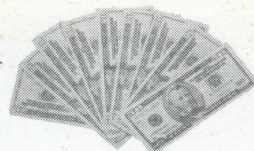


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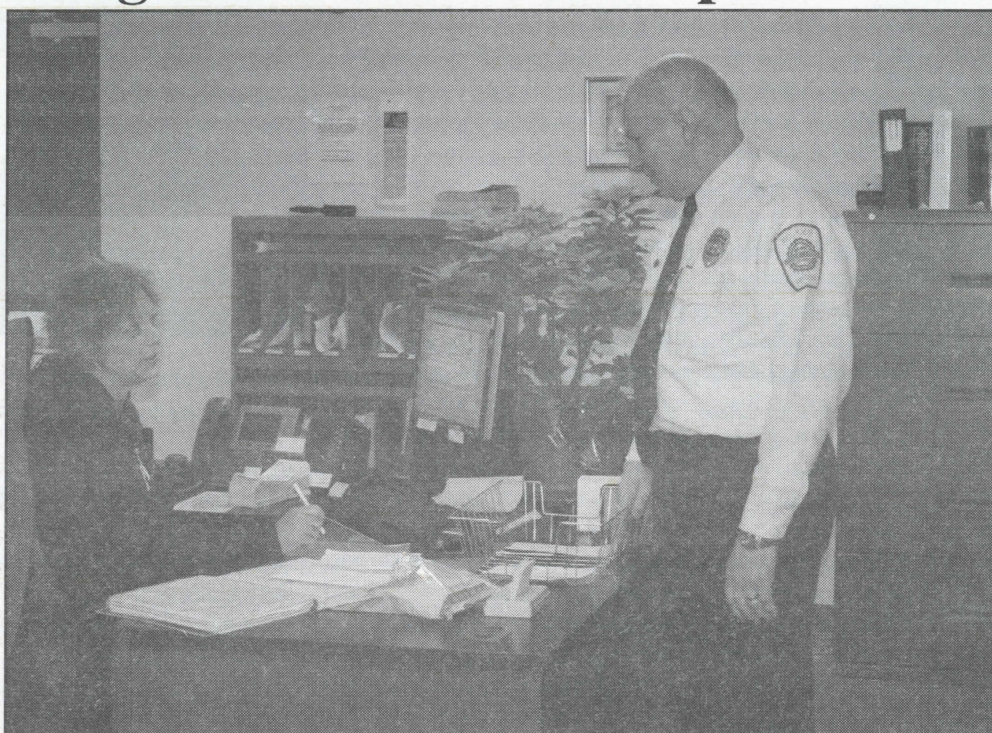
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Wilkes freezes hiring on 'non-essential' positions

BY AMY FUSCO
Beacon News Editor

The nation's recession is not only squeezing pocketbooks and causing the Dow to look like a maniacal amusement park ride. It's also sent unemployment rates through the roof, and like many other colleges and universities, Wilkes has been forced to institute a limited hiring freeze for the immediate future. Specifically, at least until the end of the spring semester, Wilkes officials have put a moratorium on all hiring for 'non-essential' positions. It is unclear how long the freeze will last.

According to a recent article "More schools impose hiring freezes" in USNews.com, many colleges and universities instituted hiring freezes near the end of 2008 due to the current economic conditions. Some regional institutions in that list included Cornell University, Brown University, Temple University, and University of Maryland. Schools such as Ithaca College, Lock Haven University, and others suspended previously advertised searches for faculty positions due to the economic downturn.



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Despite a university-wide hiring freeze, some searches continue. Public safety is currently two people short for positions that are considered 'essential' for university operation.

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Former student victim of off campus attack

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
Assistant Beacon Op/Ed Editor

A former Wilkes University student found himself in an altercation involving a knife last week, but the police department says that there's no evidence that a crime was committed.

Early Saturday morning on March 14, 19-year-old Stephen Bierlya, a Wilkes-Barre resident and former Wilkes University student who is currently enrolled at Luzerne County Community College, was involved

in an unanticipated attack that left him with a bloody wound on his neck.

Bierlya had to be taken to the hospital to receive medical attention.

According to a Wilkes-Barre Police Department press release, an unknown individual entered Bierlya's apartment and assaulted him with a knife. The incident occurred around 3 a.m. early Saturday morning at Bierlya's 372 South Franklin Street residence just one block from campus.

Numerous attempts to contact Bierlya

were unsuccessful.

Junior communications major Andrew Wolak dropped Bierlya off at his home a half hour before the incident occurred and was stunned when he first heard the news of the attack.

"I could not believe that this happened," said Wolak. "I was completely shocked. I immediately went and called him to make sure everything was ok and he told me what had happened."

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SG reps at odds over AED purchase

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Student Government representatives purchased a portable AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine for about \$1,500 on March 11; however, the choice to do so was not without some controversy at the SG meeting.

SG president Carl Santana introduced the idea of purchasing a portable AED in the weekly SG meeting, and it was approved and purchased at that meeting. However, the speed with which the proposal went through raised eyebrows among some representatives.

"It was just introduced so quickly. There was such a quick discussion and a quick vote. I don't even think it was a two-week process," said David Sborz, SG senior class president.

Sborz expressed that the AED was bought in haste, without much thought on the part of student government members.

Wilkes currently has nine stationary AEDs on campus, but the SG purchase was for a portable machine to be used during off-campus events.

An AED can save the life of a person who has gone into sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) and is usually effective within the first 3 to 5 minutes of the attack.

"The AED is used in case someone goes into cardiac arrest through physical activity or anything... like a heart attack. Using that machine, you can bring the person's heart

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Political expert offers insights into race and politics *UPenn's Dr. Rogers Smith lecture sponsored by honor society's grant*

BY AMY FUSCO
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Dr. Rogers Smith, University of Pennsylvania's Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science, offered his unique take last Thursday on Barack Obama's historic rise to the presidency as nation's first African American in that role. Smith's lecture "Barack Obama and the Future of American Racial Politics" was made possible thanks to a grant awarded to the political science honor society, Sigma Pi. It was the seventh consecutive year in which the Wilkes student group was awarded the grant.

Smith teaches at the University of Pennsylvania, where he researches topics such as public law, American political thought and political theory. With his expertise in race relations, Wilkes organizers believed his lecture would be both relevant and timely given

that Barack Obama is still working on his first hundred days in the Oval Office.

Dr. Thomas Baldino, political science professor and interim dean for the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, was instrumental in bringing Smith to campus. He had followed Smith's career and knew he had important expertise in the area of race and politics.

"He [Smith] is a very thoughtful individual. His concerns involve a broad, sweeping coverage of citizenship and voting rights," Baldino commented. He explained that Smith's lecture would make historical references to try to place into context what it means to have an African American president.

Aside from learning about race relations, Baldino hoped that having students listen to a professional, top-notch political scientist and discuss how he has acquired and analyzed his data, would help

the political science majors learn about the skills needed for the field.

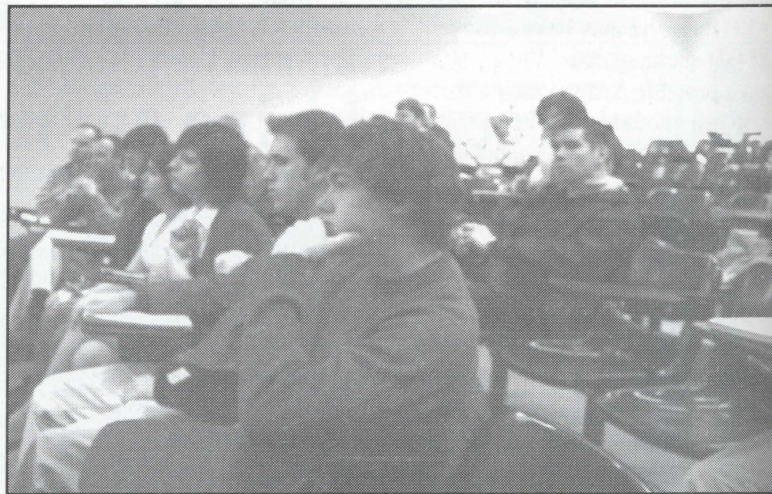
Baldino founded the Wilkes charter of Sigma Pi in 1992 and has written a proposal each year for the grant, which is a national competition for funding of activities, such as lectures and discussion programs.

"Frankly, I wasn't sure how competitive it would be, so I thought I'd just give it a shot," said Baldino. "I got one and then decided to keep doing it until they say no and they haven't said no yet." This year the grant provided funds for the speaker and also a lunch for the newly inducted Sigma Pi students. There were six students inducted this year, including Katie Nealon, Adam Szumski, Lauren Benhamou, Sarah Decesaris, Joshua Siejak, and Jeremy LaPorte, all political science majors.

"We went out to lunch at Café Toscana with [Smith] after the lecture," Siejak said. "It was nice to be able to sit at a professional lunch with him." Siejak explained there were very stringent requirements GPA-wise to be selected for Sigma Pi and it was also advisor selection.

Baldino explained that the society releases the grant recipients each summer. Last year, thirty or forty out of approximately 100 chapters received grants for their activities.

Smith has lectured widely across the country. He explained that as a political scientist, he fo-



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Six political science students were recently inducted into the Sigma Pi chapter of the national honor society Sigma Pi Alpha.

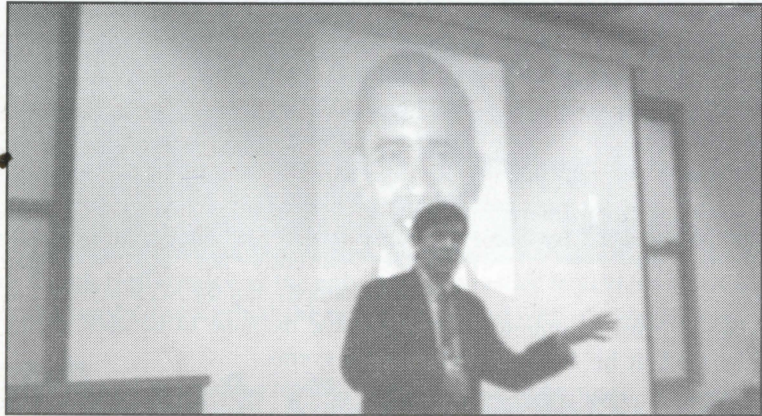
cuses on issues with civil rights and civil liberties of America. He has a professional interest in the country having its first African American president, in which he researches how this was possible and its significance. Smith is currently co-authoring a book with Dr. Desmond King, professor of American government at University of Oxford, about racial orders and development of the American state.

"I hope [the students will] get some insight into the rather unusual role of race that played in the election," said Smith. He explained the election was unusual because the candidates did not talk much about race although Obama was the first African American candidate. He went into depth with this topic during the lecture. "It [the lecture] is also to inspire reflection on where we are going

as nation on issues of race, so I hope it stimulates some thinking about that," he added.

"I think it was great that we had the opportunity to have somebody talk about Barack Obama and race relations," said Joshua Siejak, junior political science major. "It's a very important issue and I'm glad Pi Sigma Alpha was able to fund it." He felt that the lecture was very informative and that the speaker knew the subject material very well.

"I thought it was very interesting to see the spread of race relations from the time that slavery ended up until modern day," Siejak added. "It raised a lot of questions in my own head for further research." He thought Smith was very neutral in explaining the issues with race relations, unlike many biased news sources.



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Currently, Smith is co-authoring a book with Dr. Desmond King, Oxford, focusing on race relations and American development.

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AED from FRONT PAGE

back into rhythm so that they don't die," said Carl Santana, SG president.

Clubs that involve physical activity always have a greater risk of someone being injured, which is why the AED could be beneficial.

The idea of the portable AED was brought to Santana's attention when a fellow lacrosse team member's cousin died on the field due to a body check to the chest causing his heart to stop. Had there been an AED there, he may have survived. Because of that incident, the Wilkes lacrosse team has a portable AED machine.

"I just thought that every other student should have that same opportunity to have one [an AED] available at events," said Santana.

Any student, in any club can use the AED machine, as long as they go through the training. Clubs can also benefit from the portable AED. Someone in the club must be trained to use the machine. The clubs that involve physical activity, such as the Frisbee club and the equestrian club, pose a higher risk at any event they go to off campus for SCA.

The training for the AED is not extensive and the machine has directions and visual pictures on it as well.

"It's actually made for a lay person. You don't have to be a medical person to use it. It's very simple. It talks you through every step," said Diane O'Brien, director of health services.

The portable AED machine will be stored in Passan Hall in Health Services. This location was chosen because the building is secure at night, but that's not the only rea-

son that it's a good location to store the AED. Prior to the purchase of the portable AED, Health Services did not have one in their building.

"That's why I was kind of happy that he [Santana] chose to store it here because we are a secure building and it would be nice to have one here," said O'Brien.

The training will be free through the insurance that Wilkes has. The details of the training are not fully worked out. Currently, the details of who will administer the training, where the training will be held or how long the training will be are undetermined. It is also unknown how the actual process of loaning the AED out will run.

"The details of this aren't even worked out. I think that's something we passed by rather quickly in our discussion," said Sborz.

Sborz worries that the students will not take the time out of their schedules to take the training. The portable AED, worth about \$1,500, runs the risk of sitting in Passan Hall without any potential use.

Santana said that the machine was \$1,500, and if it is used once then it is well worth the money spent.

"Money shouldn't be an issue when it comes to buying an AED," said Santana.

He also said that SG has the money and it should have been purchased a long time ago.

Sborz brought up the difference between SG spending money on a health resource for students and the university providing health resources to students.

"If this is a major, major concern for students, then I think that the university should have taken some type of role in this. I think it's unfortunate that we're paying student activity fees to make up for things that the

university should be supporting," said Sborz.

There were also concerns brought up in the meeting by fellow student government members dealing with insurance questions.

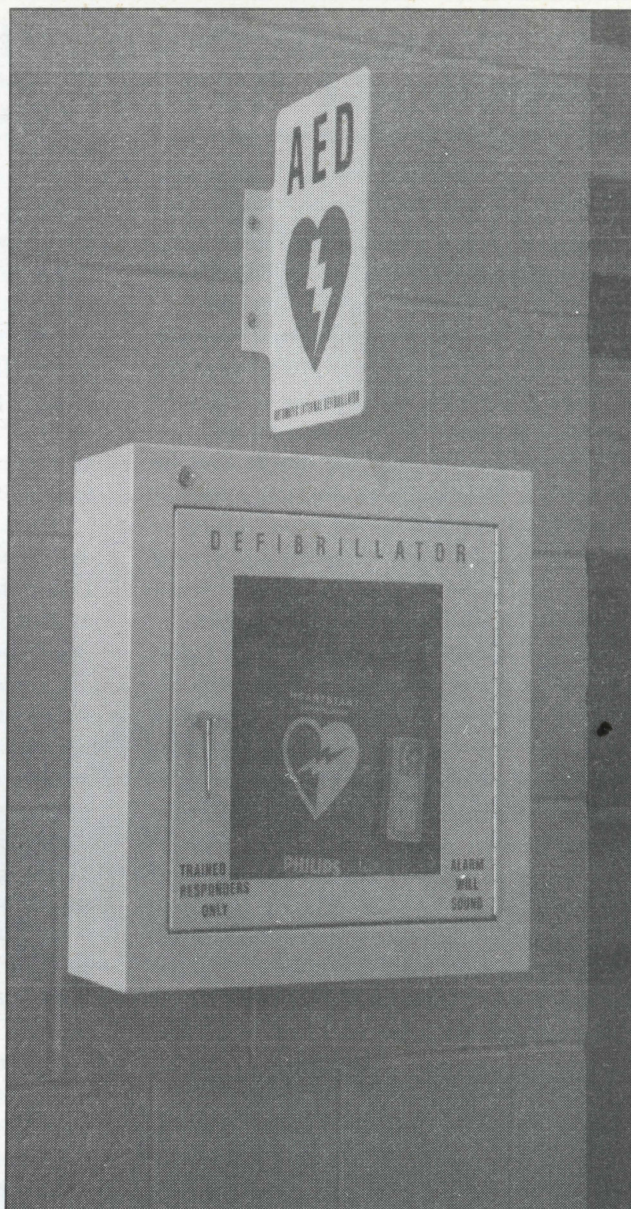
Sborz expressed that students might not feel comfortable using this AED machine on other students.

"Another part of it that complicates things: are students going to want to take the risk? If something happens, are students going to want to take the risk of using this device [on another student]?" said Sborz.

Santana would like to see another portable AED on campus within the next year in case of a conflict of off-campus events.

The nine stationary AEDs on campus are located in the buildings and locations that students most frequently inhabit, such as the Martz Gym, the SUB, Ralston Field, and Evans Hall. Since those machines have been installed in the buildings, Wilkes has never encountered a situation where the AEDs needed to be used.

"But, you know, if you use it once, it's going to be the best thing in the world," said O'Brien.



The Beacon/ Jacqueline Lukas
Stationary AEDs are located in nine buildings on campus. Some SG members were opposed to the purchase of a portable AED because they are already on campus.

HIRING from FRONT PAGE

Even Ivy League schools are facing major economic challenges.

Petra Carver, vice president for finance and support operations, is the university's budget manager and has overseen all changes and cutbacks, as well as the hiring freeze.

"When we discovered that we had a significant deficit for 2009, we needed to look at options, what we could do to minimize that deficit as much as possible," explained Carver. "One step in that direction is to freeze non-essential hiring." The president's cabinet determines which positions are considered 'essential' and therefore exempt from the freeze.

"I think we have plenty of experience to really know what is essential and what is not," commented Carver. "I don't think it's difficult to make that distinction." She ex-

plained that an essential position is something the university cannot do without. For example, some teaching positions will need to be replaced if a professor leaves or a course needs to be taught.

Gerald Rebo, public safety manager, acknowledged the need for two more public safety officers due to previous departures. Because public safety is required to staff 24-hours per day, officer positions are considered essential to the right management of the overall well-being of the campus. Right now, the office is engaged in the interview process for the officer positions. There are 13 full-time staff members and one part-time.

"Wilkes is not going to compromise security and the safety of its students," Rebo stated.

Carver explained that the president's cabinet will look at the enrollment and revenue numbers for next year, and will then deter-

mine what cutbacks or freezes may be necessary for the coming year.

"We have to be very conscious about the [positions] we replace and the ones we don't replace," explained Carver. "The ones that aren't immediately replaced means that people need to become more creative and... more efficient to ensure that the university continues to do what it needs to do in providing excellent education to students," she added.

Dr. Reynold Verret, provost, explained that the hiring freeze is not routine. It only occurs during difficult economic times.

"I think the impact is not immediately detrimental," said Verret, "I think it does cause us to slow some plans." Verret added that if a hiring freeze is instituted for a longer period of time, there would be different effects.

"It's not a complete hiring freeze," Verret stated, "There are some positions we

allowed to search for." For example, the search to hire a director of engineering is still underway. Additionally, there is a search for a new biophysicist, which is strongly needed. He believes there are positions linked to crucial needs, that add to determining which positions to fill. A variety of discussions with department chairs aids in the decision.

"If we could honestly say that we could wait [to fill a position], we would wait," said Verret.

The uncertainty of the economy makes the duration of the partial hiring freeze unclear. Verret has seen some positive economic signs in the previous week and assured that if things keep getting better, the freeze will be over. He acknowledged that there are so many "what-ifs" right now.

"My concern is not what we know, but what we don't know," said Verret.

Media leaders caution against panic over newspapers' demise

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS

Beacon Asst. News Editor

The Rocky Mountain News. The Seattle Post Intelligencer. The Chicago Tribune. The Los Angeles Times. The Philadelphia Inquirer. The list of newspaper closings and those filing for bankruptcy seems to be growing daily.

Shocking reports of century-old newspapers closing their doors have prompted media analysts to ask whether the recent changes are signalling the death knell of an industry.

Some newspapers, like the Seattle Post Intelligencer, have opted to stop the economic bleeding by eliminating the print version of the publication in favor of an exclusively online presence. As a result, the PI staff was reduced from over 100 to a mere 20 people.

However, the move to an exclusively online publication is not yet the norm in the field. According to Mark Fitzgerald, editor-at-large of the Editor and Publisher (E&P), newspapers in America are doing relatively well. E&P is America's oldest journal that covers the newspaper industry.

"Even some of the big papers in the most troubled chains are still churning out profit margins in the high teens. That's three or four times the margins of Exxon Mobil," Fitzgerald wrote in an article on March 18 for E&P.

Newspapers are doing well here in the Wil-

kes-Barre area according to Scott Wasser, managing editor of The Times Leader.

"It's just a good newspaper market. I don't necessarily see the competition going away, unless something traumatic happened," said Wasser.

Wasser noted that many people are giving the internet more credit than it deserves. The newspaper existed before the internet and it has survived on only the print version for a very long time in spite of earlier changes such as the advent of television news.

"There's nothing on the internet that does what a newspaper does... The Times Leader online, for example, would not exist if it wasn't for The Times Leader newsroom," said Wasser.

However, as more technologically savvy consumers engage in Twittering, posting on Facebook, and blogging, some analysts argue that news and information gathering has become a far more personalized industry, something mainstream media cannot readily adapt to and that business models can't compete with.

Although the Seattle Post-Intelligencer cut its staff dramatically, other journalists see these tough times in a different light.

"There will be a need for journalists, no matter what," said Byron Pitts, senior national correspondent, contributing correspondent to 60 Minutes on CBS, in a conference for College Media Advisors (CMA) in New York City March 15-17.

Pitts argued that the print industry will undoubtedly continue to move more toward the digital and broadcast platforms because of technological advancements, but consumers are not likely to abandon reading for information.

Charles Gibson, anchor of ABC World News, also spoke at the New York conference and agreed with Pitts about the importance of the field and that people will always need and want information in order to make decisions.

However, Gibson acknowledged some concern about the future of the industry because "the economics of our business is shifting beneath our feet."

Gibson emphasized the importance of reading the

newspaper and urged young people to subscribe. He also actively encouraged young people to enthusiastically enter the field.

"I can't think of a more exciting job than to be on the national news and do what reporters do," said Gibson.

The future of the newspaper business does not worry Wasser. He knows that the business, especially in the Wilkes-Barre area, is secure because it is such a good newspaper market.

"There is no more convenient or effective way of delivering the news than a daily newspaper," said Wasser.



The Beacon/ Jacqueline Lukas

Charles Gibson, anchor of ABC World News, recently addressed young journalists at the CMA conference in New York. He encouraged them to continue studying despite the decision of some newspapers to eliminate the print version of their publication.



The Beacon/ Jacqueline Lukas

Some newspapers, like the Seattle-Post Intelligencer, cut their staff dramatically to go from a print version to an online version of their newspaper. Although many journalists lost their jobs, Byron Pitts, of 60 Minutes said that there will always be a need for journalists in our society.



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Senior engineering student Joe Gorton, and a neighbor, said that Bieryla sought help immediately following the incident.

According to Gorton, someone had broken into Bieryla's home and attacked him when he came to inspect the noise.

"He came over here with blood on his neck," stated Gorton. "He told me someone was banging on the door and broke into the house. When he went to see what was going on, the man attacked him with a knife."

Gorton said that forced entries have been a recurring theme along his street. Only two weeks before the latest incident, Bieryla's house was broken into and groceries were stolen. It was around the same time that Gorton's house, which is next door, was also broken into. Items belonging to Gorton and his roommates also went missing.

The recent thefts and break-ins have made Gorton more aware of his surroundings.

"I double check to make sure I've locked

the doors," said Gorton. "We try to make sure everything is closed and we are trying to be more aware."

As for the incident last Saturday, Public Safety Manager Gerald Rebo declined comment citing the fact the Bieryla was no longer a Wilkes student.

Although the incident occurred off-campus, Tom Messinger, executive director of Campus Support Services, doesn't want students to be hesitant about calling public safety when they're in trouble.

"If something happens within the immediate area, and it is an immediate threat, you can by all means call public safety," said Messinger.

"They will respond."

According to Wilkes-Barre Police Chief Gerald Dessoye, this was an unfounded case. In essence, the case at hand has been investigated and determined to be non-criminal. There was no evidence that a crime or policy violation had occurred, meaning no further investigation is needed.

Bieryla was released from Wilkes-Barre General Hospital that same morning with cuts on his neck.

"I double check to make sure I've locked the doors," said Gorton.

SG Notes March 18, 2009

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Treasurer's Report

All College: \$14,440.25
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Start-Up: \$2,100.00

Club Reports

The following clubs presented updates on their events.

Programming Board, MSC

SIFE, Renaissance Club, Math/CS

New Business

Running Club Donation Request (Week 1 of 1) \$625 for the Annual Relay for Heat passed

Society for Advancement Management Fund Request (Week 1 of 1) \$1,750 was allocated to the SAM Conference

Wilkes University Speech Team Fund Request (Week 1 of 2) Wilkes U Speech Team is asking for \$1,173 for a National Debate

Member of the Month: Shadae Gates for February for WB St. Patrick's Day Parade

Presidential Nominations

Old Business

Christian Fellowship Club Fund Request
Thomas Bigler Journalism Conference Donation Request

WB St. Patrick's Day Budget
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Events

WUPB Hinder on March 20
MSC presents Spring Fashion Show and After Party starting at 7 p.m. on March 21, 2009 in the Ballroom
VIP Day from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. on March 21, 2009

ICA Bollywood Extravaganza at 4 p.m. on March 22, 2009 in the Ballroom

*At 8:15 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn the SG meeting. The motion was approved.

SG Meetings are open to all students. They are held every Wednesday in the Miller Conference Room on the second floor of HSC.



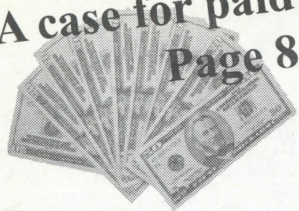
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Financial sector moral leaders cannot be found

BY THE BEACON
Editorial Board

Years of greed-dominated management coupled with tremendous expansion and growth have left the financial sector in the greatest swan dive since the Great Depression.

The rise of low interest rates and cheap credit helped fuel big gains in the housing market and other business industries. This created a trend in which banks became more comfortable with risky loans. They began lending more money to more people with questionable or non-existent credit who had little hope of repaying the debts.

Much of the banking industry began to fuse risky loans ("sub prime mortgages") into mortgage-backed bonds (IOUs). Bankers then began to turn these bonds into highly rated securities. The bonds were sold to banks, insurers and pension funds around the world, thus, escalating the situation into a global catastrophe.

Many things could happen if a top CEO from a major lending company, such as AIG or Merrill Lynch, were to announce that their company could go under at any minute. Stock prices would plummet, lenders would call in their debts, banks and customers would freeze the company out, agencies would downgrade it, and before you know it, the once mighty and powerful CEO would find himself with a whole lot of explaining to do.

Although hard to swallow, honesty is the best policy to adhere to. However, during the months leading up to the financial crisis, executives foolishly painted a sunny picture complete with duct tape and glue to disguise the true state of their companies. The problem is that while this might help push a company through rocky times, the executive who shades the

truth is committing civil fraud, and if the company crashes, he faces the possibility of prison.

The banks found themselves in a slump, and in order to rebuild their capital and profits, needed to increase lending costs.

Indirect correlation, rates have skyrocketed for mortgages, personal loans, overdrafts and credit cards, and borrowers have been hit the hardest. Nevertheless, as the economy continues to falter, rising bad debt will take its toll, forcing lenders to keep increasing their rates.

The whole situation has had a devastating effect on both the international and U.S. economies.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics, the national unemployment rate climbed to 8.1 percent in February 2009, leaving millions in financial shambles without opportunity to even pull themselves out. As a result, the house of cards has tumbled and many have lost homes, investments, vehicles, and retirement funds.

So who should receive the blame and how should they pay?

After a \$700 billion Trouble Asset Relief Program introduced by the U.S. Treasury Department, CNN reported that Merrill Lynch dished out more than \$3.6 bil-

lion in bonuses before a takeover by Bank of America on January 1, 2009.

And the final straw for many taxpayers happened last week when it was widely reported that the troubled AIG, which had received over \$170 billion of government bailout money, would pay out \$165 million of that in "retention bonuses" to some of its top executives.

The Washington Post reported that Joe Cassano, the financial products manager whose complex investments led to AIG's near collapse, is earning \$1 million per month in consulting fees from the ailing financial giant.

These are just a few examples of the corruption and stupidity that much of the financial sector has exhibited. But it doesn't stop there.

Finally, who could forget former Chairman of the NASDAQ Stock Exchange, Mr. Bernard Madoff and his crafty ponzi scheme that surfaced late last year.

Regulators said Madoff himself estimated that \$50 billion in personal and institutional wealth from around the world was gone. The money went to fund his lavish lifestyle, with a New York apartment; a beachfront mansion in the Hamptons on Long Island; a small villa overlooking Cap d'Antibes on the French Riviera; a Mayfair office in London; yachts in New

York, Florida and the Mediterranean.

Madoff pleaded guilty last December, and the 70-year old now faces a maximum 150-year sentence.

Now, investigators are tallying up Madoff's assets, valued at well over \$800 million, so they can be liquidated and re-allocated to the thousands of victims who entrusted his firm with their money. Investigators are still trying to determine how many people were victimized and how much money was stolen.

But even if all of his assets are liquidated, they only add up to a fraction of what he stole out of the pockets of his loyal customers.

Personal advancement, selfishness and greed have served as the moral foundation on which the American financial sector has conducted itself for decades. Effectively, what business "leaders" have taught American youth is that to get ahead, it is perfectly acceptable to lie, cheat, and steal. While the average Americans' bad financial choices (purchasing homes they can't afford, maxing out credit cards, etc.) also serve as poor role modeling, it is the moguls like Madoff, and other poster children for bad business ethics like Bear Stearns' Jimmy Cayne, Merrill Lynch's Stan O'Neal, and Lehman's Dick Fuld who embody the most self-serving behavior, and consequently the most damaging to the rest of us.

Although not all of the blame for a slumping economy should be put on the financial sector, it is still at the root of it all. Americans have a right to demand proper punishment. We advocate jail sentences, and not at Hilton-like detention centers. The moguls like Madoff should not only serve time, but do so right alongside the bank robbers who did it the old fashioned way—with guns.

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Talking Points



Irresponsible decisions by banking CEOs reflect selfishness and greed.



Millions of people have lost entire life savings as a result of the worsening economy.



Those who led in unethical choices should face jail time.

The Angry Rant: Financial Frenzy

BY TIM SEIGFRIED
Wilkes Alumnus

Someone once said that children are the future. Aside from that being a completely obvious and superfluous statement, it is a remarkably true one.

But while the brass at the top is busy bailing out businesses whose management was so piss-poor that they ran themselves into the ground, those who have spent their hard earned money trying to do the right thing were getting the middle finger in return.

At the very top of that list is Timothy Geithner, the US Secretary of the Treasury. Sure, this guy looks harmless enough, like a periodontist or something, but Mr. Geithner was heavily involved in the cluster-eff bailout for AIG. That is, when he wasn't too busy not paying his taxes.

Between Geithner and the rest of us sits a rogue's gallery of shady businessmen and women who are in charge of our money. They are at the blackjack table with trillions of dollars in taxpayer money, and keep hitting on 18 with a 6 showing for the dealer. Even though we are screaming "STAY, STAY!" it makes no difference. They control the purse strings, while John Everyman is left to wonder if he is going to have a job tomorrow.

While our money is gambled away, the brass at the top still have enough chutzpah to bailout corporations and businesses that did a fine job of running themselves right into the ground thanks to poor business

models and products, and billion-dollar bonuses.

And at the bottom of the long list of those waiting to get any sort of help from the government are folks like you and me — students. Or former students. We all have to pay back an exorbitant amount of money for an overpriced education, plus interest. Ten years ago, all I ever heard from everyone was, "College is the only way you will ever make something of yourself!"

And I believed them. After all, a degree from an institute of higher learning would increase my chances of getting an actual job and making decent money one day.

That much is true. If Person A has a degree, he or she is more likely to get a job than Person B, especially if that job requires some sort of learning and/or experience.

Except that the job market is the worst it's been in two decades. Unemployment is through the roof, and college educated citizens are having to settle for jobs that are well below their education level in order to put food on the table. While I understand it's part of a process, it doesn't have to be.

Damn near all students have to pay back some form of debt that they used to cover their education. So even when they do get those high paying jobs, they are spending most of that money paying back the creditors that made that job a reality. And the rest of their paycheck? Well, the part that isn't swallowed by taxes is probably being squirreled away for a house or for car payments. Food? Heat? Who needs 'em?

Do you have any idea how long it takes to pay off a student loan without assistance from mom and dad? Let's just say you'll be writing checks for a good decade or so until you're free and clear. And even then, there is (hopefully) a mortgage to pay off.

Which brings me to my point: Why doesn't the government open up its pocketbook and bail out the college students who are up to their ears in debt?

Bailing out big corporations doesn't help out the economy; that money isn't really being spent on anything. We learned that trickle-down economics didn't work in the 80s, why would it work now?

It's time for something that I call "Eff-you Economics."

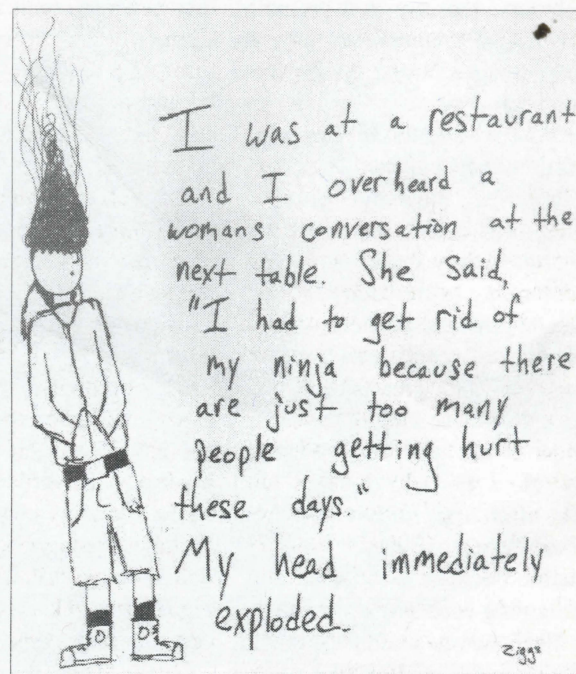
It works like this: Give the money to those who actually need it (college graduates, responsible home owners). They are going to spend it. And when money is going into the economy from the hands of the consumers, it starts spinning again. When money goes to the people at the top to keep themselves afloat, no money gets back into the economy vis-a-vis the consumers.

Yeah, that's right. A college graduate with a degree in journalism has a better idea of how to fix the economy than all the egg-head financial analysts in Washington.

But really, folks, what about the American dream? Is this it? Is this what I'm relegated to? Did we all push our chips into the table, only to have the pit boss take them away before we even played a hand? It's bad enough that we need to pay to keep the banks and insurance giants afloat, but we can't even rub a few dimes together to pay for these student loans that was a priority?

But do you know what the real priority is? Storming the gates of this massive corrupt bureaucracy with pitchforks and fire, Frankenstein-style.

THEN maybe they will listen to us.



High school basketball team loses game, wins respect

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
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I realize that not all high school basketball players can be as phenomenal as LeBron James was during his senior year at St. Vincent/St. Mary, but the story of one Illinois team truly tops anything that James has done during his high school or professional career.

After a player from Milwaukee-Madison lost his mother to a five-year battle with cervical cancer, the player showed up in the second quarter of their home game, versus the visitors from DeKalb, Illinois, a mere two and a half hours away, to support his team. But he didn't want to wave a foam finger on the sidelines. He wanted to get in the game. The problem was that his coach didn't list the player on the pre-game roster, which meant that Milwaukee

Madison would be charged with a technical foul. In accordance with high school rules, the opponents were allowed to take two free throws.

The score of the game wasn't important, and neither is the name of the player. What is important is that the opponent sent a player to the charity stripe and had him intentionally miss the two free throws that had been awarded to them.

No, that was not a misprint: a coach had a player miss two freebies in a tight contest.

In a world where a high school girl's team recently defeated a school for children with disabilities by a score of 100-0, when was the last time anyone has heard of a team turning aside two free points?

Kudos to the coach and the players of that team. It takes a real check of one's own ego to make such a decision under those circumstances.

I know it was early in the game, which made the decision a lot easier, but I got the feeling that this coach would have done the same thing down by one late in the game.

For people thinking, "Oh, this wasn't that big of a deal," put yourself in this situation. It would be perfectly understandable if the decision were made to take the shots as usual. It's part of the game and no one should get special privileges.

But the coach is also a parent, I am guessing, and he understood the situation. When all is said and done, this coach and these players are going to be remembered much more for the decision they made in that one game than for the final score and whether or not they won or lost.

Life is not all about winning and losing. It's about doing the right thing no matter the end result. I wish some professional athletes read this story and saw the cour-

age and maturity that these high school athletes showed. The team displayed qualities that many (not all) professional athletes do not possess. I guarantee that Kobe Bryant would not miss free throws on purpose no matter the cause, because it would hurt his average, which would hurt his chances for MVP, which would decrease his sponsors, and in the end lower his overall numbers and decrease the amount of zero's on his paychecks.

The coach and players of that team should be commended for what took place on that court.

And in case you were wondering, that team that missed the two free throws lost the game. But who's counting anyway?

Unpaid internships perpetuate inequality

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA •
Beacon Lifestyles Editor

When the May 16 commencement rolls around, I hope to have landed my very own "real-life" journalism job, complete with long hours, strict deadlines, and the possibility of getting my byline out to thousands of readers.

And if I'm really lucky, I may even get paid for it.

With the nation's unemployment rate increasing to 8.1 percent in February, jobs are at a premium. Traditionally entry-level jobs are now being scooped up by more seasoned workers, leaving new graduates scrambling for any position they can find.

In order to avoid going head-to-head with this competition, many graduates are looking toward summer internships as their first out-of-school job. Perhaps the greatest appeal to these internships is the possibility of a permanent job offer after their completion, an invaluable boon in today's struggling economy. According to a 2007 survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, employers offered a full-time job to nearly two out of every three interns.

However, there is one pesky catch to the seemingly easy answer of a post-graduate internship: you're likely to be spending your summer working for free, with only a health benefit in sight.

Students in the field of communications are at a particular disadvantage regarding the phenomenon of the unpaid internship. According to an article published in *Slate* magazine in 2006, the majority of internships in journalism and politics are unpaid. And when the average paid intern at a bachelor's degree level brings in \$15.99 an hour, as shown by the 2007 NACE survey, journalism interns are at a definite disadvantage.

But I believe graduates who don't come from a privileged background are at the biggest disadvantage. Only a small number of graduates can afford to work

full-time for free, and when other costs such as health insurance, accommodations, and transportation are factored in, that number dwindles.

Let's look at the cost of one of these internships. In February, ED2010.com posted a listing for a full-time editorial intern at Marie Claire in New York City for the summer. This is an unpaid internship which must be taken for college credit. At Wilkes, each credit costs around \$700, so a three-credit intern-

Bazaar, Cosmopolitan, and MTV Networks, which include MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon, Comedy Central, and Spike TV. And since employers are hiring two out of every three interns, I believe those graduates whose families can afford to back these expenses have started their careers with an unfair advantage.

So who's working these unpaid internships? According to a 2004 USA Today article, 60 percent of these interns come from families who make

seem stuck on only one aspect of diversity. Previously, there have been minority internships offered at The Chicago Sun-Times, The Seattle Times, and the Philadelphia Daily News, as well as with the Kaiser Foundation for Urban Health Reporting. That's a step in the right direction, but it's forgetting that diversity exists beyond what's reflected by skin color.

The danger of these internships is the perpetuation of a class bias at our most well-known and sought after media organizations. It's no surprise that media organizations like to hire what they know. If an intern spent the whole summer producing quality work for an employer, he or she is going to have an obvious edge over unknown graduates applying for that same job.

And if these organizations are offering only unpaid internships, the majority of the work familiar to these media moguls will be that completed by interns from a privileged background. That's what will comprise their staff.

So what's there to be done about this? The obvious answer is for media organizations to offer a living wage to their interns. But in today's struggling economy, especially in regard to journalism, that could be financially difficult for them, even if they saw the need to do so.

Some schools are trying to even the playing field by allowing all of their students to apply for any internship they wanted, regardless of financial need. The College of William and Mary, Wellesley College, and Brandeis University, among others, offer stipends for unpaid internships.

Right now, Wilkes University only offers stipends to students who intern at non-profit or federal agencies.

Regardless of what steps are taken, the playing field must be leveled for journalism internships. The media's job is to represent the needs of the people, but that can't be done if the journalists make up only a small part of that population.



ship would cost \$2,100. Then there's the whole business of moving to New York City.

According to myapartmentmap.com, the average studio apartment in the city costs \$2,334 a month, bringing your total housing expenses for the summer to \$7,002. Three months of unlimited subway use costs \$243, and food for the summer would add another \$1,000.

So not counting incidentals, you would be paying \$10,345 to work full-time for free as a magazine editorial intern.

No matter how ridiculous it may seem to pay the cost of a brand new Hyundai Accent just so you could toil away at 40-hour weeks, the fact remains that these internships are important stepping stones for anyone interested in a career in media. Media outlets that offered unpaid summer internships for 2009 consist of The Baltimore Sun, Newsday, Esquire, Good Housekeeping, Harper's

over \$100,000 a year, which is only 20 percent of the entire college population. Students chosen for these competitive internships may be the best out of the applicant pool, but it's unlikely they are the best of best, since a majority of the potentials don't even apply because of financial infeasibility.

Because of this, media organizations that offer unpaid internships are hurting their own upper hand by ignoring a pool of potential applicants that could only enrich their organization. Newspapers, magazines, and television stations have a diverse audience out there, and staffing their outlets with journalists who aren't representative of the whole picture can leave important needs unmet.

Some media organizations who understand the importance of a diverse staff are making efforts to bring in staff members with different backgrounds, but they

Beacon Poll Results

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

The Beacon asked:

Should the Scranton State School of the Deaf be included in the 2008-2009 budget?

- Yes - 44%
- No - 22%
- Undecided - 33%

Next Week's question:

Should the financial CEOs be jailed for their role in the economic downturn?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

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Podcasts offer Wilkes students alternate learning option

BY RUTH WHISPELL

Beacon Staff Writer

Most Wilkes students are completely unaware that Wilkes University is a participant in iTunes U, a new approach to teaching gaining widespread popularity.

The iTunes U approach takes lectures to a whole new level by allowing a teacher to record their lecture, add pictures and visuals, and upload the lecture onto iTunes. Then students can download the lecture on their computers and watch it over and over again, while pausing, rewinding, and fast forwarding. The student can also download the lecture to an iPod, thus making learning something he or she can do anywhere.

But only a handful of Wilkes professors actually take advantage of this technological learning tool. In fact, this semester only one teacher, Dr. Kenneth Klemow, professor of biology, is using podcasts as a teaching supplement. In the past Dr. Karen Beth Bohan, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, has used podcast, but on the Wilkes University iTunes page it shows the last time she has updated her podcasts was May of 2008.

Klemow, who has taught biology at Wilkes for 27 years said, "The way my Bio 122, Principles of Modern Biology, class is structured, there are four hours of lecture each week and a three hour lab. The material covered in lecture the students study further in lab either under a microscope, through a dissection, or through diagrams. To help my students really learn the material they must learn through the lecture then learn more in the weekly lab."

Klemow went on to explain that he's been teaching Principles of Modern Biology since 1983 and one of the things he's noticed is between

snow days, compressed schedules, test and quizzes, his class falls behind in lectures relative to labs.

"Once I saw we had this podcast technology available I learned how to use it so students can listen to a lecture at their convenience," he said.

Jon Kadjeski, a freshman English major, who was unaware that Wilkes offered podcasts through iTunes U said, "I think podcasts would be helpful in math and science courses because you could go back over an explanation as many times as you'd like to."

However, he added he doesn't think there would be much of a difference between sitting in class and listening to a lecture versus watching the lecture on an iPod or computer, other than the convenience.

"I have flirted with the idea, but as I am now primarily dealing with administrative duties I have found very little time to explore the use of podcasts in teaching," said Dr. Vee Ming Lew, an associate professor and chair of the department of math and computer science.

According to Newscientist.com, Dani McKinney, a psychologist at the State University of New York in Fredonia, conducted a study in which she presented 64 students with a single lecture on visual perception from an introductory psychology course. Half of the students attended the class in person and received a printout of the slides from the lecture. The other half downloaded a podcast that included audio from the same lecture synchronized with video of the slides. These students also received a printed handout of the material. The students were told they would be tested on the material in a week.

McKinney discovered students who downloaded the podcast averaged a C (71 out of 100) on the test - substantially better than those who attended the lecture, who on averaged only a D (62). Students who listened to the podcast one or more times and took notes had an average score of 77. Although in McKinney's study motivation may have been an issue: the highest scorer in each group received a \$15 iTunes gift card and the test did not count as a grade.

Klemow said, "I don't know if my students are scoring better, but they're not scoring any worse. Generally grades are the

same, but to me that's a good thing."

Klemow said he works hard at trying to make his podcasts as enjoyable and informational as possible.

"An eight minute podcast could take eight hours for me to complete from start to finish; between writing the script and searching online for pictures to use as visual examples then putting it all together using a program called Garage Band," said Klemow.

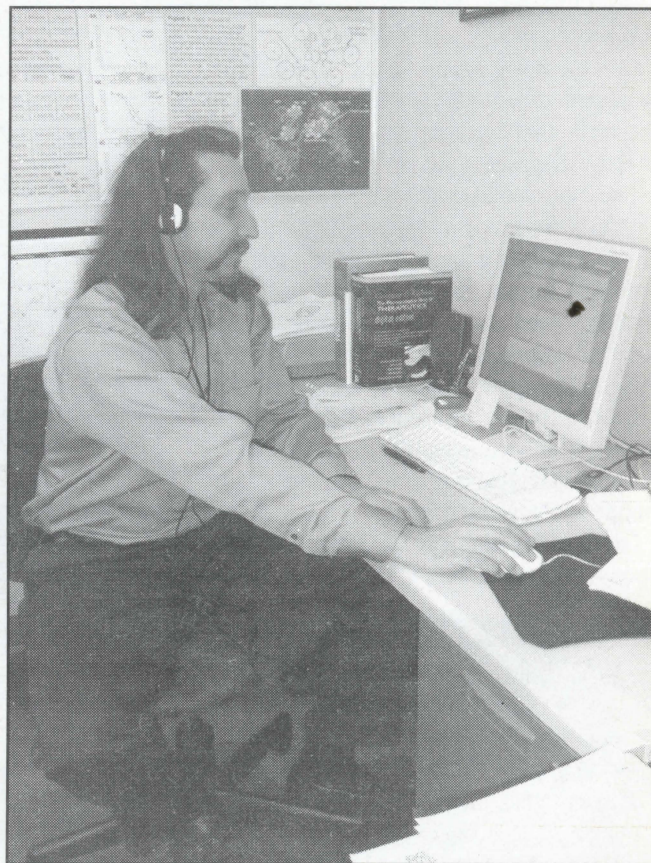
Because he puts so much effort into the podcasts, Klemow says it's important to him that his students learn from them and like them.

"The last couple years I've surveyed my class and discovered they think downloading the podcasts is easy and they like the narrations and images. Two-thirds to three-fourths of my students really like them, but the remaining really hate them; I'd rather a smaller percent really hate them," said Klemow.

One thing Klemow did to try to help his students enjoy the podcasts more was making study guides for the podcasts to guide them through the lectures and help them take notes. From what he understands, most of his students like the study guides, and he's hoping to convert those who really hate the podcasts into liking them.

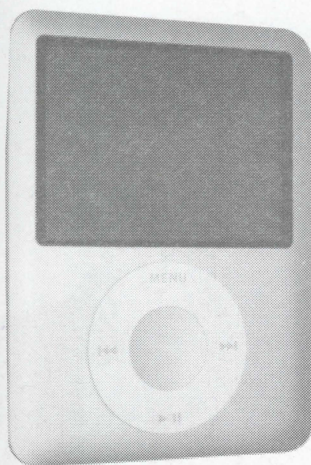
In two of his other classes, Plant Diversity and Ecology, Klemow assigns students to make their own podcasts, not only teaching them the required courses, but also a small lesson in computer technology.

Right now he has three initiatives going on where he and some of his students are creating podcast trail guides. They have trail guides online at the Wilkes University iTunes site for Kirby Park, Nuangola Bog, and Nescopeck State Park. "When someone wants to go on a trail they can see if we



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Dr. Dan McCune, professor of pharmacy, works on setting up a podcast. Podcasts allow students to download a lecture on their iPods and listen to it on their own time.



The Beacon/Bethany Yamrick

have the trail guide and load it onto their iPod to use the podcast trail guide instead of the normal paper ones provided at most parks," said Klemow.

Rachel Curtis, a student of Klemow, did most of the work at Kirby Park. She took a lead two summers ago and presented a poster on their Podcast Trail Guides at a national meeting. Since then Klemow has been in contact with parks from San Francisco and San Diego who also want to take part in podcast trail guides. Klemow hopes to eventually turn his trail guide idea into a National Network.

Klemow is always looking for ways to make his podcast better. He eventually wants to work with students from the communications department to help produce better podcasts. He tells his students if they have any ideas or find any errors within the podcast to let him know.

Changing the face of mental illness, one presentation at a time

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS

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In American culture, the “hero” is often the individual who defies odds by overcoming adversity. In the best cases, the process such people go through teaches others.

For professionals living with mental illness, defying the odds is an everyday occurrence.

One organization has taken it upon itself to educate about mental illness and redraw the faces that are typically seen belonging to these disorders.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has made its mission to “advocate at all levels to ensure that all persons affected by mental illness receive the services that they need and deserve, in a timely fashion,” according to NAMI’s official website.

NAMI’s support, education, and advocacy aims to promote awareness of all types of mental illnesses, as well as give those living with mental illness a chance to speak their minds and educate others.

On Tuesday, March 24, NAMI will co-sponsor a lecture with Psi Chi, Wilkes Uni-

versity’s psychology honor society, showcasing two professionals living with mental illness and who want to educate and share their story.

The first presenter, Julius Zuckerwar, is a student at Luzerne County Community College. Before enrolling at LCCC, Zuckerwar was enlisted in the Army and is now an Army veteran.

“Julius has Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous memberships and is five years clean,” said Jessica Woolfolk, student coordinator for the Psi Chi event.

Zuckerwar is also a community volunteer and advocate for NAMI.

Along with Zuckerwar, Glenda Race, Wilkes alum and the coordinator

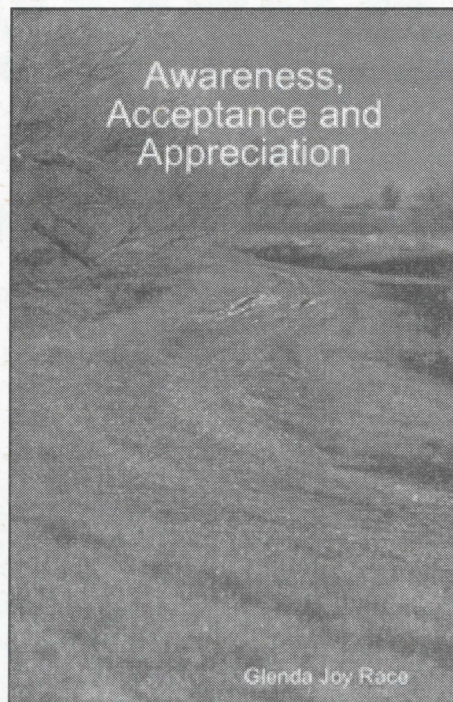


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Race’s book (pictured above) details her personal struggles and advocacy for those living with mental illness.

of the presentation, will serve as the second speaker. Race is a teacher and a writer who has used her writing abilities to spread knowledge of her particular mental illness.

“I have the bipolar form of schizoaffective disorder and have self-published a chapbook of poetry and personal narratives titled *Awareness, Acceptance, and Appreciation*,” said Race.

According to NAMI’s website,

schizoaffective disorder “involves both psychotic symptoms and conspicuous, long-enduring, severe symptoms of mood disorder. The cluster of symptoms experienced by persons with schizoaffective disorder can resemble—at various times in its course.”

NAMI allows individuals, both living with and not living with mental illness, to inform themselves on such disorders, as well as take action.

“NAMI has supported me in my quest and recovery of my particular mental illness. It has also educated me about mental illness and empowered me through the help of close friends and family,” said Race.

All interested students, staff, faculty, and community members are welcome to listen to two personal accounts of living with mental illness and becoming successful professionals. The presentation will be held in SLC 166 on Tuesday, March 24 at 6 p.m. For more information on NAMI or mental illness, please visit www.NAMI.org.

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Resumania! hits Wilkes campus with tips and tricks

BY LAUREN SALEM •
Beacon Staff Writer

Thirty seconds can make or break the first impression.

When you're introducing yourself to a potential employer at a job fair, in only thirty seconds, the employer runs down the silent checklist of requirements to see if you look qualified. Are you dressed professionally? Do you have a good handshake? Do you come off as a professional, friendly person? Before that employer decides to consider you for the job, you pull out that last, all-important marketing tool...your resume.

A resume is the only thing that ensures an employer's first impression is a lasting one, which is why having a good resume is so important for students applying for their first professional job or internship.

"Employers get upwards of one hundred resumes for each job they post, so competition for the few jobs out there is fierce. If you don't have a quality resume, you won't even be considered for a position," said Lisa Mulvey, Career Development Coordinator of Career Services.

According to Mulvey, employers are attracted to resumes that are well-organized and neatly put together on a one-page Microsoft Word Document.

"If you have all your experiences on one page, I think that makes a much more powerful impact than someone spreading it out over two pages unless you were really so active," said Carol Bosack-Kosek, Director of Career Services. "Don't tell Bill Gates this, but his Microsoft template is crazy. The font for your address is so small that

people can't read it. It doesn't tell when you're graduating, so an organization won't know what year you're in. The tabs are so crazy..."

The look and readability of your resume is important, but your qualifications and how you express them is just as equally important.

"The hardest thing for people is to take

those little phrases and describe what you do and make them sound concise and powerful," Bosack-Kosek said. "They always seem to be the

kinds of things we edit the most. Explain your accomplishments and don't assume people know what something that's an entity to Wilkes or Wilkes-Barre is. In addition to highlighting your skills and experiences, also worry about the presentation and spelling."

Using those action words that indicate the skills you've built on and enhanced. Describe your experiences fully and state your objectives clearly by telling the employer in your resume what you want and when you want it. Employers want to see resumes from students who are consistent in participating in activities that build their skills.

"We know recruiters that will save a resume of a student they met at a job fair as a sophomore," Bosack-Kosek said. "They'll save it and when they see them as a senior they look at whether their GPA went up

or down and how many projects they worked on, because they figure if they're motivated at Wilkes, they'll be motivated in the workforce."

Some students have trouble filling the page with relevant experiences and activities, because they didn't get involved enough in undergraduate school.

Career development specialists note that simply going to college and getting a degree is not enough to impress a prospective employer in the 21st century. According to the 2008 survey conducted by CollegeGrad.com, the third most important criterion is experience, specifically what a student would garner from an internship.

In addition, one or two extracurricular activities like being on an athletic team, a club, or involved in community service is preferable.

A resume is not something students want to create a day before the job fair, so it is best to start recording activities and experi-



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Victor Trentacost looks on as his resume is checked over at Career Services. Career counselors offer advice on how to optimize their resumes. They should be neat, well-organized, and should contain accurate descriptions of qualifications.

ences as a freshman.

Career Services has a program called College Central where students can start a resume and upload it so only Career Services can see it and give students individual feedback. College Central is located on the web at www.collegecentral.com/wilkesu.

Student of the Week Eric Skoglund

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA
Beacon Lifestyles Editor

In just about a month, the Henry Student Center's parking lot will be overtaken by 200 cars of all kinds: "Customs, Classics, & Cruisers."

That's the name of the annual Wilkes University car show, which is sponsored

by its chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineering (ASME). The ASME car show is the brainchild of ASME president Eric Skoglund, who is working on planning his third show, which will take place on Saturday, April 25.

Before those first cars roll in, there's a lot of planning that must go on. Skoglund is responsible for designing the t-shirts, plaques, and flyers. He also reaches out to local companies and franchise corporations on the Internet to request donations. This year, ASME will be giving out gift certificates, t-shirts, and coupons from the event's sponsors.

In addition to the giveaways, the ASME car show this year will offer plenty of food from Dagwoods and

Philly Subs, and will hold a fundraiser for the Mark Zukoski Scholarship Fund.

Skoglund believes the car show can bring a kind of school spirit and unity to the campus, and in particular to the engineering department, fostering a strong feeling of teamwork.

He describes this year's event as "one hell of a show," and encourages all students to take a look, regardless of whether or not they are interested in cars.

Because of Skoglund's commitment to make ASME one of the most active clubs on

campus, and his dedication to planning the car show, *The Beacon* has chosen him as its Student of the Week.

The Beacon: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Skoglund: I see myself working too much, running another car show, and restoring cars, my favorite hobby.

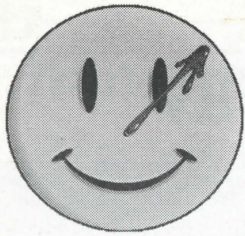
The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

Skoglund: Relaxed, personable, and a word for always looking to have a good time.

The Beacon: Finish the following sentence: "My friends would be surprised to know that I..."

Skoglund: Am 35, married, and have three kids.

Courtesy Eric Skoglund



An interview with comedian Steve Hofstetter

BY ALYSSA BENNER
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After talking to the voicemail of Steve Hofstetter for three days, we started leaving messages that simply said, "Ok it's Steve, your turn" or "I hope we can actually talk at some point; call me back when you get a chance."

Finally, after Steve weathered an ice storm in Iowa, he safely made it back to New York where we discussed his future live album, *Steve Hofstetter's Day Off*, and his many accomplishments on a good, old fashioned land line.

Steve Hofstetter has achieved many accomplishments throughout his career; his most notable being on Craig Ferguson's "Late Late Show." Hofstetter has also appeared on ESPN's "Quite Frankly," Showtime's "White Boyz in the Hood," and VH1's "Countdown." His ability to make people laugh has led him to have one of the top two most trafficked websites of an American standup act on the market, behind Danecook.com.

The Beacon: So, Steve, what kind of child were you?

SH: I was actually really quiet as a very young child. It took me awhile before I actually started speaking. I don't mean first words but before I started speaking with any regularity. My parents have told me I was incredibly quiet and that I haven't shut up since.

The Beacon: So you've made up for lost time?

SH: Pretty much. I was a troublemaker in the sense of causing trouble that didn't have any consequences. Ya know, I liked to stir things up. I loved

attention, that's part of what I think any stand up comic does. You have to create attention in order to do what we do.

The Beacon: How do you see your ability to stir things up playing into your stand up acts?

SH: Well that is what I do. I'm a counter culture comedian so counter culture is stirring things up. Add those two together and that's what I do for a living.

The Beacon: Could you elaborate a bit on what the term counter culture comedian means?

SH: Umm, I don't like consensus. I don't think it's healthy when everybody shares an opinion because they are told to. The main problem with the old administration is the sense of them saying if you don't do exactly what we say when we say it, you're not patriotic, and I completely disagree. I think the very essence of what we are supposed to do in this country and what we're supposed to value as Americans

is questioning. So my comedy is very much about questioning what's around you, trying to find a different approach, etc. etc.

The Beacon: I gathered quite a bit of that from your new album coming out (*Steve Hofstetter's Day Off*) I was wondering is that a Ferris Bueller reference?

SH: Yes. There are two reasons why I referenced Ferris Bueller. One is because I wasn't doing any material because it was all off the cuff and all ad-libbed it was in a sense my day off. It was a time where I wasn't preparing the written show like I so often do. And then the other reason was because when I was a kid whenever I would stay home from school we didn't have cable and we had very few movies that we had taped off the VCR. One of them was *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and that was pretty much the only good one so I watched it every time I was home sick and it always made me feel better. It was just something I did as a kid and I absolutely loved it so the idea of making a reference to it was like well, maybe you guys will enjoy this album. All the tracks are also titled references to Ferris. I like to have themes for all my albums.

The Beacon: What were some of your previous albums themes?

SH: My last album was *Dark Side of the Room* which

was a take on Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon* and all the track names were Pink Floyd songs. It's stuff like that I like to have a little something extra. Comedy albums are so different than music albums. A lot of people who put out comedy albums are like here's my concert and I'm done. I like to give something a little bit more, a little bit extra.

The Beacon: I totally agree. So, what's the most monumental thing you've done in your career?

SH: Umm, it's got to be being on Craig Ferguson. It's funny the way this industry works. I think I got more out of people knowing I was on it as opposed to people actually seeing me on it. There is a term in improv, "Yes, and" which is whenever someone gives a suggestion you say "Yes, and" then you build on it. It's funny because the industry is sort of like that. They see that someone's successful and they say oh if he can do that then he can do this.

The Beacon: Do you plan on making a stop in Wilkes-Barre?

SH: I have not played Wilkes before but I've played Scranton. I've been through Wilkes-Barre a number of times. I was very very sick once and your Wegman's pretty much saved my life. If a college wants to book me they can go to my website, send an e-mail or talk to my agent. They can go through me and I'll get them to the right people or they can go directly to the right people. I try to do as many shows as I can.

The Beacon: Do you think you'll ever grow out of stand-up?

SH: No ya' know I am a stand-up comedian. While other stuff might be

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come bigger I will always still do stand-up. It's something I love. That would be like saying to me do you think I'll stop being a baseball fan?

The Beacon: Hmm, well piggybacking off that what are you looking forward to in your career?

SH: More of the same! Granted the next big step I'm talking with a couple big networks about TV or possibly movies. There's always moving forward that way, bigger venues. You know what I'm really looking forward to?

The Beacon: What's that?

SH: The day where I can decide what part of the country I play in what time of year so I never have to drive through an ice storm again.

The Beacon: Oh, that'll be the day. Anything else you are very excited about?

SH: I'm excited about the new album and I'm especially excited because it is something different. I mean when you put out an album you've been working on for a few years the people who are big fans have already seen most of those jokes because they've come to see you live so this

a way where the only people who have ever seen those jokes are the 200 hundred people who are there for the taping so I'm very excited for that.

The Beacon: That would be great, haha, well how did you get into comedy?

SH: Well when I was thirteen there was a girl I had a crush on in an improv group and she invited me to join and then she quit two weeks later but I was already hooked.

The Beacon: So you did it all for a girl and looked what happened.

SH: Haha well she later became atrocious in looks and personality so it really worked out.

The Beacon: Haha good for you, not for her. Once you knew you were into stand-up did you look up to and gravitate towards any other comedians?

SH: Well I only really started studying comedy once I became a comic. But I definitely have listened to just about everything since then. My all time favorite is Bill Hicks. Actually you know what, when I was in college someone sat me down and played Eddie Izzard's "Dressed to Kill." I was very skeptical because he was like he's very funny and he's a transvestite and that was all he said. I thought he was hilarious and started following him and then

I saw the comedy central special for Mitch Hedburg and immediately I was hooked on him. So those were accidents.

The Beacon: It seems a lot of turns in your life have been accidents.

SH: Yeah, I believe they are but I think that's true for everybody. The way we get anywhere is the revolving door theory.

The Beacon: Definitely, I know a lot of students are thinking nothing's going to be thrown their way once they get out of school and don't know what they are going to do. Any advice for them?

SH: Well what happened was I was supposed to be a writer. I was not supposed to be a comic. And I graduated in a terrible job market also. I graduated with the dot.com bubble bursting, and I couldn't find a job and that gave me the opportunity to pursue a dream instead. I mean yeah, it's good to have a job, but there's something to be said for doing what you love and the money will follow. I've always believed in pursuing your dream unless your dream is stupid. Dreams are very important to have but so is a healthy dose of reality.

The Beacon: Oh definitely. How often do you get a dose of reality?

SH: I'm fortunate to have stumbled into I'm something I'm good at but I've also

realized everyone has bad shows and I've always believed you don't learn anything from a good show. I mean it's fun, but you don't learn anything. When you have a bad show, it's your responsibility to find out what went wrong. I mean there are a million things that can happen up there and you have to slowly learn how to prevent all of them.

The Beacon: Are there any specific things that'll throw you off every time?

SH: Oh anything can throw you off. I mean a loud noise can throw you off. A light flickering can throw you off. Anything that breaks the moment of spontaneity can throw you off. Sometimes you can be killing to a thousand people and one person will be up front with their arms crossed and that'll throw you off. The trick is to build an emotional callous. You have to realize that you are up there to say something and whether or not the crowd is with you you can't control that. For my new album it was completely unplanned and it just worked that night and it just happened to be a year after I recorded my first album in the exact same club.

Movie Review: Watchmen

BY KENNY BROWN
Beacon Staff Writer

The hype was huge. The trailers even bigger. And Dr. Manhattan, the biggest yet. It must have been March 6, 2009, the date many cult fans had been waiting for, the day Watchmen was released.

Watchmen, a movie based on the only graphic novel that made it onto *TIME*'s "Top 100 Novels List," follows the exploits of remaining former vigilante-heroes, the Watchmen. After the death of comrade The Comedian, Rorschach takes up the task of figuring out who killed him and why. It seems a simple task in the beginning; however, the story explodes to reveal more characters, more story lines, and more sub-plots than you can shake a stick at. To some it was an apocalyptic altered 1980s, to others, an adventure that could only be crafted by the mind of famous graphic novelist, Alan Moore (*V For Vendetta*).

Watchmen had been in the works for a good 20 years before this final cast was collected and Zack Snyder (*300*) was given the honor to direct. Although he met with acclaim with *300*, many were skepti-

cal that Snyder could pull off the task of turning such a wonderful piece of art, into a gorgeous, and breathtaking blockbuster hit. It seemed from the trailers that this

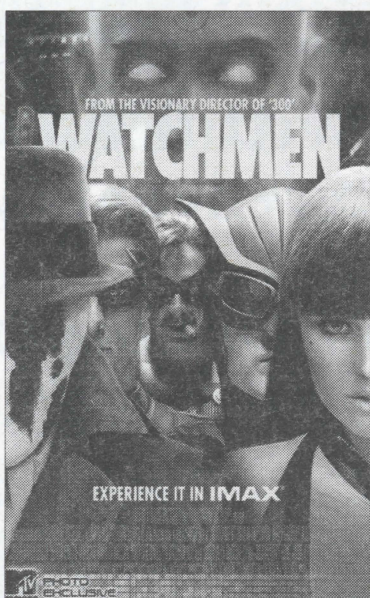


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was shaping up to be a huge hit. Then came opening night and...

Success it was! Not only did Snyder pull off a gorgeous city backdrop that reminded viewers of a cartoon style Gotham, but he found a way to bring to life something so big that many believed it could not be done.

Aside from the obvious great directing, Watchmen delivered a wonderful cast. The Comedian was played by Jeffrey Dean Morgan (*Grey's Anatomy* and *P.S. I Love You*), Dr. Manhattan was played by Billy Crudup (*Big Fish*), Patrick Wilson (*Little Children*) was Nite Owl II, Jackie Earle Haley (*Little Children*) was the ever

popular Rorschach, and finally Malin Akermann (*27 Dresses*) was the comic nerd's dream girl, Silk Spectre II. With such a large main cast, not all of them even named here, the acting was one of the most important successes of the film. Characters were sometimes funny, breathtaking, and even emotionally moving. Akermann's portrayal of Silk Spectre II was convincingly conflicted and complex. Billy Crudup may forever be known as Dr. Manhattan.

In addition, the movie offers some of the best computer graphic work in a long time. From the scenic panorama of Mars, to the bright blue towering Dr. Manhattan, every shot seemed as real as the last. Never did I find myself sitting there questioning the reality of it. Everything was so pristine, even in the roughness of it all, that it seemed as if I had been thrown into the middle of the parallel 1980's myself, and was along for the ride.

Some may question the length of the film at two hours and forty-five minutes. Others may suggest that maybe the gore level was a bit excessive. Re-

member how I said there had been mobsters blown up for no apparent reason? I wasn't lying. But in the end Watchmen pulled off what many believed could not be done. It achieved the description of a single word. A word that when used in its cinematic form, is a rarity. Watchmen came out on top, and fully deserves the title of: Epic.

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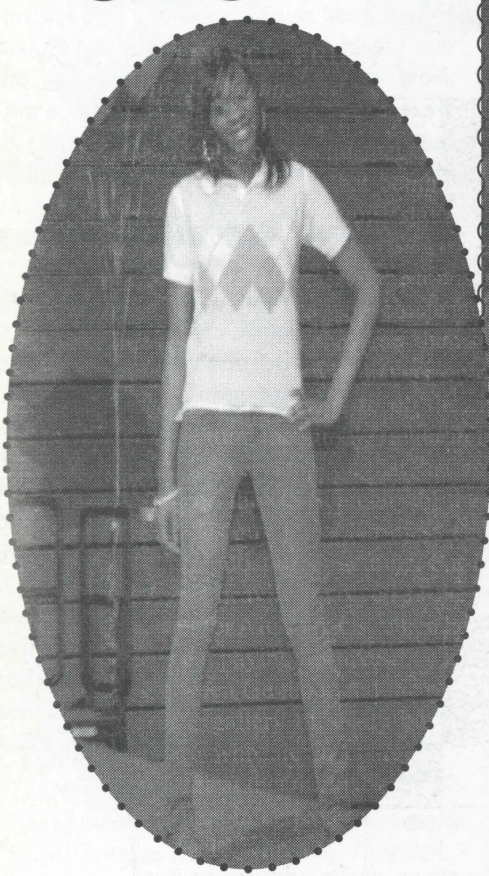
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Darnell Corbin (bottom right) hosted Multicultural Student Coalition Annual Spring Fashion show on Saturday, March 21. The event was a way to unite students within the Wilkes community by having student models as well as highlighting certain specific cultural fashions.

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Where: Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza

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Cost: \$22.50-\$112.50

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Where: River Street Jazz Cafe

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Cost: \$10.00

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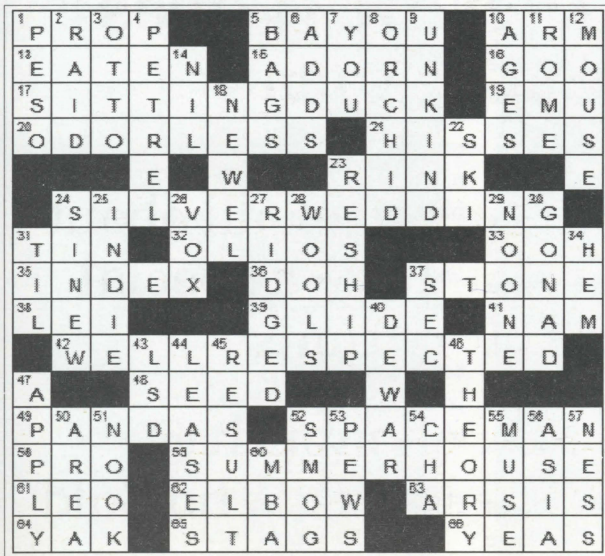
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Where: River Street Jazz Cafe

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Cost: \$8.00

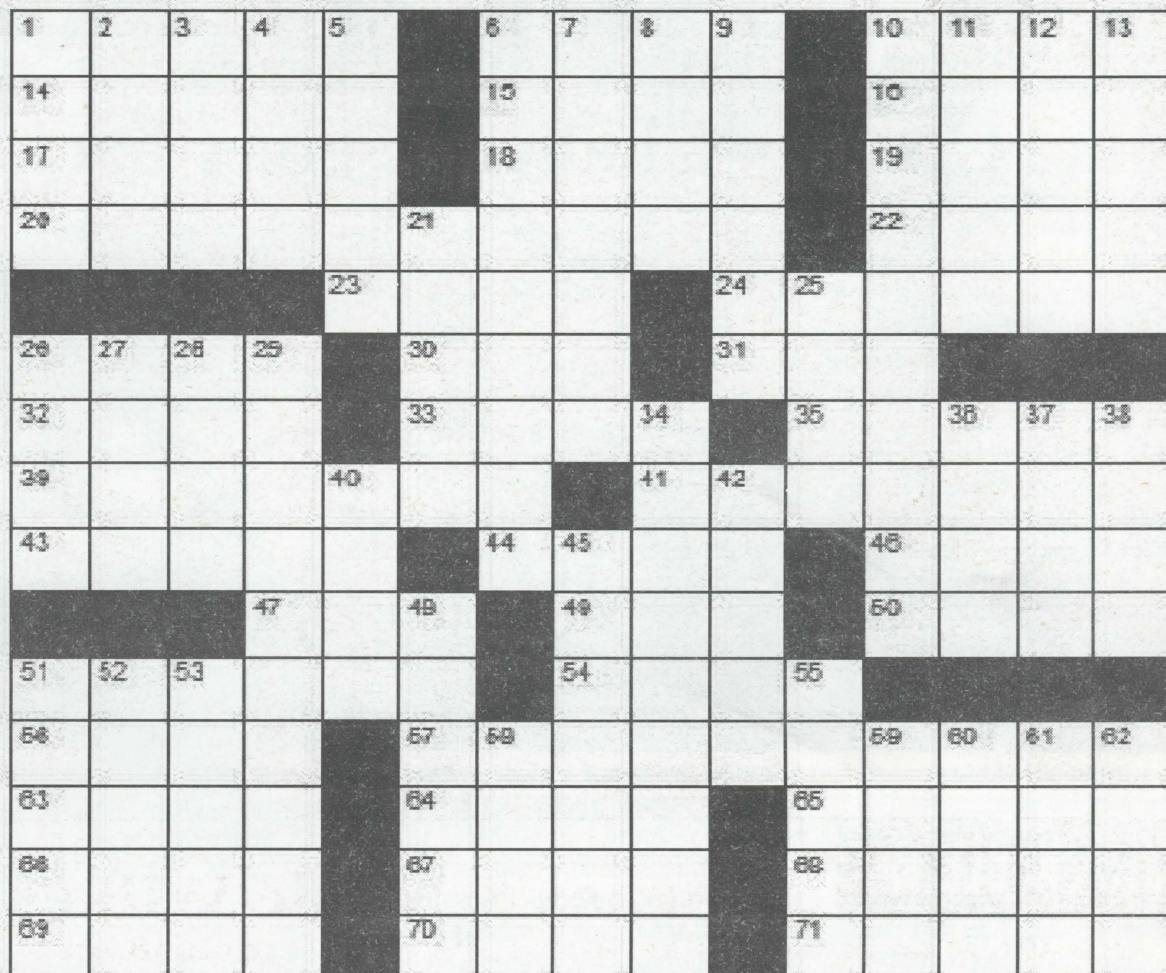
March 17 Crossword Answers



Crossword

BY DEVIN J. KING

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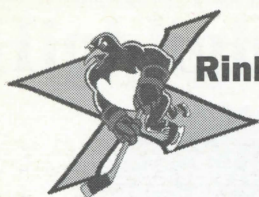
- 1 Group 18 of period table
- 6 Given as charity
- 10 Used to find oil under the sea
- 14 To remove the cap
- 15 Decayed vegetation matter
- 16 To alter; change
- 17 To bring out of sleep
- 18 Paragraph
- 19 Function of clock
- 20 Major of confused fresh man
- 22 Italy's largest city
- 23 Used to harden pottery
- 24 Same mol. formula diff. structure
- 26 Divisions of prison
- 30 Enemy in war
- 31 Controversial International insurance and financial services organization
- 32 Plant found in lotion
- 33 Civil wrong or injury
- 35 "Headstrong"
- 39 Bass found in ocean
- 41 Variant of usable
- 43 Risk; danger
- 44 4,046.85642 meters squared

- 46 First word in a friendly letter
- 47 Resin-like sap found on twigs
- 49 Marching insect
- 50 Volcano in Sicily
- 51 Church with field of activity
- 54 Czar alt. spelling
- 56 Past tense of alight
- 57 Practice of an unskilled person
- 63 "Can't read my poker face"
- 64 Dance by one person
- 65 Devil Ray
- 66 To give off
- 67 A purposeful instrument
- 68 One who bites
- 69 Line to attach anchor
- 70 Cliff
- 71 To vote to accept

Down

- 1 Person with great wisdom
- 2 In short time
- 3 Soviet Union missile
- 4 Freedom from problems
- 5 Small spot
- 6 Spotted horse
- 7 Apprentice

- 8 Female horse
- 9 Plural for stadium
- 10 Moving backward
- 11 "Horse around" or "All thumbs"
- 12 Toddler's "want phrase"
- 13 To turn a car
- 21 Jock's activity at a gym
- 25 Exact plot on ground
- 26 Mistaken for a bee
- 27 To the leeward side
- 28 Sound of a lion
- 29 To sap the energy away from
- 34 Where to use Metrocard
- 36 To insist in achievement
- 37 Method of action
- 38 10 to the 12th power
- 40 Interjection to express sorrow
- 42 Bristles on an organism
- 45 List of items on sale
- 48 Not engaging in sex
- 51 Beeper
- 52 Famous battle in Texas
- 53 Stiff
- 55 Style of Latin song
- 58 Emotional state
- 59 Sudden assault
- 60 To the inside of
- 61 How to walk
- 62 Gas station store



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Colonel Charity Challenge gives back to community

BY ALISSA LINDNER

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Each year, the athletic department gives members of the Wilkes University community a chance to give back by participating in the Colonel Charity Challenge. The Charity Challenge will take place on Sunday April 19.

The Charity Challenge raises money each year to benefit two foundations, the Children's Miracle Network and the Bo Tkach Memorial Fund, according to Keith Klahold, the Strength and Conditioning Coach at Wilkes.

The Children's Miracle Network is chosen because of its potential to help multiple children. The foundation uses money raised to by equipment and other necessary things, which are used to treat multiple children, Klahold said.

The Bo Tkach Memorial Fund is more directly connected to the university. Bo Tkach was a graduate of Wilkes University. He played football while here and graduated Magna Cum Laude in May 2007 with

a degree in business and marketing. Tkach battled depression and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder throughout his life and in July 2007 ended his life, according to the foundation website.

The Charity Challenge brings students together for a day of nine events, which challenge each team to work together both physically and mentally. The teams are made up of five people each and can be all male, female or coed. In the past, the Charity Challenge has only been open to Wilkes students; however this year the challenge has been opened to members of the community as well, according to Klahold.

Klahold explained this year events were changed to encourage more teamwork. Some of the events include a team truck push, an obstacle course and a six-legged race.

Junior Kim Baldino, a field hockey player here at Wilkes, thinks the events this year will make the Charity Challenge more fun because the teams will need to work together.



Photo Courtesy of Keith Klahold

Participants in a previous year's challenge work for as many sit-ups as possible. This year the emphasis is on teamwork.

er. Baldino has participated in the challenge every year since coming to Wilkes.

"It's really fun. You get to have fun with your teammates and the other teams participating," Baldino said.

In the past, the Charity Challenge has raised as much as \$3000 and according to the Klahold, the goal is always to raise more. The cost is \$15 per person (\$75 for a team) for the event. Registrations should be handed in by April 3 if individuals would like a Charity Challenge t-shirt. After April 3 entry forms will be accepted; however the participant will not receive a shirt.

For more information on how you can become involved in the 2009 Colonel Charity Challenge visit gowilkesu.com.



Photo Courtesy of Keith Klahold

A team from a previous Colonel Charity Challenge participate in the team truck pull at Ralston Field. This year's challenge has added new activities to encourage teamwork; however the truck pull will still go on.

Colonel Charity Challenge Events

1. Truck Push
2. 6-Legged Race
3. Punt, Pass and Kick
4. Tire Slalom
5. Basketball-Free Throws
6. Sports Challenge
7. 2 Person Bag Carry
8. Obstacle Course
9. Tug-of-War

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Softball goes 3-1 against Lycoming, DeSales

BY DANIEL KAUTZ
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The Lady Colonels had a solid week, winning three out of their four games against visiting Lycoming and DeSales. They managed to snap a three game losing streak in the process, just in time for a slate of Freedom Conference opponents over the next couple of weeks.

Sophomore starter Lindsay Behrenshausen pitched six dominant innings for the Lady Colonels in their first game against Lycoming, allowing only four hits while striking out five. Her performance was integral to the win, as the Wilkes offense was unable to score until the bottom of the fourth inning when they plated four runs. Senior catcher Erin Planks hit a two-run homerun in the fifth inning and had a productive day overall, driving in three runs while also scoring one. Behrenshausen picked up her first win of the season with the 6-0 team victory.

"I thought it was important for our team's confidence to get off to a strong start," said Behrenshausen. "I was really pumped before I got out there and wanted to just help my teammates as best I could. It felt great getting my first win too, as kind of a momentum builder going into the game against DeSales."

Wilkes won its next game against Lycoming in convincing fashion, winning by the score of 11-3 in a mercy-rule shortened game. Senior second baseman Kathy Dalton went 2-3 in the game with three RBI and two runs scored, helping contribute to what was an extremely impressive offensive show. Senior starting pitcher Maureen Pelot picked up the win for the Lady Colonels, giving up two earned runs in five innings of work while striking out six.

"It felt pretty good to come home and get off to a good start in the regular season," said Dalton. "DeSales was a good benchmark for us in terms of seeing how we'd fare in the conference this season, and I thought we responded well."

Behrenshausen had another impressive performance in Wilkes' first game against DeSales, giving up just four hits in seven innings. The Lady Colonels would score in the fourth and fifth innings en route to winning the first game 3-0. They would lose the second game 7-1 after committing three errors, which helped DeSales claim two unearned runs. DeSales pitcher Katie Morrissey was dominant against Wilkes, striking out nine over seven innings while allowing just six women to reach base.

The Lady Colonels next game is tomorrow at Scranton at 3 P.M.



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The Lady Colonels were impressive in their two games against Lycoming, allowing just two runs in 13 innings.

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RINKSIDE REPORT

Satan's presence shocks, helps Penguins in wins



BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI
Beacon Staff Writer

A lot can happen over the course of an American Hockey League season, but last week, something took place that even Nos- tradamus himself couldn't have predicted.

Miroslav Satan suited up for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

A former National Hockey League All-Star, Satan was assigned to the minors for salary cap reasons earlier in the month. He has over 1,000 games of NHL experience, which is more than double than the rest of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton roster has combined.

"I definitely did not envision that," Penguins' interim head coach Todd Reirden said of Satan's arrival. "It's a pleasure to have him and it's a joy for our guys to be able to work with a guy that has a playing resume that he does."

"He's awesome, any time you can add a veteran player with that much skill and that much experience it's awesome," said Chris Minard, Satan's linemate. "It's fun out there

with him."

In his Wilkes-Barre/Scranton debut last Monday, Satan made an immediate impact. He scored a goal and added three assists in a 7-2 win at Albany. Two days later, he played his first home game, tallying an assist and scoring a shootout goal in a victory over Philadelphia.

And he's just getting started.

Satan hasn't played in the AHL since April of 1995, when he skated for the now-defunct Cape Breton Oilers. He then played 13 seasons in the NHL, and admitted after Wednesday's game that he was still adjusting

to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton system and playing with his new teammates.

"I still have to see many more teams to kind of get the feeling, what it's about playing in this league... It's a new situation for me. It's going to be like this for a while," Satan said.

But according to Reirden, the numbers that Satan has put up in his short time in Northeast Pennsylvania are only a part of his contribution to the Penguins.

"He does so many things that don't show up on the score sheet," Reirden said. "It's not just points for Miro. It's little plays, it's plays

along the wall, it's areas of the ice that he opens up for other players."

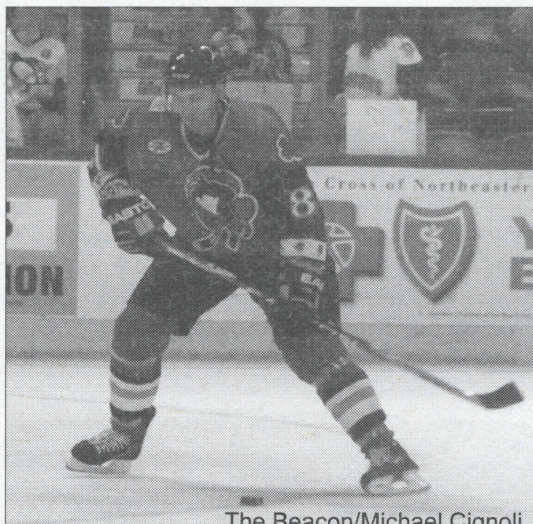
His presence also adds to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's talent pool and gives the team more depth at the wing position, something that Minard says is invaluable.

"We have four lines that we can roll. (16-goal scorer) Luca Caputi on our fourth line, let's say, that probably doesn't happen on any other team," Minard said. "That's just the depth of our hockey team and that's going to help us in the long run."

It's unclear exactly how long Satan will play for the AHL Penguins. One possibility is that he will stick with the team for the remainder of the regular season, then rejoin Pittsburgh for the playoffs when NHL teams are not required to be salary cap compliant.

But even if he is only with the Penguins for the rest of the regular season, the team stands to benefit from his presence.

"You want to put your best line-up out there every night, he makes our team that much better," Minard said. "He's going to help us win hockey games, that's for sure."



The Beacon/Michael Cignoli

Former NHL All-Star Miroslav Satan had five points in his first two games as a Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguin last week

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Athlete Spotlight: Melissa Polchinski

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
Beacon Asst. Op-Ed Editor

Lacrosse midfielder Melissa Polchinski is an important reason for the Wilkes team's outstanding 4-2 start for the season, and is this week's Beacon Athlete spotlight.

Polchinski, an Integrative Media major, is off to a scorching start this season. In only her second year donning the blue and gold, she has netted an astounding 26 goals, which already exceeds her total from last season.

And she's done it in just six games.

"I feel more comfortable with my teammates this year," says Polchinski. "Freshman year was a big adjustment year. I was so used to playing with my old teammates from high school and it was hard playing with a whole new team. I have finally adjusted, which I think has helped with my success this year."

The adjustment has paid off big time as Polchinski has been the key cog in an explosive attack that has rocketed the Colonels off to a 4-2 start, far and away their best start in school history.

The Colonels are scoring goals at a blistering rate, registering 104 points and holding their opponents to a measly 53 goals. Polchinski has scored at least four goals in five of the first six games, including a season and career high seven in the 17-6 drubbing of Immaculata.

"The captainship this year has a big part to do with our start," says Polchinski. "They kept us together and inspired us all to have a strong start to the season. After the first win

everyone was really proud, which motivated us to win the next."

It's not just Polchinski's ability to

find the back of the net that makes her special; it's the un-teachable asset of making everyone around her a better player. Fellow sophomore Brittany Hodnik, who leads the team in points with 38 and the entire conference with 6.60 points per game, believes Polchinski's presence as a leader is invaluable to the team's success.

"She's really emerging as a leader on the team," says Hodnik. "She's constantly let-

ting us know little things that we could change to improve our skills, and she

takes criticisms from others and puts them to use."

Polchinski provides leadership by the way she plays and acts on and off the field, but plays the role of team prankster, too.

"She exhibits the 'have-fun-but-work-hard' persona that I think the team really needs," says Hodnik. "She's an intense player and it rubs off on the rest of us but at the same time she is the team joker, always

messing around but still getting things done when she needs to."

On the field, however, the joke's on whoever is trying to defend Polchinski and the Lady Colonels. They have struck first in every single game thus far, wasting very little time putting teams away.

Case in point: Thursday's victory over Medaille. A mere 15 seconds passed after the opening face-off when Polchinski netted the opening goal, and the team never looked back, cruising to a 22-5 beat down.

As of print time, Polchinski is second in the league in goals per game, scoring over four goals per contest. She is also tops in the league in game winning goals, with three. As a team, the Lady Colonels are second in the MAC in goals per game, scoring a sweltering 25.20 goals per game while only giving up 7.20 goals per game, which leads the MAC.

But Polchinski doesn't care about how many goals she scores, she has one goal in mind, the MAC championship.

"We are a really young team but I feel that we have already gelled," she says. Everyone is on the same page with wanting a successful season. Winning the MAC is what I really want to accomplish."

If this torrid pace by both Polchinski and the Lady Colonels continues, the MAC preseason cellar dwellers (according to coaches from around the league), might be punching their ticket to the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship come the middle of May.



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Lady Colonels late rally comes up short

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The Wilkes University women's lacrosse team could not overcome a slow start at Ralston Field on Saturday afternoon and fell to conference foe FDU-Florham 17-13.

With the loss the Lady Colonels see their record move to 4-2 on the year and 0-2 in the MAC, while FDU improves to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the league.

FDU jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead less than three minutes into the game and would extend that margin to 8-2 with just under 13 minutes remaining in the opening half. Wilkes would answer with three of the game's next four goals to cut the margin to 9-5 at the half.

The Devils turned up their intensity to start the second half, extending their advantage to 15-6 with 18 minutes remaining in the game. However, Wilkes would not fold and seemed to begin to score at will.

Analicia Jost buried a shot off of a feed from Melissa Polchinski with 16:35 remaining, but was quickly answered by a free-position goal by Erin Reilly of FDU to keep the margin at nine.

Wilkes then rattled off six straight goals over the next 11 minutes, cutting the lead to 16-13 with just under five minutes remaining in the contest. However, Breana Kilpatrick was able to score a man-down goal to push the lead back to four, and seal the victory.

Seven different players found the scoring column for the Lady Colonels, led by Brittney Hodnik's five scores. Jost added three tallies, while Polchinski had a stellar day setting up her teammates with five assists as well as one goal of her own.

Lindsey Parent connected for five scores and two assists, Reilly had four scores and one assist, Amanda Wayne had three goals, while Kilpatrick and Kristen Schuster had two goals and one assist apiece.

Cassie Cronin kept Wilkes in the game all day by registering a school-record 24 saves between the pipes in the losing effort. Christine Dunn received the win after making two saves in the first half, while Kelly Butler also registered two saves playing the goal position for FDU in the second stanza.



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Number 2 Rachel Cannuli carries the ball during the game against FDU-Florham at Ralston Field on Saturday March 21. Despite a late rally, the Lady Colonels came up short

Baseball sweeps weekend double-header with Keuka

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Wilkes University's baseball team swept its double-header against visiting Keuka last Saturday in convincing fashion, taking the first game 7-2 before finishing them off 9-0 in the second. The Colonels pounded out 21 hits over the two games, scoring early and often to apply pressure en route to sweeping the weekend series. The Colonels have now won eight in a row and have not lost since March 6.

The Keuka Storm scored quickly in the first game, taking a 2-0 lead off a homerun by Ted Black. The two runs would be the only ones charged to Wilkes senior starter Justin Huff, who gave the Colonels six strong innings by allowing only three

hits and a walk. The two runs would be the last Keuka would score that weekend, as the Colonels' pitching shut them down the rest of the way. Wilkes responded in the bottom of the inning with three runs off four doubles and some alert base running on passed balls. The Colonels would score again in the bottom of the second, as freshman infielder Matt Ruch doubled in senior outfielder Eric Wetzel, who had reached on a single. Sophomore infielder Shane Keister picked up two RBI in the bottom of the third after singling home Al Clocker and Joel Watson. Keister took second on the throw home and would later score on a single by Wetzel. The three-run inning would be all the insurance Wilkes would need against Keuka as they took the first game 7-2.

"Our hitting was solid the past few games," said junior Tom Buckler. "We're putting up double digit numbers and it is really helping out our pitching. We can just go out there and pitch and not have to worry about giving up one or two runs."

The second game was more of the same, as Wilkes scored three runs in the first three innings before piling on late. Freshman pitcher Ryan Fetterman pitched a complete game shutout, allowing only six base runners while striking out nine for the Colonels. Ruch turned in a performance that was equally impressive, going 3-4 at the plate with two homeruns and five RBI, four of which came in his sixth inning inside-the-park grand slam. Juniors Randy Dengler and Trevin Jaggars also had good days offensively, going 2-4 and 3-3 while

combining for three RBI and two runs scored.

"I think we're fine tuned in almost every aspect [right now]," said Buckler. "Our pitchers are getting people out and our offense is scoring double digit runs every time out there. With that it's really hard to lose." Wetzel agreed.

"I think right now we're playing to the best of our ability, our pitchers are throwing really well and we're scoring eight or nine runs a game. Right now we're just going really good."

The wins improved the baseball's team record to 11-4 on the season. The Colonels' next game is today against Freedom Conference opponent Misericordia at 3:30 PM.



Junior outfielder John Florance (25) and the Colonels put on a clinic against Keuka, pitching and hitting extremely well in the sweep.

What to see and do this week...

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Professional Employment Fair at the Wachovia Arena from 1:00-4:30 PM.

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Special showing of "Milk" at the F.M. Kirby Center at 1 PM and 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$3.50 with a valid student ID.

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Student vs. Faculty basketball game at Martz @ 7 PM to benefit St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen.

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Lewis Black at the Kirby Center at 8 PM, tickets start at \$41.50.

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Enjoy the spring weather outdoors! Take a walk into Kingston and check out Rita's and Kirby Park.