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Proposed HSC renovations put on back burner

Rifkin expansion, more seating still possibilities this year

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon Asst. News Editor

A move for the post office and mailroom, a change for the game room, a whole new idea for Rifkin Café and a new information desk are among the renovation plans for the Henry Student Center (HSC)... eventually.

At the February 21, 2007, Student Government (SG) meeting, David Sborz, sophomore class president, offered an enthusiastic presentation about proposed renovations to the HSC. During the meeting he acknowledged that if all goes as planned the renovations would take place over the 2007 summer and be ready for the fall 2007-2008 school year.

However, plans for such speed may have been an overstatement, because at the March 14, 2007 SG meeting, it was announced that there is only \$100,000 that will be allocated in this year's budget for changes to the HSC. According to the conceptual cost document for this project, for all of the components to be implemented would set the school back over \$1.8 million.

Sborz noted that it was an "absolute disappointment" that this project will be put off to the side.

However, Scott Byers, Vice President for Finance and Support Operations said, "We never began the process with any funding in place. What we were doing was developing a design for renovation of the SUB [HSC]...Based on initial feedback, we don't have any consensus as to what is needed or desired by the students."

Sborz said that he knew going into the process that the money was not guaranteed, "We were never guaranteed anything, [but] I just wish they were more honest and open with us on how exactly it would come down. They told us at our last meeting that we wouldn't get everything done, but to be only granted \$100,000 to do a project as big as ours, it is just really disappointing."

Sborz also stressed that this is a building that everyone uses, "Our project offers a lot to all the students. It's the most widely used building on campus. When students come

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Students have been eating and meeting in Rifkin café in the Henry Student Center next to the game room for several years. Because of budget prioritization, the proposed HSC expansion is on hold.

Residents accuse Public Safety officers of posing as pizza deliverymen

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon News Editor

Director of Public Safety Chris Bailey confirmed Thursday afternoon that several officers have been reprimanded for posing as Domino's Pizza deliverymen to gain access into residential student suites in response to a noise complaint.

"We have received complaints on the matter and have addressed the issue. But since it deals with personnel we will not go into any further detail," Bailey said.

The incident allegedly occurred during

the week prior to spring break on the 11th floor of University Towers. English major Dan DiMaria claimed he received a knock on his door shortly after 11:00 p.m. from a person claiming to be "Domino's." When he opened the door, a Public Safety official stood outside. He was not within the scope of the door's eye piece.

"The problem is, we actually did order Domino's," DiMaria said. "I wouldn't have opened the door if we hadn't ordered Dominoes."

While the Public Safety officers did not

enter the residence, they questioned students about excessive noise complaints. The situation has the tenants feeling as if they were manipulated.

"When that happened, I got kind of angry because I felt like we were lied to," said junior communication studies major Matthew Gobbler. "It was dirty. They also refused to give us their names--once again, unprofessional. If they are doing their jobs, why would they beat around the bush?" he said.

While Bailey admits the officers' actions were unprofessional in nature, he does not

think they necessarily broke any rules per se, since the students in question are residents.

"They would have had to have let the officers in, regardless. If they are residential students, they must cooperate and show their Wilkes ID's," Bailey said.

Furthermore, Bailey stressed that it is not in Public Safety's nature to go around conducting random searches to cause trouble for students.

"We're here to enforce the rules and regulations of the University," he said.

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Former Harley Davidson exec delivers Kirby lecture

BY ALISON WOODY
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For this semester's annual Kirby lecture, organizers of the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship decided to take a ride on the "wild" side.

Rather than invite a traditional business owner or well-known politician, Wilkes University officials decided to extend the coveted invitation to Ken Schmidt, a former Harley Davidson executive and communications expert.

It was clear from the moment Schmidt stepped on stage that his speech would be extremely different from those past.

Opting not to wear the expected suit and tie, Schmidt wore black jeans, sneakers and a Harley Davidson shirt.

And his backdrop? A shiny, brand new 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Dr. Jeffrey Alves, Allen P. Kirby Professor of Entrepreneurship, introduced Schmidt and the meaning behind the bike.

"The story represented by that bike... represents what can happen when average people do extraordinary things," he said.

Matt Brown, junior entrepreneurship major, said, "Harley Davidson was on the brink of bankruptcy. The company and [Schmidt] realized that a bold, innovative strategy would be required to rescue it. As director of communications, [Schmidt] was responsible for reviving and repositioning the Harley image."

Schmidt opened his speech noting, "I'm here to talk about stuff that doesn't get talked about in business--the stuff that should be talked about--basic human behavior. What makes us tick? What attracts and repels us? What turns us on or off?"

Schmidt claimed that while quality and customer service are important in business, they are not what set Harley Davidson apart from other companies.

"These things come under the

umbrella of what I call the expected language of business... Every single company that you're competing with is saying the exact same thing. We need to realize we are hurting ourselves in a big way when we use the same language as everyone else in our industry," he said.

Schmidt added, "We're not a rational and logical species. Virtually every other decision you make starts [in the heart]. Things like confidence, believability and trust aren't rational... Rather, we are an emotional species. If we can get somebody to like us just a little bit more than they like somebody else, we could become more competitive."

Schmidt explained that the success of Harley Davidson is not due to "huge ad campaigns and blimps flying over major cities," but rather "it's people going to work on Monday and telling their co-workers that need to go out and spend too much money to get a bike."

In the early 1980s Harley Davidson had a poor image. "It's extremely difficult to create demand

for a product that an overwhelming majority of people deem disgusting," Schmidt acknowledged.

Even after strong professional reviews, sales were still down. Schmidt suggested that Harley Davidson allow riders the chance to experience driving the motorcycle before purchase.

As the crowds at the test driving centers grew, Harley Davidson began asking the drivers what they would add or tweak about each motorcycle.

"Ask the customer what he wants and then give it to him," said Schmidt.

He added that the internal nature of a company is also an important aspect of business.

Schmidt said, "The way a business is perceived is a direct reflection of your internal culture. Culture ultimately dictates the success of a business."

Lastly Schmidt added, "Harley Davidson is in the dream fulfillment industry... We are clearly and distinctly different



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Ken Schmidt, former executive of Harley Davidson and a communications expert, delivered the annual Kirby lecture on March 29.

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The Beacon corrections

In *The Beacon's* March 19 article "Wilkes bids farewell to university icons," Tom Bigler's friend David Nielsen was misidentified in the story as David Baltimore. Baltimore, also a close friend of Bigler's, was a colleague throughout much of Bigler's career in television in the Wyoming Valley. Nielsen served with Bigler during World War II and was the man involved in the story of the plane crash.

Last week, *The Beacon* reported that actress Marlee Matlin has been named as the May graduation speaker in the article "University names 2007 graduation speaker." The article inadvertently misidentified the source of Matlin's deafness as a childhood ailment.

Also, Provost finalist Dr. Reynold Verret's first name was misspelled in the headline and outline of the lead story in last week's *Beacon*.

The Beacon strives for accuracy and good sourcing in all of its stories and regrets the errors in the past two issues. Editors are grateful for readers who take the time to point out inaccuracies.

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Interview process names new Director of Residence Life

Brenda Stanley, of Salisbury University, to fill vacancy

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
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Brenda Stanley, of Salisbury University in Maryland, has recently been named new Director of Residence Life at Wilkes. She is currently an area director at the public university and will make her move to Wilkes mid-April.

Mark Allen, Dean of Student Affairs, described Stanley as, "very outgoing, energetic, and . . . [she] brings a nice amount of experience with her."

According to the university's website, Stanley's responsibilities as an Area Director at Salisbury are to "manage residence hall community, supervise four to eight undergraduate resident assistants, adjudicate disciplinary hearings, assume on-call responsibilities for on-campus students, collaborate with office of student activities, organizations and leadership for programs and services."

"I am very pleased about the opportunity to work with the student population at Wilkes," Stanley said. She described her feelings about Wilkes when she visited campus for the first time during the February snowstorm. "The moment I stepped on campus it kind of invited me in, despite it being 20 degrees and snow everywhere. It was very open and inviting. I fell in love with the institution the moment I stepped on campus."

Stanley also explained why she wanted to go after the position of Director. "I was ready for the next progression. I love what resident life offers, that you have your hand in everything student affairs without actu-

ally having to be the director of counseling [or] the director of resident health, but you get a chance to be involved in each of those aspects of student affairs. For me resident life is that complete package."

Stanley anticipates that the greatest challenge she may face initially will be the 10 East South residence. "I do know that I do have an obstacle ahead of me with the new-

tution, for her undergraduate education. She then made the transition to Salisbury for her masters in education, and stayed on for a job opportunity which eventually led to her current area director position.

Being an area director was never in her plans growing up though. "I wanted to be a teacher and that didn't pan out. And once I started working at Salisbury, I recognized

concentrating freshmen students in one area of campus. "I mentioned that in my interview, that if you make the connection with freshman early on, they're more likely to stay to continue their matriculation at the university." Stanley also added, "Ideally, I would like to consolidate first year students truly around the center of the campus so that they are closer to the student center, their classroom spaces, so that they become the focal point of the center of campus and then your upper classmen would literally surround the rest of the campus."

When asked if she had any ideas about how things that can be done differently, Stanley said she knows she has a strong team in place and that as far as additions, she would like to add an extensive Resident Assistant (RA) training course. "With the cooperation of the staff, hopefully, [I would like to] offer some sort of pre-class for the newly hired RAs, just to make sure they are truly comfortable with the process of being an RA and understanding the duties that come along with it, that it is more than just managing a building."

Allen agreed and added that because of the unique housing situations on campus, "Wilkes places a little more responsibility on our RAs."

Stanley noted that she would be taking her new position at Wilkes soon, because she wants to be part of the process of assigning housing.

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Brenda Stanley, Director of Residence Life

est purchase, where you still have senior citizens living with on campus residents... and I was made aware of that during my interview. So I understand that that might be one of the bigger challenges that I would have to tackle early on in trying to figure out how to manage that facility."

Allen also mentioned it will be a challenge for Stanley when she makes the switch from a "public to private setting." However this is not the first time Stanley has made such a move. Stanley attended Washington College, a smaller private insti-

that I loved the connections I had and the involvement I had with students, and I wasn't getting that on a daily basis working in IT. So, I made the switch after I finished my masters into the student affairs division."

Allen noted that there is a distinct advantage to "bringing someone in from the outside" as Wilkes is doing with Stanley primarily because a fresh perspective has the potential to energize, particularly given the changes in residence life at Wilkes this year.

Stanley noted that she loves the idea of



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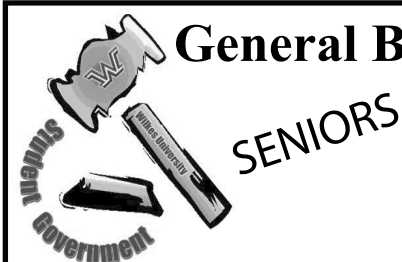
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The 7th annual Tom Bigler Journalism Conference was held on Friday, March 30. The conference was attended by over 200 students from 16 regional high schools. The keynote speaker, Gene Policinski, is the executive director and vice president of the First Amendment Center in Nashville, TN. Policinski is pictured above attending a press conference at which select high school journalists were able to ask questions about first amendment freedoms. Throughout the day, high school students attended several workshops in print journalism, public relations, television and radio that were run by Wilkes University communication studies students. In addition, 16 media professionals in the fields of photojournalism, magazine publishing, newspaper, television, radio and public relations offered academic sessions. The day ended with an awards ceremony that recognized outstanding high school students for their participation in student media.

SG Notes 3/28/2007

At the March 28, 2007, Student Government (SG) meeting:

New Business

SG first passed around a sign-up sheet for Adventures in Science, which is an annual event for fifth graders from area schools.

Spring Fling Update: There are 234 people attending the dance, the tent (\$810.00) will also have one heater in case of cooler weather. The setup and movement of items for the dance was also discussed. The schedule for people to watch the door was also read.

Election Update: The junior class presidential race was too close to call and there will be a tie breaking election on Monday to declare a winner. Some notable write-in votes were: Bob Dylan, Jesus, and Dr. Mencer.

Colonel Charity Challenge: Due to a lack of teams, SG has decided to sponsor

three teams with a donation of \$300.00 (which includes the team sponsorship). This passed with a vote of 38 in favor, 1 opposed and none abstained.

The SGA Summit Update: SG will hold a Student Government Association for area universities. Each class will prepare a presentation and this will be held on April 14.

Block Party Update: Off Campus Council (OCC) will hold its annual block party on April 21. The event will feature the winner of Wilkes Idol, inflatable games, bands, a buffet, gyros, frozen treats, soda and a magician. The total cost of the block party will reach approximately \$20,000.00. The individual classes will also hold games as fundraisers at OCC's block party.

Nominations for Faculty Choice Awards: SG members offered faculty nominations. Faculty members are only allowed to win once.

Old Business

Casino Night: It is estimated that 261 students attended casino night, which is the highest turnout ever. There was an incident of "ethics" where tickets for prizes were being passed out to friends. This issue has been resolved according to Jonathan McClave, SG Treasurer.

Spring Fling and Decorating: All went well and faster than expected.

Food Focus Group: A food focus group was held with Sodexo.

Events

Wilkes Idol: 11 - 12 participants, April 3, 10
 Senior Social: FUSE Friday, March 30 @ 8pm
 Spring Fling: March 31 Waterfront @ 6pm
 SG Football: SG will hold a football game for its members after their meeting on April 4.

Committee Reports

Budget: University will seek to increase tuition by 4.5%. Dean of Students Mark Allen noted that this is above inflation but is less than other area universities.

Also, since Wilkes wrestling has left the Mid At-

lantic Conference (but will continue as a sport at the university), Wilkes is required to pick up another sport. Therefore, next year, Wilkes University will initiate a cross country team.

One Stop: Officials are looking into holding another forum to voice concerns about University Center on Main.

Vans: It is suggested that SG might replace their old vans with new more accommodating models.

Provost: The committee will work to get Dr. Reynold Verret to choose Wilkes University.

Club Reports

Programming Board: Psychic Mad Man Jim Karol was at Wilkes last week to a filled audience

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to this university even for admission...this is one building that they come through to get to the admissions office and this is one building that they tour in. It is the student center and I think there are a lot of things we can give back to the students--not just on campus students but also commuter students."

Currently there are two possible plans for the HSC. Both of the plans look alike with minor changes having to do with a convenience store and the mailroom. Also, tentative plans include renovations of the second floor of the HSC meeting rooms and formal ballroom.

The reasons Byers offered as to why the project was allocated just \$100,000 this year included a lack of time and information, and also current investment in other projects. "It is necessary for us to submit for funding now and as such I felt we could only recommend proceeding with renovating the bookstore based on the lack of consensus about how to move forward with consideration of other projects that are further along in the development process."

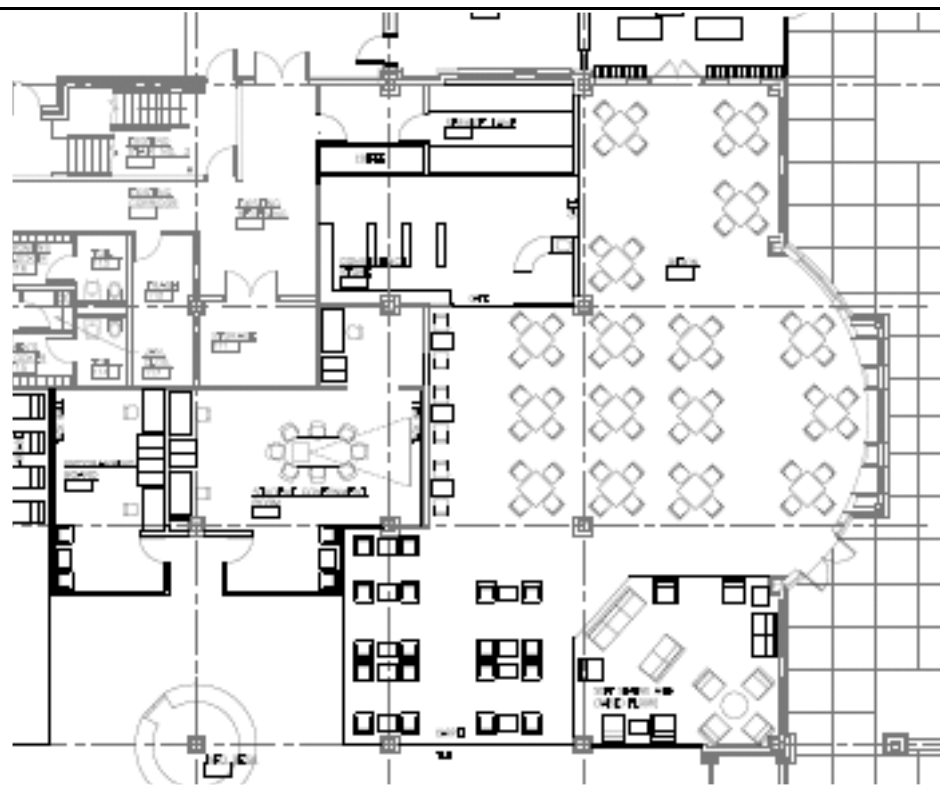
The money that will be allocated to the project this year will be earmarked for "hopefully tak[ing] some walls out and buying some new furniture and get that new stage into the con-

cept this year. I am optimistic that we will get something done. What that is going to be, I am hopeful, [will] be the stage, some more lounge furniture for students to hang and study in the student center and a little more extension of Rifkin," said Sborz.

Byers concurred there is a possibility that the project can proceed next year, "We can submit for additional funding as part of next years budget process," he said.

"This year there were five proposals for capital projects and this happens every year," Sborz explained. "You're not guaranteed all your money. So five proposals were put in, and we were told we were second in line, and I am really optimistic in the future they will allot more and more money to our project to get more and more done. I am optimistic we will put a little into the bookstore area this year, and next year we are optimistic we will get the first floor done and then the following year we will get the second floor done. But there will be some renovations to the HSC this year."

Sborz added, "We are going to move forward. I am still positive about that, and we are going to put some things in our proposal this year to get that project started. I am really optimistic that in the future we can possibly get this project finished."



Courtesy of John Pesta

The proposed renovations to the Henry Student Center include moving the information desk to the center, the mailroom being moved to the first floor, a new convenience store, the movement of Rifkin Cafe to the book store area, the movement of the Student Government office, the creation of offices and the expansion of the game room.

Undergraduate Symposium Schedule



Event	Location	Time
Poster Session and Breakfast	Old Bookstore	8:00 - 9:45
Poetry Reading I	Ballroom	10:00- 11:00
Stitch-a-Thon	SUB Foyer	10:00 - 10:30
Paper Session I	Ballroom	11:00 - 12:00
Banned Book Readings	Sub Foyer	11:30 - 12:00
Performances/Mid-Day	Gies Hall	12:00 - 1:00
Grant Applications	Sub Foyer	12:15 - 1:15
Poetry Reading II	Ballroom	1:00 - 1:45
Paper Session II	Ballroom	1:45 - 2:30
Paper Session III	Ballroom	2:30 - 3:15
Paper Session IV	Ballroom	3:15 - 4:30
Paper Session V and Panel Discussions	Ballroom	4:30 - 4:45
Current State of the University and Diversity	Ballroom	4:45 - 5:45

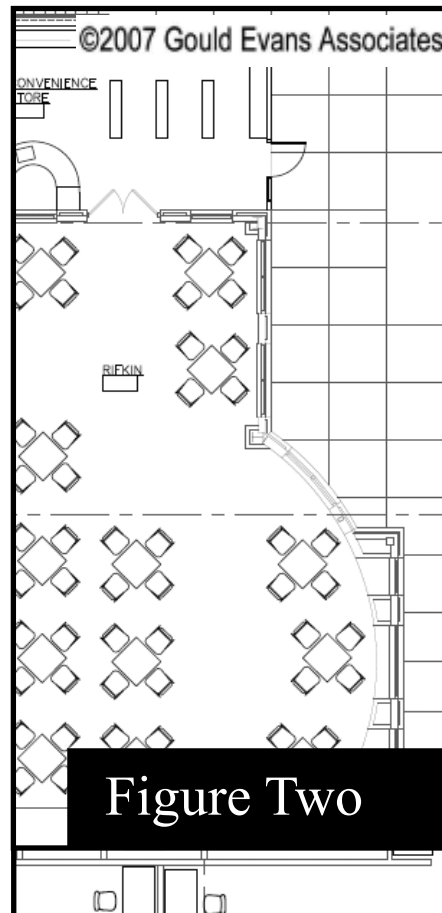
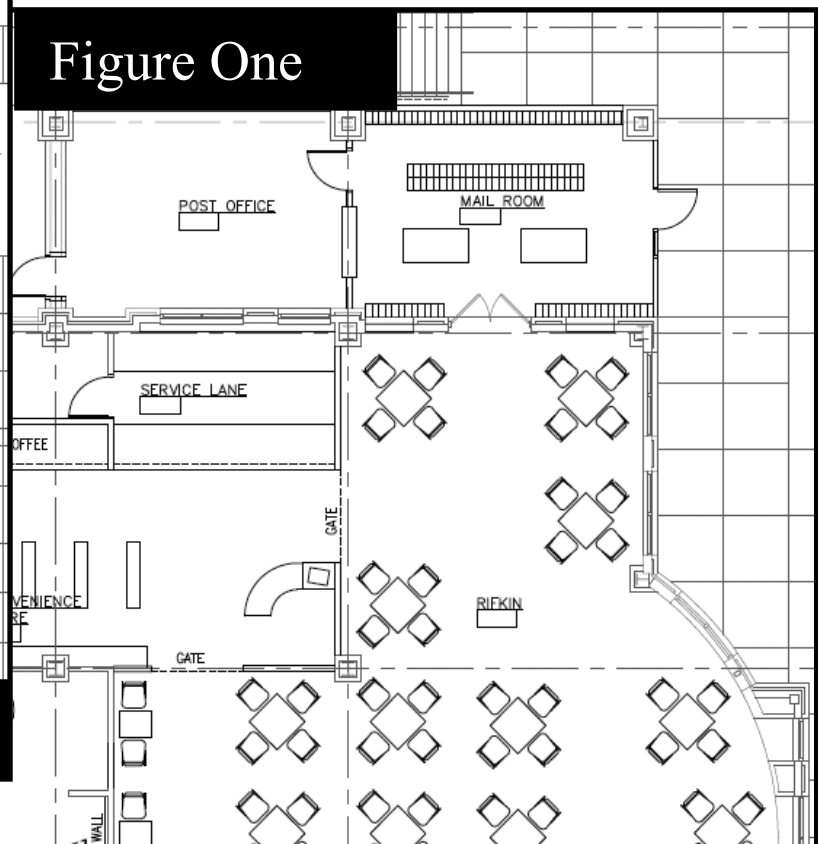


Figure Two



Courtesy of John Pesta

The main difference between the two possible plans are the post office and convenience market in the Henry Student Center. The first (figure one) plan has the mail room accessible from the outside and through Rifkin (which is in the place of the old book store). Then, the convenience market is accessible from Rifkin. The service lane is also accessible from inside the convenience market. The second (figure two) has the convenience store accessible from the outside with the service lane inside, while the mail room is accessible through Rifkin.

Fear distracts people from taking action

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL BOARD

What's your biggest fear?

Of course there are the every day fears: public speaking, heights, the dark, etc. However, people are often unaware they should fear certain things until the media helpfully brings such awareness to light.

Think about it. For starters, let's look at shark attacks. Yes, the movie *Jaws* made the fear of shark attacks an issue. But, it was not the movie that created terror among beach goers. After all, it was a mechanical shark--most movie goers know how to separate fact from fiction. In reality what truly created the fear was the media's coverage of Bethany Hamilton. On October 31, 2003, she survived a shark attack, along Tunnels Beach, Kauai in which she lost her left arm. As this 13 year-old surfer girl was receiving national attention, it was steering people away from the ocean in fear that they, too, would be attacked by a shark.

How about pandemics? Ah, the Avian Flu. Media outlets used scare tactics to make the bird flu a worrisome issue around the world. Even media queen Oprah had experts on her show claiming the bird flu could be the end of the world. Experts reported that everyone should don protective masks because the infectious dis-



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ease could travel around the globe in a matter of days, infecting every city on the planet. Well, when "experts" are predicting the end of the world, shouldn't we be preparing ourselves for the worst?

Speaking of the end of the world, how many different possibilities of the demise of Earth are out there?

There is the possibility of an asteroid plummeting towards Earth, crashing into an ocean, creating a monstrous tidal wave and completely wiping out an entire population. Hopefully, Bruce Willis would be sent on the mission to direct his spacecraft towards the oncoming asteroid to stop it from destroying Earth. Again, this was a movie, but what if?

The question is not if, but when.

As recent as February 2007, scientists and ABC News reported that a large asteroid, Apophis, will pass within 10,000 miles of Earth around 2029 and even closer in 2036. They even went as far as to predict the exact date of this worldwide tragedy, April 13, 2036.

The possibility of another terrorist attack inspires discussion of the Earth's end and hinders the every day action of Americans. After 9/11, travelers were frightened to board an aircraft in fear that their plane would be hijacked. We worry about what we can't see in our air and water, and count the seconds it takes to drive through the Lincoln Tunnel.

The possibilities for the end of the world are endless. But we

cannot continue to live in fear by what scare tactics the media decides to throw our direction or what experts on that particular issue are reporting.

What we can do is continue to live our lives and control those variables that interfere with the overall well-being of Earth. You may not be able to control an asteroid heading towards Earth, but you can control your use of manmade emissions. Go ahead; change five of your most used conventional bulbs to ones that have the ENERGY STAR label. The U.S. Environmental Agency shares that, "If every household in the U.S. took this one simple action, we would prevent more than 1 trillion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions." That you can control.

Instead of taking responsibility for those things we can control, we continue to live in fear of those scenarios that are out of our hands. We need to remember the three R's: reduce, reuse, and recycle. We can vote for officials who will support initiatives that are in the best interest of our community and support the funding for research to prevent such circumstances that further the threats of terrorism, foreign oil dependency, and encourage greater research into things like communicable diseases. Take a stand and don't live in fear.

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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 68 responses.

The Beacon asked:

What is the most irritating word misuse?

- There/Their/They're -31%
- Your're/Your -28%
- Effect/Affect -14%
- Two/Too/To -6%
- Other -6%
- Than/Then -4%
- It's/Its -4%
- Are-Our -4%
- Whether/Weather -3%

Next Week's Question:

How do you think the world will end?

- Plague
- Asteroid hits earth
- Wrath of God
- Nuclear holocaust
- Pollution
- Complications from global warming
- Cubs win World Series
- Robot take over
- Chemical/biological weapons
- 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

Aleksander Lapinski



The Angry Rant: 30 Second Movie Reviews

BY TIM SIEGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

If you're like me, then you hate nothing more than sitting down in front of a newspaper or computer screen and reading the words of some "professional movie critic" who gets paid per word to review a movie with "artistic integrity" or "stunning performances."

So I offer you all a solution, as I present to you the *30-second Movie Review*.

300: Despite all the blood, gore, guts, and senseless violence, *300* is without a doubt the most blatantly homosexual movie since *Top Gun*, that doesn't star Tom Cruise.

Alpha Dog: Wait, you're telling me there is a movie starring both Emile Hirsh and Justin Timberlake? I haven't seen a gathering of this much star power since my trip to IHOP last week.

Freedom Writers: This movie was better when it was called *Dangerous Minds*. Actually, it still sucked then, too.

Smokin Aces: For just \$7.50, you, too, can watch Ben Affleck and his fumanchu.

The Painted Veil: This period piece starring Edward Norton and Naomi Watts is as long as it is boring. The veil is purple, by

the way.

The Good German: I can think of a better title: "The Bad Movie."

Black Snake Moan: Contrary to popular belief, this movie is non-fiction. Samuel L. Jackson always keeps chained up women at his house.

Epic Movie: Kal Penn has made more turds than my two-year old nephew...and he poops a lot.

Pride: *Hoosiers* in a pool.

Blood Diamond: Leonardo DiCaprio is a pretty good actor when he isn't frozen solid.

Reign Over Me: Adam Sandler's face meets Bob Dylan's hair.

Hannibal Rising: Okay, we get it, Hannibal Lector kills people.

Norbit: Seriously, how does Eddie Murphy still get offered jobs?

The Number 23: Should've been called "The Number 2."

Dead Silence: "From the writer and director of *Saw*," or "From the guy who will be pumping your gas next week."

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A visual editorial...



The Beacon/Cara Koster

Dorms Chesapeake and Delaware and the ever unfinished Temple of Wilkes. Potentially a reason for graduation being moved to the Wachovia Arena?

Socialized medicine not a solution to health care woes

BY CARA KOSTER

Beacon Staff Writer

Generally people believe that everyone should be allowed access to the same medical care, especially if that medical attention could save their life.

However, beliefs and reality are generally different.

I would love it if everyone in the world, or even in the United States, could have access to the medical care they needed for either no money or little money out of pocket.

One idea aimed at just that has been implemented in a variety of countries around the world: socialized medicine. In countries such as Italy, Canada and the UK, government subsidies ensure that all people within those countries have equal access to health care.

But there are major problems with allowing everyone in the US to have this level of health care. On a very basic level, America is a large country and its size will hinder the system of socialized health care.

The amount of tax dollars required to sustain what would become yet another

bloated bureaucracy would be astronomical. The government is having a hard enough time handling the issues of Social Security. Do we really think it can handle universal healthcare?

Some have argued that the level of health care the lower class receives is insufficient and that socialized health care will allow

I should not be penalized because you smoke, have AIDS, don't wear your seatbelt, are promiscuous, or participate in any other activities that could adversely affect your health.

the poor greater access to treatment--particularly experimental and/or excessively expensive ones.

However, in reality the poor already qualify to receive reduced cost health care in our nation. It is the lower-middle class and the middle class who do not have access to the necessary health care facilities. If a job does not provide health care insurance, paying for it themselves is generally out of the question on their salary.

And who do you think is going to be taxed to pay for such socialized health care? In

fantasy land it would be the rich and big businesses, but in reality the middle class will face the most substantial tax increases to fund such an endeavor. Moreover, the wealthy will find ways around the system, as usual. They will either pay for more coverage, like many Canadians do, or they will travel to other countries to receive the

best care for their specific ailments like many Europeans do.

Universal healthcare destroys physician incentives to be competitive by providing the best care possible. If the Canadian system is any indication of what could be, the wait time for simple procedures will be months. Without monetary incentives to develop new treatments and to become the best they can be in their field the amount of new technologies will decrease and the level of care will stagnate. These issues also cross over the drug companies which are

looking for ways to make more profit.

Furthermore, I'm not comfortable with money coming out of my pay check to pay for your health issues. I should not be penalized because you smoke, don't exercise, have AIDS, don't wear your seatbelt, are promiscuous, or participate in any other activities that could adversely affect your health.

Also, think of all the people who will be going to see doctors for issues that don't really exist or is something that can be treated with some over the counter medicine.

As much as I would like to live in a world where everyone would have access to excellent health care for little cost, it's just not reality. At some point we all need to realize the world is not a fair place and sharing and equality don't work because someone will always abuse your kindness. Socialized health care is a bad idea for America. The American population is already questioning our government's ability to handle so many other issues. Why are we going to give them something else to screw up?

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Let's pull a Hillary and start a community conversation

Beacon website provides opportunity for feedback

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

Beacon Asst. News Editor

Well, I promised that I would not write about the presidential election until April and here it is...April.

But before I begin, I want to pull a Hillary and involve you in the conversation. Why? Well, think about where we are. Readers of *The Beacon* are either life-long residents of Pennsylvania, temporarily stationed here for school, or know someone who lives in the Keystone state. Pennsylvania is a state prone to identity crisis when it comes to presidential elections, and at the heart of the insanity is the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area. In order for the media to understand and report on the people's views throughout this campaign season, we need a solid handle on who they are and what they're looking for.

So...to really get the pulse of those in the area, I want to hear what you want to say about the 2008 race, and I don't care what your demographic is--Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Anarchist, male, female, gay, straight--I just want to hear your voice.

If readers log onto wilkesbeacon.com,

there is a section that allows you to post your comments on certain stories. Find this story and scroll to the bottom and post your comments. Or if you don't have access to the Internet, send us your letters and I will post them for you.

Why am I interested in gathering so many views? Because when 2008 rolls around, we want to provide the area with the kind of data pertaining to the presidential election that truly matters to people in the area. With it, there may well be a chance of even predicting a winner. But we are not going to decide how this study is conducted, *you are*. As we receive your information we will notice trends and, while sticking to the main objective, will focus our stories on what seems important to you. This study is part of a personal mission to involve our readers with *The Beacon* on a completely new level.

My father and I often sit around and talk about which direction the country should go and we hardly ever agree on issues. So, I have always heard Pennsylvania was this huge swing state, and it hit me when I realized that if two people who live in the same house are in disagreement, people from all

around the valley must experience the same thing.

Personally I think about several different things when I try to predict who will be president: what is important in the race (one issue voters); what external factors can impact the race; opponents' arguments and stances; and anything that people will think, because people are creatures of habit. As long as you can get into their heads, then you should be able to think of all the little things that will factor in.

So I already told you who I think will be president, as the race stands now, a month or two ago and I stick by that. Clinton will be president at the close of the day, but who will win NEPA? Giuliani is a pretty strong force because of his relationship to NYC, but Clinton also has strong ties to the area. Now of course, this is all if things go the way I think they will and Clinton and Giuliani are the two nominees.

Giuliani, because of his commanding role in 9/11 is not a stranger to this area, or any area for that matter. He has made many stops in the area last campaign season and I am sure that will continue. Overall I think Giuliani has a lot of strongholds in the area

with people who commute to NYC every-day for work. And do not forget his wife, Judi. She is from Hazleton. Local folks will use that as the reason to vote for him, too.

Then there is Clinton. Hillary Clinton is a very powerful figure because of Bill, her rise to stardom in the Senate, and especially in this area because her family is from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area. And of course like any Democrat, she will receive a little extra boost because the unpopular war is considered the Republicans' war, no matter how it is portrayed. As angry as the voters are right now about the war, Republicans are likely to suffer.

In a head to head competition, I predict at the end of the day Clinton will win NEPA. But of course, anything can happen between now and 2008.

Log on to our site (www.wilkesbeacon.com) and post your comments or mail them to us. What issues are important to you? What are you worried about? What should the media concentrate on to help educate voters? What do you believe are the key issues facing the state of Pennsylvania? These are just starting places, but we hope to hear from you.

Sexual health concerns are individual decisions

State-mandated vaccines cross boundaries, infringe on rights

BY CURRAN DOBSON

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

The continued debate on teenage sexuality reached a new height of controversy recently with the FDA approved debut of a vaccine designed to protect women against a sexually transmitted disease that can lead to cervical cancer. Gardasil, which protects against HPV, the human papillomavirus, can help prevent up to 70 percent of all cervical cancers.

However, the administration of this vaccine has caused controversy and concern throughout the country as doctors and educators have suggested that, beginning in sixth grade, girls should receive the vaccine. Some, like Texas governor Rick Perry, have even gone so far as to insist that all sixth grade girls receive the vaccine prior to, and as a stipulation of, beginning the school year. Eighteen other states have bills drafted putting similar measures into place.

Such legislation suggests that 12-year old girls are perhaps engaging in premarital, unprotected sex in enough numbers to warrant a blanket vaccine. It opens up a new debate

about how far educators and schools can go to control a student's health and life.

Previous vaccines, such as those for chicken pox and MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) were put into place to prevent students from contracting and then spread-

that they could contract if they make the decision to engage in unprotected sex with Billy outside of school. And, the stipulation that all 12-year-old girls receive it in order to come to class on day one of sixth grade suggests that parents can no longer make

minister a vaccine to a girl of 12 years old should be made by her parents and should take into consideration whether the parents have even had sexual health conversations with their daughter. Conservatives worry that administering these vaccines will make

girls think it is okay to engage in sex, that the "magic pill" could protect from any sexually transmitted problem, including pregnancy. Many girls this age have not even kissed a boy yet, let alone thought about having sex, and subjecting them to a vaccine that has only been approved for less

than a year is dangerous and presents an issue that may never need to be brought to light for certain girls.

Most importantly, when a state decides to make decisions for a person's health, they cross the line of privacy and a person's right to choose what is right for himself or herself, or, in this case, parents' rights to choose what is right for their daughter. The administration of Gardasil should be decided individually, in consultation with doctors and after a meaningful discussion between parents and daughter. No state should interfere with such an important decision.

A decision about whether or not to administer a vaccine to a girl of 12 years old should be made by her parents...

ing those illnesses. Having parents protect their school-age children from contagious diseases that could keep them out of school and could be spread easily throughout a school or household just made good sense. School and state administrators require these vaccines to keep their students healthy and keep their schools operating smoothly.

However, Gardasil does not protect female students from a contagious disease that they could contract simply by sitting next to Billy in science class or sharing a drink with Jen during lunch. It protects them from a sexually transmitted disease

decisions for their children's sexual health, but that state administrators can.

Now, I recognize that assuming that 12-year old girls are not engaging in unprotected sex is naive, as much as the thought horrifies me. And, while I also recognize that this vaccine could do some good by preventing the possible onset of a STD or cancer for all women if they choose to engage in unprotected sex, what I really take issue with in this controversy is state officials' belief that a girl's sexual health is somehow under their jurisdiction.

A decision about whether or not to ad-

University College shapes lives, offers direction *Part II: Supplemental Instruction and Tutoring*

BY NICOLE FRAIL &
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Because it is considered the transitional stepping stone from youth to adulthood, the challenge for many college students is to balance time wisely between classes, homework, and extracurricular activities.

But sometimes a combination of these can become overwhelming and frustrating. Enter University College. University College offers tutorial services and supplemental instruction to help students through any academic struggles they may encounter.

Ryan Pepper first started using the tutoring services offered by University College during the first semester of his freshmen year. For the second half of that same year, he became a peer tutor.

"Not only did I get help on understanding new material, I also was able to make a [few] new friends," said Pepper.

Salman Puneekar, currently a senior, also began using University College's tutoring services review for tests when he was a freshman in 2003. As the years progressed, he became a part of another program offered through University College: supplemental instruction.

Supplemental instruction takes place during weekly review sessions for particularly challenging courses. It's a nationally recognized program that is designed to use peer-assisted study sessions to improve student performance. Study sessions are normally led by a professional in the course or a recommended undergraduate who has successfully completed the course.

At Wilkes, supplemental instruction is traditionally led by professionals and is normally held for courses in mathematics, chemistry, and biology. During the sessions, students compare notes, share study strategies, practice test questions, and discuss any readings that they may have been assigned with the peer leaders who often attend the classes with the students.

"The best aspect of the supplemental instruction sessions was asking questions about material hardly covered in class. The instructor at [this service] knew the material very well," said David Sebelin, a junior communication studies major. Sebelin used University College's programs in his

freshmen and sophomore years to study for Dr. Carl Charnetski's psychology tests. He finished the class with a 4.0.

"I think the reason why these services help so much is because it forces you to sit down and study... but it also makes you vocalize your thoughts and reason them aloud. Additionally, since there are other students there. They can provide an extra source of information and understanding material," Sebelin added.

The supplemental instruction offered through University College has been named an Exemplary Educational Program by the U.S. Department of Education. Participating in this program typically results in higher course grades and lower rates of withdrawals and failures in the assisted classes.

Even though the tutorial sessions and supplemental instruction have strong results for students, participation in these programs follows closely along the lines of the participation outlined in the first installment of this series about the Act 101 program. Officials acknowledge that many students are not taking advantage of the services.

Alberto Prado served as coordinator of the peer tutoring services and supplemental instruction for the past two years, and he has yet to come up with an answer. "I wish I had that magic wand," he said. "Every semester [of] every year I go in and introduce what we do at University College providing academic Support with Peer Tutoring and SI and attendance is minimal."

There is a possibility this program carries the same stigma as Act 101, and students see asking for help as a sign of weakness, or are afraid they will be stereotyped for asking for assistance, and will be labeled as a student who struggles to pass his or her classes.

Prado claims that this is not the case. "We are here

for students who want to sharpen their skills in the class [in which] they are enrolled."

According to Puneekar, "It is unwise to worry about [being seen as] cool when grades are on the line."

Sebelin agrees. "[University College] is just another program that's there to help you. Would I criticize a hammer for being a tool to help me? No! The supplemental instruction is just a tool that we can use to help us achieve a goal. Whether or not it's cool doesn't matter, only the end result."

Pepper, Puneekar, and Sebelin all highly recommend turning to University College at any point that assistance is needed for a particular course.

Prado has suggestions as well. If you feel that you are struggling or need help, don't be afraid to meet with your professors, he said. Ask them questions in class, go see them during office hours, or e-mail them.

If students still feel like they are missing a piece of the puzzle, schedule times with a peer tutor frequently to help fill in gaps

or clarify any misunderstandings with the material.

"It's not too late to meet with a peer tutor or an SI leader. It's not May, yet," Prado said.

If you're interested in scheduling a tutor session or looking into the Supplemental Instruction programs offered by University College, contact Blake Mackesy at blake.mackesy@wilkes.edu or stop by Conyngham Hall.

To sign up for a peer tutor online, go to <http://tutortrac.wilkes.edu>. If you have any problems with scheduling an appointment, feel free to contact Alberto Prado at alberto.prado@wilkes.edu.

In Part III, we'll wrap things up with University College's Career Services program.



The peer tutoring program allows students to get help for courses they may be having trouble with. Mike Simko, left, is a peer tutor who provides support in chemistry and math for students like Greg Wolanin, right.

Sponsors turn sex ed into a game show with "Sexual Jeopardy"

BY CANDICE HALLIDAY
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Students can take the advice of Salt 'n' Pepa and talk about sex when Health Services, SHAC, and the BACCHUS Club host "Sexual Jeopardy."

The sex-based game show will be held in the Henry Student Center Ballroom on Monday, April 16 from 9:00 to 10:15 p.m. Gail Holby, leader of BACCHUS described the event as "an hour of fun and education."

For all you bashful individuals out there, this isn't something you have to do solo. In fact, the event is divided into two to four teams with three to four participants per team. It's a great opportunity to grab some of your closest friends and see who is the most sexually knowledgeable.

Students will first be asked a question followed by an answer exchange. Holby explained that it "is a game show format designed to educate students about sexual issues and concepts. Its purpose is to encourage them to continue to seek information and realize that no one is more important than themselves."

Doane Hall dorm students sick of Waller residents playing their music too loud can bring the tension to the game show. Students of the residence halls are especially encouraged to participate.

"Sexual Jeopardy can be used as an educational tool for your Dorm or Resident Hall," Holby said.

Health Services staff want to encourage a challenge between all the dorms or residence halls. The game requires three to four students per dorm to sign up and sponsors encourage the rest of the hall residents to attend to cheer representatives on. Students in off-campus housing are also welcome to participate, and can do so by grabbing students in their building, the building next door, or any other building, and making a team.

If the topic of sex isn't enough motivation to get involved, prizes will be distributed to the winning team. A pizza party will be the prize for the dorm with the most points. For those who prefer sugar to salt, a five-gallon container of ice cream will go to the dorm with the most participants. Don't worry; no extra trips to Wegman's are necessary because cones are included.

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Sexual Jeopardy isn't new to Wilkes - it also took place last year. Biology professor Debbie Chapman attended last year.

"When I went, I found it to be very well done, very informative, but, at the same time, very funny," she said.

Jozepf Becley, sophomore pharmacy major, thinks the idea of Sexual Jeopardy is interesting, but is glad it is not an individual challenge. "I think it would be something fun to do with a group of people or close friends; it is definitely not something I would want to do by myself."

Stephen Rozanski, sophomore pharmacy major added, "I think it would be fun because it would be funny to hear some of the answers to the questions asked."

Put down the books and come for a night of sex (and) education. Those interested in getting into "Sexual Jeopardy" can contact Health Services at 570-408-4730 and ask for Gail Holby. Students are encouraged to sign up soon because there are only a limited number of spaces available.



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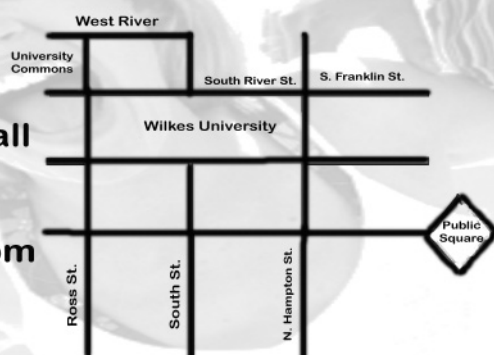
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Stitch-a-thon aims to raise awareness, funds for Darfur

BY MEGAN KRISANDA
Beacon Asst. Features Editor

Helping those suffering in Darfur and a little bit of creativity will literally run hand-in-hand on April 13.

Wilkes students, faculty, and staff are invited to a stitch-a-thon that aims to raise awareness and financial support for the people suffering in Darfur.

The event will occur between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Mentoring Symposium in the foyer of the Henry Student Center.

According to Assistant Professor of English and founder of the stitch-a-thon, Dr. Marcia Farrell, 100% of the proceeds from this event will be sent to three organizations: American Care for Sudan, the Valentino Achak Deng Foundation, and the Save Darfur Coalition.

Farrell credits many people and events that led her to the idea of a stitch-a-thon. After taking two of her English classes to the Sordoni Art Gallery to view Ryan Spencer Reed's photography of Darfur, a number

of students approached her saying they wanted to do something to help.

"The room grew quiet and the students spread out in front of different photographs, sitting on the floor, and writing and looking intently. It was the most mystical teaching experience I had ever had. Many of them expressed afterwards that they wanted to do something," she said.

Interestingly, within a couple of days, an episode of "Gilmore Girls" featured a knit-a-thon fund raiser. Farrell said that together they triggered the idea for the stitch-a-thon. She discussed the idea with president of the WISE-UP club, senior English major Shannon Curtin, in order for the stitch-a-thon to be sponsored by a club since the stitch-a-thon was not a club itself.

WISE-UP agreed to sponsor and stitch-a-thon morphed from an interesting idea

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to an event on the calendar.

"WISE-UP is honored and happy to help Dr. Farrell and all the other faculty and students involved in this endeavor," said Curtin.

According to Farrell, participants interested will pay a \$2 participation fee that will add to the overall proceeds of the event. There will be two main stitching projects: knitting and crocheting. And even if you never picked up a knitting or crocheting needle, you will have the opportunity to learn how to knit and crochet by students Lauren Carey and Amanda Baronowski.

According to the brochure, two weeks prior to the event there will be drop boxes throughout the campus for stitching donations, such as yarn or needles. In case there are not enough supplies available, those interested in participating should bring their own crochet hook or knitting needles and yarn.

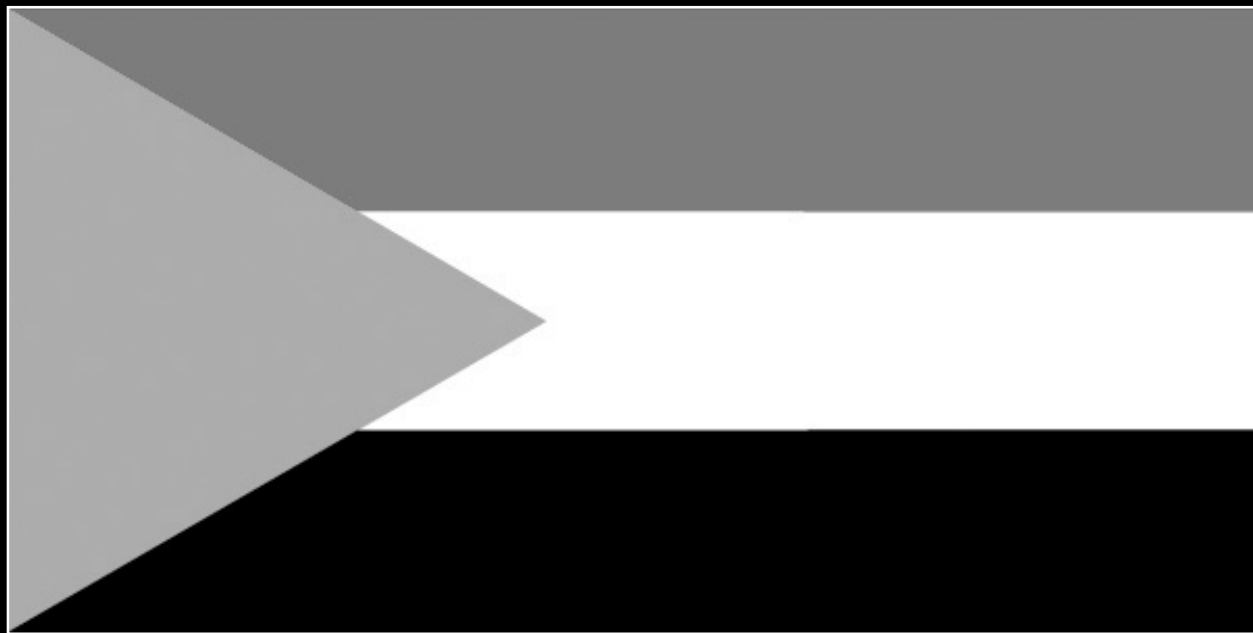
Final products will be displayed during the week of April 23 in the lobby of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. The products will then be raffled off on April 30 to coincide with the Global Days for Darfur organized by the Save Darfur Coalition.

Rachel Tretiak, freshman history/psychology major, is serving as a contact person and will help with advertising for the event. Tretiak hopes that the stitch-a-thon helps students and faculty become more aware of the genocide

taking place in Darfur.

"The Ryan Spencer Reed exhibit got a fair amount of attention, but there are still many students who have never even heard of Darfur, and are completely unaware of what is taking place there. Being that the stitch-a-thon is such a unique type of fundraiser, I believe that it will do a great job of getting that attention, while at the same time being a fun experience for the participants," she said.

Anyone wishing to participate should contact Farrell. Upon signing up to participate, each individual will receive a packet including information on the crisis in Darfur and each organization that will benefit from the Stitch-a-Thon. Also included in the packet will be information about writing Congressional representatives, the White House, and UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon asking that the situation in Darfur become a top priority.



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New Sordoni art exhibit showcases faculty talents

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA

Beacon Correspondent

It's always encouraging for students to see their faculty practice what they preach.

Students will have the opportunity to view their art professors' talents free of charge in the Faculty Exhibition 2007. The exhibit will run from April 1 to May 20, and will be open to the public seven days a week from 12:00-4:30 p.m. at the Sordoni Art Gallery in the Stark Learning Center.

Ten current and retired professors will have their works featured. The artists include Sharon Bower, Jean Adams, David Schulte, David Leonard, Bruce Lanning, John Sedor, Beverly Glennon, and Professors Emeriti William Sterling, Herbert Simon and Richard Fuller.

The exhibit will feature more than 50 works created in various types of media, including ceramics, porcelain, clay, watercolor, oil paint, photography and digital work.

"It was a challenge putting together the works of ten very different artists, but I think we pulled it off," said Ronald Bernier, director of the Sordoni Art Gallery. "We tried to make it as coherent as we could with all the vastly different works."

Faculty Exhibition 2007 will be the first faculty art show since 2004. When Wilkes used to offer an art major, the faculty exhibit ran annually. However, since the school no longer has a full faculty art department or a major, the Sordoni Art Gallery only offers the exhibit every few years.

Bernier believes interest in art on campus is still high. He points out that art classes often have a waiting list each semester.

"We've scaled back, but we still have a number of talented artists working on our faculty," said Bernier.

One of those "talented artists" is David Schulte, who will display four of his sculptures at the exhibit. Previ-

ously, Schulte exhibited at Artists for Art in Scranton and Lizza Fine Arts Studio in Tunkhannock.

Schulte chose his works based on a common theme. All of his works have a maternal theme, and some are based on classical images with an original twist.

For example, in one of his sculptures, Schulte portrays the classic Madonna and child image as somewhat

cause they inspire you to think," Schulte said. "I'm not telling you what to think. I'm just presenting you with a problem."

Schulte believes that exhibits are important to artists because they open up the door to communication to the world. "It would do me no good to have my artwork sitting in the closet," he said.

Schulte, who teaches sculpture classes and the introductory "Experiencing Art" course, encouraged his students to attend the exhibit. He believes that students can benefit from seeing the works of their instructors and also from seeking out certain professors whose works stand out to them for future instruction.

"Many times students don't get to see their teachers' work," he explained. "Validation is very important to the students. They can see that the individuals responsible for their education are skilled and are expressing their thoughts in an intellectual manner."

According to Schulte, the Faculty Exhibition 2007 can be beneficial to all Wilkes students, not only students who have a minor in art or are taking those courses. "Everyone should go to at least one art show in their lifetime," Schulte said. "If someone is uninterested or unacquainted with art, going to see particular types of art helps inform them."

Bernier, who has been the director of the Sordoni Art Gallery for six years, agrees with Schulte that the Faculty Exhibition 2007 can enrich all students regardless of their academic concentrations.

"It's important to all Wilkes students," Bernier said. "Our goal is to get both the Wilkes community and the public to see the range of talent we have in our faculty."



The Beacon/Cara Koster

Visitors at the Sordoni Art Gallery take in the artwork Sunday at the opening of the current Faculty Exhibition. The exhibition will run until May 20 and features over 50 works from ten current and retired professors in a variety of media, including porcelain, clay, watercolor and photography, among others.

of a "parasitic relationship," not one that is always easy or joyful.

"You have that same parallel, but it's more humanized, less iconocized," said Schulte about the similarities between his work and the classic images.

Another of his sculptures is titled "Specimen Female Fetus 5.9 months." The sculpture of the fetus in a jar was inspired by the ongoing debate about abortion, and when a fetus is considered a life.

"All [of my work] has grounds to be controversial be-

Schedule of Events

Monday, April 2

- Anime Club showing of Samurai X at Cafe Metropolis at 8 p.m.
- Karaoke with Scott Stevens at Slainte
- Karaoke w/DJ Bada Bing at Fuse

Tuesday, April 3

- Karaoke w/Mitch & Dancin' Frank at the Woodlands

Wednesday, April 4

- Film: *Curse of the Golden Flower* playing at the Kirby Center at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

- Open mic at the River Street Jazz Cafe

- The Marty Edwards Jazz Band performing at Bart and Urby's

- Big D and the Kids Table, The Menzingers, The Holy Mess and Captain Random performing at Cafe Metropolis at 7 p.m.

- Taking Back Sunday performing at the Wachovia Arena at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 6

- Maddog Surrender, Cunnilingus, Trashcan Circus and Ali Baba performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

- Dirt Vultures, Fight Amputation, Aeondeath and Catapult Rome performing at Cafe Metropolis at 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

- Braindead, Crumbler, Gnarlies, Freethrow and Gone Mad performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.
- Bigger Thomas, The Big Green plus TBA performing at Cafe Metropolis at 8 p.m.

Ted Leo and the Pharmacists' *Living with the Living*

BY MARISSA PHILLIPS

Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

In the band's new album *Living with the Living*, it feels a little bit more like living with the dead.

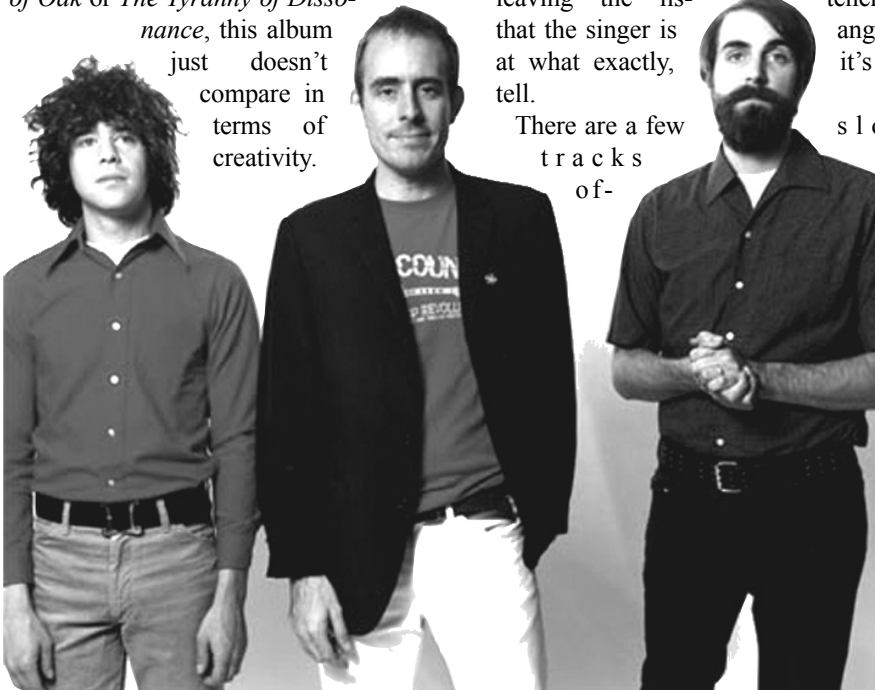
To put it plainly, this album is weak, which is painful to say considering the strength of all of Ted Leo's past albums. While the instrumentation and lyrics are solid, that's basically where it ends.

Ted Leo and the Pharmacists have been around since the 90s, delivering upbeat, punk-inspired indie rock. They have released four prior albums, and while they've pulled in fans with earlier albums, their popularity significantly grew after their "Shake the Sheets" release, which featured the song "Me and Mia."

Ted Leo and the Pharmacists are one of the strongest indie rock bands out there, both instrumentally and lyrically. Their lyrics are meaningful, and often political, and for those who just care about the music, the guitar riffs and choruses are catchy enough to appeal to pretty much anyone, whether they appreciate music that is off the radar or keep up with radio-friendly hits.

Unfortunately, with the exception of "La Costa Brava" and "Bottle of Buckie," the songs on the newest *Living* album are entirely unimpressive. It's possible they could be more appreciated by a newcomer to Ted Leo, but to anyone who has heard *Hearts of Oak* or *The Tyranny of Dissonance*, this album

just doesn't compare in terms of creativity.



Also, "The Lost Brigade" which goes on for almost eight minutes, becomes repetitive and tiresome about halfway through. "Bomb. Repeat. Bomb." seems to be trying to deliver a political message, but the vocals end up sounding a bit muffled, leaving the listener aware that the singer is angry, but it's hard to tell.

There are a few tracks of a slower tempo that feel

change of pace, but they're forgettable. Basically every track sounds like a song recycled from a past album, but stripped of a key piece. It all sounds like something played before, yet not as good.

For those who haven't yet heard Ted Leo and the Pharmacists, this would definitely not be the album to start with. While the tracks are not terrible, the whole album gives the feeling that the band is holding back. *Tyranny of Dissonance* would be a much more suitable introduction to the band.

Fans who have been following the band to this point will most likely be disappointed in this album as a whole. With the exception of the reggae undertones in "The Unwanted Things," the songs don't deliver anything that hasn't been done countless times in past albums. So, while the songs still feature smooth vocals and instrumentation, the similarity in sound to past albums doesn't manage to save it. Compared to everything produced in the past, the album is tolerable, but ultimately falls short.

Grade: C

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BY CHRISTOPHER KUDRAK

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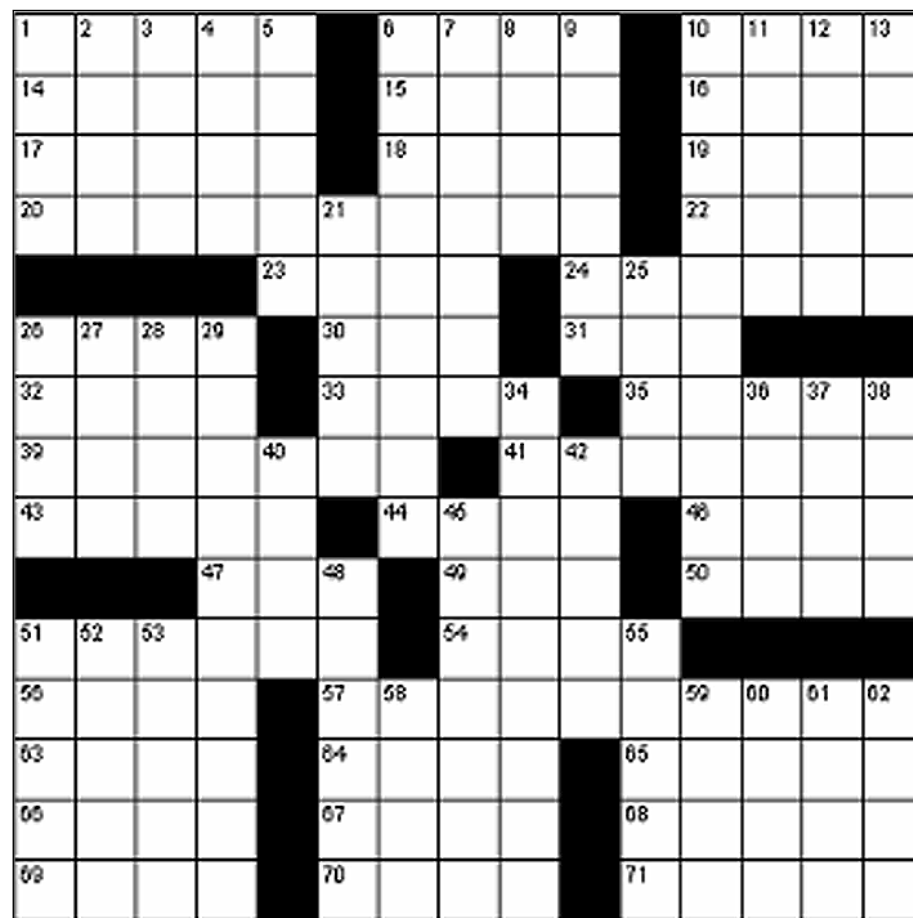
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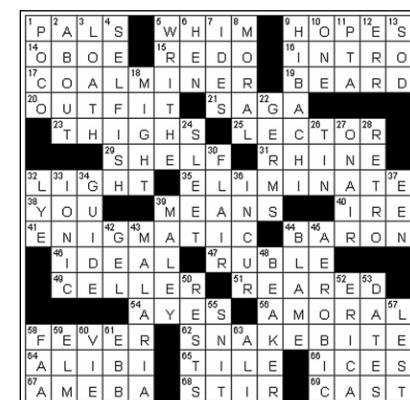
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This Week In History

BY MICHAEL GIONFRIDDO

Beacon Correspondent

Brought to you by the History Club

April 2

2005: John Paul II, history's most well-traveled pope and the first non-Italian to hold the position since the 16th century, died at his home in the Vatican. Six days later, two million people packed Vatican City for his funeral-said to be the biggest funeral in history.

April 3

1860: The first Pony Express mail simultaneously left St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California, carried by Henry Wallace riding west and John Roff riding east. During the 1,800-mile journey, the riders changed horses dozens of times, and on April 13 the westbound packet arrived in Sacramento, beating the eastbound packet's arrival in St. Joseph by two days.

April 4

1968: Just after 6 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. was fatal-

ly shot while standing on the balcony outside his second-story room at the Motel Lorraine in Memphis, Tennessee. The civil rights leader was in Memphis to support a sanitation workers' strike and was on his way to dinner when a bullet struck him in the jaw and severed his spinal cord. King was pronounced dead after his arrival at a Memphis hospital. He was 39 years old.

April 5

1614: Pocahontas, daughter of the chief of the Powhatan Indian confederacy, married English tobacco planter John Rolfe in Jamestown, Virginia. The marriage ensured peace between the Jamestown settlers and the Powhatan Indians for several years.

April 6

1896: The Olympic Games, a long-lost tradition of ancient Greece, were reborn in Athens 1,500 years after being banned by Roman Emperor Theodosius I. At the opening of the Athens Games, King Georgios I of Greece and a crowd of 60,000 spectators welcomed athletes from 13 nations to the international competition.

April 7

1963: A new Yugoslav constitution proclaimed Tito the president for life of the newly named Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

April 8

563 B.C.: Buddhists celebrated the commemoration of the birth of Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, thought to have lived in India from 563 B.C. to 483 B.C. Actually, the Buddhist tradition that celebrates his birthday on April 8 originally placed his birth in the 11th century B.C., and it was not until the modern era that scholars determined that he was more likely born in the sixth century B.C., and possibly in May rather than April.

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LOCAL BAND SPOTLIGHT: LESSEN ONE

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO

Beacon A&E Editor

It's no secret that making it in the music industry isn't exactly a piece of cake-especially in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

That's why the tremendous success of local rock/alternative band Lessen One is such an admirable feat. With gigs all over the area and an original full-length album already released (*Thousand Words*), Lessen One has proven itself a very ambitious and talented band.

Band member Steve Husted, guitar and vocals, recently took some time out of his busy schedule to chat with *The Beacon* about the current album and what's next on the horizon for Lessen One.

The Beacon: What changes have you gone through over the years (lineup, sound, direction, etc)?

Husted: Ok, here we go. Lessen One's current lineup is: Jaconda (Jay) - lead vocals; Steve (myself) - backing vocals/rhythm guitar; Kevin - lead guitar; Andrew - bass; Rob - drums/percussion.

However, Lessen One started out in the late summer of 2003 with Kevin, Jay and myself being original members. At the time we had a different drummer (Pat) and bassist (Mike). We played under that lineup until the fall of 2004. After losing Pat and Mike to unsettled differences, Kevin, Jay and I began playing acoustic three-piece shows. After about eight months we then added Rob in the early summer of 2005. The following winter we added Andy on bass. The current lineup still stands and hopefully will for quite some time.

The Beacon: What's the story on the spelling of the band's name?

Husted: The original drummer, Pat, and I were spewing out band names in the beginning, and we decided that we liked the idea of having a band name with a number in it - not sure why - but it seemed good then. We finally settled on a few ideas and I [think I] remember it being either Lessen One or Figure Five.

Once the votes came in we all agreed that we liked Lessen One much more. And then the conversation of lessOn vs. lessEn came up. My description of the band name goes as this: I didn't want to be thought of 'teaching' people about the music... thought it sounded a little arrogant. I wanted it to be 'taking away from something,' not "less than" as in math class with the whole $<, > \text{ or } =$ to.

The lyrics we began to come up with for the songs and my personal life made me describe the band name as: to be in this lifestyle/band you have to 'give up' or 'let go,' parts of your life. There are many things that I/we had to give up to maintain this band, and I think that the band name is a reflection of where I/we have been and where I/we come from; remember what once was, and knowing what I have let go/changed to get here. I/we appreciate my/our decisions and know that I have four other guys to lean on when it gets hard...and so creates Lessen One.

The Beacon: How's the first full-length CD working out for you?

Husted: It's very gratifying when I see people singing the words to our originals. The CD was a risk for us financially but it all seems worth it when you get a bigger response for an original song rather than the best of covers that we may do. We all have been a part of the recording process with other bands, but I think that this is the CD that we all have yet to make on our own. So to answer your question...things are good.

The Beacon: Are you currently working on any new projects? What's up next for you guys?

Husted: The biggest of all things right now is that we are planning a two week long tour with the band Ourafter, June 15-30. We will be playing in New York, Harrisburg, DC, North Carolina, South Carolina, three different cities



Lessen One has seen a lot of success with their first full length album, *Thousand Words*, and continues to play shows at locales throughout the area. In June, the band will hit the road, touring with Ourafter.

in Florida, Indianapolis, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Scranton. Basically we have two nights off the whole trip; should be a great time.

Being that we are also a cover band, we have a few great shows lined up out of town.

We have an upcoming Wilkes University show, where Wilkes and ourselves will be distributing 100 free CDs; should be quite fun, too.

And lastly we are in the beginning stages of writing new material. The new music seems to be even more diverse and more energetic than before. We are really excited to get back to writing again; it has been awhile.

The Beacon: For someone who hasn't heard Lessen One, are there any bands that you can compare yourselves to? If you don't like to make comparisons, then just describe your sound.

Husted: I usually liken us to Incubus, solely on the fact that we don't write to a specific genre. We write music without writing to make a specific sound. In other words, the direction of the song is dependent on what naturally

sounds right to us. We write together, so having five different ideas is somewhat hard at times. For example, we don't scream on a heavy song for the sake of screaming if it isn't necessary. If the song is short and doesn't need anything else, we let it be, and if it seems to run longer than standard radio play time, we let it if it calls for it. One of our more popular songs called "Drone" is about 4:30 long; too long for radio but just right for itself (so we think). Our music is energetic and a product of what seems to be an endless source of inspiration, so I think you can find a little of everything in our CD.

The Beacon: For those who have not yet seen Lessen One perform, describe your live shows.

Husted: Visually and sonically, very energetic. Lots to listen to: melodic vocals, extensive harmonies, complimenting guitars, flourishing bass lines, and a rhythmic backbone that intricately ties it all together. And on top of that, a lot to see. We move on stage independently but yet very synchronized.

The Beacon: Can you describe the craziest thing that's happened to you as a band, or your most embarrassing moment on stage?

Husted: Well, I guess watching Kevin split his head open on the main speakers at Tink's in Scranton, and then still playing four more songs dripping blood everywhere [was pretty crazy]. Or the time when Jay was screwing around on a slippery stage at Outsiders, and, out of nowhere, ended up completely horizontal in the air, just to fall flat on his side on a previously broken full pint glass. However, even though he fell, cut himself, and was lying in a puddle of beer, he pulled the mic down and finished singing the rest of the song like a champ on his back. I haven't laughed that hard since.

The Beacon: Any hoardes of screaming girls yet?

Husted: Unfortunately for Jay... nope. All of us are in great relationships, so I think we put out the vibe, or something like that. We have a few funny, more so creepy, stories, but overall we shake as many hands and kiss as many babies as we can. We appreciate everyone taking the time out to come and see us, so maybe we just don't notice them...who knows?

The Beacon: If you can remember this far back, describe your first show as a band.

Husted: With this lineup? Great. We are all talented musicians and we work well together, so I guess the first was quite like the most recent. We get the chance to play out quite often, and as far as I can remember, we have had many great nights. Every night is some new challenge and every show seems completely different and we are looking forward to many more.

The Beacon: And finally, can you describe Lessen One in just three words?

Husted: Buy our CD. No, I am kidding. (Seriously now buy it anyway). But three words? ...

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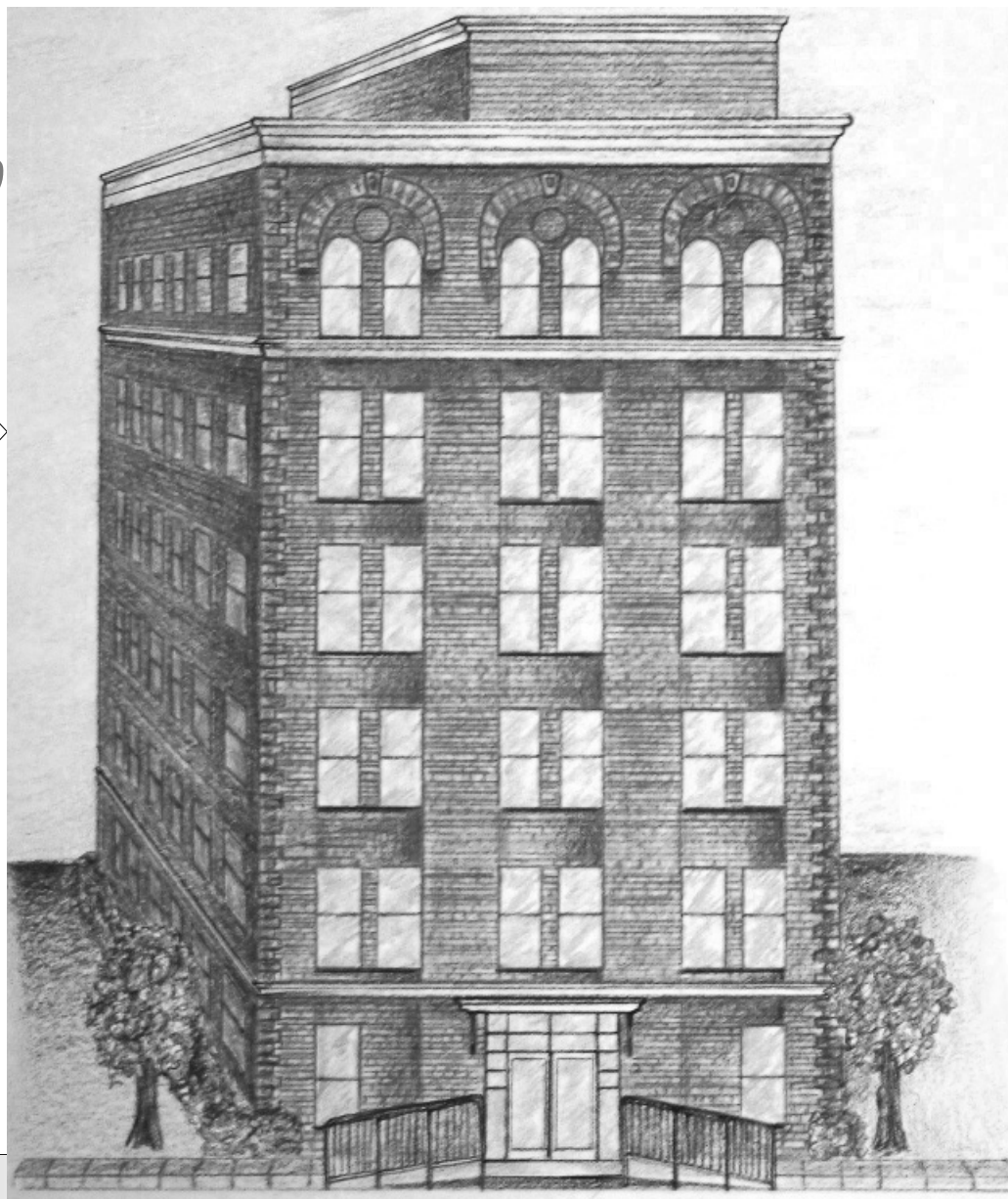
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Equestrian Club sends first two to regionals

BY ARIEL COHEN

Beacon Sports Editor

It has been nearly two full years since Alisha Cain's dream of having an equestrian club at Wilkes University became a reality.

The road from being granted club status back in April 2005 seems like such a long time ago considering all that the team has accomplished, especially this year. Wilkes is sending not only one competitor to regional competitions but two - Jessica Ashford and Sarah Brown.

The Equestrian Club, which does not represent Wilkes University in any official varsity athletic competition, still finds its way to bring Wilkes pride and name recognition as they compete with other schools as part of the Inter-Collegiate Horse Show Association.

"The team is going well. It is really a blast and a big adrenaline rush to be able to ride a horse that you have never ridden before," said freshman Tia Hickman, who just joined the team this year.

In addition to Tia, there are two other freshmen and a total of eight members on this year's team. The experience level of

the women, including Jessica Ashford and Sarah Brown, who have both been riding since the age of seven, is very high.

"All of the girls on the team have been riding all of their lives, but we would like to recruit girls who haven't had as much experience," stated junior Jessica Ashford.

Experience is what matters for members of the equestrian club. The team has ten shows per year, including five in the fall and five in spring. Every fall semester, the team co-hosts a show with Cedar Crest which has been a tradition since the team began two years ago. Every team member's dream, however, is to win that blue ribbon and head to the national show.

According to Ashford, a competitor needs to accumulate a minimum of 35 points over three semesters to qualify for the regional

zone show in Pittsburgh, "which, out of the 15 to advance to that point, we had two including myself and Brown," Ashford said.

With this being the first regional show for any Wilkes University Equestrian club member, a new landmark has been set and

new goals are now being formed for next fall as the women head back to work for another season. "My new aspiration since I won a blue ribbon for Wilkes this past year is to go to regionals in the novice competition," said Ashford.

Although neither one of the representatives from Wilkes advanced beyond this zone competition this past weekend, the knowledge and level of experience for the team continues to grow with higher hopes and bigger expectations for next season.



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don't offer up careful, smart pitching, the Bulldogs offensive muscle could be intimidating. But facing a team of the Colonels stature is never easy for any conference opponent.

Folek is a veteran at his profession and will look to lead the Colonels to another Freedom Conference victory. "Our upper-classmen have to have good series, and our offense needs to score more runs," stated Folek breaking down his keys to victory in beating the DeSales Bulldogs.

The Colonels will look to bring hard hitting and solid pitching out of their bag of tricks on the road against the DeSales Bulldogs this Thursday at 3 p.m.



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GAME OF THE WEEK

Major League Baseball

Yankees to host Devil Rays; Red Sox take on Royals

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

*Beacon Asst. Sports Editor***Tampa Bay v. New York**

The Yankees have to be nervous.

After all, it's been six seasons since they've won a World Series ring, and three since they've even been to the Big Dance.

And with a boss like George Steinbrenner, who wouldn't be a little pensive about this season?

The Bronx Bombers, who finished first in the American League East last year, had a less than spectacular post-season in which they were bounced in the first round by the Detroit Tigers.

This season, like every other season, the Yanks have their eyes on number 27.

They have good reason to be confident about their chances, as they are returning with one of the best lineups in the American League.

Led by Derek Jeter (the real AL MVP), the offense consists of All-Star leadoff hitter Johnny Damon, the always underrated Bobby Abreu, the over criticized Alex Rodriguez (who will become the youngest player to hit 500 homeruns this season), power hitting lefties Jason Giambi and Hideki Matsui, long-time Yankee Jorge Posada and future star Robinson Cano.

With a lineup like that, what do the Yankees have to worry about?

The answer is, as always, pitching.

With a retooled pitching staff, New York has said goodbye to Randy Johnson and said hello (again) to former Yankee Andy Pettitte and are welcoming back Carl Pavano, who last pitched in June of 2005.

Pavano, who was part of a Florida Marlins staff that bested the Yankees in 2003, has been injury prone since coming to New York in 2005, and hasn't had the opportunity prove his worth.

That's about to change, as he is likely to be the opening day starter on April 2 at Yankee Stadium against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

With Pettitte and Chien-Ming Wang dealing with minor injuries, Pavano is the likely choice over newcomer Kei Igawa and youngster Jeff Karstens.

It should prove to be a clean slate for the much maligned Pavano, who is in desperate need for a solid performance to prove to the brass that he is back in his 2004 form.

Unfortunately for Pavano, the young lineup of the Devil Rays won't make it easy.

Led by Carl Crawford, who effortlessly blends power and speed, players like Ty Wigginton and Rocco Baldelli are young players who are going to blossom in the coming seasons.

Japanese import Akinori Iwamura is a power hitting third baseman who could have an impact on the middle of the lineup, while Delmon Young is a serious candidate for Rookie of the Year.

Their pitching staff is led by Scott Kazmir, who was very quietly one of the best arms in the American League last season.

Kazmir is most likely the opening day starter, and has the talent to make it hard on the Yankees lineup.

It's essentially a battle between pitchers with a lot to prove, but expect the bats of the Yankees to out slug the inexperienced Devil Rays lineup.

The Pick:

- Game 1: New York Yankees 3
Tampa Bay Devil Rays 2
- Game 2: Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7
New York Yankees 3
- Game 3: New York Yankees 5
Tampa Bay Devil Rays 3

Boston v. Kansas City

Red Sox Nation has been abuzz this off-season.

After acquiring the much praised Japanese Ace, Daisuke Matsuzaka, it appeared that Boston has cemented one of the best rotations in the American League.

Matsuzaka, who carved up hitters during last year's World Baseball Classic with help from his mythical "gyroball," is flourishing this spring and is proving to be the real deal.

That can only be good news for the Red Sox, who are looking to return to the World Series after their Cinderella-like 2004 season.

Led by opening day starter Curt Schilling, the staff consists of 2003 World Series MVP Josh Beckett, knuckleballer Tim Lincecum, Matsuzaka, and closing pitcher Jonathan Papelbon, whose 35 saves and 0.92 ERA make him an automatic in the bullpen.

With a solid starting rotation and a lights out closer, the Red Sox are more than ready

to storm the AL East.

Oh, there's one more thing: they still have David Ortiz.

Ortiz, aka, Big Papi, will no doubt lead a tremendous offense that consists of perennial slugger Manny Ramirez, newcomer and leadoff hitter Julio Lugo, on base hog Kevin Youklis, Captain and catcher Jason Varitek and newly acquired J.D. Drew, who completes a dangerous 3-4-5 in the lineup.

Also along for the ride is speedy centerfielder and current titleholder of "Best Name in Baseball" Coco Crisp, great glove-man Mike Lowell, and top prospect Dustin Pedroia, who looks to make his first full season in Beantown a memorable one.

Schilling, the outspoken and gutsy pitcher, is looking for one more great season that can be added on to this Hall of Fame resume, and should have no trouble leading things off against the Kansas City Royals on April 2nd.

Kansas City, meanwhile, is looking to bounce back and bring back glory and respectability to the once great franchise.

They have their work cut out for them, as they are light in top prospects and heavy on career minor league players.

The biggest move in the off-season for the Royals was the acquisition of starting pitcher Gil Meche, whose 55-44 lifetime record with a 4.65 ERA was good enough to earn him a 5 year, 55 million dollar contract.

Besides Meche, the rotation is filled with mediocre pitchers Luke Hudson and Odalis Perez, finishing off with Octavio Dotel, who was once a premier relief pitcher.

Two lone bright spots for the Royals are in the form of young phenom Alex Gordon, who was officially named the starting third baseman (George Brett, anyone?), and left fielder Mark Teahen, another young star on the verge of a breakout season.

Squaring off against a Red Sox lineup that eats up bad pitchers, Gil Meche's best bet is to just throw strikes and let his defense make some plays.

The Pick:

- Game 1: Boston Red Sox 8
Kansas City Royals 3
- Game 2: Boston Red Sox 4
Kansas City Royals 1
- Game 3: Boston Red Sox 5
Kansas City Royals 0

Double Take

Steph examines the stats that truly matter...

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO

Beacon A&E Editor

Oh boy. Another game of the week, another Double Take. Except this time, there are two games of the week. I don't know why this is necessary, and to be honest, I really don't care. So instead of taking the time to write two double takes (which would make me dizzy), I'm going to pretend that the Yankees and the Red Sox are teaming up against the Devil Rays and the Royals.

I thought this would be fun because, apparently, people who are Yankees fans generally hate the Red Sox, and vice versa. Well, that's too bad, because in my imaginary world they are going to have to join forces to defeat the Royal Devil Rays. In my imaginary world, the teams are also going to have to use light sabers instead of baseball bats. And instead of uniforms, they should all wear black cloaks. But that's a given. Plus, it would probably make the game a lot more entertaining.

So, where does one really go from there? Well, let's also pretend Derek Jeter is Darth Vader (nothing personal against Mr. Jeter, he's just the only player I know). Evil never prevails. The Yankees and the Red Sox are going to lose, because they don't have the power of the Force, unlike the Royal Devil Rays, who actually all look like Yoda. Now one would think that since they are the Devil Rays, they would be evil. But, in fact, remember, this is my world, and things are never quite what they seem.

Anyway, nobody cares what my predictions are, much like I don't care about who wins the games. So instead of sitting down to some MLB television this week, I'm going to settle in for a Star Wars marathon... because that sounds far more entertaining than any baseball game.

Rival to join Freedom Conference

Misericordia to compete in 2008-09 season

BY GERARD HETMAN

Beacon Staff Writer

In the world of college athletics, few things bring out the passion and spirit in players, coaches and fans more than a local or regional rivalry.

Players get a chance to compete in front of fans who often know and remember them from earlier in their athletic careers, and school communities are able to enjoy packed arenas infused with school spirit for these contests. For the Wilkes University athletics community, one of those rivalries recently opened an exciting new chapter when College Misericordia announced it will begin competition for all of its sports programs in the Freedom Conference of the Middle Atlantic Corporation (MAC), beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

“Misericordia offers a tremendous package to our conference in terms of both the academic and athletic components we are seeking at institutions when we were looking to expand the conference”, said Ken Andrews, MAC executive commissioner for the Freedom Conference. “This addition will help the conference further establish itself in a part of the mid-Atlantic region in terms of things such as media coverage and recruiting, where several of our current institutions have had great success over the years.”

Misericordia will be coming to the Freedom Conference from the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC), of which it was a founding member when the league was formed in 1992. The Cougars will be joining Wilkes and fellow MAC Freedom member King's College in a new conference alignment that is expected to reap benefits for student-athletes, coaches and fans alike. The close proximity of the Misericordia campus will enable Wilkes athletics teams to play more conference contests on

weeknights, making scheduling and travel arrangements much easier for coaches and officials at those schools.

“We're thrilled that Misericordia is coming into the conference,” said Wilkes men's basketball coach Jerry Rickrode, whose teams have regularly competed against Misericordia in a non-conference format during his 15-year tenure as head coach. “They've got an excellent basketball facility and a very solid athletics program, while producing some very competitive teams during their history. We're looking forward to competing with Misericordia as a conference opponent in the near future.”

For Misericordia, the move carries with it many of the same advantages and benefits in terms of travel time and proximity that are beneficial for Wilkes. The Dallas-based school boasts excellent facilities for all of its sports teams and has traditionally been very competitive in the PAC, winning 26 conference championships since the league's founding. This strong foundation is expected to help make the Cougars immediate competitors in the Freedom Conference. The move will also allow the Cougars to find a league for their swimming and track & field programs to compete in - neither sport was sponsored by the PAC and as a result, those sports operated without a conference affiliation at Misericordia until this decision.

Sports fans and student-athletes at both Wilkes and Misericordia are both set to enter an exciting new chapter of the sports history between these two institutions. “For many years Wilkes and Misericordia have competed against each other in a non-conference format,” Wilkes University athletics Director Addy Malatesta said of the move. “Now, we have the opportunity to develop a great conference rivalry that will benefit both schools and their athletics programs for years to come.”



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

The Lady Colonels look to add a “W” to their record Wednesday against Scranton.

Weekend Recaps

Baseball

The Colonels baseball team suffered two conference losses at home in their doubleheader matchup against FDU-Florham on Saturday. Junior Kyle Follweiler drove in the team's only run in both contests as they lost 8-1, and 9-0. The Colonels drop to 9-5 overall and 3-3 in the Freedom conference.

Softball

The Lady Colonels fell in close battle on the road to crosstown rival King's College 2-1. Sophomore Nichole McCloskey scored an unearned run for the Lady Colonels in the 5th inning, but could not close the deficit following a King's 2 run spurt in the bottom of the inning. The Lady Colonels are currently 6-7 overall and 0-1 in the Freedom conference.

Lacrosse

Widener University picked up their first Middle Atlantic Conference women's lacrosse win of the season with a 17-4 victory over Wilkes University on Saturday afternoon at Ralston Field. The win improves the Pride to 2-5 overall and 1-3 in the conference, while the Lady Colonels fall to 0-5 overall and 0-3 in conference play.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

8

Number of strikeouts by
Wilkes senior Laurie
Agresti in loss to William
Paterson University.

5

Number of goals by
Wilkes freshman Ashley
Leggio in loss to
Centenary College.

2

Number of RBIs by Wilkes
junior Kyle Follweiler in the
win over Drew University.

0

Number of earned runs
allowed by Corey Helfrich
in a 2 hit, complete game
win over Drew University.

Preview of the Week: Baseball vs. DeSales

The Colonels get ready for their fight against the Bulldogs this Thursday

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

In baseball, there is nothing like watching two evenly matched teams duke it out on the field as they look to notch a win on their record.

Colonel baseball fans get ready to bear witness to a classic Freedom Conference contest as the Colonels go on the road to square off against DeSales University.

"We've been getting good pitching and playing good defense, and that's why we have been winning. As a team, we need to keep that up," said head coach Joe Folek.

Despite the Colonels recent losses in their doubleheader match-up this past Saturday away against the FDU Devils, Wilkes still boasts a comfortable record of 9-5, and 3-3 in the conference. During the Colonels road trip to New Jersey, pitcher Cory Helfrich gave up 8 runs on 11 hits in only four innings in their final game of the doubleheader.

"Our sole drive right now is to make it to the playoffs to play FDU and beat them when it counts," stated junior Brad Woznisky.

The first conference loss of the season for the Colonels happened Friday against the Devils 15-5. Centerfielder Kyle Follweiler led the Colonels with 2 runs, while 5 players split a single RBI.

Leading the Colonels scoring attack is senior first baseman Justin Popovich, who racked up a team high 12 RBIs. The lead batting average goes to junior Kyle Follweiler with .439 who has started in all of the Colonels 14 games. The Colonels pitching staff is doing a solid job combing for total of 60 strikeouts on the season, and a 5.53 ERA, while their opponents combine for a 6.17 ERA against the Colonels.

Junior pitcher Brad Woznisky leads the Colonels with 22 strikeouts and believes that in order for the Colonels to win, "We have to go in with a better mindset and

just keep working hard and staying at it. If we do that, eventually everything will come together."

The Bulldogs are a tough team led by a coach with an impressive resume, and will be looking to fight the Colonels until the last out of the ninth inning. Head Coach Tim Neiman is in his 18th season as the Bulldogs head coach. The Bulldogs have won 423 games under Neiman and have a .656 winning percentage. He is ranked 35th in the nation among active coaches in winning percentage.

The Bulldogs are currently 9-5 overall, and 4-0 in the MAC Freedom conference. Junior Anthony Heard is big dog in the dugout with a .481 batting average, and has smacked in a team high 26 hits. The Bulldogs all around offensive attack consists of 7 players with double digit RBIs, and 3 homeruns by junior first baseman Scott Matejicka. If the Colonels

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The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Senior Justin Popovich will look to help lift his team past the Bulldogs en route to a huge conference victory.

Campus Calendar

Tuesday 4/3

- * Wilkes University Faculty Exhibition, Sordoni Art Gallery, 12 PM, All Week

Wednesday 4/4

- * Women's softball vs. Keystone - 3 PM
- * Men's Tennis @ Scranton - 3:30 PM
- * Women's lacrosse @ Scranton - 4 PM

Thursday 4/5

- * Women's softball @ DeSales - 1 PM
- * Men's baseball - 3:30 PM

Monday 4/9

- * Men's baseball vs. DeSales - 1 PM

Tuesday 4/10

- * Blood Drive, Henry Student Center Ball room, 10 AM
- * Men's tennis vs. Lycoming - 3:30 PM
- * Women's lacrosse vs. King's - 4 PM

Wednesday 4/11

- * Climbing the Sales Ladder, University Center on Main, 8 AM

* The Power of Pat

terns, The Woodlands Inn - 9 AM

* Men's tennis vs.

FDU, 3 PM

* Women's softball vs.

Miscericordia - 3 PM

* Men's baseball vs.

Miscericordia, 3:30 PM

Thursday 4/12

- * Women's lacrosse vs. Messiah - 4 PM

Friday 4/13

- * PoetrySeries, Barnes & Noble, Arena Hub Plaza - 7 PM

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Congratulations to Adam Butler who correctly identified last week's picture, which was of a plaque in front of Evans Hall.