

The BEACON

THE NEWS OF TODAY REPORTED BY THE JOURNALISTS OF TOMORROW

FEBRUARY 26, 2008

www.wilkesbeacon.com

Volume 60 Issue 16

In This Issue...

Scores change status of Wilkes nursing program

NCLEX pass rate falls below state requirement of 60 percent

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon News Editor

According to State of Pennsylvania documents dated October 4, 2007, Wilkes University is listed under "provisional approval status" on the roster of "Pennsylvania State Board Approved Nursing Programs."

The issue was raised last week when four freshmen nursing students attended the President's "monthly chat," on Wednesday, February 20, in the Weckesser Hall board room, to ask about the state of Wilkes University's nursing department.

The four students said that they had "been told by upperclassmen that the department was on probation," and with the nursing department's accreditation up for renewal next year, they wanted to know what would happen to them.

Dr. Tim Gilmour, President, addressed the students' concerns and said that the department had a problem with its pass rate on state exams last year and the university is working to improve the test scores.

When the four students asked what would happen if the department lost its accreditation, Gilmour responded, "It's not going to happen."

Wilkes is one of four institutions in Pennsylvania listed under the "provisional approval status." Currently there are 81 state approved nursing schools.

"Provisional approval status" according to *The Pennsylvania Bulletin*, is placed on a school by the state Board of Nursing.



The Beacon/Allison Roth

President Tim Gilmour, tells four freshmen nursing students that the Wilkes Nursing School is not in danger of losing its accreditation despite the school's pass rate falling below the state requirement of 60 percent.

See PASS RATE page 4

Final Law School Initiative candidate speaks

Search committee to recommend finalist to provost, president

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon News Editor

On Monday, February 18, Peter Glenn, Shareholder and General Counsel at Stevens & Lee, P.C. in Reading, Pennsylvania, spoke with faculty, staff and students in an open forum. Glenn was the third and final candidate for Wilkes' Dean of Law School Initiative search.

Glenn received his Juris Doctorate (JD) in 1968 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was Class President and graduated *Cum Laude*. He taught in various academic settings, working his way up from assistant professor of law to professor of law from 1972 to 1983. After holding the position of partner at Jones, Day, Reavis, & Pogue in Cleveland, Ohio, for seven years, Glenn became the Dean and Donald B. Farage Professor of Law at The Dickinson Law School of Pennsylvania State University. He led the independent law school through its affiliation and eventual merger with Penn State in 2000. He left Dickin-

son for private practice in 2002, but returned to teach one more year from 2005-2006.

"This is an opportunity to write on a clean whiteboard and because of the nature of this university, it's an opportunity to develop a law school that fits together with the profession," said Glenn in the Wilkes open forum. "This is an opportunity to think about doing something new and different... and think about some things in a different way. I've become increasingly impressed by the extent to which the notions that I have about what makes for good legal education seem to be consistent with the notions that the university has about what makes a good education generally."

Similar to the other candidates Wilkes invited to campus two weeks ago, Glenn stressed the importance of not only accreditation, but making sure that the law school is a part of the campus and not its own separate entity.

"One of the first things that I think I would do, or anyone who might take this position would

want to do, is to figure out how to make the law school organic from the university and not just a separate power. I mean really try to figure out what the university is about, what its cultures and values are, and then try to create a law school that's consistent in following those cultures and values. Also to try to figure out as many ways as possible to crosswire the law school with the rest of the university, whether that be through joint degree programs or combined courses or using faculty from different parts of the university and so on and so forth," said Glenn.

Glenn spoke of the impact the law school may have on Wilkes-Barre's revitalization process. He also offered ideas of a part-time program, point system for admission standards, externship activity, emphasis on writing, and a small, intimate faculty that is willing to be serious about the learning process.

"There's no question that Wilkes can do

See LAW page 4

❄ Winter
Weekend



Pages 10-11

Spring Break:
Redefined



Pages 12

Metropolitan
Wrestling
Championships



Pages 16

Inside

News.....	1-5
Opinion.....	6-8
Lifestyles.....	9-11
Arts & Entertainment.....	12-15
Sports.....	16-20

Trail guides cater to iPod generation

More guides to come in Wilkes-Barre and surrounding areas

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

In *Last Child of the Woods*, a book by Richard Louv, the author describes a generation that has become disconnected with Mother Nature and instead plugged into televisions and computers.

"This guy came up with a term called NDD...Nature Deficit Disorder," Wilkes ecologist and biology professor Dr. Ken Klemow said. "The question is, what will this bring 20 years into the future?"

To answer his own question, Klemow and his students are working on a project that reunites nature and humans--creating podcast trail guides in the Wilkes-Barre and surrounding areas for those suffering from NDD.

"As far as I know, this is one of the first places in the world that

this is being done," Klemow said. "So instead of having a paper based trail guide, someone could simply go out there, [plug in] their iPods as they walk through, and listen to what they're seeing...and see pictures, too."

After the flood of 1936, engineers built a 15-mile long levee away from the Susquehanna river's edge, allowing the natural flood plain to remain untapped. Over the years, in a process known as ecological succession, this meadow has transformed into an 65-plus acre riparian forest which harbors a wide variety of birds, mammals, and amphibians as well as many native and invasive species. Riparian forests (wooded areas that grow next to a stream or river) are said to have high ecological value because they serve as a natural way of cleaning up the flood waters after heavy rains.

"It's a real treasure that a lot of other places don't have, so you walk through and you don't even feel like you're in Wilkes-Barre," Klemow said. "You feel like you're out in the wild."

Currently up on the iTunes website is a trail guide of "The Meadow," which is a natural area directly south of the Market Street Bridge.

"The Meadow has many grasses, herbs, and small shrubs and trees in it," said Rachel Curtis, a Wilkes biology major. "I mainly worked on podcasts concerning the plants that may be found in the natural area, but there's also a podcast describing the history of Kirby Park, which is very interesting."

Curtis hopes that as the weather breaks, students will take advantage of this hidden treasure in Wilkes-Barre, using the new technology as an introduction to the

wildlife and history of the Kirby Park natural area.

"All of the podcasts are designed to be no longer than 2-3 minutes, so listening to them doesn't take much time at all. The natural area is just over the bridge, and exploring it is great exercise, or relaxation, for anyone."

The podcast can be accessed by going to <http://www.wilkes.edu/pages/1829.asp> and clicking on "Launch iTunesU." Click on the Kirby Park Natural Area.



The Beacon/Nick Podolak

People can log onto <http://www.wilkes.edu/pages/1829.asp> to download trail guides for local trails in and around the Wilkes-Barre area. Dr. Ken Klemow, Wilkes ecologist and biology professor, says the trail guides are to fight what he calls Nature Deficit Disorder. The trail guide that is currently on the iTunes website is for natural area near the Market Street Bridge.

The BEACON

Serving the community through fair and accurate reporting while supporting the views and opinions of our readers.

Editorial Staff

Editor-in-Chief: Nick Podolak

Email: wilkesbeacon@gmail.com

Managing Editor: Alison Woody

Email: wilkesbeacon@gmail.com

News Editor: Andrew Seaman

Email: news.beacon@gmail.com

Op/Ed Editor: Mark Congdon Jr.

Email: thebeacon.oped@gmail.com

Lifestyles Editor: Christa Sgobba

Email: beacon.lifestyles@gmail.com

A&E Editor: Marissa Phillips

Email: thebeaconae@gmail.com

Sports Editor: Carlton Holmes

Email: beaconsports@gmail.com

Photo Editor: Cara Koster

Advertising Managers: Stephanie Yachim

Dana Zlotucha

Email: thebeacon.ads@gmail.com

Advisor: Dr. Andrea Breemer Frantz

- Established in 1936
- PA Newspaper Association Member
- Printed on Tuesdays during the academic school year.

130 S. River St.
First Floor, Conyngham Hall, Wilkes University
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766
(570) 408-5903

One-on-one marketing appeal wins awards...and students

BY AMY FUSCO

Beacon Staff Writer

For those who travel along Rt. 309 to the Back Mountain with any regularity, a billboard has been working to introduce drivers to Greg Heindel, a prospective student for the 2008-09 year. The billboard, along with other personalized messages, is just one way Wilkes University has sought to distinguish itself for high school students.

However, these advertisements are not just attracting high school students anymore. "A Majority of One," the creative campaign is, "The University's risk-taking advertising campaign focused on six individual accepted students, highlighting Wilkes' mentoring commitment," says Christine Tondrick, Associate Director of Marketing Communications at Wilkes, and it has turned quite a few heads.

So far the campaign has won several awards including: the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District II gold and silver awards for advertising; the International Association of Business Communicators Harrisburg Chapter awards for Comprehensive Communication in a Marketing/Communication Campaign, Electronic Advertising for MySpace.com ads, Special Purpose Pieces/Displays or Exhibits for ads in mall kiosks, Special Purpose Pieces/Outdoor Billboards; and awards from the College and

University Public Relations Association of Pennsylvania for PR-Promotion - Marketing Campaigns.

This week, Wilkes is also up for another six to seven awards from the Northeast Pennsylvania Ad Club, otherwise known as the "ADDYS". The award ceremony was supposed to be held on Friday, February 22, but due to the inclement weather the ceremony was pushed to Monday, February 25.

idea of the personal attention that Wilkes provides students, but through a mass ad campaign," said Michelle Prescott, a PR account executive at 160-over-90. Beyond the billboards, Wilkes has also launched commercials on MTV and VH1, displayed slogans on pizza boxes, and Myspace account ads. The campaign works to communicate how the student will fit into the Wilkes atmosphere.

bered the brochures the most. "It gets you acquainted with everything," Bromwell remarked.

"We always try to have one eye on the future to see how we can best engage high school students currently," commented Mickelson. In the near future, a plan for redesigning the original Wilkes website will begin. The MyWilkes portal has been created, so the original website does not need

to serve its multiple purposes for the internal and external audience. The portal can be for the internal audience and the website for the external audience, which includes prospective students. It is a hope that prospective students can post their camera phone or digital pictures of their campus tour on the website. Blogs and a change in the virtual tour are also being looked at to add to the Wilkes website.

"The whole premise of our approach to student recruitment is to build strong relationships between the admission's staff and prospective students and their families, as well as other people on campus," said Michael Frantz, the Vice President for Enrollment

Services. Furthermore, Frantz commented, "Faculty members here are wonderful attractions, both as professionals in their field and also in their assistance in the recruitment process." The faculty has been efficient in responding to questions in emails and letters, which makes the prospective students even more comfortable. Frantz added, "Coaches also do a fantastic job on the recruitment of student athletes."

According to Frantz, the next step to take is for Wilkes to have a presence in the technology "world" of the future generations of students via Facebook or Myspace.

"Megan Smith"

At Wilkes University, we'll help you become a journalist.

Lesson one: Get used to thousands of people reading your name.

Call a Colonel 570-408-6032



A billboard from last years "A Majority of One" campaign.

Melanie Mickelson, Director of Admissions, said the campaign is just Wilkes' style. "We've always built our recruitment here on personal contact," she said. Mickelson has served as director of admissions since 2002 and has helped initiate a variety of methods used to attract students. Through phone calls, email, IM, texting, and personal counselors, who are current students at Wilkes, prospective students can gain knowledge about the real college experience here.

"[Students] feel like they can ask questions because it is a better environment for them. It is more peer-to-peer rather than peer-to-head counselor," said Jessica McMahon, a sophomore Student Ambassador in the admissions office, about the tele-counseling program. McMahon has been a tele-counselor and tour guide for one and a half years.

The award-winning personal marketing appeal was developed by marketing communications agency, 160-over-90 located in Philadelphia and has been working with Wilkes since 2005.

"[Wilkes and 160-over-90] put together the ad campaign that speaks to students in the one-on-one level. It further enhances the

One new plan in the making is to place articles in teen magazines about the Zebra Communications Agency at Wilkes University. Zebra allows Communications Studies' students concentrating in PR to have "real world" responsibilities on campus. This shows that students can leave the university with work experience.

In addition, "HelloWilkes," an interactive website that resembles Myspace links prospective with current students and encourages them to share their interests. In its inaugural year, "HelloWilkes" helped acclimate 625 freshman students, the largest freshman class on record. "Since it's so similar to Myspace, they know how to utilize that system very well," McMahon stated.

"I looked at whatever anyone else asked, but I didn't ask anything because people had similar questions," said Alicia Bromwell, a freshman secondary education math major. She is one of the many Wilkes students who took advantage of "HelloWilkes" before entering the fall 2007 semester.

Another successful method of attraction is the personalized academic and extracurricular brochures sent to the senior high school students. After the second year of this method was in use, a focus group of freshman students were asked what they thought about the marketing materials used by Wilkes. Most of these students remem-

BOOZE TRUTHS

As long as you've gotten a few hours of sleep, you'll be fine to drive the morning after you've been drinking

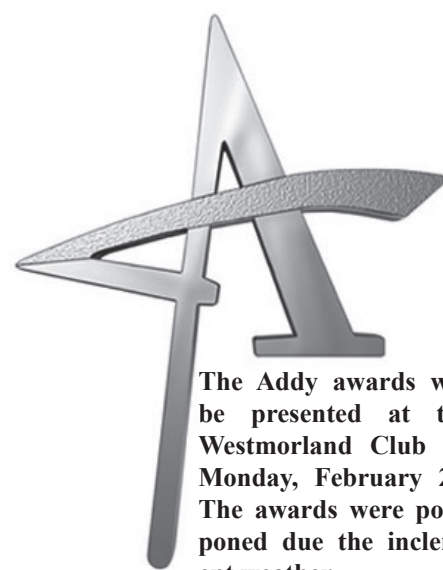
TRUE FALSE



Your motor coordination can be affected for **as many as 10 hours** after you finished your last drink.

- Provided By Health Services -

<http://www.factsonatp.org>



The Addy awards will be presented at the Westmorland Club on Monday, February 28. The awards were postponed due to the inclement weather.

PASS RATE

from FRONT PAGE

"The Board will downgrade a registered nursing (RN) education program from fully approved to provisionally approved status if 40% or more of its first-time examinees fail the [National Council Licensure Examination] (NCLEX)," states the Bulletin.

According to the results issued by the State of Pennsylvania for "NCLEX-RN Performance of First Time Candidates Educated in Pennsylvania," Wilkes University had a pass rate of 59.65 percent, 0.35 percent below the states accepted level.

As explained by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, "entry into the practice of nursing in the U.S.... is regulated by the licensing authorities within each [state]. To ensure public protection, each [state] requires a candidate for licensure to pass an examination that measures the competencies needed to perform safely and effectively as a newly licensed, entry-level registered nurse... the NCLEX... [is] used by state and territorial boards of nursing to assist in making licensure decisions."

According to the results, out of the 57 students from Wilkes who took the NCLEX-RN for the first time, 34 passed. These numbers brought the university's pass rate below the 60% mark for the first time in at least the past three years.

When asked about the low pass rate, Dr. C. Reynold Verret, Provost, said, "That 60% is important." He also said that the university will have to work on its efforts to get more students to pass the NCLEX on their first try.

Verret also said the change of status is, "a warning that one has to take seriously."

Dr. Bernard Graham, Dean of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy and Nursing, echoed Verret saying, "If the number was even 60 percent, we would have still been very concerned." He

added, "Our typical pass rate has been very high."

According to the State of Pennsylvania since 2003, Wilkes University's pass rate has not dropped below 70 percent.

Graham said that the low numbers "caught the attention of the faculty." He also added that the department is "... doing a self-study right now... It [is] helpful because it articulates our strengths and weaknesses."

One of those weaknesses, Graham said, is that "the class sizes are outgrowing the increasing resources allocated."

To combat this, the nursing department has "instituted some progression and entrance requirements," says Graham. One of these requirements is an entrance exam that all incoming students must take to make sure they are ready for the course load.

However, with the school's accreditation evaluation coming up next year, will this have any affect on the accreditation? According to Verret there is a connection between the accreditation and the state Board's approval, but Graham says, "They will never pull accreditation right from under you... The loss of accreditation requires several steps which allows for remediation. We are not even near the first step."

The nursing department may have an added challenge on its hands because the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing has proposed new rules that would make the minimum pass rate for a school of nursing 80%, within three years of the rules being approved.

An official Board of Nursing document states, "This commonwealth's minimum pass rate is the least stringent standard in the nation when compared with the 32 other states that use the NCLEX pass rate as a criterion for approving a nursing education program."

With the new rules, all nursing schools need a 70% pass rate for the first year after the rules are approved. Within two years of the approval, the schools would need an 80% pass rate.

If this were currently the rule, 27 out of the 81 schools that teach RNs would be listed at the "provisional approval" stage.

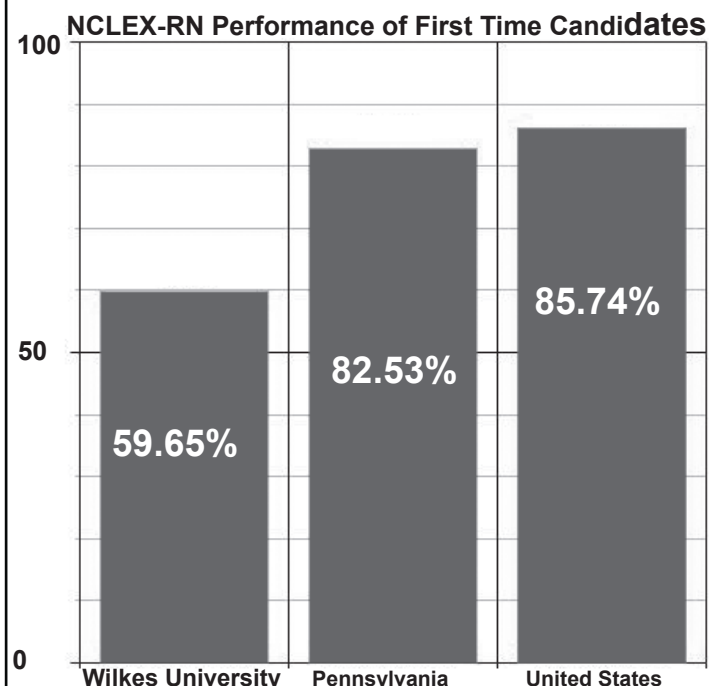
Another subsection of the new rules being

suggested by the state Board is that once a program's status changes, the program must notify all prospective students and those currently enrolled in the program.

Graham said that faculty are currently preparing an informational statement to be released to the students (a copy of the informational statement was not available at the time of publication). Graham also added, "If the parents or other stakeholders asked, we have been and will be very truthful to them... and answer any questions that they have."

Wilkes University has also been looking into adding a doctoral track to their nursing program. Graham says that those plans are still on track and "we are submitting for the doctoral of nursing."

Dr. Mary Ann Merrigan, chairperson of



The graph above shows Wilkes University's pass rate compared to the average pass rate of Pennsylvania and the U.S. for 2007.

the Department of Nursing, said that she did not want to comment on the matter before she spoke with her students. Other faculty members of the nursing department were also unavailable for comment.

Wilkes is also not the only institution in the area to have problems with its pass rate. Marywood University has had failing pass rates for the past two years, the maximum amount of time a program has to reconcile their poor performance levels.

Please check www.wilkesbeacon.com for a copy of the informational statement provided to the nursing students.

LAW

from FRONT PAGE

that Wilkes can have a law school. But the question is whether Wilkes will have a law school that they can be proud of," said Glenn as he addressed the issue of needing capital resources and fundraising.

Glenn wants to spend the first four to five months speaking with undergraduate students to find out what characteristics they are looking for in a law school.

David Sborz, junior criminology major, already had an answer for Glenn. "I look for schools that have a strong focus on whatever part of law I am interested in. I also look at the law library - is it functional? And will I be able to find everything I need? I also look for a faculty that is committed to their students inside and outside of the classroom [and] at what schools have to offer as far as network-

ing for the future. Finally, I look for location, where is the school located and the area around the school."

Glenn recognized that by forming a law school, Wilkes would be "adding supply to an oversupplied market," but was confident that through speaking with the students the school would be targeting, he would be able to find out what qualities Wilkes would need to make their small law school more attractive than others.

"When I look at a law school, I look at many different things. I like schools that have a low student to faculty ratio, well equipped and staffed library, and most importantly many programs, clinics, and other opportunities to get out of the classroom and actually work with lawyers and see the actual practice of law. I think there is no substitute for actual experience and am interested in any law school that offers opportunities to get that experience," said

Sheldon Paprota, junior political science major.

According to Dr. C. Reynold Verret, provost, the search committee for the initiative may present him and the president with their recommendation for the position as early as this week. "I have some personal preferences, but I want to wait and see what the committee's details and thinking are. I think we're pretty close to coming to a decision."

There has not been a decided salary for the position, but Verret said that research and negotiation will be performed to determine one. It is also unclear whether or not the university will provide housing for the dean.

If the chosen candidate accepts Wilkes' offer, Verret expects an announcement to be made sometime within the next two months. It is hopeful that the dean will begin work with Wilkes on June 1 and will have a financial and academic plan ready to be presented by the spring of 2009. If approved, the first

class of law students at Wilkes University may begin in the fall of 2010.

"I believe that for Wilkes to have a successful school, it will be up to them to have adequate facilities where students can learn everything they need to know and that is functional. I also believe that if the faculty is committed, and builds a mentoring coalition between the students, the law school will be a great success," said Sborz.

Listen to this story
and others online at...
wilkesbeacon.com/podcasts

SG Notes February 20, 2008

Treasurer's Report

All College: \$18,250
General: \$9,904
Special Projects: \$3,500
Spirit: \$1,560
Leadership: \$4,550
Conferences: \$9,500
Start-Up: \$1,500



Club Reports

The following clubs presented a report to SG.
 Programming Board
 Psychology Club

New Business

Step Club - motioned passed 35-2-3 for club recognition; the club needs to revise constitution to take effect
Running Club - initial motion to grant \$1,500 for their annual Relay for Heat event was denied 18-22; a second motion, for \$600, was passed on a 25-14-1 vote.
Psychology Club - a motion was called to keep the issue on the table until next week; the chief issue concerns \$2,265 for a conference to present research on behalf of the department and students.
St. Patty's Day Parade - Wilkes will not be participating in this event due to a lack of enthusiasm.
Commuter Council - The CC was denied a fund request of \$2,000.
Adventures in Science Donation - SG approved a donation request for \$1,500.

Old Business

Lacrosse Club Donation
 Step Club
 OCC Constitution
 Commuter Council
 Winter Weekend Budget



The Beacon/Gino Troiani

Students were able to sign a book of condolences to be sent to the Northern Illinois University. Five people were killed when a gunman burst into their lecture hall and reloaded his gun twice. According to several news agencies, the shooter was driven by a chemical imbalance.

CHANGEABLE SKIES LLC



STUDENT HOUSING FOR THE 21st CENTURY

WWW.CHANGEABLESKIES.COM

AVAILABLE TO MOVE IN IMMEDIATELY

84 West Ross Street:
TWO 2-Bedroom Apts.

360-362 S. River Street:
4-Bedroom Fully
Furnished Houses
with Off-Street Parking

CALL: BILL HENRY at 215-768-4619
OR CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR INFORMATION

THE BEST OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING
PERIOD!

... JUST ASK THE STUDENTS WHO LIVE THERE

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR
BARNES & NOBLE @ WILKES-KING'S
"COLLEGE BOOKSTORE" THIS WEEK!

Barnes & Noble Wilkes-King's College Bookstore



"Live Acoustic music"
"Evernight"
Friday, February 29th
7:30-10:30pm



"Live Acoustic Music"
"the five percent"
Wednesday, February 27th
6:30-8:30pm

We are now a



Just go to:
"WB FREE"

25% off all café items during free live shows with your student ID!

Don't forget to pick up a "Frequent Buyer Card" today!

Don't forget to use your "Flex Cash" anywhere in our store!



BARNES & NOBLE

Pollution in China threatens 2008 Olympics

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL BOARD

Soon, the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China will be upon us and athletes will be fine-tuning their training to try and bring home the gold for their respective countries.

However, no amount of vitamins, regimens, or stamina will prepare many of the world-class athletes for the sort of air pollution they will face in Beijing. Some experts have wondered aloud whether athletes' lungs will be able to adjust to all the chemicals and smog currently plaguing the Chinese environment. With the 2008 Summer Olympics right around the corner, the athletes will not only have to compete with each other, but will also face a new challenge: an unhealthy

breathing environment.

According to a recent *Mother Jones* article, China has spent \$3.6 billion and taken some extreme steps to clean up the capitol before the summer games. One of the changes China has made is building four new subways in order to

encourage more public transportation and cut down on traffic. One million vehicles will also be banned during the Olympics. Another action China took was that it relocated 200 factories and steel mills outside the city. A more radical step included a campaign to reduce the usage of air conditioning; bureaucrats were told to wear short sleeves.

However, though these actions are a step in the right direction, China needs more than a quick-fix for its broader environmental crisis-in-the-making. FinancialNirvana.com recently reported that environmental experts believe China's problems can be attributed to a weak legal system, corruption, poverty, two decades of double-digit industrial growth, and government policies that put job growth ahead of the environment.

Moreover, according to Worldwatch Institute's State of the World 2006 report, acidifica-

tion has spread to 30% of China's cropland. The World Bank also reported that China has 16 cities with the worst air pollution in the world. Even more astonishing is that China's Ministry of Science and Technology estimated that 50,000 newborn babies die every

Even more astonishing is that China's Ministry of Science and Technology estimated that 50,000 newborn babies die every year due to the unhealthy effects air pollution causes.

year due to the unhealthy effects air pollution causes.

With all the environmental problems China has and the health problems that can arise during the Olympics, the Olympic Committee needs to come up with a plan to evaluate a city's healthy environment for future games. Air and water quality should be considered as key criteria in determining a winning city in the worldwide competition to host.

Currently, there is no "Plan B" or repercussions in place if China fails to clean up its air pollution by the summer. It's potentially a

disadvantage to the athletes who aren't from China because those who have lived with the pollution have grown accustomed to the smoggy atmosphere. All future hosts should be designated "green cities" and prove they are environmentally friendly.

Additionally, if the environment isn't cleaned up at least six months prior to the games starting, the Olympics should be moved to a previous city who has hosted them, since they already have the buildings.

If the Olympic Committee takes actions like the ones we have offered, then perhaps we could avoid a problem like this in the near and far future, while simultaneously promoting and rewarding cities that are environmentally friendly.



Photo courtesy of johnibii.wordpress.com

Despite China's efforts to clean up the air, China's skies remain hazy white.

Beacon

Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 37 responses.

The Beacon asked:

What was the worst Best Oscar Picture in the past 10 years?

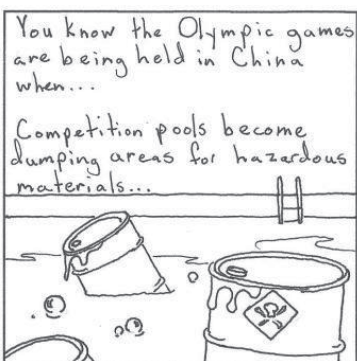
- The Departed-0%
- Crash-8%
- Million Dollar Baby-5%
- Lord of the Rings: Return of the King-22%
- Chicago-5%
- A Beautiful Mind-5%
- Gladiator-16%
- American Beauty-5%
- Shakespeare in Love-11%
- Titanic-22%

Next Week's Question:

What fashion trend from the past should be brought back?

- The Mullet
- Platform Shoes
- Neon Spandex
- Tie-Dye
- Scrunchies
- Slap Bracelets
- Skinny Ties
- Poodle Skirts
- Muffs
- Other

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



A Sight for Sore Eyes: By Aleksander Lapinski

C-word limits power of words

BY ASHLEY FILIPEK

Beacon Correspondent

There are many words in the English language that give people pause if used in “polite company.” And the FCC has long regulated language that it deems inappropriate for general audiences. There are just certain terms we will never hear on anything other than late-night cable programming.

So when Jane Fonda recently let the four letter “c-word” slip into an interview on NBC’s *Today Show*, it raised a lot of eyebrows. As Meredith Vieira explained it’s “a word from the play [*The Vagina Monologues*] that you don’t say on television.”

While discussing the 10th Anniversary of V-Day along with Eve Ensler, author of the acclaimed *Vagina Monologues*, Fonda inadvertently let the word slip. She said, “‘I was asked to do a monologue called ‘C***’, and continued, ‘I don’t think so. I’ve got enough problems.’”

Yes you do, Ms. Fonda! Because she didn’t think before she spoke, Fonda’s action or lack of action may have damaged the credibility of NBC’s popular morning television show. Moreover, children could have been watching with their parents, and they shouldn’t have had to be exposed to this language at such an early time.

In an effort to try to control the damage, Vieira made an on air apology for Fonda’s accident. “We would do nothing to offend the audience, so please accept that apology,” she expressed. We have yet to hear an apology from Fonda for her “slip.”

But what’s perhaps most interesting is that the word itself is one that is both celebrated and shouted with glee in actual performances of the play. Ensler, it appears, wants to reclaim the c-word in a move that empowers women and aims to undermine the objectification that the word represents.

Wilkes recently offered its own production of the *Vagina Monologues*, which I attended, and the audience laughed and laughed when that particular C-word popped up. Kaitlin Taber-Miller gave a wonderful performance of the monologue “C***” which was greeted with laughter and loud applause. My face turned bright red with laughter as she repeated the word over and over again. My boyfriend looked to me as the production began and said, “You owe me, Ashley.” By the end, he was rolling with laughter as well.

Wilkes community members gave an excellent performance of the *The Vagina Monologues*... and hopefully Fonda’s “slip” did nothing but encourage those who haven’t seen the Monologues, to get out there and enjoy it.

Here’s to you... *Here’s to you Mr. Camouflage Wearer*

BY GINO TROIANI

Staff Writer/Photographer



Drawing By: Matt Vital

Are you hunting? Nope. Protecting our country’s honor? Nope. Are you even in the woods? Not even close. No matter what your reasoning is, the rest of us feel safe because your attire screams, “Yes I am a mighty hunter, and I will slaughter animals at will.” God forbid a rabid dog gets loose and starts preying upon innocent bystanders. We know whom to position ourselves behind. Like an ailing chameleon, you try to blend in, but always end up sticking out. Keep on keeping on!

Beware of The New Hotel California: Facebook

BY LAUREN SALEM

Beacon Staff Writer

Many users join Facebook or the “social network that connects you with the people around you” and never realize that they’ve walked into a room surrounded by hidden surveillance cameras.

“It’s like the Hotel California,” Nipon Das, an ex-facebook member said to the *New York Times*. “You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave.”

For two months Das tried to erase his profile and even with help from Facebook’s customer service representatives, his profile was still found, according to the *New York Times*.

Facebook invades the privacy of its members through the use of its applications and inefficient ways of closing members’ accounts.

In May 2007, Facebook launched its application developer program, which now holds more than 14,000 applications. Most of these applications are created by companies outside of Facebook or by individual developers, who have access to Facebook member’s personal information after members install the application.

According to an article posted by Surveillance State, the applications don’t run on Facebook’s servers, but on servers owned and operated by the application developers. After the application is installed, the Facebook member’s profile is displayed and the application servers contact Facebook requesting the members private data.

The problem with applications is that Facebook gives application developers access to a lot more personal information than is required to run the application. The University of Virginia released a recent report that surveyed the top 150 Facebook applications and stated that 90.7 percent of applications are requiring more personal information than they need.

Application developers can access almost everything including the Facebook member’s name and address, interests, relationship status, future plans, network affiliations, works and education history, and photos, but that’s not all. In Facebook’s lengthy application terms of service, members also agree to give this information about their friends without their consent.

“They seem to be going on the assumption that if someone uses Facebook, they really

have no privacy concerns,” Daniel Solove, a law professor and privacy expert at George Washington University said to Surveillance State. “A kind of vague notice in a privacy policy that no one reads suddenly permits Facebook to do whatever they want with minimal to no privacy protections.”

Members use developer applications at their own risk, because according to the Facebook application terms of service “[each application] has not been approved, endorsed, or reviewed in any manner by Facebook...we are not responsible for...the privacy practices or other policies of the Developer.”

Besides sharing a Facebook members’ personal information with application developers, Facebook also keeps backup copies of the member’s account on their servers which is difficult to erase.

Steve Mansour, a Canadian online community developer, spent two weeks trying to delete all the information off of his Facebook account, which frustrated him enough to create a blog entry called “2504 Steps to closing your Facebook account,” according to the *New York Times*. The blog included e-mail messages sent to and from

Facebook’s costumer service representative as well as diagrams that showed fallacies in Facebook’s service terms.

There is no option anywhere on Facebook that lets members completely wipe out their profiles, but there is a “deactivate” option, which hides the profile from friends until it’s reactivated. When an account is deactivated, Facebook still has the profile floating out in the web.

“I had to ‘contact’ Facebook and ask them how to delete my account only to find out that I have to manually delete every single minified item, friend, post, wall writing, etc. by hand, one-by-one, or else they will refuse to close your account,” Mansour wrote in his blog “2504 steps to closing your Facebook account,” “When you’re a member of the Internet High Society as I am, you find that you have thousands of these items to delete.”

Even after Mansour successfully deleted his account, Facebook still kept a backup copy of his profile, which is why students must be careful about what they post on Facebook. You never know who might see it.

The Angry Rant: disparaging a movie that I didn't see

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

I am going to admit something right now, and I ask that you don't judge me, not right away, anyway.

I just got back from a screening of the movie *Fool's Gold*. No, not really. Actually, I just saw the commercial and decided to write about it. Can you imagine *me* going to that movie? Seriously. They would need to have a ball-check at the door.

What has happened to our movies? Why does it seem like every week another piece of regurgitated cinema shows up, passing itself off as a new, original piece of work, when in reality we just saw it last week with another title?

The point is, too many bad actors are getting work, and that's a problem. The film industry needs to carry out its business like the oil companies: Lower the supply, increase the demand. Henceforth, the movie-going public will be far less forgiving when they have to choose between *Step Up 2 The Streets* or *Jumper*. The movie studios would be forced to green-light movies that were only of superior quality, thus allowing the public to avoid the near-aneurysm they get when they see the preview for *Good Luck Chuck*.

Which brings me back to *Fool's Gold*. Did anyone say to themselves: "Wow, I really

need to see this fine piece of filmmaking. McConaughey and Hudson are at the top of their game. It's like watching a modern-day Bogart and Bergman." Of course not! That would be ridiculous. Anyone who would think this movie is even remotely watchable needs to take a step back and seriously examine their lives, because quite frankly, something went terribly wrong.

Moving forward.

The first problem with this movie (aside from the writers, directors and producers) is that it stars Matthew McConaughey, who has essentially turned into a walking parody of himself. He hasn't been good since he was Wooderson in *Dazed and Confused*. And even then he was playing a stoner. What a stretch.

The problem here is that he hasn't found a breakout role to really establish him as a credible actor. Tom Hanks had *Big*, Russell Crowe had *The Insider*, and Denzel Washington had *Glory*. What has McConaughey had? *The Wedding Planner*?

Unlike the aforementioned actors, he has one-speed, one dimension. Could you imagine McConaughey playing Vito Corleone (God forbid) in *The Godfather*? How would that have gone?

Francis Ford Coppola: Alright, Matt, in this scene, you've just been shot and you're near death, and your son, Michael, is coming to visit you.

Matthew McConaughey: Sounds good. When do I take my shirt off?

Coppola: What?

McConaughey: My shirt, when do I take it off? So I can show my effortlessly sculpted abs to the world.

Coppola: I don't understand, why do you need to take your shirt off?

McConaughey: Did you not just hear me? I need to show off my six-pack, my love-buttons. You know, for the ladies.

Coppola: No, Matthew. The scene isn't about-

McConaughey: Come on, metrosexuality is all the rage!

Coppola: Metrosexuality? Matt, it's 1972, that term won't be invented for another 20 years! Besides, you're barely conscious in a hospital bed, and goons are coming to kill you. It wouldn't make sense.

McConaughey: Cut and print, Franky!

You see what I mean?

The solution: Take a break from acting, gain 45 pounds, and get arrested for picking up a hooker on Sunset Boulevard. It worked wonders for Hugh Grant.

The second problem is that the movie also stars Kate Hudson, who, similar to McConaughey, hasn't been in anything good since *Almost Famous*, when she earned an Oscar nomination and some serious buzz with her performance as groupie Penny Lane. Since then, she's gone on to star in *You, me and*

Dupree and *Raising Helen*. That joke pretty much tells itself.

I can't adequately explain Hudson's noticeable drop off into the world of bad romantic comedies and poorly produced dramas. Maybe she hit her stride too soon, winning a Golden Globe along with America's hearts with her performance in *Almost Famous*, or maybe she caught lightning in a bottle once, and is choosing paychecks over statues. Who knows?

A lot of you reading this are probably a little sour on my endless tirade about a movie I've never seen and two people I've never met, who could be some of the nicest people around. Some readers probably think that I'm a little jealous of these two celebrities, who get paid millions of dollars to sleepwalk through a by-the-numbers romantic comedy.

And you would be right.

Who wouldn't be jealous of Matthew McConaughey? It seems like all he does is work out on the beach without a shirt while being romantically linked with Sandra Bullock, Ashley Judd and Penelope Cruz. Sounds terrible, doesn't it?

And Kate Hudson? Who wouldn't want to have those blonde tresses?

I know I would.

Enjoy spring break.

Ah, the joys of Winter Weekend

...or why I hate the debauchery of late February

BY CARA KOSTER

Beacon Photo Editor

I hate Winter Weekend-the stupid t-shirts, the less than imaginative themes, drunken idiots running around the streets screaming only later to be angry because they are cited for underage drinking.

This Winter Weekend a friend discovered vomit on and around his door and down his hallway. Even better, Friday night several students tried to escape an underage drinking violation by running out onto an icy, snow covered roof top (smart one, kids). But I suppose it's better than jumping from one roof top to another. And last I heard, 78 freshmen were busted by the cops over the weekend (who were on stand-by). And don't get me started about all of the embarrassing Facebook photos soon to come.

Winter Weekend is just yet another excuse, and basically an endorsement from the school, for underage and binge drinking.

Now, I'm not going to start with an underage drinking rant. If you're going to do it, then you're going to do it. The only thing



I care about is that you do it smart. I don't understand how under-agers are wandering around campus clearly transporting alcohol without anyone noticing. Back in my day, kids, we used backpacks, though it's not like everyone didn't know what was in

those backpacks at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday.

How is it that after all of the underage drinking busts last semester some degree of education has not yet happened?

So what's to be done? Cancel Winter Weekend. It's a pretty dumb concept, and

the numbers of participants have been dwindling in recent years. I'm not naive enough to think that Winter Weekend is the root of all underaged and binge drinking at this university, but the issue is that the university basically schedules a time and gives a venue for it to happen.

It must be Winter Weekend if...

- Everyone is dressed in matching t-shirts with sexual innuendos
- There's vomit in the snow
- A pack of freshman can be seen running from the cops on South Franklin Street
- The RAs and Public Safety are disgruntled and tired
- Everyone's carrying a back-pack at 10:30pm on a Saturday
- Water bottles are suddenly filled with soda and juice
- Everyone thinks they're a star-athlete
- Someone is passed out in the common area
- You have a story about your friend's friend's hospital visit
- The administration is on-call 24/7
- Wal*Mart is out of Solo cups

Three pharmacy students named Students of the Week

Melissa Sweigart, Todd Weibel, and Shannon Carr place first in competition

BY LAUREN SALEM

Beacon Staff Writer

Three pharmacy students from Wilkes University placed first in the Self-Care Championship held at the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA) Midyear Meeting in Camp Hill, PA. The competition took place February 8-10. Teams from all six pharmacy schools in the state participated in a mixed game of pharmaceutical "Jeopardy" and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire."

Melissa Sweigart and Shannon Carr, both P4 students, and Todd Weibel, a P3, received a traveling trophy and cash prize for beating out teams from Temple, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne, and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Because of their excellence in this statewide competition, *The Beacon* chose all three pharmacy majors as our Students of the Week and spoke to them this week about their win.

The Beacon: How did you get involved in the competition?

Carr: I got involved with PPA my P2 year. At that time there was a push to increase student involvement in the organization. The competition was designed as a way to foster interest in PPA at schools across the state. I competed last year and had a great time, even though we took second place.

Sweigart: I'm an active member of the PPA. I helped the student academy organize the event last year and was pleased that I was chosen to be on the team.

Weibel: I'm the student advisory board member for Wilkes to PPA.

The Beacon: What did you like about the competition besides winning first place?

Carr: As a P4 student, I liked that the competition tested my knowledge of over-the-counter (OTC) products. Soon I will be practicing on my own and patients will trust me to answer these types of questions all the time. The competition is also unique in that it brings students from all of the pharmacy schools in PA together.

Sweigart: I learned a lot of information that I didn't already know. The competition was also an opportunity for continuing education credits for the pharmacists that attended.

The Beacon: What didn't you like about the competition?

Sweigart: We were down by -1100 at one point which at the time was my least favorite part.

The Beacon: What types of problems do pharmacists face on a daily basis?

Sweigart: Pharmacists are approached about self-care and OTC drug information on a daily basis. Because patients do not need to consult their doctor before purchasing these medications, often times the pharmacist is the only healthcare provider that determines if the product is safe for the patient.

Weibel: Pharmacists get asked a lot of questions on OTC medications and what should be done about basic conditions when the patient does not want to go to their doctor. The pharmacist has to be able to recommend a suitable product and know when to refer the patient to their doctor.

The Beacon: How did this competition focus on these problems?

Carr: The competition focused solely on OTC and natural product questions. The random nature of the questions mimicked real life in that we never know who is going to ask a question or what type of question they will ask. Pharmacists must possess a broad knowledge base in order to answer questions on the spot.

The Beacon: How did this competition help you learn things you may have not known before about pharmacy?

Carr: The competition had a variety of categories, all focusing on over the counter products. At Wilkes we have exposure to this material for only a short time during our self care module making it hard to cover everything.



From left Sweigart, Weibel, and Carr represented Wilkes University at the Self Care Championship which took place during the Pennsylvania Pharmacy Association Midyear Meeting. The team took first place in the competition, beating out five other teams.

Sweigart: I learned a lot of great information. Unfortunately in our curriculum we aren't given a lot of information on all areas of self-care and herbal medications. This was an opportunity to build upon what I already knew.

The Beacon: What information did you find was most important to know?

Carr: It is crucial to know what OTC medications interact with prescription medications. Many patients are under the impression that because a medication is over the counter, it is automatically safe to take.

Sweigart: Doses of medications were important, as well as the top herbal medications.

Weibel: The questions really varied and covered a large range of topics including age restrictions, dosage forms, uses, side effects, contraindications, medical/lay term conversion, and more.

The Beacon: How did you feel when you found out you won first place?

Carr: We couldn't believe that we won. There was a long pause before the winner

was announced as the judges tallied the scores from the final question. We knew that only one other team was close to us in points and they answered wrong so we knew before the scores were revealed.

Sweigart: I was absolutely thrilled and surprised. We came from a huge deficit. I'm pretty sure no one expected us to pull it out!

Weibel: It was a good feeling. I didn't expect that we would win, but it was nice.

The Beacon: How will this competition benefit you in your future career?

Carr: Overall, the competition was a great learning experience. We got to meet with students and pharmacists from across the state, providing some great networking opportunities as well as a chance to showcase our knowledge.

Sweigart: I feel more knowledgeable about over-the-counter medications and I feel that it will help me in my professional career when patients come to me for advice.

Weibel: I'll put it on my CV.

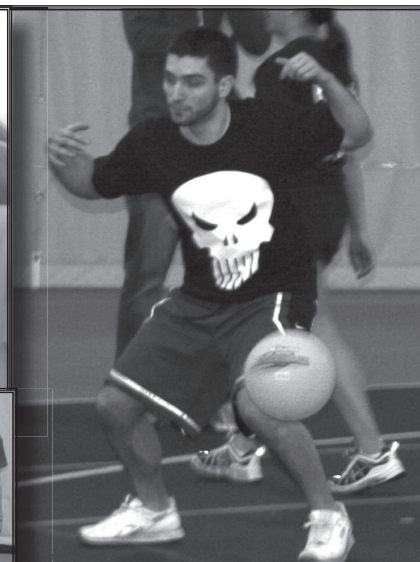
Courtesy Shannon Carr



Winter



"The Flash" won the dodgeball tournament



#	TEAM
1	The Flash
2	Superman
3	Captain Under
4	Quailm
5	X-Men
6	Punisher
7	Captain Planet
8	Batman

FUTURISTIC INNOVATIVE GRAPHICS inc.

4 T - S H I R T S . C O M

YOUR #1 SOURCE FOR SCREEN PRINTING, EMBROIDERY,
AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS!

PERFECT FOR BUSINESSES, RESTAURANTS, COLLEGES, AND HIGH SCHOOLS.
WE CARRY ALL BRANDS AND STYLES OF TEES, SWEATSHIRTS, GOLF SHIRTS,
AND UNIFORMS. PLUS, A WIDE VARIETY OF PROMOTIONAL ITEMS
SUCH AS PENS, MUGS, MOUSEPADS, COOLERS, KEYCHAINS, AND MORE.

GREAT PRICES AND A KNOWLEDGEABLE ART STAFF.

570.823.9272

NEW LOCATION

146 South Pennsylvania Ave.
across from Holy Redeemer High School
near Domino's and Corba Beverage.

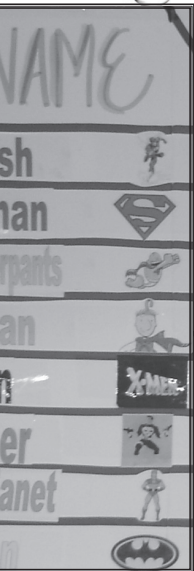


"Punisher" placed first in the volleyball tournament

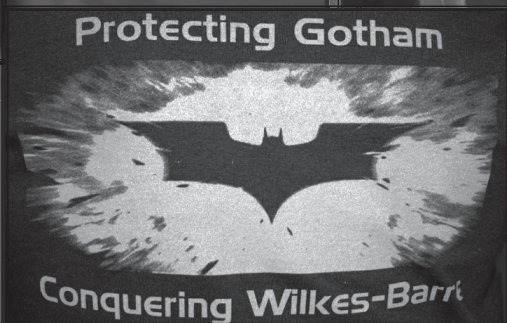


Wilkes University celebrated
teams comprised of 20 students
such as a three-legged race, m
of war, and wheelbarrow race
Superman, The Flash, Captain
Punisher, Captain Planet, and Batman
event, which was "Superhero

Weekend



"Batman" team members try to pass an orange



Winter Weekend February 22-24. Eight teams each competed in a variety of games including mascot contest, dodgeball tournament, tug of war, and more. The participating teams were named Pun-man, Underpants, Quailman, X-men, and Flashman to correspond with the theme of the weekend.

All photos courtesy of The Beacon staff



Help save lives! Donate Plasma today.
Earn up to \$270 a month!
Interstate Blood & Plasma Inc.
665 Carey Ave Wilkes-Barre, Pa
Call (570) 823-4119

Options for the under-funded and out-of-ideas

Spring break ideas for those who won't be tanning in Florida

BY MARISSA PHILLIPS

Beacon A&E Editor

Theoretically, spring break is supposed to be full of excitement and exotic getaways. It's the time when students are supposed to take a break from all of the stress of school, rustle up the cash, and make plans to spend the week at some destination outside of the US, whether to learn about another culture or just spend the days basking in the sun.

Of course, that would be the ideal. The reality is that cash for such adventure is rarely just hanging from trees or arriving unbidden in the mail. Most have to work for their money, and even if they've saved, it's tough to take a week off from the job to enjoy it. Students can get group rates and discounts and all sorts of deals for spring break trips, but when it comes down to it, the costs still make such extra adventure for spring break out of reach for most normal students.

But perhaps the main problem isn't lack of funds, but lack of creativity. Maybe the key to an enjoyable spring break is to find things to do that are new, interesting, and ultimately, cheap.

In fact, a lot of things go on during the first week of March that might fly under the radar, or rather, just might not pique people's interests at first glance. Here's a look at some events happening near our area over spring break that you may not have known about, or originally considered.

Philadelphia Flower Show - March 2-9

The key question here would probably be, why? Why would anyone other than gardeners or nature fanatics want to make the trip the Philadelphia to look at a bunch of flower arrangements? Well, a better question would be, why not?

At first glance, a flower show doesn't sound like the most riveting of events to attend during time off, but believe it or not it's far more engaging than it might sound. Basically, it's a sight to see, and a grand one at that. Each year the show has a specific theme to which presenters adhere (this year, New Orleans), and with the theme in mind the entire convention hall is transformed to bring the outdoors indoors. Think less neat and fancy flower gardens and more artisans crafting the most over-the-top, elaborate displays possible, each trying to outdo the next exhibit. The exhibits are massive, and many of them are interactive or walk-through.

Beyond the flower show, the plus is that the Philadelphia Convention Center is located right in Center City Philadelphia, and right next to Chinatown, opening up plenty other options for entertainment.

Location: Philadelphia Convention Center, Center City, Philadelphia

Cost: \$24-28

Recommended for: nature lovers, a first date, artists, people who like pretty things

The Bench - Saturday nights

The Bench is self-explanatory. It is truly nothing other than a bench. But there is a lot more that goes on at The Bench than there is with most other benches. Matt Goias, a New York DJ and marketing mogul is one of the founders of The Bench and came up with the idea to offer people an alternative to spending their weekend nights at the city's crowded nightclubs.

It may be nothing more than a bench, but it attracts an array of people from DJs, artists, full-time partiers, and eager observers. Basically, they've managed to turn a simple seating area into a nighttime hotspot. In the past The Bench has even held sponsored events, spawned some limited edition t-shirts, and gotten some entertainment press. Another plus of The Bench is that it's supposedly frequented by numerous pseudo celebs, such as some reality show contestants, DJs to big name rappers, and NY party moguls.

The Bench may be a hit or miss type of place to visit, depending on who or how many people show up on a given night, but how many people can brag about spending their night partying at a bench? And of course, best of all, it's free.

Location: The bench on the corner of Orchard and Houston Street, New York City

Cost: Free

Recommended for: someone looking for a nightclub alternative, fans of the slightly absurd, people under 21

Neo Nohcon - March 7-8

First thing's first: you do not need to be a fan of anime (Japanese Animation) to enjoy yourself at an anime convention, but you do need to have an open mind. There are numerous events that Neo Nohcon has to offer, such as anime movie screenings, video games, guest panel discussions, traditional Japanese dance performances, and karaoke, but perhaps the crowning glory of the convention is the cosplay competition. For those unfamiliar of what a cosplay competition is, it features a group of people living out their wish to become the real-life replica of their favorite anime or video game character, if only for one day, and that surely is a sight to see.

In addition to the cosplay, it's worth mentioning that conventions always have lots of free things to offer. Whether it's welcome gift bags, video game demos, candy, mini comics, or stickers, when you leave a convention you always leave with a bag of obscure objects to remind you of the day.

Also, for actual fans of anime, the event is reasonably priced, and just around the corner, in comparison to where most other US anime conventions are held.

Location: Daemen College, Buffalo NY

Cost: \$25

Recommended for: fans of anime or gaming, people interested in Japanese pop culture, anyone looking for a good story and camera full of really interesting pictures

Philadelphia's "First Friday" - March 7 (and every month)

"First Friday" events in Philadelphia are full of variety and showcase some of the city's great, artistic talents, and also expose artists that may not get their work noticed otherwise. Each "First Friday" is filled with music, visual artwork, crafters, and food (sometimes free).

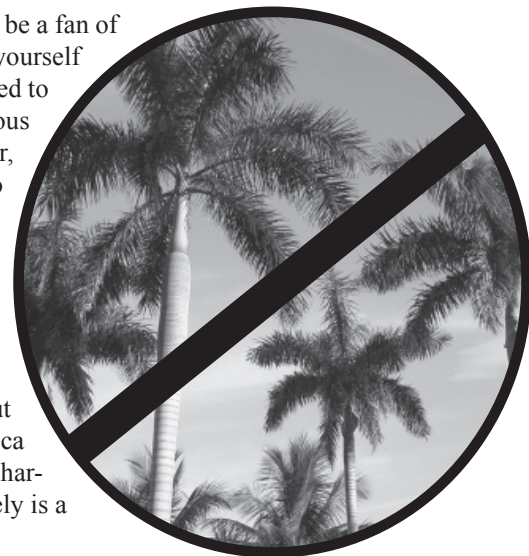
On First Friday, all the art galleries in Old City, Philadelphia are opened from 5-9 and rows of tables line the streets for artists and crafters to display and sell their work. Street musicians fill the gaps in between the artwork, and food vendors make their way into any space remaining. Every now and then big name companies will set up a space, such as Ben and Jerry setting up camp and giving everyone free scoops of ice cream.

Nothing costs money during these events, unless you choose to buy something from the artist. Everything is free for the artists as well, as basically anyone can set up camp to sell their goods without the usual table and space fee required in most craft fairs. It's a rather unified and open environment, as artists from all disciplines and skills ranges come together for one night each month to celebrate and showcase the art in Philadelphia.

Location: Old City, Philadelphia

Cost: Free

Recommended for: art lovers, someone looking for a unique gift, casual window-shoppers, and other date spot



Concert Review: The Carnival Ride

Carrie Underwood and Josh Turner take the stage at Wachovia Arena

BY ALISSA LINDNER

Beacon Assistant A&E Editor

The Wachovia Arena in Wilkes-Barre Township played host on February 18 to *American Idol* superstar Carrie Underwood, who took the stage alongside Josh Turner's deep country voice.

The lights were dimmed promptly at

7:30 p.m. and Turner took the stage offering the down home warmth his fans have come to expect. The country boy wowed the audience with his current hit, "Firecracker," but also performed his title track, "Long Black Train" off his debut album and "Another Try," his duet with Trisha Yearwood.

Turner performed each song belting out the lyrics with his impossibly low country voice, all while preparing the audience for the superstar of the night, Underwood. He performed for slightly over half an hour before the crew changed the set for Underwood to take the stage.

After exciting the crowd with Turner's performance, the stage crew spent nearly half an hour

preparing for Underwood. Although the crowd seemed to lose excitement during the wait, as soon as the five minute countdown for Underwood began, the cheers of fans never stopped.

After a brief intro video, Underwood made a dramatic entrance rising from below the stage. From her current album *Carnival Ride*, Underwood belted out the lyrics to "Flat on the Floor." And the crowd's cheers just never seemed to stop. Dressed in a black top, black pants and a diamond encrusted belt, Underwood worked the stage, moving from side to side interacting with the entire arena.

With two quick costume changes throughout the entire 90-minute show, the crowd never quieted as Underwood kept even mel-low songs upbeat. In a blue gown, Underwood sang her first single off her debut album *Some Hearts*, "Jesus Take the Wheel." The song is one of her better known singles and won her the Grammy for "Best Country Female Vocal Performance" in 2006.

Underwood performed nearly twenty songs including a melody from *Some Hearts*, "Wasted," "All-American Girl," in conjunction with a video of Underwood in various occupations of an "All-American Girl" and "I Ain't in Checotah Anymore," a song about her hometown in Oklahoma.

After singing her apparent final song of

the evening, Underwood exited the stage on a lower-energy song. At this point, I was disappointed, because "Before He Cheats" was left unperformed and the crowd was left with a calming ballad instead of a high energy song.

But after a minute of the crowd screaming, cheering and clapping, Underwood took the stage again. Her rendition of "Paradise City" by Guns 'N Roses got the crowd more excited than any of her previous songs and she finished by dedicating her final song, "Before He Cheats" to any girl in the audience who had been cheated on.

Her final songs of the evening made Underwood's performance. If she had never come back onstage, this review would be totally different, as my favorite single of Underwood's would have been left in the dust of the country superstar.

The only problem with "The Carnival Ride" concert was the time spent between Turner and Underwood's performance. The point of an opening act is to excite the crowd, with so much time in between, the crowd is bound to lose some excitement.

Grade: B+

**Beacon Correction:

In last week's article, "No issue is black and white," the name of presenter, Ty Crisman, was misspelled as Ty Trisman.



Photo Courtesy of Creative Commons Attribution

Underwood was the winner of the fourth season of the FOX hit *American Idol* and recently performed at the Wachovia Arena.



**butler
eyecare**

No more contacts?

No glasses?

NO WORRIES!

Butler Eyecare has special
Student Pricing!
20% discount on Frames

\$49 eye exams

822-8727

34 S. Main St.
Across from SUBWAY

eyecare for everyone
www.butlereyecare.com

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, February 26

- Interfaith Programming from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Student Leadership Center
- Vanna, Every Bridge Burned, Always and Forever and To Outlive the Beginning performing at 7:00pm. at Cafe Metropolis

Wednesday, February 27

- Lou Marino Benefit featuring: The Five Percent, K8, Rob Brown, Flaxy Morgan and The Collective at 9:00 p.m. at the Woodlands

Thursday, February 28

- Club X (18 and over) at 9:00 p.m. at the Woodlands
- Open mic comedy at Donahues at 9:30 p.m.

Friday, February 29

- Spring break begins
- Alternative Spring Break (ASB) begins
- Go Go Gadget performing at 10:00 p.m. at the Woodlands
- Clarence Spady performing at the Jazz CaFE at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 1

- 15th Annual Midwinter Festival at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Resurrection Cathedral Parlours, in Wilkes-Barre
- Tigers Jaw, Stay Six, All in a Year and Kite Party performing at 7:00 p.m. at Cafe Metropolis
- Dimensions performing at 10 p.m. at the Woodlands
- Indobox performing at the Jazz Cafe at 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 2

- Ethnic Folk Festival at 3 p.m. at Vine Street, Scranton
- Open Mic Poetry at Donahues at 9:30 p.m.
- Strawberry Jam performing at the Jazz Cafe at 10:00 p.m.

Kudracross

BY CHRISTOPHER KUDRAK

Beacon Staff Writer

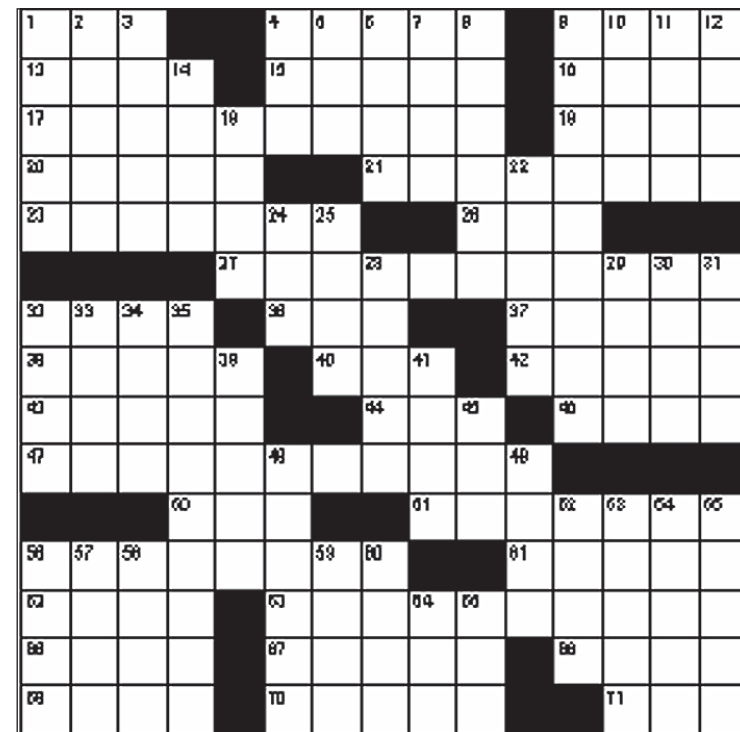
ACROSS

- 1 Cooking spray
- 4 Religious official of a synagogue
- 9 Geographical region
- 13 Hurry-up letters
- 15 Alf, for example
- 16 Bank offering
- 17 Tropical pizza toppings
- 19 Assign roles
- 20 Parting comment
- 21 Parts of a TV series
- 23 Pupil
- 26 Library sound
- 27 Classical
- 32 ____ Lang Syne
- 36 ____ de Janeiro
- 37 An intense passion
- 38 PC operators
- 40 Carry with extreme effort
- 42 Big Apple newspaper
- 43 Strong belief
- 44 Adriatic, for example
- 46 Lincolns local
- 47 Miscellaneous items
- 50 Winter Olympics category
- 51 Teachers job
- 56 Astronaut lounge?
- 61 Heathen
- 62 Spanish currency
- 63 Wedding party member
- 66 Among
- 67 Sobriety testee concerns
- 68 Therefore
- 69 Constructed
- 70 Beats a birdie
- 71 Carpenter's tool

DOWN

- 1 Concerning the Pope
- 2 Away from
- 3 Madness
- 4 Billboard category
- 5 The Matterhorn, for example

- 6 Liver secretion
- 7 Page
- 8 Demand
- 9 AA attendee
- 10 Abbey ____, Beatles album
- 11 With comfort
- 12 Picnic pests
- 14 Person of equal status
- 18 Fathers sister
- 22 Transfer
- 24 Make a mistake
- 25 Amtrak track
- 28 Extinguish
- 29 Personal identifier
- 30 Congregational response
- 31 "____ we forget"
- 32 Detroit export
- 33 Took advantage of
- 34 Grant temporary use
- 35 Rules of attire
- 39 Dracula deterrent
- 41 Star Trek creator, _____ Roddenberry
- 45 Ritalin use
- 48 Bite off small bits
- 49 Small swallows
- 52 Appeared
- 53 Biological gels
- 54 Subarctic, evergreen forest
- 55 Give gift
- 56 Stitching site
- 57 Large North American cat
- 58 Like the Sahara
- 59 Elaborate melody
- 60 Proposal gift
- 64 Costa ____ Sol
- 65 WNW opposite



Answers 2/19



Snopes.com

BY STEPHANIE GERCHMAN

Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

Last week a friend of mine told me that if I were to get robbed at an ATM to punch in my PIN number backwards and the machine would give me the money and notify the police. My first instinct was to check out the validity of this claim by logging on to Snopes.com.

The purpose of this website is to clear up any confusion about urban legends and other word-of-mouth rumors. Users can search the site by category ranging from "Cokelore" to "College" to "Old Wives' Tales." The search engine on this site is pretty efficient. Upon my search, I learned that the "reverse ATM PIN number" rumor is false. It was an idea that someone had that never worked because of numbers like 2002.

Upon browsing, I learned various useless facts. It costs more than one cent to make a penny. Coca-Cola actually once contained cocaine. Eating celery results in negative

calories. The Marlboro man died of lung cancer. The Disney movie, *The Rescuers* includes an image of a topless woman and the company also produced a movie called *The Story of Menstruation*.

I also learned that many things that I spent years believing weren't true. For example, Lauren Hill never said, "I'd rather die than have a white person buy my album." Chewing gum does not take seven years to pass through the digestive system, nor does aspartame cause cancer.

I could probably go through the different categories and read about random people and situations all day long delaying my studying or homework. And I'm not going to lie; while I was doing the research for this review I spent more time reading random facts than I did actually writing this thing. I give this website a P for Proceed with caution: will probably result in procrastination.

Movie Review: *Steam*

BY GINO TROIANI

Beacon Photo Staff/Photographer

What can generate more steam than three women, at different places in their lives, searching for answers to some of life's biggest questions like, "Who am I?" "What do I want?" and "What am I willing to sacrifice to get it?"

The independent film *Steam* written and directed by New Jersey native Kyle Schickner, had its world premier at the Dietrich Theater in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania last Wednesday and despite its title, the view to the top seems clear. Schickner and actress Kate Siegel were on hand at the event to answer questions and probe the audience with a few of their own.

For Wilkes community members, the film's debut was also a "family affair." The show's writer/director is son of Al Schickner, Wilkes University shuttle bus driver, and a familiar face to many on campus.

Steam, which is Schickner's fifth film, is an uplifting movie--though there are moments that are anything but-- that chronicles the lives of three women and their struggles to navigate major challenges in their own self-images. A steam room acts as a common meeting place for all three of the women throughout the movie, which represents a soothing way for them to relax and reflect upon their past life altering experiences.

The film is fascinating, because of the different layers and dimensions that help the viewer understand what

each of the women have experienced in the recent past. And it boasts award-worthy performances among its three-woman cast.

Elizabeth, portrayed by actress Kate Siegel (*Curse of the Black Dahlia*), is a young adult who comes from a traditionally "proper Christian" family. Upon arriving at college, the audience begins to see her branch out, and explore both her sexuality, and inner self. From this point on, she faces an uphill struggle to gain her independence as a young adult.

Ally Sheedy (*Noise, A Good Night to Die*) plays Laurie, a middle-aged woman who finds herself in a custody battle for her son with her ex-husband. She is broke, desperate, and single, a typical train wreck for any woman on the brink of losing everything, but as her character progresses throughout the film, a stronger and wiser Laurie emerges.

The final woman of the trio is Doris portrayed by Ruby Dee (an Academy Award nominee this year for *American Gangster*), is an elderly woman mourning the recent death of her husband. Hopeless and helpless, she struggles to see the 'beauty' in life that she once knew, at least in part through music.

Another unique aspect of *Steam* is that it was shot in and around Schickner's hometown of New Brunswick, New Jersey. Some scenes are shot on the Rutgers campus, a local jail cell, and the church where his parents were married. The run time is close to two hours, just enough to generate a strong understanding, without boring the viewer.

Steam is scheduled to open for the Women's Film Festi-

val on March 28 in Miami, Florida, and will be showing in select theaters throughout the United States. Unfortunately, DVD copies of the film are not expected to drop for at least another year.

I would highly recommend *Steam* to anyone, and would also like to commend Kyle Schickner and cast on an excellent, believable story. It is nice to know that there are still independent artists out there, and that the movie industry is not completely overrun by Hollywood. I give *Steam* two thumbs up.



Beacon/Gino Troiani

Director Kyle Schickner and actress Kate Siegel offered a Q&A for viewers after the premier of the new film, *Steam*.

CUMBERLAND

Apartments

- Free Internet access
- Free off-street parking
- Free water, sewer, & trash.
- Secure entry/ Remote access-buzz in
- Fully-equipped granite kitchen
- Cable TV
- Private bath with shower
- Laundry

60 Completely remodeled apartments, 100% sprinklered

48 Efficiency Apartments \$475.00 a month*

12 Efficiency suites \$675.00 a month*

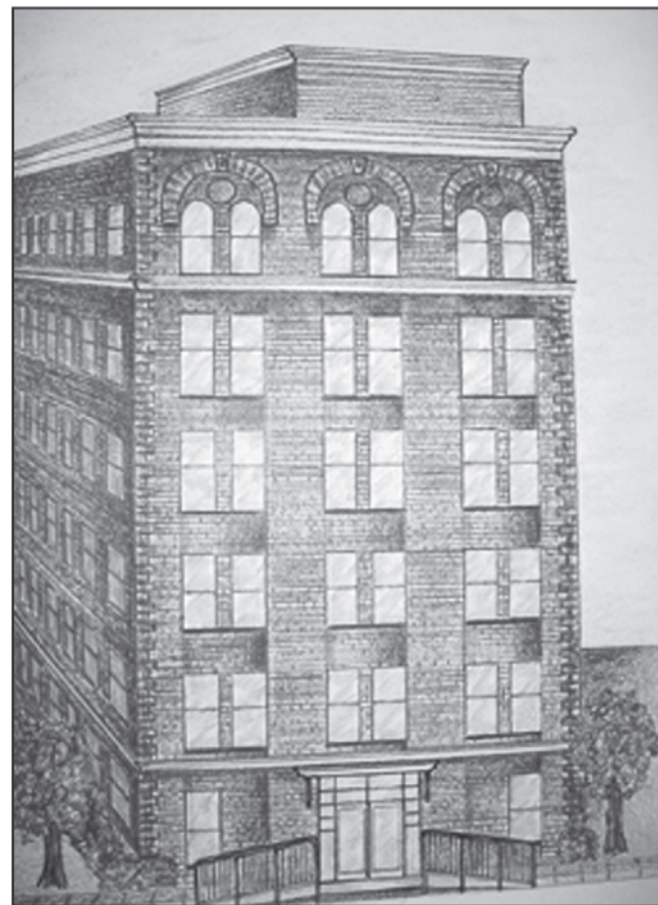
* Double occupancy add \$150.00 a month.

17 West Ross Street

Wilkes-Barre, PA

www.cumberlandliving.com

570-687-2220



Metropolitan Championships

Pizzarro, Feldman and Heffernan reached finals for Wilkes

BY ALISSA LINDNER

Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

Statement issued prior to championships: Five nationally-ranked teams will be among the ten teams that will compete in for the Metropolitan Wrestling Conference Championships today inside the Wilkes University's Marts Center.

The Metropolitan Championships serves as a qualifier for the upcoming NCAA Division III Championships that will be held at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 7 and 8. The ten individual weight class winners, along with seven at-large selections that will be chosen by the coaches, will represent the conference at the NCAA Championships.

Teams that are slated to participate include No. 14 New York University, No. 17 The College of New Jersey, No. 23 Wilkes, No. 25 York College and No. 30 King's College. Centenary College, Elizabethtown College, Hunter College, the University of Scranton and Yeshiva College are also slated to wrestle in the event.

The Colonel wrestling team hosted the Metropolitan Conference Championship Sunday February 24 in the Marts Gym.

In his quarterfinals bout, at 125 lbs, Colonel junior Shaun Farnham, seeded fourth in the tournament, pinned Centenary College's Dustin Overs 59 seconds into the first period. In the semi-finals bout, Farnham lost a close 3-2 decision to York College's Kyle Flickinger, the first seed.

Junior Josh Pauling, the fourth seed at 133 lbs, defeated New York University's Thomas Masciale by an 11-4 major decision in the quarterfinals. Pauling lost his semi-finals bout to King's College's Dave Morgan, the first seed in the tournament.

At 141 lbs Colonel freshman Brandon Prentice lost a close 4-2 decision to York's Ryan Catton, the third seed in the tournament, in his quarterfinals bout.

Wilkes junior Erik Smith entered the tournament as the second seed at 149 lbs. Smith would win his quarterfinals bout by a 9-3 decision over Centenary College's David Alsieux.

In the semifinals bout, the College of New Jersey's John Barnett pinned Smith in a controversial finish.

Smith was pinned in period 3 after being choked unconscious by Barnett. Barnett put Smith on his back. In an attempt to pin him, Barnett used force directly on Smith's throat, knocking him unconscious. No penalty was called.

Colonel senior Adam Penberthy, the fifth seed at 157 lbs lost a close 3-2 decision to the TCNJ's Dan

DiColo in his quarterfinals bout.

At 165 lbs, Wilkes sophomore Frank Heffernan entered the tournament seeded second. Heffernan defeated the University of Scranton's Steve Gray 6-0 in the quarterfinals.

Heffernan then defeated York's Brian Alwine 7-6 in the semi-finals.

Wilkes freshman, Travis Davis, lost his quarterfinals bout to the third seed Naum Shuminov at 174 lbs. Shuminov pinned Davis in the second period.

ond period.

In the quarterfinals bout at 184 lbs, Colonel sophomore Devin Sassone-McHugh lost by technical fall in the third period to TCNJ's Al Wonesh the second seed in the tournament.

Colonel sophomore, Zach Pizzarro, entered the tournament seeded first at 197 lbs. Pizzarro would win a 13-5 major decision over Centenary College's Kaleb Wisner. In his semi-finals bout, Pizzarro defeated Deron Sharp of Elizabethtown College 8-5.

At 285 lbs Wilkes sophomore Andrew Feldman, seeded second in the tournament, pinned his quarterfinals opponent, Centenary's Adam Pearsall, in the first period. Feldman defeated his semi-finals opponent, TCNJ's Steve Carbone 4-3 after scoring a takedown in 3rd period.

As of press time, the Colonels entered the finals with three wrestlers, Heffernan at 165lbs, Pizzarro at 197 lbs and Feldman at 285 lbs.

Several other wrestlers were still in consolation wrestlebacks. Final results will be available later this evening at www.wilkesbeacon.com.

Wilkes wrestlers getting busy on the mat hoping to reach the finals. Log on to [wilkesbeacon.com](http://www.wilkesbeacon.com) for the post-match coverage.

The Beacon/Gino Troiani



Commentary

2008 Philadelphia Phillies Preview

10 Reasons to feel good about the boys of summer

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Last season, the Philadelphia Phillies accomplished something for the first time in over a decade: They made the playoffs.

Not only did they win the National League East, but they did it after overcoming an 11-14 start and a slew of injuries to key players including ace Cole Hamels, closer Brett Myers, veteran pitchers Jon Lieber and Freddy Garcia, relievers Ryan Madson and Tom Gordon, 2006 MVP Ryan Howard, right-fielder Shane Victorino, bench players Michael Bourn and Jayson Werth, and All-Star second-baseman Chase Utley.

In other words, the Phillies fell on some hard times.

But the ever-resilient boys from the City of Brotherly Love bounced back, posting a solid 17-11 record in September, including a 13-4 run in their last 17 games to overcome a seven game deficit, en route to unseating the reigning NL East Champion New York Mets.

While their first postseason since the Clinton era was rather short-lived, it was a step in the right direction, as they'll be heading into the 2008 seasons as the team to beat.

Here are 10 reasons that I'm optimistic about the 2008 Philadelphia Phillies.

Pat Burrell aka "The Mets Killer"

- Despite his shortcomings in the field and on the basepaths, Pat Burrell was one of the best offensive performers during the second half of the season, where he hit .295 with 19 homeruns and 60 RBIs in an offense that was missing Chase Utley for nearly a month. On top of that, Burrell spent most of his career terrorizing the New York Mets, including 119 hits, 41 homeruns and 102 RBIs in 134 games.

Brett to the Rescue - When Brett Myers moved to the bullpen last season, Phillies fans all gave a collective "What?" Turns out, it wasn't a terrible decision, as he nailed down games with his fierce playing style and great talent. Now that Brad Lidge will be closing the door on the opponents, it gives Myers a chance to shine again in the rotation, joining ace Cole Hamels for one of the best 1-2 punches in the National League.

MVP X 3? - Last season, the Phillies had the leading candidate for National League MVP on July 25 in Chase Utley until an errant pitch

broke his right hand, sending him on the disabled list for nearly a month. He returned on August 27 in time for a key four-game series against the Mets, where he would go 3-5 including a homer and 2 RBIs. He would go on to hit .321 over the rest of the season with 5 homeruns, 21 RBIs, and 25 runs. Utley is one of the best pure hitters in the game, and his talent is limitless. Expect a lot from Utley in 2008 - Can the Phillies make it three MVPs in a row?

Brad Lidge - Last season, the Phillies moved Brett Myers, their opening day starter, to the bullpen while Tom Gordon was dealing with injuries. Despite his success in the bullpen, Myers has the talent to be a dominant starter again. Enter closing pitcher Brad Lidge, who was acquired early in the off-season to strengthen the back end of the bullpen. Despite some rough seasons in 2006 and 2007, the Phillies are hoping that Lidge can return to his 2005 form, when he saved 42 games with an ERA of 2.29. Perhaps a change of scenery is what Lidge needed to cure his problems in Houston. His lifetime stats at Citizen's Bank Park: 9 innings pitched, 6 saves, 1.00 ERA.

Kyle Kendrick - After the Phillies lost

Freddy Garcia for the season, they turned to Double-A pitcher Kyle Kendrick to be a temporary stop-gap until help could arrive. There was only one problem: Kyle didn't want to be a temporary replacement. So he won, and won again...and won again. In fact, Kendrick pitched so well that he finished 4th in the National League Rookie of the Year voting, with a 10-4 record and a 3.87 ERA. Kendrick is slated to be in the starting rotation this year, and it will be worth watching how he follows up his successful rookie campaign.

A Healthy Howard - When Ryan Howard won his MVP for his monstrous 2006 season, he spent most of his off-season accepting awards instead of working out - and it showed. The slugger started off slowly in 2007, and ended up with a stint on the disabled list. He bounced back nicely, hitting 47 homers and 136 RBIs in only 144 games. After a restful off-season and a better workout regiment, Howard is primed to recapture the stroke that turned him into one of the most feared hitters in baseball.

Father Time - At age 44, veteran pitcher Jamie Moyer pitched the Phillies to a win in their last game of the year, as he dazzled the Washington Nationals with an 84 mph fastball and enough trickery to confuse any established hitter. Moyer proved to be a horse for the Phils in 2007, as he was the only pitcher to throw 200 innings as he avoided the disabled list. Moyer will be the oldest player in the majors at 45 in 2008, and it is his final year with the Phillies. Can the hometown hero overcome time in his final year with the Phillies?

The Ace Has Arrived

- In 2006, a lanky lefty named Cole Hamels made his Major League debut after he went 2-0 in Triple-A with 36 strikeouts, one walk and one earned run in 23 innings pitched, leaving him with a sparkling 0.36 ERA and on the fast track to the show. He didn't disappoint in 2006, and a 15-5 season in 2007 proved that Hamels is the

real deal. Despite some nagging injuries, Hamels was consistently solid throughout the season, including a complete game, 15-strikeout performance against the Cincinnati Reds on April 21. He would put the finishing touches on the season with a stellar performance against the Nationals during the last week of the season, pitching eight solid innings with no earned runs and 13 strikeouts.

Jimmy Rollins - After boldly proclaiming that the Phillies were the team to beat in the NL East before the 2007 season, Rollins drew the ire of Mets fans before backing his words up with a great season that ended with an MVP and a Gold Glove. This season, Rollins predicted that the Phillies could win 100 games. Can the Phillies back him up?

Momentum - The most important thing for the Phillies going into the 2008 season is this: For the first time since 1994, they are opening the season as the defending National League East Champions. Not the Mets, not the Braves. That should be more than enough motivation for the team to get over the hump and start the season off on the right foot. With a solid pitching rotation, a strong bullpen and the National League's best offense, the Phillies could find themselves in the same position next season.

2008 Projected Leaders:

AVG	Chase Utley	.328
HR	Ryan Howard	54
RBI	Ryan Howard	143
Runs	Chase Utley	126
SB	Shane Victorino	41
Wins	Cole Hamels	14
Saves	Brad Lidge	31
K	Brett Myers	181

Projected Stats courtesy MLB.com



Softball players strategize for winning 2008 season

BY NICK PODOLAK

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Over the past four seasons, pitcher Laurie Agresti has greeted batters with three pitches: “good morning, good afternoon, and good night.”

This year, however, the Wilkes University softball defense may have its work cut out for it.

“We’re replacing literally the whole entire pitching staff,” said head coach Frank Matthews, referring to the loss of Agresti (1,002 career strikeouts) and Samantha Evanich (8 wins, 71 Ks last season). “We’re a little lean on experience, but we have some skills on the mound,” he said.

The new-look rotation will feature senior Sarah Plavchak, juniors Maureen Pelot and Kaitlyn Kormanik, and freshman Lindsay Behrenshausen on the mound to put the ball in play.

“With Agresti gone, that puts a lot of pressure on all of us,” Plavchak said. “She was really our only overpowering pitcher. All four of us must rely on getting the ball down and making opponents hit the ball, basically.”

Eight position players will return from last year in a healthy line-up from top to bottom including sophomore slugger Gina

Stefanelli (.350 average, 24 runs, 41 hits, 27 RBI, 7 homers), the scrappy Alex Ingram (21 runs, 9 stolen bases, 4 2B), and Erin Plank (.313 BA, 31 H, 7 2B). Stefanelli not only led the team in most offensive categories last season, but the league with the fewest strikeouts per plate appearance and the fewest number of errors among shortstops.

“As a matter of fact, she was about fourth or fifth in the country at one time for her strikeout percentage,” Matthews said.

Last year’s runners-up (24-13) to King’s, the Lady Colonels have a tough road ahead as they open their season in Virginia Beach and Salisbury, Maryland, playing ten games among nationally and regionally ranked teams before coming home to play Lycoming.

“We’ve had a great pre-season and have an extraordinarily difficult schedule down south,” Matthews said. “So it’s going to be a very, very rough ten game start for us, but those first ten games are going to be very critical,” he said.

Cool Fact: The Lady Colonels will play two games under the lights this season. March 25 versus Scranton in the nightcap of a double header and Baptist Bible on April 2 will both be illuminated by stadium lighting. Both games are slated for 6:00 p.m.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani

Wilkes senior Alex Ingram takes batting practice at the UCOM on February 24. The Lady Colonels open up their season at the Virginia Wesleyan Tournament on February 29.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani

Wilkes senior Katie Cappelloni takes a hard fall during game against King’s College on February 19. Wilkes finished their season with a 2-23 record after a tough loss against FDU-Florham on February 23.

Lady Colonels drop season finale

BY GERARD HETMAN

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

After picking up their first conference win of the season last Saturday, the Wilkes University Lady Colonels were hoping to end their season on a high note in their final game of the season at FDU-Florham. Unfortunately, the host Lady Devils were in no mood for an upset.

FDU standout Danielle Michlovsky scored 33 points and the Lady Devils outscored Wilkes 17-0 in the first half, which set the pace to eventually hand Wilkes a 73-27 season-ending defeat in Madison, NJ on Saturday. The loss sees the Lady Colonels final record fall to 2-23 overall, 1-11 in Freedom Conference play.

Both teams kept the score close to open the contest, as FDU held an 18-13 lead with just over 10 minutes to play in the opening half. However, the Devils then proceeded to take control of the game, as FDU embarked on a 17-0 run to set the half-time score at 35-13. Ashley Makarczyk knocked down a 3-point basket for Wilkes to start the second-half scoring, but the Lady Colonels would not get any closer as they were outscored 36-14 by FDU in the second period.

“Every bucket seemed to fall for them today. We took a lot of good shots but they

weren’t falling.” Wilkes head coach Rachel Emmerthal said after the game.

Michlovsky posted a double-double by adding 13 rebounds to 33 points, which included a 13-for-17 shooting performance. Katie Cappelloni was the high scorer for Wilkes with 10 points in her final game as a Lady Colonel, over a third of all points on the board for Wilkes in the game. Sam Lynam and Macarczyk added seven and six points respectively.

For the Lady Colonels, the loss marked the end of a trying season that saw the team lose several key performers before the start of the year and suffer through long stretches of missed time by its two seniors, Cappelloni and Lacey Andresen, because of injuries.

“We had a very young team this year, and missing our senior leaders on the floor was tough for us, both in games and practices,” Emmerthal explained. “We will miss our two seniors very much. They did all they could for us this season. But we have a great amount of talent coming back, and they can definitely put it together out there.”

“It’s been a tough year, but we’ve tried to push through,” Cappelloni said following the game. “I think these girls will definitely grow into their roles with the team and take the program to a higher level.”



The Beacon/Gino Troiani

The Colonels Are In

Kresge's 28 points helps Wilkes to their fourth playoff trip in five years

BY GERARD HETMAN
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

After slipping up in several chances to lock up a conference playoff berth in recent games, the Wilkes men's basketball team knew the predicament they were in heading into Saturday's game at FDU-Florham.

Not only would they need to defeat the Devils, but they would also be watching the scoreboard because they needed Manhattanville to defeat visiting Arcadia in another conference contest, or else players would've been sitting in Rifkin sipping hot chocolate this week chatting about how they barely missed the playoffs.

The Colonels contest finished four minutes earlier than the game in Purchase, NY. Afterwards, Wilkes parents anxiously whipped out their cell phones hoping to learn

Arcadia lost to the third-seeded Valiants.

Moments later, the Colonels and their fan base clapped to the sounds of good news as they gathered in the lobby after the game.

As it would play out, luck and skill were both on their side. Therefore, the Colonels will be dancing their way to the postseason for the fourth time in five years.

Tom Kresge posted a double-double with 28 points and 12 rebounds, Chris DeRojas fired in five 3-pointers, and the Colonels defeated FDU-Florham, 77-64, in Madison, NJ, on Saturday. Wilkes finished their season with an overall record of 13-11, while moving to 7-5 in conference play. Coupled with Arcadia's loss, the win put the Colonels into the number four seed in the upcoming league playoffs, and the team will travel to

top-seeded DeSales on Wednesday evening for an opening round game.

"I don't think there is an overly-dominant team in the conference playoffs this year. Every team has had its ups and downs," Wilkes head coach Jerry Rickrode said after Saturday's win. "We played very well today in key areas where we were deficient in the past several days."

Saturday's game would see both teams trading baskets and answering scoring runs by the other side to keep the score close. However, the Colonels were able to seize control of the contest by closing the first half on a 12-2 scoring run that gave Wilkes a 12-point half-time lead. Kresge, DeRojas, Anthony Gabriel and Steve Kline all contributed during the run before an FDU jumper at the buzzer set

the half-time score at 37-25.

FDU opened the second half with a basket from freshman center Ricky Fetske, who posted a double-double with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Still, the Devils would not be able to get the lead under 10 points again and Wilkes posted its playoff-clinching victory.

"We came into the game knowing what we needed to do. We played as a complete team for the first time in a few games," said Wilkes sophomore guard Chris Gulla. "We had a tough few days of practice, and it really paid off today."

While Wilkes will head to DeSales Wednesday evening, third-seeded Manhattanville will travel to second-seeded King's in the other first round match up. The winners of Wednesday's games

will meet Saturday afternoon at the campus of the highest remaining seed for the conference final, with the winner receives an automatic berth into the NCAA division III national tournament.

As they meet the Bulldogs of DeSales University, the Colonels will be squaring off against the only conference opponent to defeat them twice this season—a 68-58 loss at the Martz Center, followed by a 71-61 defeat on the road on Feb. 2. DeSales is led by their senior tandem of center Phil Stricker and point guard Eddie Ohlson. Stricker leads the Bulldogs in both rebounds (168) and points per game (13.8), and will be a key challenge for the Colonels this week.

See BBALL page 17