually have that



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Freshman Alison Schenke glances at her cell phone while walking through the green way. The act of walking around with a cell phone in one's hand is becoming more and more popular. Although cell phones can prevent feelings of loneliness, people as a whole are becoming too dependent on these "technological teddy bears."

"Sit down and think what a day without your cell phone would be like. How dependent are we as a society on these tiny technological marvels?"

phone as a tactic to avoid people we do not wish to acknowledge?

In some circumstances with some individuals (not saying all, but I fit this category as well), cell phones become a sort of technological teddy bear that gives us confidence and the feeling of not being so alone. Personally, I love having my cell phone in my hand while walking in downtown Wilkes-Barre and Wilkes campus for three reasons.

The first reason is safety. Even though if I'm attacked, I'm sure my phone would not be much of a deterrent to a possible mugger, it still gives me a feeling of control over the situation. If needed, I may have the opportunity to call and may be able to scream to whatever dispatcher is on the line for help and the dispatcher may hear an audible cry for help and may take it seriously. And as a

face-to-face conversation on the greenway, or finish a paper that's due in one sitting. Dependence on technology seems inevitable, but do not let it engulf and dictate your life!

So next time you come across the "please, turn off your cell phones and pagers" message, take a deep breath, turn off your phone, look your friend in the eye and use your voice to communicate instead of a screen and your thumb.

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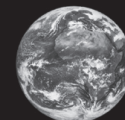
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College Days

Petra Carver balances school books and kids

LEEANN SEARFOSS

Life Editor

Petra Carver, Wilkes's vice president for finance, strayed away from the beaten path while receiving her formal education. In fact, she earned her associate's degree before ever entering college, and did so all while raising two small children.

In an unlikely situation, Carver always had a determination to gain more and more education.

Carver spent her time at Fachhochschule Rheinland-Pfalz, from 1978-1982.

"My education path was a bit untraditional," remembers Carver. "I went there primarily, because it was in my hometown. At that time I had two small children and I needed my parents to help me out with watching the children while I pursued my undergraduate degree."

She explained much of her time was spent traveling back and forth from class to home to take care of her children, rather than spending her free time partying or hanging out with friends.

"I could never hang out after school," recalled Carver. "I could never do a lot of the weekend activities or club activities, because my children were, of course, my first priority. I made the choice not to participate in those activities and spend time with my family."

With the help of her parents,

Carver took on her second degree, the equivalent of her undergraduate degree in business administration, tax law and accounting. Her first degree was in the area of sciences.

"I needed something practical," said Carver. "I was always interested in business. At that stage and age I thought I would start a business. Some people might think it's a dry subject matter, but I always find it fascinating and interesting."

Carver fell into higher education flawlessly and with little effort. She worked rigorously at her classes and engaged in discussions with her professors. However, on the social end of things, Carver struggled some.

"Socially, there was not much there, because the place where my fellow classmates were was different," said Carver. "Most of them didn't even have relationships. They were just doing their thing. We did have

some study groups, and that was kind of exposure to the social thing."

Balancing being a student and a mother at just eighteen years old, Carver took on more than just tests and papers. She took on bottles and playtimes and did most of her studying after her children went to bed at night.

"After school I went home and spent time with the children, did house stuff," remembers Carver. "Then the homework piece had to wait until they were in bed. I put in a lot of night shifts."

Carver knew she didn't want to put off getting her degree, so she dove head-first into higher education with her school books and her kids at her side.

Her incredible work ethic followed her throughout her schooling and eventually lead her to her MBA.

"Was it worth it?" asked Carver. "That is a big question in my mind. Yes, absolutely. That was never in my thinking really [focusing just on family]. I could have waited, but again in hindsight, it just happened the way it needed to happen."

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The Beacon/ Allison Roth

Petra Carver, Wilkes's vice president of finance works at her desk in UCOM. Carver has traveled both physical and academic lengths to her current position at Wilkes. She balanced being a student and a mother during her undergraduate years.

In her own words, Carver gets bored:

“I did do some work study, because there was one professor who had some really interesting projects that was utilized for work study. That was before the computer era. He had written some programs to enter into computers, and you had to use punch cards. My part of the project was to actually get those cards punched. It was so insane an experience. I was sitting in this room with this huge machine, and it was so mind-numbing. I was just sitting there laughing, and I said, ‘There has got to be something better to do with your time. This is absolutely insane.’”

THURSDAY IS EARTH DAY

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

SES Club hosts Earth Day events

BY RUTH WHISPELL

Assistant Life Editor

This week on campus, there will be a dodgeball tournament against King's College, a vegetarian cook-out, tons of aluminum water bottles for sale and sidewalks decorated with sidewalk chalk.

What do all of these things have in common?

Simple, Earth Day.

The Students for Environmental Sustainability Club (SES) at Wilkes will be running these events this week on campus. SES has been in operation for two years, explained Valentina Beneski, junior environmental engineering major and co-treasurer of the SES Club.

Beneski said that the clubs mission is to raise awareness of and improve sustainability on campus. Throughout the year the clubs members' host different event's in support of environmental awareness.

Beneski, who loves the outdoors, has always been environmentally conscious.

"I think the fact that I was made aware of environmental issues so early in my life and that I simply enjoy nature are the reasons I feel the way I do about environmental issues," said Beneski.

Deanna Drako, junior environmental engineering major, is the project manager of the SES Club. She explained that in celebration of Earth Day, the SES Club will be holding a few events, one of which is a vegetarian cookout.

The free cookout will be held on April 20 from 11 to 1 p.m. on the lawn in front of Kirby Hall. All Wilkes faculty, students and staff are invited to attend the cookout, which offers a variety of vegetarian foods that will be provided by Sodexo and SES Club members.



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Junior environmental engineering major Kayla Saxon, a member of SES, writes on the sidewalk surrounding the flagpole. Saxon and other SES members are using chalk to raise student awareness about Earth Day, which will be held on April 22.

"The cookout is taking place to show the importance of sustainable living. Eating less meat is sustainable because a lot of energy goes into the farming, production and processing of meats," explained Drako.

The other event that the SES Club will hold in celebration of Earth Day is a cooperative dodge ball tournament. On Earth Day, April 22, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the UCOM gym, students from King's and Wilkes will play each other in the dodge ball tournament.

Drako explained that teams of five to seven people are needed for the tournament. The tournament is \$5 per person and all money raised from the event will benefit the reconstruction of the local Wilkes-Barre garden.

"Recycling and sustainability are important practices because they

support conservation of the earth's resources. Consuming less today will allow future generations to enjoy the privileges we have now that require such resources," said Drako.

Beneski explained that the club will be advertising all of their Earth-week events around campus on sidewalks using sidewalk chalk.

"We're hoping this will grab the students' attention and spark their interest in what we have planned," said Beneski. "I feel that if they attend these activities not only will they be able to enjoy a good time, but they can take away some information of the environment that maybe they didn't know before."

EmmaLee Vecere, junior environmental engineering major and secretary of the club, explained that during all events planned the SES Club will be selling reusable alumi-

num water bottles for \$10. "We plan on setting up a table at each event, as well as in the first floor of the student center," said Vecere.

Vecere has always been interested in the environment, but upon entering high school, she became proactive in helping with environmental issues.

"Environmental awareness is important because it is something that applies to everyone, whether they are concerned with it or not. It is also a cause that can be aided with just a few small changes to daily behavior," said Vecere.

Later this month, the SES Club will be sponsoring a sustainability salvage.

"The salvage is sort of an exchange. Students can donate unwanted items such as school supplies, books, small appliances and household items at the end of this semester to later receive some of these items for free in the fall," explained Drako.

Collection boxes for the salvage will be placed throughout campus buildings and in various dorms later this month.

Anyone interested in the Environmental Sustainability Club or any of their planned events should contact Deanna Drako at deanna.drako@wilkes.edu, EmmaLee Vecere at emmalee.vecere@wilkes.edu or Valentina Beneski at valentina.beneski@wilkes.edu.

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Kirby Park offers Earth Day activities

BY MARJORIE WHISPELL

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April 22 will mark the 40th anniversary of the internationally known celebration, Earth Day.

To help do their part in the community for Earth Day, a few staff members and students of Wilkes University are lending a hand to inform younger students from local schools and guide them into the interest and study of science.

On Friday, April 23, about a thousand local middle school students will fill Nesbitt and Kirby Park Natural Area from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Earth Day along the Susquehanna River. This event will provide different stations where the students can learn about the environment and how to get involved.

As stated on the United States Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] website, Earth Day was created in April of 1970.

Earth Day, according to earthday.org, was first celebrated in 1970 by a man named Gaylord Nelson, who at the time, was a senator from Wisconsin. On April 22, 1970, Nelson began a nationwide protest that raised awareness of the environment and the importance of taking care of it.

The protests held on the first Earth Day, as stated on earthday.org, led

to things such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts.

Dr. Marleen Troy, chair and associate professor of environmental engineering department of environmental engineering and earth sciences, has been helping with Earth Day at Wilkes since 1997.

Troy, along with a group of Wilkes students, will be hosting a solar car race for local seventh and eighth grade girls who are involved with the program, Women Empowered by Science [WEBS], this Friday, April 23.

"The biology department from Howard Hughes [Medical Institute] runs a grant called WEBS, basically to get young girls interested in science. They get them to build mini solar cars and we have races," said Troy.

Debra Chapman, a biology education specialist at Wilkes, is the head coordinator of WEBS. This program allows those students to work with Wilkes students in labs and other activities inspiring them to follow this interest into their later years of education.

Along with WEBS, Dr. Kenneth Klemow, professor of biology at Wilkes, will also be hosting a station at Nesbitt and Kirby Park Natural Area. Klemow, along with 20 or so biology and pharmacy majors,

will be teaching students about the plants that are along the river bed.

"There is an area located next to the river levy and dike that is natural forest. Native to the area are plants that you would have seen if you would have been here five hundred years ago," says Klemow.

He explained that some of these plants include blue bells, spring beauty, and trout lily.

In this area there are many plants that are also foreign to the United States, the Japanese Knotweed plant is from Japan and Garlic Mustard plants are from Europe, explained Klemow.

Klemow and his students will be educating the hoards of middle school children about these plants, and how researchers are finding ways to use them in medicine.

"The plant Knotweed contains a drug called resveratrol, which is also found in red grapes. French paradox eat food rich in fat but still have long lives. French also drink a lot of red wine, so we are trying to find a way to use this 'wonder drug' resveratrol to market," said Klemow.

Another station Klemow will be hosting is about his Podcast Trail Guide to the Kirby Park Natural Area. This is a free podcast offered at Wilkes University's iTunes U site [<http://itunes.wilkes.edu>].

The iTunes U station will inform

people about how they can download this podcast before going for a walk through Kirby Park. Instead of just walking and looking at the forestry, individuals can download the podcasts to help talk them through the park.

To learn more about the events at Kirby Park please contact Dr. Kenneth Klemow at klemow@wilkes.edu, Dr. Marleen Troy at marleen.troy@wilkes.edu or Mrs. Debra Chapman at debra.chapman@wilkes.edu.

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Trees line the road leading to Ralston Field on Wilkes' campus.



STREET BEAT

What does Earth Day mean to you?



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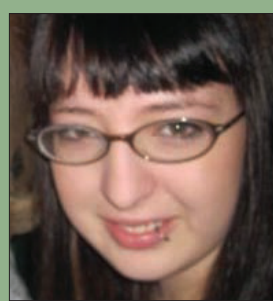
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"It is awareness of pollution and making sure the Earth stays clean and keeping it as long as we can."



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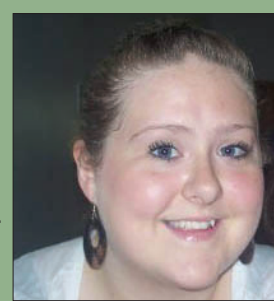
"I'll try not to throw my cigarettes on the greenway too much."



CHRISTINE SHANEBERGER

Freshman Political Science & International Relations Major

"It's a good day to re-evaluate my contribution to the Earth."



ARIEL MILLER

Junior Elementary Education Major

"Absolutely nothing. It's just another day."



CHRIS HORN

Junior Entrepreneurship & Business Administration Major

"It means a lot to me because I know how precious and rare an Earth is."

Wilkes University's Health & Wellness Corner

The Health & Wellness Corner is a weekly feature in The Beacon. Students who ask questions will remain anonymous. All questions will be answered by Health Services staff.

Q: I can't believe it's already April. The semester's almost over! I am really starting to get anxious about the remaining tests and finals I'm facing. In fact, I seem to have a big problem with test anxiety. What can I do about it?

A: Actually, a small amount of test anxiety can be a good thing as it allows energy to kick in when preparing for and taking a test. But, when anxiety starts to interfere cognitively (e.g.; mental blocks, forgetting simple things) and/or produces physical manifestations (e.g.; racing heart, nausea, headache, sweating, etc.), there are a few techniques you can do to help reduce your anxiety. Progressive Muscle Relaxation is helpful whereby one learns systematic tensing and relaxing of various muscle groups. Systematic desensitization, deep diaphrag-

matic breathing, and visualization are also very helpful in reducing anxiety. A counselor can work with you to show you how to put the techniques into practice. Remember that all techniques need to be practiced regularly in order for results to become evident. Anxiety is created by a person's thoughts or expectations about what is likely to happen. We tend to create the positive or negative feelings as a result of the way we think of or perceive a situation. Therefore, a helpful method for dealing with test anxiety is by using cognitive restructuring, which is the process of looking at irrational thoughts one is generating regarding the test scenario and replacing them with rational or positive thoughts. Of course, nothing can substitute for thorough, effective, organized study habits in order to properly prepare for any test.

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Survey says: *Family Feud*, Wilkes University Edition to be hosted by Psi Chi

BY KIRSTIN COOK

Asst. A&E Editor

Students at Wilkes University may soon feel as though they are on the classic show *Family Feud* when Psi Chi, the psychology honor society, hosts a Wilkes version of the gameshow on Tuesday, April 20. The event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Henry Student Center (HSC) ballroom. Though the format and feel of the game will be the same, the content will be focused on Wilkes trivia.

Psychology juniors Meaghan Williams and Chelsea Uselding have teamed to take charge of the planning of this event with the intention of pure entertainment and enjoyment of the students.

"It's really just for the students," said Wil-

liams. "It's not a profit to Psi Chi at all. All the money is going to prizes for the audience, like door prizes and prizes for the winners."

The game hopes to appeal to students, as it will be fully related to the campus on which they live and learn every day.

"I think that students will really enjoy it," said Uselding. "It's Wilkes-related so it involves them and is related to them."

Family Feud consists of teams that compete to figure out what the top answers were from specific survey categories.

According to Williams, the Wilkes version will include categories such as "best place to eat on campus, what the library smells like, scariest street on campus," and "best parking on campus."

The answers to the categories were collected from Wilkes students. Over a hundred students were sampled, and the re-

sults found were narrowed to the top five answers.

Prizes for players and attendees will most likely consist of gift cards for locations such as Rita's, Subway and Starbucks, said Williams. There will also be Wilkes attire available for winners.

Williams said that the idea originated from the group adviser, Dr. Robert Bohlander, and that he developed it from a past occurrence of the event.

"They had done it years ago," Williams recalled. "I think [Dr. Bohlander] said they did it in Rite Aid Auditorium. They used a projector and slips of paper to uncover answers."

Players will consist of eight teams of five individuals each, with an entry fee of \$2 per person. Team sign-ups will progress through April 20 until eight teams have been formed.

For students who wish to observe the contest, there will still be plenty of opportunities to be involved. Free pizza and soda will be offered to everyone, as well as door prizes.

"Even if they're not playing they should come and watch," Uselding said. "It'll just be a lot of fun."

Williams finds that the timing of the event is convenient, with the looming threat of finals and projects.

"It's a crazy time of the semester; everyone's stressed out. Just come, watch and have fun," she said.

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Seven local college radio stations come together for a "Cause"

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In what is to be believed as the first time in college radio history, seven local radio stations will come together to support one cause on Wednesday, April 21 from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m. The special is a preview of "Concert for a Cause 8," organized by Alan Stout from *The Times Leader*.

What deems this as an "historical" event is that the special will air on seven college radio stations at the same time. The cause being previewed this year is about raising money to aid United Way Veterans Programs and collecting items for U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their "Wish List" requests simple but essentials items such as baby wipes for cleaning, snacks, AA batteries, sunscreen, AT&T calling cards, Nerf footballs/frisbees, hand-held fans, drink mixes (iced-tea, lemonade, etc), chapstick and toothbrushes/toothpaste. The event is working together with the United Way and the 109th Field Artillery to help send off the items. The college radio stations that

are involved and airing the special are Luzerne County Community College, Wilkes University, King's College, the University of Scranton, Keystone College, Marywood University and Misericordia University.

Renee Loftus, general manager of the Wilkes radio station (WCLH 90.7 FM), has been preparing for this event and getting students involved. She believes that not only is this educational in terms of harnessing the skills to create promos and such, but she also believes that coming together with the local media is something truly special.

"All college radio advisers have gotten together to plan and support this event. Again, never before have we all thrown competition out the window and joined forces for a cause," said Loftus.

A.J. Wallace, senior communications studies major and production director for WCLH, was one of the students to help create promos for the event.

"I think it's real cool that colleges are uniting for a cause like this one," said Wallace.

Loftus said that each radio station's gen-

"Mad Hatter Tea Party" had sweet results



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The "Mad Hatter Tea Party," sponsored by Commuter Council, produced a crowd that indulged in sweets and hot beverages. There were cookies, muffins and scones along with tea, coffee and hot chocolate. The tables were decorated in pastel tablecloths with "hatter hats" in the center. *Three Imaginary Boys* provided the live music. Cortny Sasserson, a sophomore majoring in business administration, is the new president of the Commuter Council Club. "Mad Hatter Tea Party is Commuter Council's spring social and is a debut of what Wilkes University should expect in terms of enthusiasm from the club for 2010-2011," said Sasserson.

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Play review: *Dracula* features strong male cast

BY GILLYAN GOWARTY

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Thriving from the lifeblood of the current vampire fad, the Wilkes theatre production of *Dracula* was presented this past weekend.

Bram Stoker's *Dracula* is a classic novel. The novel opens with Count Dracula venturing off to England and calling on the help of John Harker, an English native, played by Luke Brady, to help familiarize him with the land. Little does Harker know that Dracula is actually a vampire, hoping to prey on the blood of innocent English citizens, including Harker's fiancée, Mina Murray, played by Cierra Cellerari.

The play had a strong male cast. The females, however, were not as impressive. Although each female who was selected was well-suited for her role, each of them was a bit overdramatic at times. For example, Lucy Westenra, played by Casey Lynch, was a bit over-the-top with her suffering. It is understandable, but it came off as a bit much.

Portraying the play's title role of Count Dracula was Wilkes alumnus Daniel Pascoe. Pascoe was clearly one of the best actors in the cast. He set a high bar for the other cast mem-



The Beacon/Allison Roth

John Seward (left), played by Bill McGovern, teams up with Harker (middle) and Van Helsing (right) to figure out a way to prevent Dracula from killing more innocent people before it is too late.

bers to meet. For the most part, this worked well. Pascoe was undoubtedly perfect for the role of Dracula. He had the perfect persona for the part. He was also very good at engaging the audience, even for those who couldn't always see him.

Dr. Van Helsing, played by Tim King, was also portrayed very well. Van Helsing is an important character in the play, for he is the

doctor who treats Lucy when she mysteriously falls ill.

Van Helsing was assisted by Mina, a very close friend of Lucy. Mina becomes concerned when Lucy begins sleep-walking and acting in a very strange manner. It is soon discovered that Westenra has mysterious marks on her neck, and has been suffering from a loss of blood.

In the beginning of the play, Harker is invited to stay with Count Dracula. This is a traumatizing experience for Harker, but he keeps all of his thoughts and observations in a diary.

Renfield, played by Lou Gerstle, is definitely the most amusing character in the play. He is an inmate in an insane asylum, and is a comic relief character. He brought great amusement to the audience members. He had a great amount of energy.

During the show, most of the audience members were seated on the stage. These lucky people were able to get a fantastic view of the show, as well as an ability to better connect with the actors. Unfortunately, this on-stage seating was limited, leaving about a dozen people in the auditorium seating, with a slightly restricted view. However, this added an intimate setting to the production and the cast did an excellent job with it.

Overall, the play was decent. Many hours of rehearsal went into it and it definitely showed. The cast all had great chemistry and worked together well.

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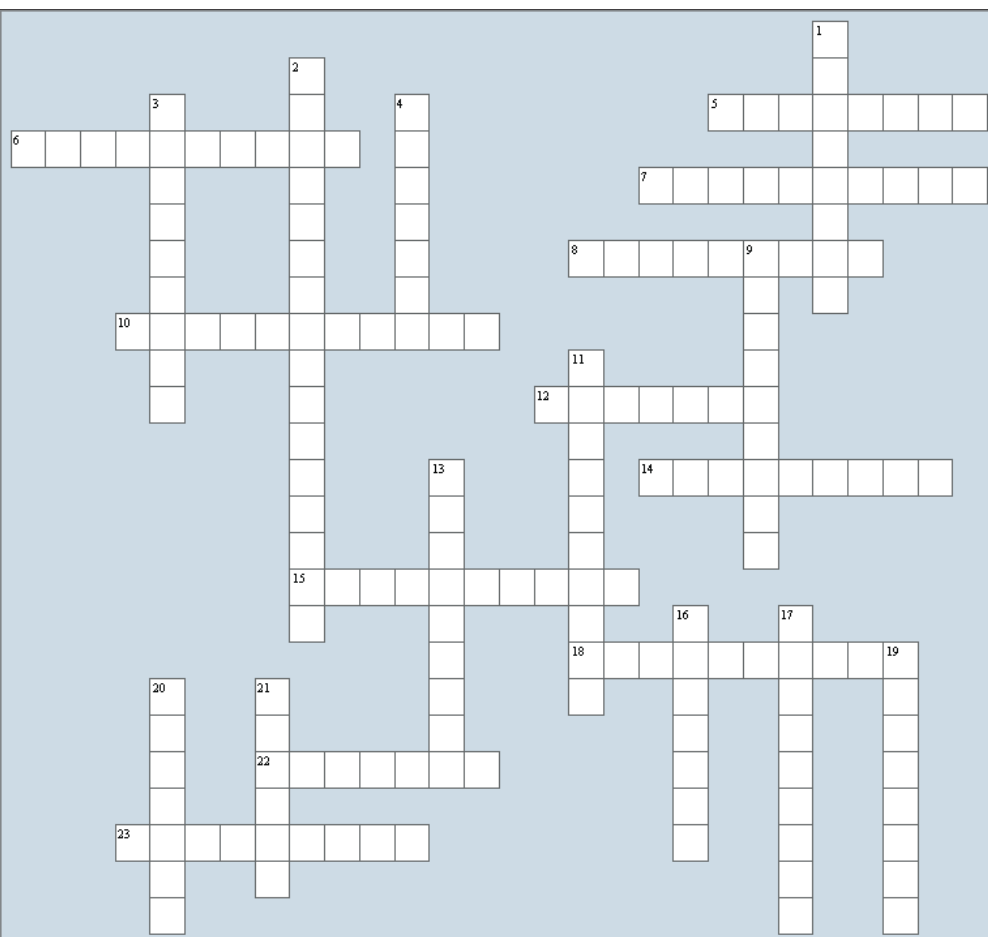
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“OBSCURE HOUSEHOLD OBJECTS”

Across

- 5. Without this item, doors would be impossible to open!
- 6. These ceiling adornments whirl air about and light up the room!
- 7. This book contains a variety of picture-perfect memories!
- 8. This pink porcelain swine is a perfect way to hoard some change!
- 10. This common paper product is found cleaning up a variety of spills around the house!
- 12. These little lace delights adorn many household tables!
- 14. This twisted metal rod can easily hold those papers together!
- 15. These fancy table centerpieces can hold any number of candles!
- 18. This bathroom necessity spouts hot cascades of water to get you cleaned up!
- 22. Want warm, crisp bread? Let this device pop in and help you!
- 23. This porcelain cup is an essential for any morning caffeine addict!

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Down

- 1. These drapes of fabric adorn windows in every household!
- 2. This elder timekeeper adds a classic touch to any home!
- 3. This kitchen appliance cooks food in a flash by rotating it in circles!
- 4. This artificial plant offers a place for you keys to dangle!
- 9. What better place to store all those classic works of literature?
- 11. How could you clean those pearly whites without this little scrubber?
- 13. This is a warm, blazing part of the house that generates some heat!
- 16. This line of household cleaning items gives cleaning a new meaning!
- 17. This is a massive archive of everyone’s contact information in the area!
- 19. This noisy harbinger is used by guests rather than residents!
- 20. These are the viewing portals to the outside world!
- 21. These little squares in the wall are an essential if you have anything powered by electricity!

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THE DEEVOQUIP!

BY DAVID LEWIS
Staff Writer

Use the clue provided in order to decipher the meaning of the puzzle. The clue represents a letter that can be used to guess what other letters within each word are. Through the process of elimination and knowledge of vocabulary, solving the puzzle depends upon how well you can deduce the possibility of one letter equaling another. Once you assign a letter to equal another, the letter cannot be changed for the remaining letters in the puzzle. Good Luck!

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LU PKJSR OGKRD PGWDPGOO ROUCDW JS UKIDK LA

VGLVF LFJSRW LFGL GKD LFKAHS LFDJK HGQ!

This week’s clue: H=W & O=L & S=N

Last week’s answer: Owning a smart phone doesn’t do much for one’s I.Q.

CAUSE

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eral manager selected a student to be the on-air personality for the preview. Loftus chose Alexandria Briggs, a sophomore education major and the alternative music director for WCLH. Each station was given one of the bands performing at the event by Stout to interview for the preview. Stout selected a different band for each station according to their format.

The special will include the interviews and other fun facts about the event. Due to special request by Stout, Loftus said that she cannot reveal anything else about the preview.

“We are keeping the preview a secret... Stout asked us to not give anything out,” said Loftus. “He wants it to be a surprise.” The college stations will be airing the same cause at the same time, but each station’s preview is a bit different in terms of content.

The actual event itself, “Concert for a

Caues 8,” will take place the day after the preview on Thursday, April 22 at The Woodlands Inn and Resort. There will be 35 bands performing, and CD’s and t-shirts will be sold. The proceeds will aid the United Way Veterans. There will also be donations for U.S. troops to be sent over to them in Iraq and Afghanistan. The music will be playing from 6:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. Admission into the over-21 event is \$7. For those who cannot attend the event, donations can be dropped off at the lobby starting at 5 p.m.

To tune in to this special and witness college radio history, listen to the following stations the night before the event on April 21, from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m.: WSFX-FM (89.1 & 105.5), WCLH-FM (90.7), WUSR-FM (99.5), WRKC-FM (88.5), WKCV-FM (103.5) WVMW-FM (91.7), WXLV-FM (90.3), and Cougar Radio (www.cougarradio.net).

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Golf places ninth at Susquehanna Spring Invitational

Sophomore Svoboda's hole-in-one is highlight of the competition

BY DANIEL KAUTZ

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The Wilkes University men's golf team participated in the Susquehanna Spring Invitational last Friday, April 16, finishing ninth out of the 12 participating teams with a final score of 341. They finished a mere two strokes behind rival King's College, but came out ahead of Penn State Wilkes-Barre and Lycoming thanks in part to the highlight of the day, sophomore Noah Svoboda's hole-in-one on the fifth hole.

Svoboda, a mechanical engineering major, was admittedly as surprised as anyone else that his tee-shot went in.

"As I was walking to the green I couldn't see my ball, so I did what every golfer does and checked the hole," said Svoboda. "I couldn't believe it was in there! It's every golfer's dream, like finding a pot of gold."

Senior history major Sean Madden was on the scene when Svoboda took his shot, but did not immediately understand what had just transpired.

"I saw him walking there, and then he started flagging me over," said Madden. "He was flashing me a '1' with his fingers, so I thought he meant he was one below par. I started to congratulate him, but it was then that I realized he'd hit a hole-in-one."

Though nobody could have predicted his luck, Svoboda said that he felt confident heading into the hole after he took several good practice swings just prior to teeing off.

"My three practice swings were really fluid; I'd honestly say they were among the

best of my life," said Svoboda. "All I was focusing on was replicating them for the real thing."

"I felt great for him," said Madden. "The whole team was really excited because it's obviously not something that you see every day."

The Invitational was held at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club under sub-par conditions. Despite the day's somewhat dreary weather, the course played fairly well.

"The weather had no impact, fortunately," said Svoboda. "The fairways were all very nice, although the greens played very fast. It was tough, but it wasn't affected by the weather," he concluded. Madden agreed with the assessment, citing the weather as a "constant factor in any match, and not one that could not be blamed on Friday."

Madden led Wilkes with a team-best 82, good for +12. His score entitled him to a four-way split of 24th place, out of a field of 62. Junior Michael Turano finished two strokes behind Madden with an 84, good for a three-way tie of 32nd place. Juniors Brian Williams and Kaleb Smith shot 86 and 89 respectively for Wilkes, while Svoboda ended his round with a 92.

The tournament was won by Susquehanna's own Mitch Mercer, who finished the Invitational as the only player to score under par (-2). Susquehanna's Pat Wilson (5th place) and Kevin Willett (T- 7th place) rounded out a very strong showing for the Crusaders, who won by six strokes over second-place Manhattan College.

Svoboda spoke confidently of his team's



Photos courtesy of Sports Information

Sophomore Noah Svoboda (left) hit a hole-in-one on the fifth hole of the Susquehanna Spring Invitational last Friday, April 16. Senior Sean Madden (right) led the team with a team-best score of 82, good for +12. The golf team returns to action at 1 p.m. this Thursday, April 22, when they tee off against visiting Misericordia University and Baptist Bible College.

ability to improve heading into future events.

"We played some tough competition but we feel we can do a little better as a team. All of our players have good long games; it's just a matter of working on our short games and putting."

"I've played that event and course five times," said Madden. "It's tough; you need

to take careful approaches and just hope for some good luck with your putts rolling in."

The Colonels' next match is a tri-meet against visiting Misericordia and Baptist Bible on Thursday, April 22, at 1 p.m.

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Lax nets first win of season

Girls defeat Cedar Crest College, 16-13

The Wilkes University Lady Colonels (1-8) won their first game of the season against Cedar Crest College (4-7) behind superior efforts from sophomores Stephanie Harkins and Cassie Cronin.

Cronin, the team's goal keeper, made 17 saves throughout the game while Harkin scored six goals. Amelia Farnham, Lindsey Davenport and Jacqueline Harri-

son each added three goals of their own to aid in the effort.

The Lady Colonels found themselves facing early deficits of 3-0 and 4-1 before later going on a four-goal tear to retake the lead, 6-5. Wilkes led 9-7 at the half and traded goals throughout the second before eventually scoring four of the final six goals of the game.

The Lady Colonels' next game is tomorrow, when they will host Lycoming at 4 p.m.

They will be shooting for their second win of the season.

Photo: The Beacon/Tom Reilly
At left, Senior Amanda Tilley carries the ball in against Moravian. Tilley and the Lady Colonels picked up their first win of the season last week against Cedar Crest.

Athlete Spotlight: Mike McAndrew, RBI machine

BY JUSTIN JONES

Staff Writer

Record-breaker.

That's what senior Mike McAndrew can call himself when he talks about his career as shortstop for the Wilkes baseball team. With his run in the Colonels' 34-4 romp over PSU-Wilkes-Barre, McAndrew cemented a new record for runs scored in a career at 144, and earned the shortstop this week's spotlight.

"It feels great to be the school's all time leading run scorer," McAndrew said. "It's not something you think about while playing your entire career. I was just focused on trying to win games."

But as the runs kept piling up, the looming record proved to be unavoidable.

"When you see you only need a few runs to break the record entering your senior year, I would be lying if I said I wasn't thinking about it," said McAndrew.

After crossing home-plate against the Nittany Lions, McAndrew no longer needed to think about breaking the record, for it was his. McAndrew celebrated with teammates after surpassing recent graduate Kyle Follweiler's record of 143 runs in a career.



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Senior captain and starting shortstop Michael McAndrew became the school's all-time leading run scorer this season, registering his 144th run versus Penn State Wilkes-Barre, passing 2007 graduate Kyle Follweiler.

With 144 runs and counting, the shortstop's 17 years of hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball are beginning to pay off.

"Baseball means a lot to me," said McAn-

drew. "It has been a part of my life since I was about four or five and it will be a part of my life after college. Whether it is playing or coaching. I have so many great memories and I feel that I've made some really good

friends throughout my playing career that I will keep in touch with for the rest of my life and that means the most to me."

McAndrew's not just an offensive threat for the Colonels, he's formidable in the field as well. He believes his size is a big reason for his success at shortstop.

"I'm not really the tallest person in the world," said McAndrew. "And I'm probably too slow to run down some balls in the outfield. But I feel I have good lateral movement and good range for a shortstop. I also like being close to the action so I can be more involved in the game, either physically or vocally."

McAndrew wasn't one to worry too much about his individual accolades, though. A team player, McAndrew is more concerned with ending the year on a high note with the guys he has been apart of for four years.

"I would like to end the season on a good note being my last year and everything," said the senior. "I've never once been on a team that was under .500 so it would be nice if we could finish above that."

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SOFTBALL

4/15 @ Susquehanna 7-5 L, 3-11 L
4/17 vs. King's 1-0 W, 8-0 W

LACROSSE

4/12 @ Arcadia 8-17 L
4/14 vs. Messiah 0-18 L
4/15 @ Cedar Crest 16-13 W

MEN'S TENNIS

4/14 @ Kings 9-0 W

WOMEN'S TENNIS

4/15 vs. Haverford 5-4 W

WEEK AHEAD

BASEBALL

4/20 @ Rutgers/Newark, 7 p.m.
4/23 vs. Eastern, 3:30 p.m.
4/24 @ Eastern, 12 p.m.

SOFTBALL

4/22 vs. Lebanon Valley, 3:30 p.m. (DH)
4/24 vs. Eastern, 1 p.m.
4/25 vs. Hunter, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

4/21 vs. Lycoming, 4 p.m.
4/24 vs. Misericordia, 1 p.m.
4/26 @ Elizabethtown, 4 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

4/21 vs. Eastern, 3:30 p.m.
4/22 @ PSU-Berks, 4 p.m.
4/24 @ FDU-Florham, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

4/21 vs. PSU-Berks, 4 p.m.
4/25 @ Lebanon Valley, 12 p.m.

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FACE OFF



Who will win the Stanley Cup?

Crosby, Pens poised to repeat as champs



Sports Editor
ANTHONY DORUNDA

The only thing I'm wondering is why exactly is this even a topic of discussion?

My good friend Michael should know that this argument is a lost cause, because there really is only one team that is even a part of this argument — hometown coach Dan Bylsma and the Pittsburgh Penguins.

I believe the last time I wrote about the Penguins, I said that "we may be witnessing the start of a dynasty." Although the season was not a dominating effort, let's reach back into our memory banks and remember where the Pens were at this time last year.

Before Bylsma's promotion from AHL Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pittsburgh held a 27-25-5 record and was at the bottom of the Eastern Conference, five points out of the final playoff spot.

With the arrival of Bylsma, a rejuvenated,

star-studded cast took the ice, and rolled off nine wins in their next 11 games. They went on to win 18 of their final 25, clinching the fourth playoff spot.

Ironically, that's the same spot the Pens occupy this season.

And oddly enough, after the Penguins put a halt to the upstart Senators, the NHL's dream matchup is potentially in place: Ovechkin and the Capitals versus Crosby. That's a matchup the NHL craves even more this season than they did last year.

Crosby may not even hold Ovechkin's jock strap during the regular season, but come crunch time, the captain has flourished every time.

I've heard all the hogwash about how hard it is to repeat, and that's all garbage.

But the fact of the matter is, Bylsma has this team fired up and ready to go. Experts are saying that the Capitals and Ovechkin are the premier team in the playoffs. That's fine, ok. Sure, they swept the Penguins in the regular season, dominating Crosby,

Malkin, and company them each and every game.

If we went off of the regular season, many holders of the Stanley Cup would have been radically different. The Caps may have taken it to the Pens in the regular season, but the playoffs are whole new season. We saw what happened in last season's playoffs, when the Caps and the Pens went the distance in a scintillating seven-game series.

The NHL needs that series again, and they will get it. And the Penguins will move in, again, in seven games. The Penguins core is ridiculously young, which means they have more energy to make it through the long haul.

The Pens have the experience that all teams covet. They've been in the past two Stanley Cup Finals, and they know how to win. With all of the returning experience, they know what it takes to be a champion.

The captain will not allow the Pens to lose.

Hossa no curse, 'Hawks will win it



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MICHAEL CIGNOLI

Dang.

I thought I was going to make it through the entire year without having to write one of these things. However, when Mr. Kautz sent me a text message 39 minutes past deadline on Friday night asking me if I could fill in for him this week, I didn't really have a choice.

Although my heart would love to see the Phoenix Coyotes cap off a storybook season with a Stanley Cup championship, my head strongly encourages me to not make a homer pick.

Therefore, the Chicago Blackhawks will win the 2010 Stanley Cup.

History says that the Hawks will at the very least go the Stanley Cup Finals this season. Chicago has Marian Hossa on its roster, a player that has the unfortunate distinction of playing in — and losing — the past two Stanley Cup Finals.

He was a trade deadline acquisition by the Penguins in 2008, helping Pittsburgh to an Eastern Conference championship, but the Penguins were ousted by the Detroit Red Wings in the final round of the playoffs.

Hossa then bolted from Pittsburgh to Detroit in the offseason, only to see his Red Wings lose to the Penguins in game seven last June.

Many Pittsburgh fans believe that Hossa is a curse.

He'll help your team to the Stanley Cup Finals, only to come up short in the clutch, they say. However, many Pittsburgh fans also forget that Hossa was not the only Penguin to bolt from Pittsburgh to Detroit in the 2008 offseason.

Ty Conklin, Pittsburgh's back-up goaltender, also signed with the Red Wings that summer.

Hockey fans will remember Conklin for his blooper in the 2006 Stanley Cup Finals when he played for Edmonton, coughing up the puck to Carolina's Rod Brind'Amour and allowing a brutal goal in the final minute of game one. Carolina went on to win

the series, and the Stanley Cup as well that season.

Conklin played for three different Stanley Cup losing teams in four years.

He is the curse, not Hossa.

Since Conklin now plays for non-playoff St. Louis, not Chicago, the Hawks are set.

Many say that the Blackhawks are an inexperienced crop, which to an extent is true. However, they didn't secure the number two seed in the Western Conference without playing some pretty good hockey during the regular season. They're a great team, headlined by some players who came up with clutch performances at the 2010 Olympics.

Chicago has two gold-medal winning players in Jonathan Toews and Duncan Keith. They have a silver medalist in Patrick Kane. They have a very talented core of young players.

Most importantly, they have Hossa, who history says will get them to the Stanley Cup finals.

And this year, without the curse of Conklin to hold his team back, Hossa will finally get that Stanley Cup.

Lady Colonels squeak past #17 Haverford

Tennis has to fight for every point in win

BY GINO TROIANI

Managing Editor

The Lady Colonels tennis team snapped a three game losing streak after securing a victory in last Thursday's match against Haverford.

The 5-4 win was no easy feat to accomplish, after facing an uphill battle against a hot and #17 ranked Haverford team.

"We kind of knew it would be a battle," said head coach Chris Leicht. "We have had a couple of losses; [they] have been to good teams... so it's kind of nice to get back on the winning track, especially a close match to a ranked team."

The Lady Colonels started the match strong with doubles partners Michelle Knight and Xiaoqiao Zhang.

The duo showed their dominance early and was able to rack up a 6-1 lead over Haverford's Helen Fisun and Rachal Torg.

However, Fisun and Torg were able to fire back, racking up three straight wins and raising the ante to 6-4.

Digging deep, Knight and Zhang pulled out the victory after winning the last two games, and giving Wilkes an early 1-0 lead.

Knight explained both she and Zhang were "excited to play together" because the two usually do not play as doubles partners.

She said the fact that the unfamiliar partners were able to come together and still pull out a win made the victory that much better.

"We were really excited because we've had a few losses this season," said Knight. "We're just taking it one game at a time."

In addition to Knight's and Zhang's win, Wilkes' Alexis Donner and Katrina Lynn were also able to secure an 8-4 victory in doubles play over Harverford's Katie Drooyan and Fumiko Shogase.

"We won two out of three doubles, which was nice," said Leicht. "It was a good team win. Everybody played well and it was kind of good to get us back on track."

In singles play, the Lady Colonels had to fight for every point.

Overall, Wilkes was able to win three of its six matches with victories from Rebekah Shanaman, Melanie Nolt, and Zhang.

The freshman Nolt played in the deciding match and was able to squeak out a 6-3 victory over Haverford's Katie Wettick to put Wilkes on top with a score of 5-4.

"This is probably my strongest freshman class ever," said Leicht. "They've stepped right into the line up and have helped us out a lot."

This year the Lady Colonels will be battling for both their fourth straight Freedom Conference title and NCAA National Tournament appearance.

"We're getting ready for the conference tournament, which we're the number one seed, If that goes well we have a chance to qualify for the NCAA national tournament," said Leicht.

"We've definitely played a lot better competition this season and it's really good for us for getting ready to play in our conference playoff," said Knight. "We're going to try and play as well as we can up until that point."

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McANDREW

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Mathematically were not eliminated from the playoffs yet, although it seems rather difficult to make them from the position were in now. We'll just keep playing hard and we'll see what happens."

No matter how the season ends, McAn-

drew is going to keep baseball close to him.

"I'll be coaching my brother's team this summer and maybe go to some tryouts," said McAndrew. "Playing is always still a possibility but I think my career is more likely heading towards coaching. Not too many people make it to the pros that are 5'9, 170 pounds."

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Doubles partners senior Xiaoqiao Zhang (right) and junior Michelle Knight (center) congratulate their opponents, Helen Fisun and Rachal Torg of Haverford College. Zhang and Knight won their match 8-4 after holding off their opponents' spirited comeback.



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Senior Xiaoqiao Zhang serves the ball in her team's match against Haverford.

Lady Colonels pitching stymies Monarchs

Behrenshausen, Pelot combine for 12 shutout innings in sweep

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA

Sports Editor

With their playoff hopes dangling on a limb, the Wilkes University softball team needed someone to step up and carry the team on their back to make a late charge at the Freedom Conference playoffs.

On Saturday, the team's two star pitchers answered the call.

Junior Lindsey Behrenshausen and senior Maureen Pelot combined to allow just five hits, and threw twelve scoreless innings in a doubleheader sweep of cross-town rivals King's.

"These wins were huge for us today," said Pelot. "They were just what we needed to bring playoffs back into sight and get our momentum up for Delaware Valley and Eastern."

Behrenshausen agreed.

"The wins today were huge," said Behrenshausen. "Not only for the division standings, but for our confidence as well. We have lost so many one-run conference games that we really needed a momentum shift and hopefully with these two shut-outs today it will get our momentum moving in the right direction."

And they needed every bit of of Behrenshausen's best stuff in game one, as the Colonels offense mustered just two hits off of King's pitcher Lindsey Hoerner, who went back and forth with Behrenshausen the entire game.

But it was one of those two hits that proved to be the difference.

With the game dedlocked at zero in the bottom of the fifth, first baseman Kristy Ordile cranked a solo shot to deep to right center field, giving the Colonels a 1-0 lead.

That one run one would be enough, as Behrenshausen continued her dominant performance, giving the Colonels a much-needed 1-0 win.

Behrenshausen went the distance, scattering just four hits over seven innings and striking out five to pick up her sixth win of the season.

"I was extremely dissatisfied with my performance in the last game I pitched this week and I had a very strong sense of determination to have a solid outing today," said Behrenshausen. "We have had too many close games where we came out on the losing end and I told myself that things were going to be different today. And I think any-



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Pitchers Lindsay Behrenshausen and Maureen Pelot led the Lady Colonels in sweeping rival King's College in their doubleheader last week. Freshman Jackie Follweiler (pictured) had two RBI in the second game.

time I get in the circle against King's it is extra motivation to really dig deep and find my best stuff."

The Colonels bats came alive in game two, shutting out Kings for the second consecutive game, 8-0.

Senior pitcher Maureen Pelot picked up right where Behrenshausen left off, continuing the dominating pitching performances for the lady Colonels. She pitched a one-hit shutout, fanning-six batters while walking just two to pick up her second win of the season.

"Momentum played a huge part in my game," said Pelot. "It helped to have both offensive and defensive support behind me. I thought that my catcher called a great game and it helped that we were on the same page in what pitches we wanted to throw and when."

The Colonels gave Pelot all the run support she would need, outhitting the Monarchs 9-1. Freshman Abbey Agresti led Wilkes with two hits and three RBI's in the contest. Megan Mowery, Gina Stefanelli

and Jackie Follweiler each had two hits and an RBI in the game, the Colonels first wins since their doubleheader sweep of Baptist Bible on April 7.

"We are always telling the team, 'we need more eggs in the basket,' which is our way of saying we need more runs," said Pelot. "There is so much less pressure on a pitcher when we are winning by several runs."

With the sweep, the lady Colonels snapped a four game conference skid and improved their record to 9-17, 4-6 in conference play. With 14 games left, the lady Colonels are hoping this is the game that catapults them back into the playoff picture.

"It was a good start, but we cannot stop there," said Behrenshausen. "It is crucial for us to build on today and not digress. We have come so close in so many conference games, now that we finally made it over that hump, we have no option but to keep going."

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BY THE NUMBERS

2

The number of wins that Wilkes walked away with in its doubleheader against King's College last week.

9-0

The combined score of the two games. Wilkes won the first 1-0 and the second 8-0.

0

Number of runs given up combined between pitchers Lindsey Behrenshausen and Maureen Pelot, in 12 innings.

4

Number of games Wilkes sits behind Conference leader Manhattanville College (8-2).



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