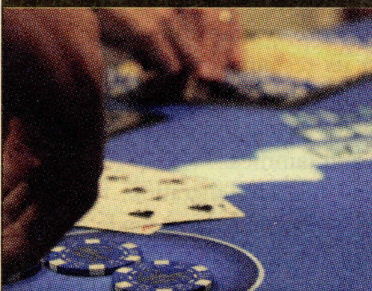




Where's the Beef?:

Pink slime makes a juicy all-beef patty, page 6



Ante Up:

Luck and intuition pays with prizes, pages 10-11



Step Up:

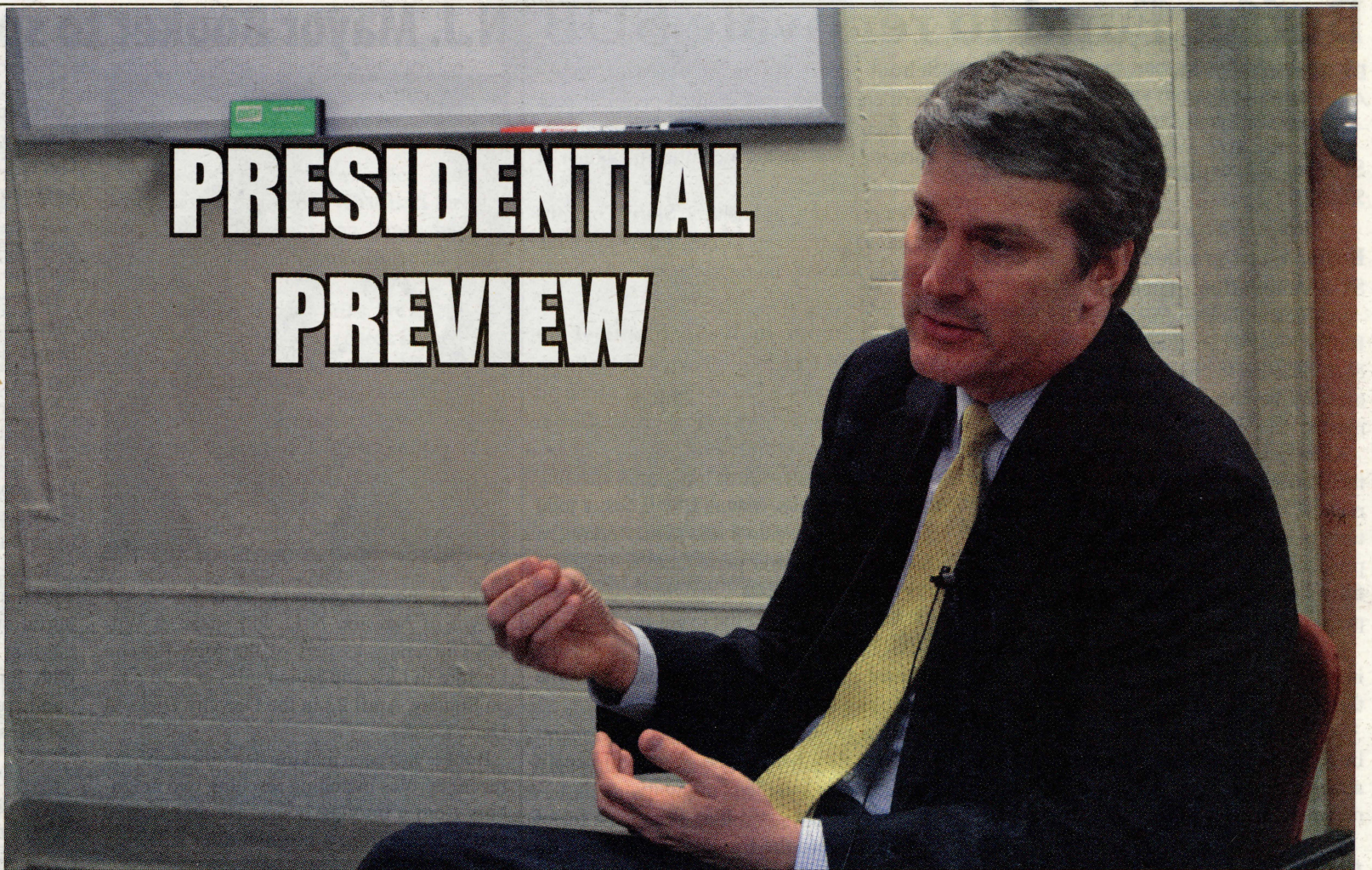
Spring concert keeps dancers on their toes, page 14



LAX's hot streak:

Comeback possible thru team dynamics, page 16

PRESIDENTIAL PREVIEW



The Beacon/Austin Loukas

Along with business and fundraising experience, Leahy brings a personal appreciation of humanities to Wilkes. He studied English as an undergraduate at Georgetown University, and he says he will ensure it will be cultivated along with sciences.

Leahy outlines plans for the Wilkes' future

BY KIRSTIN COOK
Editor-in-Chief

There are still six weeks before Patrick Leahy is officially named the sixth president of Wilkes University. Yet, even though his job hasn't started, Leahy has been making visits to the university in his goals to absorb the culture, history and values of Wilkes.

Leahy was announced as current President Joseph (Tim) Gilmour's successor in March. He will begin the position on July 1, and he said until then he will be working

to build valuable relationships on campus and to learn everything he can about the school.

Leahy, whose experience includes being executive vice president of the University of Scranton and 13 years in the private sector, said he looks forward to introducing his wife Amy and his four children to the Wilkes community.

"I'll be thrilled about the feasibility of being the new president at Wilkes and my family and I are delighted about this opportunity," Leahy said.

Leahy promised to start his posi-

tion by visiting every department and administrative unit within his first 60 days to get to know the community.

Along with business and fundraising experience, Leahy will bring an appreciation of humanities to Wilkes. He said this area is important to him, as he studied English as an undergraduate at Georgetown University, and he will ensure it will be cultivated along with sciences.

"I believe wholeheartedly in strength of the liberal arts, in particular because of the skills and

the critical thinking and the communication skills that it creates in our students irrespective of what field they choose to go into," Leahy said. "So I'll look hard to make sure we properly fund the humanities while we're making this big investment in the sciences."

Sitting down with The Beacon for an exclusive interview, Leahy told us what he's learned about Wilkes so far and gave a preview of his presidential plans.

SEE LEAHY, PAGE 4

The news of today reported by the journalists of tomorrow

Check us out at: thewilkesbeacon.com

APRIL 17, 2012

CONTACT EDITOR: phatnguyen@thewilkesbeacon.com

Buffer Fund to renovate SUB

BY DEVONI NOVAK
Assistant News Editor

Student Government Total Treasury:
\$22,777.21

Buffer Fund granted money to cover SUB renovation expenses

SG unanimously granted \$105,180 for Buffer Fund to go ahead with the planned SUB renovations that will begin this summer and be completed by the next fall semester.

Although the architects have yet to update the sketches according to the student survey request, remodeling will include new furniture, paint, flooring and possibly overhead projectors with screens, water fountains that fill water bottles, surround sound, newspaper racks and a recycling station.

In SG's opinion, the new renovations will improve the appearance and efficiency of the bottom floor of the SUB.

SG president and pharmacy major, Willie Eggleston commented on the decision to allocate funds, "You just put forth a lot of money to make a huge change."

Buffer Fund works to make library basement accessible 24/7 — Dean of the Library, John Stachez, has been working with Buffer Fund to keep the library's basement open 24 hours a day.

In order for the space to always be accessible, an I-card swipe system, security cameras and a new entrance will need to be installed.

All of these accommodations will cost a projected \$9,000. According to Buffer Fund representatives, Stachez is able to raise \$4,000 himself which minimizes fund request to \$5,000.

The decision on basement availability is yet to be finalized.

School spirit starts at orientation — Spirit committee was granted permission to use their remaining \$729.20 on Wilkes T-shirts to give out to incoming freshman at orientation as prizes.

By giving out more shirts, Spirit Committee hopes to begin spreading school spirit the first day students come to campus.

HAWC hopes to bring Shaun T to Wilkes next fall — Health and Wellness Club requested \$1,750 of this year's student activities fees to bring fitness expert, Shaun T to Wilkes next semester.

The creator of fitness programs Insanity and Hip Hop Abs, Shaun T, will cost a total of \$2,500 to provide a one hour workout, a question-and answer period and an opportunity to get autographs.

HAWC is planning the event for Nov. 3 in UCOM. The club is working on offering discounted prices: free for students, \$5 for the public and \$3 for YMCA members.

With a projected 300 attendees, SG members said they believe the event will benefit both students and the community.

"I think it's a good idea because a lot of people are into the Insanity thing," said junior integrative media major and SG member, Mike Ogar.

Upcoming Events

Relay for life: Saturday, April 28, 2012, to Sunday, April 29, 2012

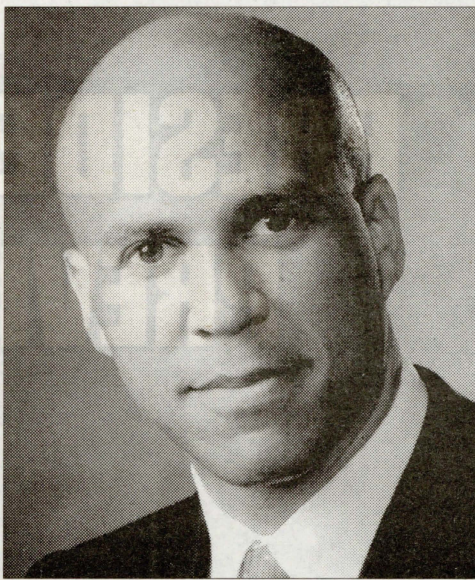
Tye-dye for a Cause: at 11 a.m. on the greenway on Tuesday, April 17.

Family Feud: at 6 p.m. in the SUB ballroom on Tuesday, April 17.

Wilkes Scavenger Hunt: at 9 p.m. in the SUB Lounge on Thursday, April 19.

@devoninovak
devoninovak@thewilkesbeacon.com

N.J. Mayor Booker to speak at Wilkes



The Honorable Cory A. Booker, 42, the mayor of Newark, N.J., will speak at Wilkes University as part of the Max Rosenn Lecture in Law and Humanities at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 22 in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center

Booker has been making headlines with the recent heroics including rescuing two neighbors from a burning house. He was treated and released from a hospital after suffering

Photo courtesy of Marketing Communications
Cory Booker will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center as part of the Max Rosenn Lecture in Law and Humanities.

from smoke inhalation and second-degree burns to his hand.

Booker is serving in his second term. Elected with a mandate for change, Mayor began work on realizing a bold vision for the city.

Newark's mission is to set the national standard for urban transformation from marshalling its resources to achieve security, economic abundance and an environment that is nurturing and empowering for individuals and families.

Booker and his administration, together with the city's residents, have made meaningful strides toward achieving the city's mission by tackling significant challenges with innovation, new coalitions, creative public private partnerships and building off the already existing foundation.

@phatnguyen
phatnguyen@thewilkesbeacon.com

CORRECTIONS:

In our Feb. 28 issue, The Beacon misquoted Robert Wolensky, a University of Wisconsin Stevens Point professor, as describing turn-of-the-century photographer Lewis Wickes Hine as a "visual socialist." The correct quotation is "visual sociologist."

In the same issue, "The General Strike" was incorrectly labeled as the band Anti-Flag's 15th album. It is their ninth.

In the opinion section of that issue, the writer misinterpreted information that she was given.

The Beacon posted, "During an interview with associate professor of music

Phil Simon, I was told that at one time, every room on the third floor of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center had one baby grand piano. Now there is really only one that I can think of on the third floor: the one in associate professor of music Steven Thomas's office."

Taken directly from Simon's email, "What I said was that there are still (today) baby grand pianos in almost every room on the third floor. It should be made clear in the retraction that we did not lose any of those pianos as a result of the loss of the music major."

The Beacon apologizes for errors.

BEACON

130 S. River St.
First Floor, Conyngham Hall
Wilkes University
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766

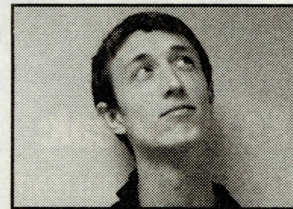
PHONE: (570) 408-5903
WEBSITE: thewilkesbeacon.com

Editorial Staff 2011-12

Editor-in-Chief: Kirstin Cook
Managing Editor: Michael Klimek
Ad Manager: Brittany Battista
Photo Editor: Laura Preby
Adviser: Loran Lewis

News Editor: Phat Nguyen
Opinion Editor: Carly Yamrus
A&E Editor: Bill Thomas
Life Editor: Christine Lee
Sports Editor: Justin Franiak

Meet the Staff



Austin Loukas
Photographer

Some fire drill policies have yet to be fulfilled

BY DEVONI NOVAK
Assistant News Editor

Fire drills are conducted as a “double check” to make sure alarm systems are functioning without error and that students know the best route to properly evacuate their dorms. Once out of their buildings, students are supposed to meet at a designated post where Residence Life will take a head count to be sure every student is accounted for. After the building is cleared by the fire department, students may re-enter the building and carry on their business.

According to the Department of Education’s fire safety requirements, each dorm building must have a fire drill at least twice every year. However, some RAs have stated that only one drill has taken place this year and others say their dorms have not been drilled this year at all. RA in Sterling Hall, junior integrative media major, Mike Ogar, said that his building has had just one drill the entire year; it took place this past fall.

In an attempt to fulfill the Department of Education’s mandate, Public Safety and Residence Life team up once every fall and spring semester, and schedule the dorm fire drills.

Manager of Public Safety, Jerry Rebo, explained that each building is in fact consistently given their bi-yearly dose of fire drills.

“Every year, it’s all documented,” Rebo said. “All the dorms will be checked.”

Once a fire drill date is set, Residence Life informs the Resident Assistants in the building of the general time in which the drill will take place. Specifics times are withheld so the

drill will be adequate practice, even for the RAs.

RA of Schiowitz Hall, junior nursing major, Allie Givens, said there has only been one occurrence concerning fire in her building all year, which involved a student’s unattended curling iron setting off the alarm. According to Givens, an actual drill has yet to be scheduled for this year.

The collision between written policy and RA reports raises a question: What isn’t the university following through on, practicing enough fire drills or failing to inform the resident assistants?

In addition to practicing fire drills, fire safety at Wilkes also includes an alarm check in each campus building twice a year. Eastern Time, a maintenance company out of Scranton, takes care of the smoke detectors’ upkeep by testing them during summer and winter breaks.

Public safety has their own periodic checks throughout the year as well that involve testing their alert system on a designated computer where all the alarms come through, instantly announcing fires to public safety.

The phone line link between the alarms and their computer allows public safety officers to pin point the location of the triggered alarm, down to the exact room.

The computer also mechanically checks the connection of each campus smoke alarm on a daily basis. If an alarm is suspected of malfunction, the computer will beep, signaling that the alarm needs to be inspected or replaced.

The age of the alarm systems vary from building to building, which according to Rebo



The Beacon/Austin Loukas

All dorms are required to have two fire drills every school year; however, some RAs have said their buildings have not.

is because updates are done as necessary.

“If one goes bad, a new one goes in,” Rebo said.

Some systems date back to the ‘90s, while others, such as the one in Towers are just a few years old. According to the executive director of facilities, John Pesta, every new installment is followed by a timely check by the local fire department to be sure the system is working correctly.

“All of our systems are basically function-

ing and up to code at this point,” Pesta said.

University Towers is especially notorious for its frequent fire alarm incidents. Some towers residence have admitted that they don’t always leave the building because false alarms are so frequent and sometimes occur extremely early in the morning. As a second floor inhabitant of Towers, Junior business administration major, Jasmine Edwards expressed her opinion of the alarm system in towers.

“I think the smoke alarms are too sensitive,” she said.

Another junior business administration major, Terrance Ives, who lived in Towers last year, said that he and his roommates set the smoke alarm off in their apartment three times. He identified the kitchen area as the main culprit. According the Ives, the RAs and other residents would get mad at them because they were repeatedly responsible for complete evacuation, even though it was by accident and happened due to slightly burnt food.

“It’s going to happen,” Ives said. “People are learning how to cook.”

The only legitimate issue with fire in the dorms took place last year when a dryer in the laundry room of Evans went ablaze. Immediately, fire alarms in the building sensed the smoke and sent screeches of warning throughout the entire building.

According to Pesta, an over-loaded machine was the cause of the occurrence. Only the dryer and a few clothes made the injury list.

@devoninovak
devoninovak@thewilkesbeacon.com

Zebra’s Wing ‘n’ Sing



The Beacon/Brittany Battista

The Ice House Pub was named “Wing Champion” at Zebra Communications’ Wing ‘n’ sing event on April 11. Proceeds benefited the “Embrace a Child in Tanzania” campaign. Approximately 82 tickets were sold, \$300 was raised through karaoke challenges alone and the silent auction of an African-style rug went to the highest bidder for \$50. Zebra raised more than \$700.

Robbers heist the Crown



The Beacon/Austin Loukas

According to police reports, a man with a pistol robbed Crown Fried Chicken, 357 S. Main St., around 11:11 p.m. on April 5, police said. The clerk told police a man wearing a black leather jacket, with a black hooded sweatshirt and light blue jeans asked for an iced tea and then all the money in the store. The clerk turned over the money and the man fled on foot, police said.

LEAHY

Continued from the front page

Feedback from the Wilkes community

"I'm trying to demonstrate an openness to new ideas and candid conversation, and I think if I can establish that early that will serve me well when I become the president."

"The most important constituencies that we have at a university is the students. I intend to be very present to them. You'll see me quite frequently in the SUB ... as well as be present around campus."

I don't know if there are specific things so much as just being present to the campus and the student and just delighting in the interactions that I have with them. I think that alone will demonstrate to the students my commitment to them."

"The candid conversations that we're having I think are going to be extremely constructive when I become the president in July."

"I think the primary feedback, my primary understanding is people love this place. They care deeply about it, in particular improving to the extent we can – continually improving the student experience here at Wilkes. That's a very comforting thing for

an incoming president to feel when talking to people."

Challenges anticipated for next year

"I think we have our challenges as a university, which are consistent with challenges faced by universities all across the high education community. I don't think we're alone in that. But I sense in the people I'm meeting a sincerity in addressing these challenges and turning into opportunities in the future."

"With a new president there's always some concern about whether that person will bring a new culture to the place. I think some people see that positively and other people like to keep things the way they are, so I think there's a little bit of anxiety about that."

But I tried to assure them that we're all in this together and that my style, my design is quite collaborative. I believe those challenges I mentioned are going to be the responsibility of all of us."

"It's a new job for me, I fully expect there to be a learning curve. I'll try to move up that curve as quickly as possible for the benefit of Wilkes."

"What I won't have the benefit of our personal relationships with donors, and I do believe that big gifts can some times originate from personal relationship, and I won't have



The Beacon/ Austin Loukas

Leahy said he wants to take fresh look at everything in a smart way, especially the budget. He hopes to rely on balancing our budget rather than cutting it. Check out the full video interview at www.thewilkesbeacon.com

that because of how new I'll be.

"And our hope is to sort of complete this campaign in the next couple of years, sort of consistent with the opening of the building, so it won't give me a lot of time to develop those relationships."

"So that might be a bit of a challenge in the early years, but I do think that one of my strengths is the ability to develop relationships with people."

Budget cuts and possible solutions

"I'll take a fresh look at everything in a smart way. I do think certain programs are ripe for growing enrollment, and I think I'll focus to the extent possible first on growing our resource base so we don't have to rely on balancing our budget simply by cutting."

"I do think we ought to look at growing resources hopefully by growing headcounts and enrollments where it makes sense to grow enrollments, and of course trying hard to raise a lot more money for the faculty and students here at Wilkes University."

I think that's the way, ultimately, we will address any budget challenges, is to be really smart about our budgeting and to generate more resources, both of which I intend to do as president."

Wilkes' areas of strength

"One of the most exciting things about


coming to Wilkes is ... we have an incredible exciting university, replete with all kinds of different things going on, so there's no shortage of compelling projects to introduce to donors, No. 1. The science center is just one of them, I believe."

"And secondly what I've discovered in my time both as a candidate and now as the incoming president is there's no shortage of people who love Wilkes University. And when you put together compelling projects and a compelling future with people who really care and have resources, that's where great philanthropy happens."

"I think that we've just began to scratch the surface on the philanthropic support this university can get. I'm really enthusiastic about that part of the job."

"I'm incredibly impressed by the care in which our faculty members pursue their work. It's been very moving to be to see how committed they are to the students here."

The single most important thing is how engaged are the faculty in the work that they do day in and day out, and ours is incredibly engaged in that. And what a luxury for an incoming president to have that already available to have that to him or her. I feel very lucky joining a community like that."

 @kirstinjeancook
kirstincook@thewilkesbeacon.com

STRESSED?
HEADACHE?

Headaches and back pain are two of the most common ailments treated at our clinic. Often, we can bring relief simply by taking the pressure off a pinched nerve. Here are other common symptoms of a pinched nerve.

Neck Pain Back Pain Shoulder Pain

Arm Pain Leg Pain Muscle Pain

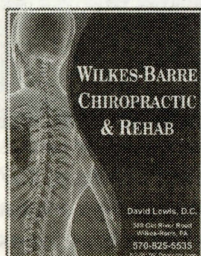
— Sports Injury — Auto Accident —

**FREE 20 Min
Hydro
Massage**



**FREE EXAM
& FREE 1st
Treatment**

Wilkes-Barre Chiropractic & Rehab



Dr. David Lewis
Chiropractic Physician

All
Insurances
Accepted

825-5535

380 Old River Road
Wilkes-Barre, PA

dblewis326@aol.com
www.nepachiro.com

Candidates strategize to win SG's wooden gavel

Junior class representatives campaign for presidential bid

BY DEVONI NOVAK
Assistant News Editor

Three nominees from the junior class are set to race for the Student Government presidential seat. The candidates are: nursing major and SG recording secretary, Samantha Schuler; pharmacy major and SG vice president, Kristofer Rivers; and accounting and business administration major, junior class president and Buffer Fund Committee Chair, John Sweeney.

All three have different outlooks on the position and have their own ideas of what they would like to do if chosen to become student body president.

Sweeney, who is running for the second consecutive year, believes it will be interesting to see the results of the race since this year there are three candidates when last year there was just two. To promote himself as a candidate, Sweeney has been hanging up posters and banners around campus while spreading his clear-cut mission statement.

"My platform is that I want to be president because Student Government is something I've been involved with my entire time here and it's something that I really love," Sweeney said. "I think we can do a better job connecting to the students and promoting our events."

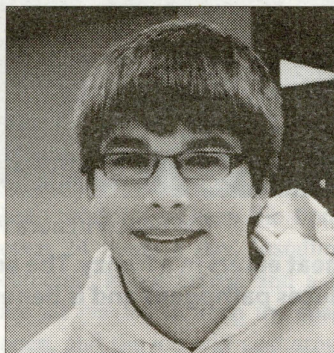
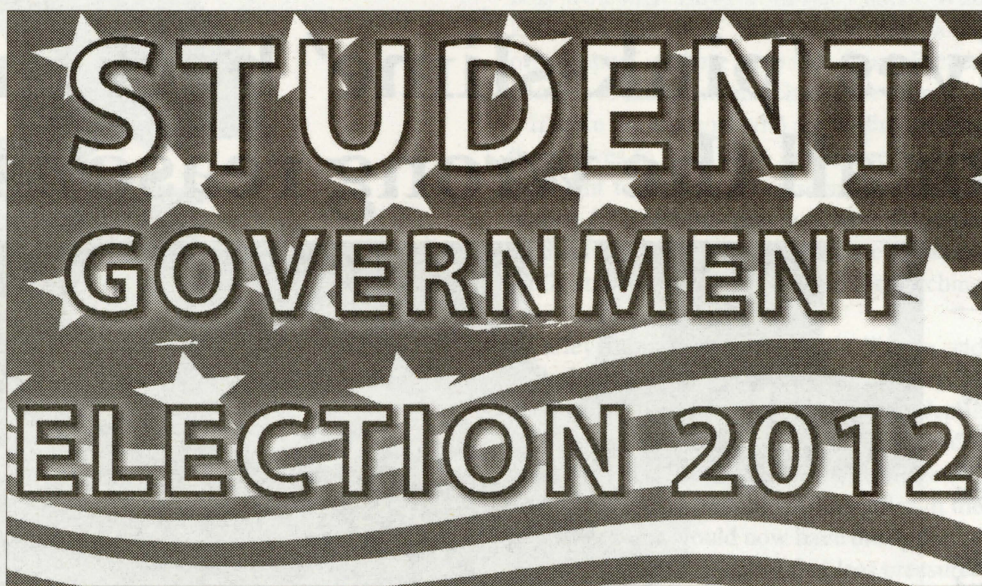
If chosen to be the next SG president, Sweeney would like to improve the connection between Student Government and the rest of the student body. He also plans to make SG representatives well known among their classmates. Sweeney believes if more students are aware of who their representatives are, they will be able to voice their opinions more easily and in turn, SG can be more effective.

Sweeney feels his previous experience running for the position will give him the upper hand in the campaign. With involvement that dates back to his freshman year, Sweeney believes he is well suited for the job mostly because he has always held leadership positions such as treasurer, and junior class president and vice president.

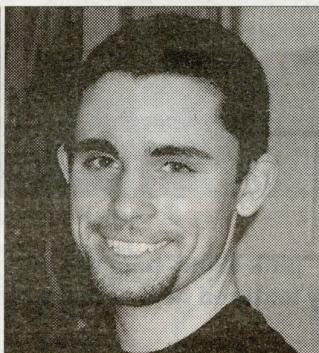
Sweeney's main objective is to make things happen that students want to see.

According to Sweeney, his previous involvement has allowed him to form a good connection with students while becoming informed on what students deem important. This background has encouraged him to run for president again.

"I am trying again because I think that I would do a good job with the position," Sweeney said. "I think my experience



John Sweeney



Kris Rivers



Sam Schuler

With a passion for the Wilkes community, each candidate aspires to become the next student body leader. All three nominees have been involved with Student Government since their freshman year as representatives of their class. Voting will take place April 18-19.

speaks for itself."

Rivers has also been involved with Student Government for the past three years. He feels that becoming president would be a great chance for him to work with the school and the different people involved with the campus.

"I really would like to lead the group; I think that it's a great honor and it's also a great experience," Rivers said. "It would be a great opportunity for me to give back to the university."

Rivers' primary aim is to improve student involvement on campus. Although he believes SG is already doing well as far as providing different activities, he feels there is always room to be better.

If chosen for the position, Rivers plans to create a wide variety of smaller events in order to increase student participation. He wants more people to attend Wilkes sporting events as well. By encouraging more students to take part, Rivers hopes that an

improvement in school spirit will result.

Reaching out to people on campus and letting them know who he is, why he is running and what he plans to do as SG president, is Rivers' campaign strategy. When asked why people should vote for him, Rivers said his personality gives him the edge that he needs.

"I think people should vote for me because of my personality and who I am," Rivers said. "I'm always trying to be there for others and I'll always try to help out others, I have a great dedication to this school, I have great school spirit, I'm proud to be a Colonel here and I feel that, that is one of the biggest requirements, to be proud of your university and proud of where you are."

After serving SG as a class representative since her freshman year and working on the executive board for the past two years, Schuler is now aspiring to become the next president.

During the campaigning period, Schuler plans to promote herself by reaching all

types of students that make up the Wilkes population. Schuler will bridge across major, athletic team and class, to not only endorse herself as a candidate, but to also encourage students to cast their vote. This strategy, Schuler believes, will set her apart from the other two nominees.

If chosen to be the next president, Schuler would like to spread school spirit while improving activities for students. She also hopes to inform more people of what SG actually does for the university.

"It's not just sitting in a room deciding what we are going to spend money on, it's so much more than that," she said. "After walking around and asking people to sign my (nomination) petition, I also realized most people do not know we have a student government."

Schuler would also like to improve the atmosphere of weekly meetings for both SG members and groups that are presenting. She anticipates that more students will then attend the meetings and feel comfortable offering their opinions and sharing their concerns.

Her ability to look at things differently is why Schuler believes she is best fit for the job.

"I am more open minded than most, I kind of like an idea (and say) 'hey this is something new, let's give it a try' if it works it works, if it doesn't, at least we tried," she said.

SG would like to remind their fellow students that voting will take place April 18-19; they encourage everyone to vote for the candidate they believe is best fit for the presidential position. Since SG's purpose is to interpret the voice of the student body, the power of change lies within each individual student.

"Student government is one of the organizations that definitely has the power to bring change on campus," Sweeney said.

**Student Government
Election
April 18-19**

Candidates

- Kris Rivers, pharmacy
- Samantha Schuler, nursing
- John Sweeney, accounting/business administration

@DevoniNovak
devoni.novak@wilkes.edu



America gives 'pink-slime' beef the pink slip for all the wrong reasons

BY LYNDIE YAMRUS
Assistant Opinion Editor

When I think of a hamburger, I think of a patty made of ground beef, not pink slime. Pink slime, otherwise known as "Lean, Finely Textured Beef," has been making headlines for a few months now, and meat eaters are not happy.

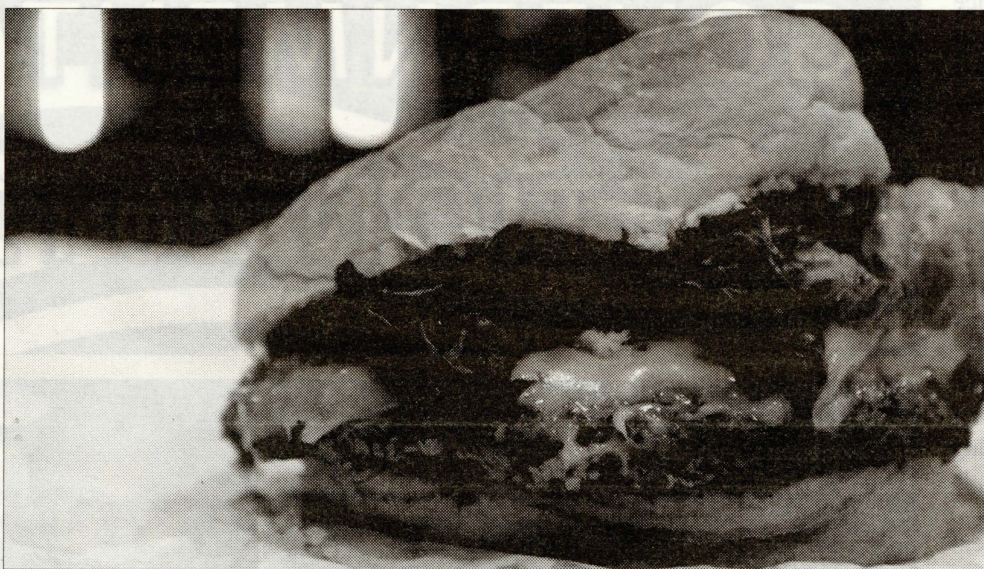
The United States Department of Agriculture explains that Lean, Finely Textured Beef, or LFTB, is a meat product derived from a process that separates beef trimmings and fat pieces to decrease the overall fat content of the meat. LFTB is essentially the leftover scraps that cannot sell alone. These trimmings undergo a highly technical separating process to separate the fat from the perfectly healthy beef that would otherwise go to waste if the leftovers were not centrifuged. Many ask why the products are not labeled as being LFTB. There is no need, because the meat is 100 percent beef. No specific ingredient needs to be singled out.

The trimmings contain ammonia, a compound commonly associated with cleaning products that health officials approved for food since 1974 (close to 40 years), according to the American Meat Institute. The ammonia is mixed with water to form ammonium hydroxide, which is sprayed onto the beef trimmings in order to balance acidity and reduce pathogens such as E. coli and Salmonella.

As soon as the news leaked out that "pink slime" can be found in 70 percent of the US supply of ground beef, including school, grocery store and fast food beef, a heated outrage quickly broke out, and many of the distributors listed previously have even gone as far as to rip the beef from their supplies and discontinue their use.

The U.S. population swiftly pounced on the meat industry with grossed-out cries of disapproval, questioning why chemicals are being put into their beef.

There was even more discontent when Govs. Terry Branstad of Iowa, Rick Perry of Texas and Sam Brownback of Kansas defended the slime after touring the Beef Products Inc. plant in South Dakota, who



The Beacon/Laura Preby

The controversy over "pink-slime" beef has put meat eaters in a frenzy. The ammonia put into lean, finely textured beef actually reduces pathogens and is beneficial.

have been using ammonium hydroxide to ensure safety for about 30 years. All three governors believe that the product has been criticized unfairly and incorrectly, emphasizing that the company produces quality, safe and nutritious beef.

The governors and food industry workers explained that consumers appear to have an issue with the bacteria-reducing process because of its "yuck" factor. And of course, when someone gives the beef a name like "pink slime," most individuals are not going to be very accepting.

It is natural for people to be skeptical about what goes on in the food industry. The business is highly complex and challenging, constantly seeking the most productive and reliable ways to yield enough food for the world that is both safe and able to sell at an economically fair price.

Truth is, Beef Products Inc. is not out to poison its consumers. It is attempting to offer safe, high-quality beef. Since 2001, the USDA and FDA have collectively deemed the use of ammonium hydroxide as a safe method to destroy bacteria that would otherwise make individuals sick in the event that undercooked meat was consumed, according to the American Meat Institute.

The ammonium hydroxide used to kill

bacteria is also not the same as the common household cleaner. Ammonia is found naturally in beef, humans and virtually all food, according to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture. Ammonia is important in synthesizing proteins, regulating the body's nitrogen cycle and maintaining pH levels. Ammonium hydroxide is also found in cheese and chocolate products like pudding. The amount used is very small- measured in parts per million. When compliant with USDA standards, the use of this compound is beneficial.

In reality, LFTB is not new, sneaky or health threatening. And it is certainly not slime. The public has successfully created an overly dramatic argument over something that appears outrageous and horrifying, yet is completely inaccurate and misunderstood. Pictures used to support the pink slime claims are even controversial, ranging from goo being pumped out of a machine to photos of mechanically separated chicken.

More importantly, the Texas, Kansas and Iowa beef plants have all been affected, putting hundreds of individuals out of work, all over some silly misunderstanding that would take five minutes to research and understand.



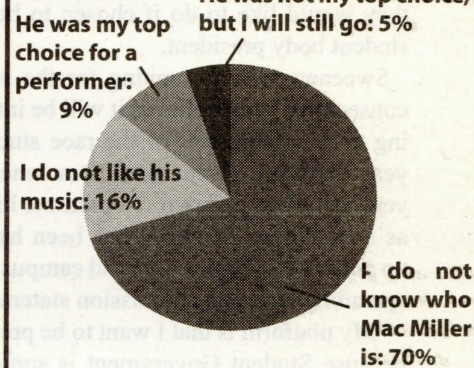
@lyndsieyamrus
lyndsie.yamrus@wilkes.edu

BEACON POLL

The Beacon poll is unscientific and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on the Wilkes campus. These poll results are based on 44 responses.

Last week's question:

How do you feel about the upcoming Mac Miller spring concert?



This week The Beacon asks:

How has the "pink-slime" controversy effected your meat eating habits?

- It has not changed my opinion on beef
- I eat beef only if it is high-grade
- I do not trust the meat industry
- I don't eat meat
- What is pink-slime?
-

Cast your vote online at:
www.thewilkesbeacon.com

SPEAK UP!

The Beacon wants to hear your voice.

Send your name, major, year and opinion to:
carlyyamrus@thewilkesbeacon.com

The Beacon reserves the right to edit submitted pieces for length and content. Anonymous letters will not be published.

TONY G'S



SPOT

24/7 library access beneficial

BY ANTHONY GORECZNY
Staff Writer

I get distracted very easily, and while there is no place more comfortable to do my homework than my own room, there are quite a lot of distractions there. Consequently, if I really wish to get any work done, I must first find a place where I will not constantly be distracted.

I happen to be a relatively social person, so any place with lots of people just won't be a suitable work environment for me. Though coffee shops are great place to get work done for many individuals, I would be perpetually preoccupied by the continuous flow of people, even if didn't speak to a single one of them.

For me pretty much the only option is isolation, as complete as I can make it. Since I am not lucky enough to own a small cabin off in the woods somewhere, I find that when I need to get a lot of work done, the next best substitute is the Eugene S. Farley Library. Specifically the back corner of the top floor, where there seems to be fewer people than the rest of the building.

Up there I find it easier to focus on work because, for the most part, the only distractions I have to contend with are the ones created by my own mind.

While these mental diversions are just as disruptive as others, the later it gets, the fewer of these I experience. I am very much a night person and usually my productivity increases as the skies grow darker.

Eventually my cerebral voyeurs subside almost entirely and I am able to be quite studious. It is around this time that the lights snap off, and then back on, informing me that the library is preparing to close.

The frustrates me thoroughly. I swear that sometimes the librarian is hiding between the bookshelves, spying covertly from the

cover provided by the rows of publications. He waits patiently until I have clearly finally focused on my work, and then gleefully pulls out a remote with a single, red button on it. After a maniacal little snicker, he presses the button, the lights go out, and all the students who were just now intently studying are now preparing to leave the library.

Thankfully, library Dean John Stachez has been working to keep the library basement open 24 hours a day. Installments such as cameras, swipe access and a new entrance are all needed to keep the space constantly open, and the job will cost around \$9,000 to complete. The plan has yet to be finalized, but I think all-day access is essential to the success of Wilkes students who study like I do, or even those who just can't make it to the library during day-light hours. Obligations including work, sports, clubs, etc. make it difficult for some to study at "normal" times.

It is important to remember that Farley Library is not a community library; it is an academic one. Studying, and the pursuit of knowledge, may take place at any time of day, whether incredibly early in the morning, or exceedingly late at night. Naturally, students should be able to access the library whenever they feel it would assist their academics.

While 24-hour operation may seem unnecessary, one must consider those students who have resigned themselves to the dreaded all-nighter. Having the resources available in the library accessible at any time could be very useful to the student who is cramming last minute for a test, or desperately in need of a final source for a paper.

There may also be someone who simply cannot sleep, or could find no other time to meet with a project partner. Admittedly, there is usually less studying going on during the weekend, but it should not be assumed that no student has work to do on a Friday or Saturday night. As boring as that may sound,

sometimes there is no other option, and the work needs to be completed regardless of what day or time it is.

Another advantage of all-day library access is the increase in work study hours. Who knows, a few more shifts might help some off-campus student upgrade from Ramen noodles to macaroni and cheese for dinner.

If there are students who are willing to drag themselves to the library in the wee hours of the night to inundate themselves with information for a test that they will have forgotten by this time next year, then there are most certainly students willing to be paid for watching over the library at those hours.

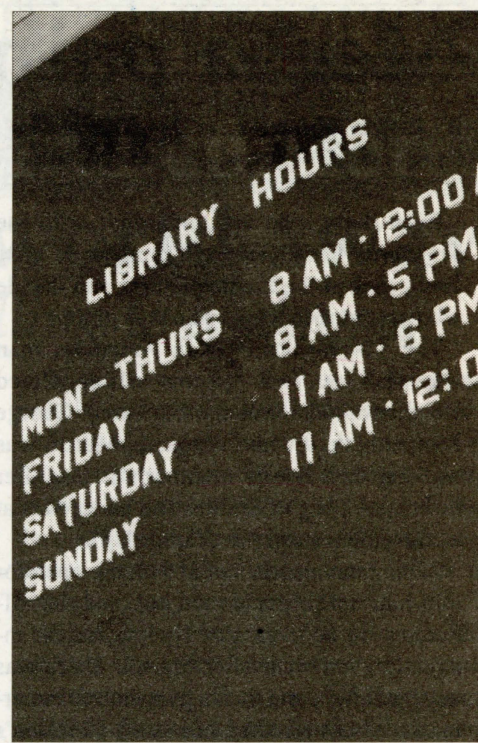
Farley Library is an academic library, and it is therefore important that the library be accessible whenever the forces of academia find themselves in need of its myriad services and functions. This would promote diligence, and perhaps even reduce traffic earlier in the day as students would now have the option of staying later, and possibly feel less pressured to finish their work before the library closes.

I hope to see this improvement initiated.



@4TonyG4

anthony.goreczny@wilkes.edu



The Beacon/Laura Preby

Students need a place where they can study 24/7 especially with final projects and exams approaching, and the library is the ideal location for this.

Grotto Pizza

the legendary taste

Go Colonels!

We Deliver to Wilkes University!

Call (570) 331-FAST (3278)

Ask about our combo specials featuring our complete line up of pizza, subs, wings, burgers & more! visit us online for a complete menu & listing of specials at

www.grottopizzapa.com

or visit our restaurant & sports bar
Grotto Pizza, Gateway Center, on Rt. 11 in
Edwardsville (just across the bridge!)



Grotto Pizza
the legendary taste

\$5 OFF Any Order of \$20 or More

For delivery or take out
Expires 12/31/11

valid only at Grotto Pizza locations in Pennsylvania

Media paints picture of innocence, exposes bias

BY CARLY YAMRUS
Opinion Editor

Even those who are unfamiliar with the Trayvon Martin/George Zimmerman case could look at the media pictures and decide who was innocent and who was guilty.

The 17-year-old African American man was shot on Feb. 28 by self-appointed Neighborhood Watch Captain, George Zimmerman, a white Hispanic. Martin was walking to a family member's house after he bought a bag of Skittles and an iced tea at a convenience store in Sanford, Fla.

After Zimmerman called 911, the operator told him not to pursue the boy and that officers were on their way. He ignored the instruction and went after Martin. There was an altercation, and then a gun shot. Zimmerman was not arrested because of Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law that allows the use of weapons for self-defense if a threat is perceived.

Although the case remains unclear, it is apparent which way the media has swayed. The pictures of Martin and Zimmerman hardly resemble what they look like today. The photo used for Martin is a picture of him as a young boy, around 13 years old with a baby face. The picture of Zimmerman portrays him as a criminal, dressed in an orange shirt. Anyone looking at this picture would assume he was already convicted.



The Beacon/Austin Loukas
Participants gather at a vigil held in Wilkes-Barre's public square to honor victim Trayvon Martin. Media coverage on the case has been biased, inaccurate and unfair.

Recent photographs of Zimmerman and Martin show them in a different light. In these pictures, Zimmerman looks like a nice guy, smiling in a suit and tie. Martin looks more like an adult, wearing a hoodie and lowering his eyes.

After comparing these pictures, it is unclear who the victim was and who the aggressor was.

Media bias in this case is apparent. It is important for media to present the facts so that

the public receives an accurate representation of the event. This is not always the case, however, since media sensationalize stories to get more readership or viewership. NBC for example, took the 911 call and edited it to make Zimmerman seem racist. NBC quoted Zimmerman saying, "This guy looks like he's up to no good. He looks black."

In reality, the dispatcher was simply asking Zimmerman what the suspect looked like, if he was white, Hispanic or black. What Zim-

merman actually said was, "This guy looks like he's up to no good. Or he's on drugs or something. It's raining and he's just walking around, looking about." This example of selective editing is highly unethical from a journalism standpoint, where one of the most basic rules is to never change the meaning of a quotation.

The facts of this case are still emerging months later, yet the media decided early on that this was an unjustified killing based on racial intolerance.

They are painting a picture of what they want you to believe. They want you to believe that a young man was innocently killed because he was black.

The media would never tell you that Martin had several large tattoos or that he sported gold teeth in recent pictures. His Twitter name had a derogatory racial slur in it, and rumors of drug dealing have surfaced.

But the mainstream media would never tell you any of these tidbits of information because they certainly do not support the baby-faced image that America has sympathized with in the past few months.

We put our trust into the hands of the media to give us fair and accurate news. Who can we trust if the media reports unfairly and inaccurately?

@carlyyamrus
carly.yamrus@thewilkesbeacon.com

Reporters
Photographers
Graphic designers
Layout artists
Advertising reps
Section editors
Assistant editors
Videographers
Online designers
... and more

We're hiring

No experience necessary.

We'll train.

The Beacon will begin accepting applications April 2 for all the positions you see listed here.

Don't leave Wilkes with just an education ... get experience. Working with *The Beacon* provides an opportunity to improve communication skills that are essential for any career field.

For more information, contact Kirstin Cook, editor-in-chief, at kirstin.cook@wilkes.edu, 570-408-5903 OR Dr. Loran Lewis, adviser, loran.lewis@wilkes.edu, 570-408-4165

The BEACON
News of Today Reported By the Journalists of Tomorrow

Education seniors student-teach a world away

Six student teachers gain global teaching experience by travelling to Malaysia

BY REBECCA BOLUS
 Assistant Life Editor

Student teachers from Wilkes, along with Associate Professor of Education Gina Morrison recently returned Malaysia from a seven week trip to teach international students.

Morrison, who started this program, is very familiar with the country of Malaysia.

"Last year I went on sabbatical and I went to the University of Technology in Malaysia," Morrison said.

While she was there, she did research on women and engineering and got to know the people on campus, who invited her back for a year.

Morrison did not have schooling for her daughter because there were no more funds being released for visiting professor's children at that time. So, she found the Sri Utama International School and enrolled her there.

"It was the least expensive international school around," Morrison said.

Because Morrison does teacher training



Courtesy of 'Wilkes in Malaysia' blog

Senior elementary education major Katie Shedden works with students in Malaysia.

here in the United States, Dato Fawlzia, the woman who runs the school in Malaysia, offered to bring over Morrison's student teach-

ers to teach her students. Dato Fawlzia paid for their airfares and accommodations, as well.

"That's how much they want American techniques in their schools," Morrison said.

Morrison got permission from the state and from the department for the student teachers to do half of their residency in Malaysia and the other half in Pennsylvania. Through a selection process six students were chosen to embark on the journey to Malaysia.

Although this trip was full of work, the students also had the opportunity to experience the country. They attended Thaipusam, a Hindu festival popular in Malaysia, and they spent a weekend on the beach at the Qimi Resort in Paulau Kapas.

Another opportunity during the trip was that Morrison, along with her six student teachers, got to partake in an international presentation in Singapore.

Overall, this trip expressed a positive learning experience

"I can't wait to go back some day. The people in Malaysia are so friendly and the students were so eager to learn and to get to

SEE MALAYSIA, PAGE 12

Senior hopes to go all-out for Relay for Life fundraising this year

BY ABBEY HALDEMAN
 Staff Writer

"Eight years ago, my family participated in an event, because almost 11 years ago my aunt passed away of melanoma and once I found out we were doing one here, I decided to join," Aaron Nikles said.

Nikles, a senior mechanical engineering major, is a prime example that even if cancer hasn't personally affected you, there is probably someone around us who has. Nikles, a senior mechanical engineering major, said the noncurable disease has affected almost everyone on his Relay for Life team.

For the past six years, Wilkes has been hosting a Relay for Life event to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The two-day event will be held on the greenway beginning at noon on April 28 and ending at 6 a.m. on April 29. As part of the event, separate teams participate in fundraising, entertainment events.

"The events range from more serious to more fun," Relay for Life organizer Bethany Sharpless said.

Nikles and his team are working together to raise money, and for the past three years they have been the relay team with the highest fundraising count. Between asking his family to donate, hosting Guitar Hero fundraisers and just doing what he can, Aaron is hoping to personally raise around \$1,000 this year.

He said these things motivate him to push forward and earn as much money as possible.

"This is my last year here, so I want to beat my past records and it would also be nice to be able to pass the torch on to someone else," Nikles said.

Current fundraisers include the sales of T-shirt sales and pins reading "cancer sucks."

"We have raised over \$200 in T-shirts and pin sales so far, and anticipate quite a few more as the event approaches-the pace is beginning to pick up," Sharpless said.

Beyond the T-shirt and pin sales, there have been restaurant socials, which have

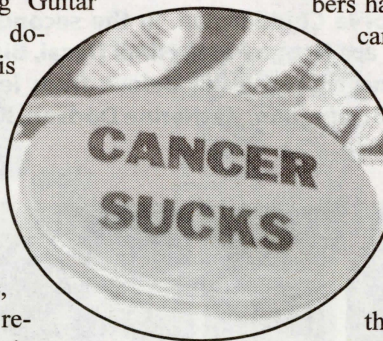
raised up to \$500 a piece, bake sales and sales of luminary bags.

Nikles and his team plan to make a tribute poster for the individuals team members have lost or know are battling cancer. Because the teams are separated and come up with a theme for themselves, Nikles and his team will be pirates once again. The first year Nikles was involved in Relay for Life his team had a pirate theme and he decided this would really help to bring them full circle for his final year.

As a team full of pirates, he said the team plans on wreaking some havoc during the event.

"Our goal is to kidnap a member from other teams and hold them for ransom, if people aren't willing to pay for them, we are going to make them walk the plank," Nikles said.

Some of the events taking place during the two-day event are ceremonies remembering those who have passed away or survived



cancer, a talent show, Mr. Wilkes cross-dressing beauty pageant and team competitions. There will also be a BBQ taking place along with the other events.

Nikles maintains the disease is near to everyone, whether it is personal or not.

"It is impossible to find someone without a connection to cancer," Nikles said.

Upcoming Relay for Life Fundraisers:

Coldstone Fundraiser

When: April 17

Bart and Urby's Fundraiser


When: April 20

Tye-Dye Social

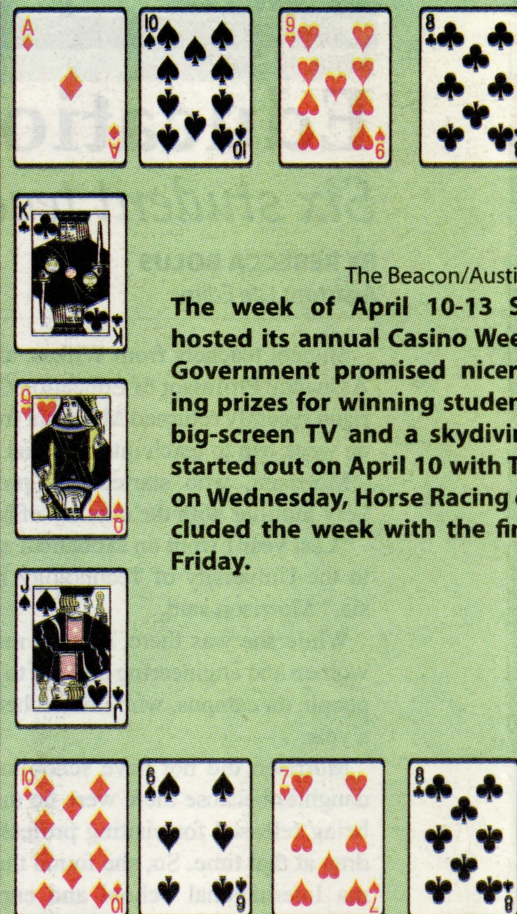
When: April 24

Relay Banner

When: April 27

 @wilkesbeaconlife
 abbey.haldeman@wilkes.edu

Students put on their best poker faces at SG Casino

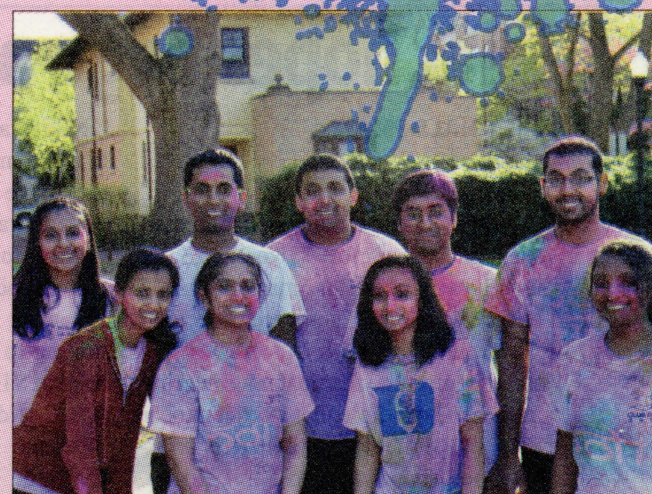


The Beacon/Austin Loukas
The week of April 10-13 SG hosted its annual Casino Week. The Government promised nicer prizes for winning students: a big-screen TV and a skydiving trip. Casino Week started out on April 10 with Texas Hold'em. On Wednesday, Horse Racing concluded the week with the final event.

Indian Cultural Society passes Holi festival with flying colors

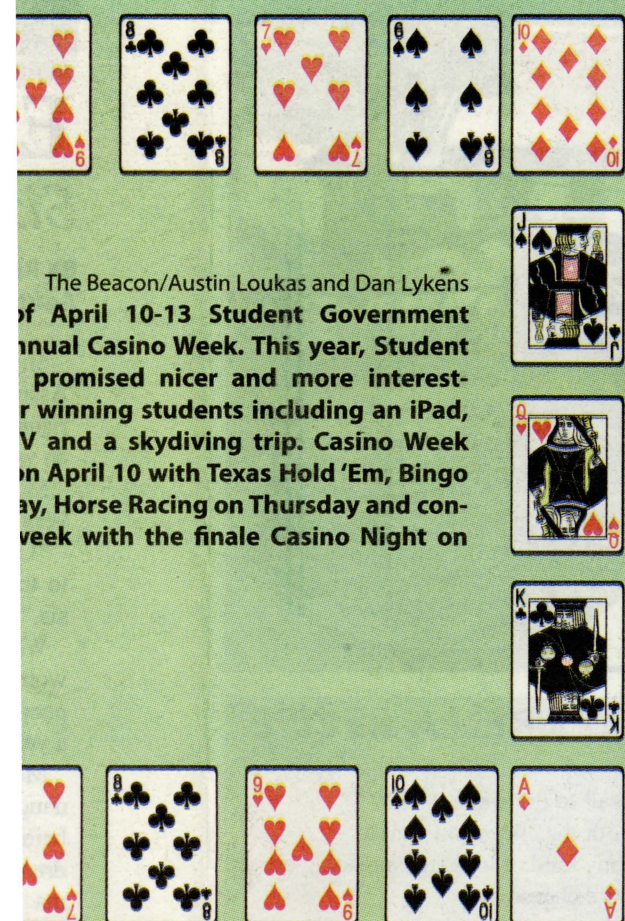


The Beacon/Laura Preby and Austin Loukas
On Friday, April 13, the Indian Cultural Society hosted its annual Color Wars on the Greenway. The event celebrated the Hindu celebration of Holi, which honors the spring harvest through participants throwing colored powders at each other. In the picture at the left: from left to right in the front row are Khushalia Parikh, Hiral Patel, Shivani Patel and Poorva Chiddarmaa. In the second row from left to right are Neepta Patel, Himil Desai, Birju Patel, Anup Patel and Nisarg Jeshi. Below: from left to right are Ashley Bringmann, Katherine Dodson, Katrian Topocer and Katie a.



Casino Week

The Beacon/Austin Loukas and Dan Lykens
of April 10-13 Student Government
Annual Casino Week. This year, Student
promised nicer and more interest-
r winning students including an iPad,
V and a skydiving trip. Casino Week
on April 10 with Texas Hold 'Em, Bingo
ay, Horse Racing on Thursday and con-
week with the finale Casino Night on



FREE
FOOD!

ATTENTION
SENIORS and P2s!

ENTER FOR

Simply come and take part in
Senior Assessment Day
May 3, 2012 • 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Testing takes place in Breiseth Hall.
Register online by Friday, April 27th.



For details and to register, visit
www.wilkes.edu/assessment



Unimportant Questions with Important People

BRIAN KADEN, NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF

BY CHRISTINE LEE
Life Editor

Brian Kaden has served as executive chef since the beginning of the semester in January, but has been with food services corporation Sodexo Inc. for five years.

What are some new things you have added to the cafeteria? We've decorated more and had more food on display. I've also been revamping the vegetarian options. And we've definitely tried to initiate more theme days for the buffet like baseball.

If you were a food, what would you be and why? Pizza cause I eat it so much. It's a favorite in my family.

What is a hidden talent of yours? I'm really good with word searches.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I like spending time with my kids, who are ages 14, 12 and 7. I also like playing sports, particularly baseball and softball.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why? Italy. I'm all Italian on my mom's side and, of course, the food.

Favorite kind of music? Rock, particularly 80s rock and groups like Three Days Grace.

If you were an animal, what would you be and why? Something really fast like a cheetah because I'm always moving around all the time.

Favorite TV show/movie? For a TV show, definitely "Seinfeld." For a movie I would have to say "Wedding Crashers."

If you were in a band, what would the name be? "Constant Motion"

@wilkesbeaconlife
christinelee@thewilkesbeacon.com



Photos: The Beacon/Dan Lykens and courtesy of Brian Kaden

Left, Executive Chef Brian Kaden has added more themes to the dining menu including foods found at a baseball park.



CHEF BRIAN'S STUFFED MOZZARELLA RECIPE

Ingredients:

-cheese curd
-water
-Kosher Salt
-any kind of topping like pepperoni, roasted vegetables or ham
-ice

Cooking Instructions:

1. Take the cheese curd and heat it at 165°

to melt

2. Add salt to the water
3. Roll out the cheese on a table
4. Add any kind of topping, spreading evenly over entire cheese
5. Roll the cheese into log form
6. Put the mozzarella into ice water to cool
7. Cut it into pieces

MALAYSIA

Continued from Page 9

know us," said senior elementary education major Katie Shedden, one of the six student teachers who went on the trip.

Morrison, who teaches diversity in her education courses, got to see first hand her students embrace the diversity in Malaysia.

Students at this school were from all over the world, so diversity is an everyday aspect of their society.

"It was nice to watch my students take their skills, transplant them there, and see the wonderful reaction that they got," Morrison said.

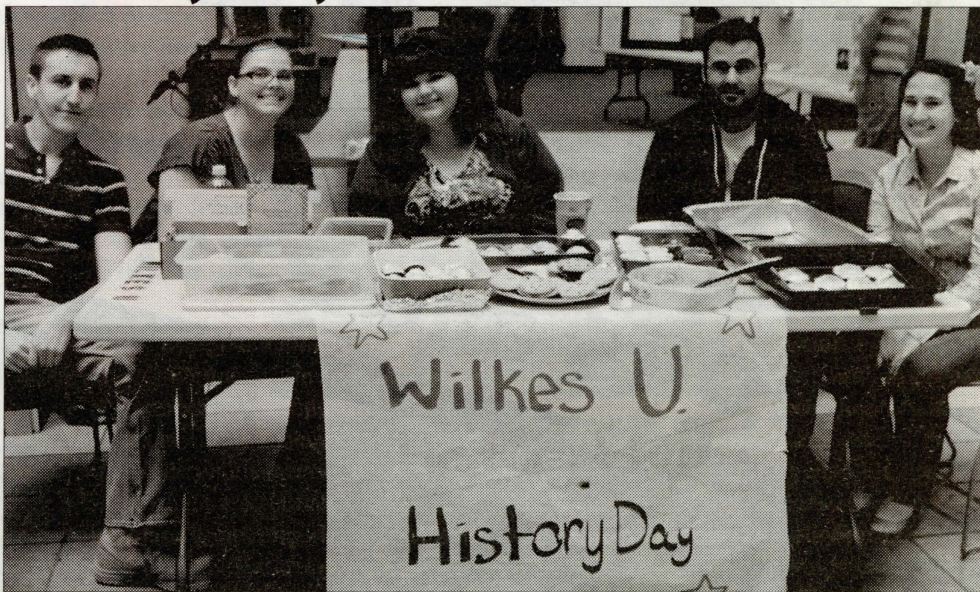
"What they learned is that kids are kids and people are people. It doesn't matter where you come from, what your first language is, or what your religion is, we're going to react in a positive way and we're going to make learning fun."

@REBbolus
rebecca.bolus@thewilkesbeacon.com



Courtesy of 'Wilkes in Malaysia' blog
Senior history major Felicia LeClair, who is minoring in secondary education presents host Dato Fawziah with a gift of items from the United States while waiting for food at a restaurant upon the group's arrival. See more photos and information the Malaysia group on www.thewilkesbeacon.com

History Day fundraises, educates



The Beacon/Laura Preby

The History Club celebrated its annual History Day event in the Student Union Building Ballroom on April 12. The day included posters of any kind of historical item or person including military figures, the 'RMS Titanic' and the Kennedy family curse. The event was also an information session about the History Club and a fundraiser for the group's trip to Boston this spring. Pictured above from left to right are Dustin Hough, Jenifer Earley, Samantha Hunter, Max Morales and History Club President Rachel Gill.

Paint the town red: Artist makes city his canvas

BY CHRISTINE LEE
Life Editor

When Katy Betnar first took her son, Brandon, to swim lessons at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, he was intimidated by the swimming pool environment. But upon noticing the mural of whales, dolphins and other marine animals, the 2-year-old's fears were eased.

"It really helps make kids more comfortable with the pool environment," Betnar, the Wilkes University college-learning specialist, said. "It plays into the Y's swim program and helps to connect the program to people."

The mural in the Wilkes-Barre YMCA is one of several by local artist John Pacovsky, of Plymouth, commissioned by Arts YOUNiverse and funded through the Mural Fund at the Luzerne Foundation.

"I think introducing the arts in any way, shape or form starts a conversation," Pacovsky said.

Though he was originally commissioned to paint just a simple logo, Pacovsky said the design quickly turned into a more elaborate project.

"It started as two dolphins looking at each other, because that's the YMCA's (swim team) logo," Pacovsky said. "Then someone said 'What would you do to the wall?' and I said 'Well, let's do it as an aquarium,' and it turned out to be something that started small and just got bigger and bigger."

Although the aquarium mural inside the YMCA pool area is attractive, it is upon exit-

ing the YMCA and walking through the adjacent parking lot that one immediately comes upon another of Pacovsky's murals, and one of his most popular: A large still-life painting of fruit on the side of Thai Thai.

This mural, the first of those Arts YOUNiverse commissioned from Pacovsky, is entitled "Life is Just a 32-Foot-High Bowl of Cherries." Arts YOUNiverse founder Kathleen Godwin described it as "striking."

"When people pass by, instead of a plain brick wall, they are instead greeted with an exquisite work that proves high culture can be pragmatic," Godwin said.

Pacovsky said he was working on still-life paintings when he was contacted by Arts YOUNiverse to do the mural for the downtown area. At the time, however, he thought the city wouldn't accept it.

"I thought I probably would have come up with something a little more clever," Pacovsky said, laughing.

What makes the still-life so popular, though, Pacovsky said, is the simplicity. He said he hears comments on the mural at least every other month.

Godwin said the fruits depicted in the mural remind passersby of the annual Farmer's Market held in the nearby Public Square during the summer and fall seasons.

"When people look at a close up of the cherries, one can only hope that the Farmer's Market that takes place on Thursdays in the (Wilkes-Barre Public Square) is open," she said.

Another popular mural Pacovsky has worked

on, along with artists Amber Summers and Katie Martin, is on the site of the former Blum Bros. building on South Main Street next to Boscov's. When the building was demolished, Arts YOUNiverse saw the blank wall as an opportunity to put the artists' skills to work.

"They are planning on making another Innovation Center but it's not supposed to be built for a year or two, so (the city) is faced with the option of having this big hole where everybody could walk by and look. So they decided to put up a wall and then paint something on it," Pacovsky said.

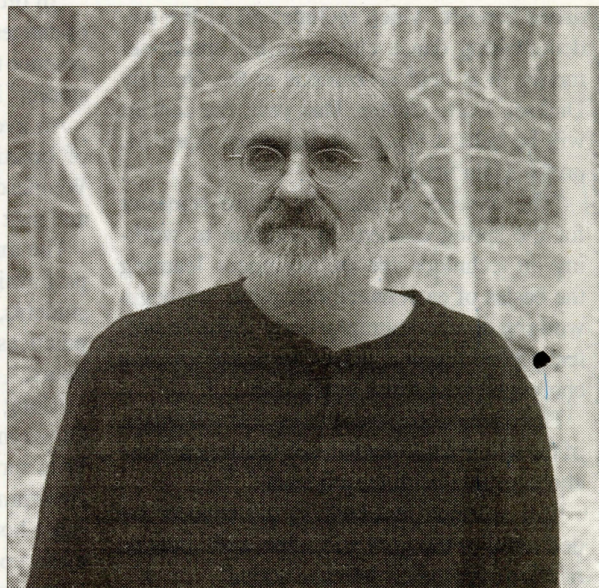
Pacovsky said Arts YOUNiverse was open to suggestions but didn't know what to put there. He said the idea of painting an art gallery would be amusing.

"It would be interesting to look at something on the wall as opposed to a hole in the ground or even just a blank wall," Pacovsky said.

Pacovsky said the mural is so convincing that, once, while he was painting the "gallery," he was approached by a woman who asked him what time the "gallery" opened.

"I'm usually not at a loss for words but frankly that threw me off," Pacovsky said.

Godwin said the painted people depicted gazing at the works of art in the mural are based on local residents that modeled for the "Innovation Gallery." She said once the cen-



John Pacovsky

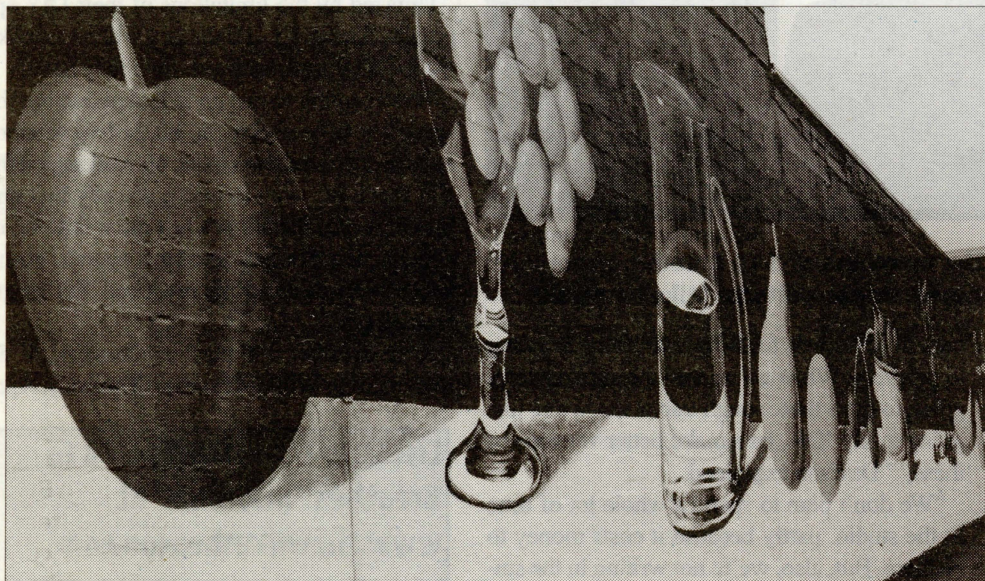
ter is completed, each of the replication pieces will be installed inside.

Sophomore chemistry major Rachel Gill is one of those who finds Pacovsky's mural work inspiring.

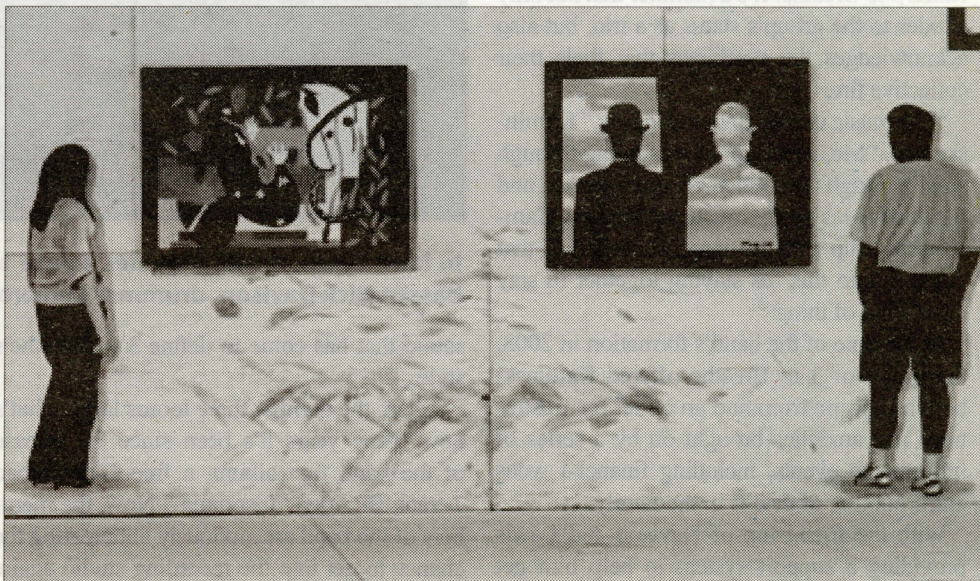
"They brighten up the area instead of there just being blank brick walls or a blank plywood board," Gill said. "It brings a different layer to the city that wasn't there if they were just plain walls."



@WU_BeaconAE
 christinelee@thewilkesbeacon.com



John Pacovsky's "Life is Just a 32 Foot-High Bowl of Cherries," which adorns the side of Thai Thai on Main St. in Wilkes-Barre, has quickly become a local landmark.



The Beacon/Laura Preby Modeled after real citizens seen around Wilkes-Barre, "Innovation Gallery," a mural Pacovsky painted on the site of the former Blum Bros. breaks the fourth wall.

'Dance or die': Students prep for spring concert

BY ELIZABETH FARRINGTON
Correspondent

Every spring, Wilkes University holds a dance concert, which includes all of the students taking dance classes in the spring semester. It is held on-campus at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. This year, the concert will be held at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, on the Main Stage.

"The dancers prepare the entire semester for the spring concert. In addition to working on technique for the beginners, learning the basics of each dance discipline, we begin working on choreography early in the semester," Lynne Mariani, one of the dance teachers choreographing the concert, said.

The dance department takes full advantage of the whole semester to teach and practice the choreography with the students.

"All students involved in the concert are dedicated to the goal and often work outside of class to prepare," Mariani added.

Senior history major Jared Brownmiller will be performing in five pieces for the concert, consisting of eight dances total. Brownmiller is not the only one who will be in more than one performance, though.

For many, having to make it to practices while staying on top of one's other classes can be a lot to handle.

"In order to prepare myself for this amount of dances (I have to do), there has to be a lot of practice time and hard work put in at the dance studio," Brownmiller said.

An average week for Brownmiller consists of practicing for two hours every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for his modern dance and jazz dance pieces.

The three other dances Brownmiller will be performing in are choreographed by fellow students, who he meets with once a week for practices that run anywhere from two to three hours.

Along with the rest of the dance department, Brownmiller has been practicing for months. With spring and Easter break now behind him, Brownmiller said it is now "time to put in more hours so we can perfect our dances and clean up all the details, (and) so we are ready to put on a great show for the spring recital."

"Dance," he said jokingly, "or die."



@WU_BeaconAE
WU_BeaconAE@yahoo.com



The Beacon/Austin Loukas

The students in Lynne Mariani's noon Friday dance class practice their balance in anticipation of the upcoming spring dance recital. In addition to their own bodies, the students also have to learn to balance social lives and class schedules with the demands of the dance concert rehearsal schedule.

Breathing new life: Alt-rockers make plans for full-length CD

BY BILL THOMAS
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Three, it seems, is the magic number for singer-guitarist Mike Kaminski, bassist Nick Davison and drummer Cameron Lewis. Together, they form a Wilkes-Barre alt-rock band called 3 to Breathe. It's a moniker that not only alludes to the group's status as a trio, but also acknowledges the symbiosis that fuels their collective fire.

"Our music is what keeps us going," Kaminski said. "Me, especially. I was going through a really rough time when we got together, and the music was pretty much my therapy. Cameron came up with the name. He rolled all that together into this 'us staying together to stay alive' kind of thing."

At the time of the band's formation in 2008, the music of 3 to Breathe offered Kaminski both an escape from and an outlet for frustrations and anxieties brought on by a series of unfortunate events, including financial woes and a number of deaths in the family.

With the friendship of Davison and Lewis providing a support system to help him get through the dark days, Kaminski channeled his emotions into the confessional lyricism and heavy-yet-melodic progressive post-grunge



Courtesy of Don Simpson

In hard times, music provides solace to the members of 3 to Breathe: (from left) bassist Nick Davison, drummer Cameron Lewis, singer-guitarist Mike Kaminski.

sound that has come to define 3 to Breathe's style.

Again, the number three looms large. That's how many years it's been since the release of the band's first album, a free-to-download 7-track EP titled "Insomnia." Now, the members of the band are anxiously anticipating the chance to get into the recording studio again. In fact, they're already hard at work perfecting their new material.

"We've been doing basement-type record-

ings to get a feel for how everything is going to progress. When we go into the studio, we're going to have these rough tracks and we're just going to say 'OK, let's make better versions of these,'" Davison explained.

"We don't plan to spend a whole lot of time in the studio, partly because it costs money to be there. But, also, we're not writing in the studio. We have tons of music we're already ready to put out."

As of now, the members of 3 to Breathe are

hoping to make it into the studio before the end of the summer. To "make up for lost time," the band will try to pack as many tracks onto the album as possible. Because this is a self-financed effort, however, the musicians know that everything depends on what they can afford.

Unfazed by the limitations of their DIY approach, Kaminski said the key will be to make the most of however much time they have.

"We're going to just go in and pound out the songs we've been playing, get the best versions recorded we can, then focus on working on the CD itself. We want to really, actually mix and master it. For the EP, we just did a little bit of equalization. For how good that sounds, I can't wait to hear us do a fully produced, full-length rock album."

3 to Breathe will play at Coasters, at 85 Brown St. in Wilkes-Barre, on Thursday, April

Listen to three tracks off 3 to Breathe's "Insomnia" at www.thewilkesbeacon.com



@thatbillthomas
billthomas@thewilkesbeacon.com

Postmodern horror resides at Whedon's 'Cabin in the Woods'

BY BILL THOMAS
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Stop me if you've heard this one before: A lantern-jawed jock, a vivacious blond bimbo, a bespectacled egghead, a wise-cracking stoner and a virginal goody-two-shoes go up to an isolated cabin in the woods for a lawless weekend of drugs, sex and rock 'n' roll. Instead, they end up getting picked off one-by-one by a horde of seemingly unkillable baddies.

Think you know the story? Think again.

Subverting the clichés and conventions of the horror genre with take-no-prisoners aplomb, "The Cabin in the Woods" first blends the bare-bones story outlined above with a quirky, hilarious razor-wit. Then it introduces an unprecedented, self-aware, sci-fi conspiracy-theory concept that offers compelling explanations for damn near every overused plot device in the genre cinema playbook. A heady splash of epic, Lovecraft-inspired apocalyptic menace tops the whole thing off, for flavor.

Basically, without giving too much away, the core conceit goes like this: Imagine if almost every horror picture you ever saw took place in the same universe. "The Evil Dead." "Hellraiser." "The Strangers." "Ringu." They're real, they happened and, what's more, they're happening again and again, over and over, in a dozen different permutations, all the time.

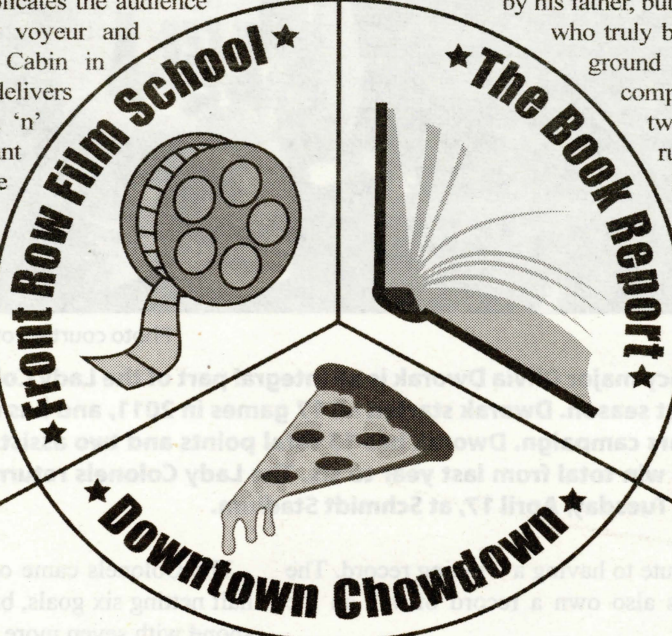
Now, imagine if there was a reason horny teenagers had to die at the hands of zombified rednecks, killer clowns and blood-thirsty mermen (yes, mermen). Imagine if there was a shadowy government organization controlling these

events. Pocket protector-sporting paper-pushers turning on fog machines, unleashing the undead and convincing otherwise level-headed guys 'n' gals to have sex at the worst possible times or split up in the face of danger.

Thankfully, the movie never gets drunk on its own cleverness. It doesn't smugly smack us over the head like the "Scream" or "Scary Movie" franchises. "The Cabin in the Woods" is more in the vein of Scott Glosserman's post-modern slasher mockumentary "Behind the Mask: The Rise of Leslie Vernon."

Though a divisive, climax derails things slightly at the very end, writer Joss Whedon once again prove his storytelling chops are just as legit as his fanboy street cred.

An existentialist, deconstructionist genre study that implicates the audience itself as both voyeur and villain, "The Cabin in the Woods" delivers all the raunch 'n' splatter we want when we're watching a horror flick, but is smart and skillful enough to make us ask ourselves why.



Pete's Place offers sanctuary for vegans

BY JANEL NARO
Assistant A&E Editor

Being vegan, it is usually difficult and frustrating to find things to eat out other than salad. I was delighted to find Pete's Place, a Middle Eastern family restaurant located on 35 E. South St. in Wilkes-Barre.

Offering a wide selection of vegan and vegetarian options along with their many carnivorous selections, Pete's Place fell nothing short of the pleasantly unique dining experience I hoped to enjoy. The waiter was friendly and enthusiastic as he explained any questions I had with items on their menu. He made me feel relaxed and at home.

The restaurant's menu includes salads,

wraps, dips, gyros, kabobs and platters, as well as American cuisine, not to mention a familiar favorite dessert, baklava. As an appetizer, I ordered baba ghanouj (roasted eggplant dip with lemon garlic tahini and olive oil) and, as my main course, a falafel wrap (fried fava bean and chick pea patties with lettuce, tomato, radish, parsley and tahini sauce wrapped in a large pita bread). For my beverage, I enjoyed a glass of cool lemonade.

The baba ghanouj had the consistency of hummus and a heavy taste of garlic and was served with fresh pita bread. I loved it. Then again, I'm a huge fan of garlic. The falafel wrap was absolutely delicious. The warm falafel had the crumbly-like

Evil twins, serial killers, drug deals convolute detective tale

BY ANNIE YOSKOSKI
Staff Writer

Lately, I have been on a mystery kick, so James Patterson has been rather prominent on my bookshelf. As a famed mystery novelist who is known for collaborating – in this case, with writer Maxine Paetro – readers have many books to choose from.

The latest book I picked up was "Private: #1 Suspect." It has everything a reader expects from Patterson at this point: action-packed and suspense-filled. The only problem is it's a bit too far-fetched.

The novel follows Jack, a former Marine who owns the top private detective company in the world, which is simply called Private.

The company was handed down to him by his father, but Jack is the one

who truly built it from the

ground up. His only

competition is his

twin brother, who

runs the similar-

ly named Private

Security. Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

Jack is

obscenely wealthy,

well-connected and

extremely intelligent.

When he comes home from a trip to find his former lover and secretary dead in his bedroom, he becomes the prime suspect for her murder.

At this point in the story, things start to develop into over-dramatization. DNA evidence could implicate him or his evil twin brother. Witnesses say they saw Jack, but that also could have been his brother Tommy.

As if the twin aspect wasn't enough to confuse anyone, Jack has various employees and assistants who all help in one way or another, jamming their own subplots into the already convoluted main one.

While Jack is out on \$20 million bail, the reader follows not only his story, but also two different accounts of murder that his company is investigating. Because the chapters are short, the reader must bounce around from Jack's quest to prove his innocence to a whole new narrator – Jack's assistant Justine – who is working on another case with a young movie star and trying to clear him of murder as well.

Just as abruptly, the reader has to switch (again!) to story about a hotel-hopping serial killer. Then there's the \$30 million drug deal with the mob. Readers are pulled back and forth from case to case.


While the book is enjoyable, it's not exactly light reading. This hard-boiled detective novel has far too much going on, and too many plots that do not connect with one another. The book is well-written, but jumpy, and readers should prepare to forget who certain characters even are.

At least, I can say it can't be classified as a cookie-cutter.

still have plenty of leftovers to take home with you.

One of the best aspects of restaurant, though, is its at-home, chill atmosphere. A scenic painted mural covered one wall while the other was adorned with photos from Middle Eastern countries. Wicker chairs were placed at the tables and what appeared to be a natural wood, brown picket fence was hung sideways on the ceiling, draped with small wicker baskets.

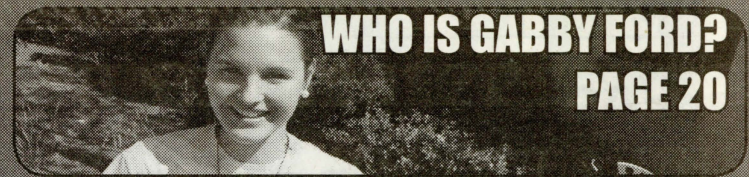
The location is perfect for Wilkes' students, as it is just across the street from University Towers. It is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

 @WU_BeaconAE
WU_BeaconAE@yahoo.com

★★★★★ 4/5

APRIL 17, 2012

CONTACT EDITOR: justinfraniak@thewilkesbeacon.com



Lady Colonels continue to impress

Wilkes brings new life to lacrosse program; racks up wins

BY ALYSSA STENCAVAGE
Staff Writer

BY JUSTIN FRANIAK
Sports Editor

The women's lacrosse team has made quite a comeback this year from previous years.

The change came mostly with the dynamic of the team.

There were always low numbers before mixed with a lot of negativity, which turned around with the new members who were recruited by the coaches.

"This year has been a great improvement over last year," says freshman Sarah Brozena.

Another aspect that could account for the change of pace with the team is the fact that they worked out during the winter and developed better team bonding. There was always 110 percent effort from everyone.

"I think we work really well. We may not be the best and amazing, but we get things done when we have to," says freshman Carley Smith.

Senior players include Captain Caitlin Jordon, Cassie Cronin, Lindsey Davenport and Kate McGurk. Juniors are Jackie Harrison and Brittney Costigan. Sophomores are Gabby Ford, Keri Meerholz, Samantha Pavalko and Olivia Dworak and freshman players are Brozena, Smith and Elizabeth Bracco.

The coaching staff includes head coach Kammie Towey and assistant coach Danielle Hawkins.

The team seems to be one big family with inside jokes and a great coaching staff who cares about their academics and tries to make them the best that they can be both on and off the field.

"We have a good bunch of girls that play with their heart," Jordan says. "Heart is the key to our success."

The Lady Colonels currently sit at 6-2, with a record of 0-2 in conference play.

Ford leads the team with 32 goals on the season, while Smith has netted 29 goals.

The Colonels have four players who have scored double-digit goals.

Wilkes has outscored its opponent 124-

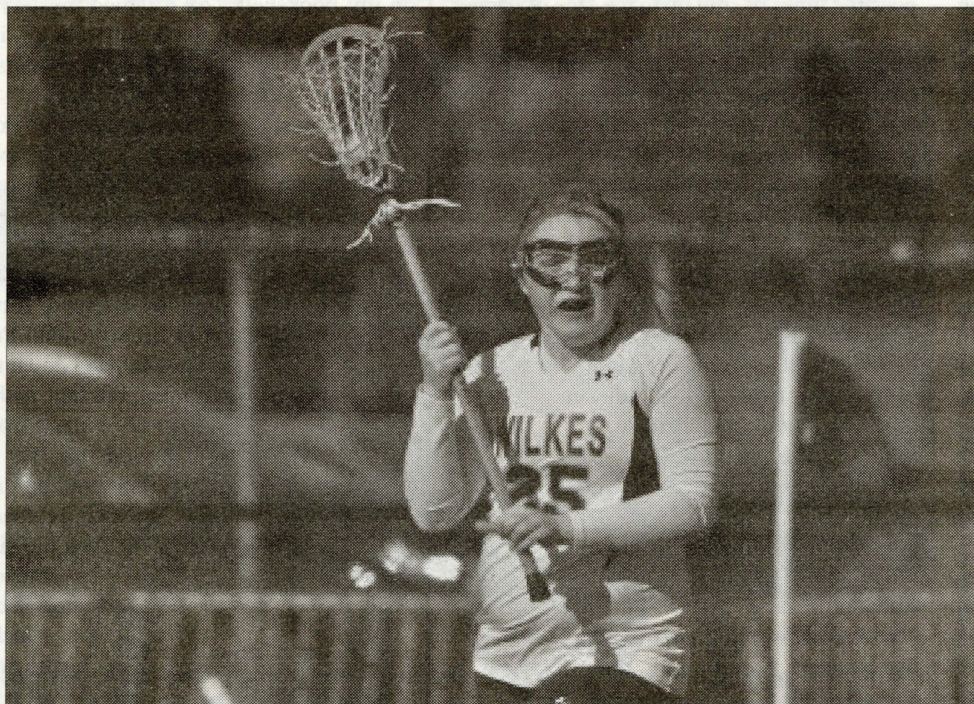


Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Pharmacy major Olivia Dworak is an integral part of the Lady Colonels turnaround from last season. Dworak started all 17 games in 2011, and has netted 13 goals in this year's campaign. Dworak has 15 total points and two assists. Wilkes has doubled its win total from last year to six. The Lady Colonels return to action at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, at Schmidt Stadium.

81 en route to having a winning record. The Colonels also own a record of 4-1 on the road.

The goalkeeper is the last line of defense for a lacrosse team, and Wilkes has two very capable goalies.

Cronin owns a 9.34 goals against average, while sophomore Justine Thimmel has a .410 save percentage.

Teamwork runs rampant through the Colonels squad as Keri Meerholz leads the team with 15 assists.

Wilkes has forced 74 caused turnovers with Smith leading the way.

Wilkes suffered its second loss on the season, as the Colonels lost to Arcadia this past Saturday.

Arcadia scored 15 goals in the first half, jumping out to a huge lead.

Ford took 10 shots and scored on five, but her charge was not enough as Arcadia scored the game's first three goals.

Wilkes would go into the halftime break down 15-6.

The Colonels came out hot in the second half netting six goals, but Arcadia would respond with seven more scores.

Wilkes fell to Arcadia 22-12, with Thimmel and Cronin splitting time in goal.

The Lady Colonels return to action at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, at Schmidt Stadium.

The Colonels will take on crosstown rival Misericordia University.

The Cougars are 4-9 on the season.

The Cougars are coming off a loss to conference opponent Manhattanville. Misericordia surrendered 23 goals in the loss.

The Colonels will look to improve their 3-14 record from 2011 as the Cougars travel to Wilkes.

@WU_BeaconSports
justinfraniak@thewilkesbeacon.com

The Broad Street Breakdown: NHL Playoffs

BY BRYAN WISLOSKY
Columnist

Well, my favorite time of year got under way in the past week, the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

This year, the 16 teams vying for, in my opinion, the greatest trophy in all of sports are: Eastern Conference: (1) New York Rangers, (2) Boston Bruins, (3) Florida Panthers, (4) Pittsburgh Penguins, (5) Philadelphia Flyers, (6) New Jersey Devils, (7) Washington Capitals, (8) Ottawa Senators; Western Conference: (1) Vancouver Canucks, (2) St. Louis Blues, (3) Phoenix Coyotes, (4) Nashville Predators, (5) Detroit Red Wings, (6) Chicago Blackhawks, (7) San Jose Sharks, (8) Los Angeles Kings.

The match-ups in the east are Rangers v. Senators, Bruins v. Capitals, Panthers v. Devils, and Penguins v. Flyers.

In the West we have Canucks v. Kings, Blues v. Sharks, Coyotes v. Blackhawks, and Predators v. Red Wings.

The Stanley Cup Playoffs are my favorite postseason system because the difference between a first-place team and a last-place team in the NHL is so much closer than any other professional sports league.

You almost never see a one seed lose to an eight seed in the NBA playoffs, yet upsets like that occur almost every year in the NHL playoffs.

For example, when the Flyers went to the Stanley Cup Finals in 2010, they were the seven seed in the East and actually had home ice advantage in the Eastern Conference Finals because the team they played, the Montreal Canadiens, was the eighth seed.

So the bottom two teams in the east managed to overcome higher seeds in the first two rounds of the playoffs.

The competition level in the National Hockey League is just that high.

As for who will win Lord Stanley's Cup this season, call me biased, but I really think my Philadelphia Flyers will be able to get it done.

* SEE NHL, PAGE 18

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

4/14 Kings L 25-6
Kings L 7-4

Softball

4/14 Kings L 0-11
Kings L 1-10

M-Tennis

4/14 Kings W 7-2

Lacrosse

4/14 Arcadia L 12-22

W-Tennis

4/14 Kings W 9-0

WEEK AHEAD

Baseball

4/17 PSU-Wilkes Barre

Softball

4/19 PSU-Hazleton (DH)

M-Tennis

4/19 Moravian

Lacrosse

4/17 Misericordia

W-Tennis

4/17 Muhlenburg

HOME	GUEST
PSU	PSU
QUARTER	QUARTER
BONUS	BONUS
FOULS	FOULS
SHOT CLOCK	SHOT CLOCK

Joseph Pugliese

COLUMNIST



When we talk about sports and which team is the best in a given sport in a given year, there's only one way to find out: the playoffs.

The playoffs is what every fan of every team in every sport lives for.

Each sport has a unique playoff structure and each has its strengths and weaknesses.

Unless you're a college football fan, you don't dispute the results.

So, which system is the best?

My personal belief is hockey.

Hockey clearly has the best playoffs.

Even though I think it's a little too long, it does last over a month and a half.

The results of the playoffs are clearly the greatest and leave you on the edge of your seat from the start.

First, unlike baseball and the top heavy NBA, every series goes six to seven games.

There are few occasions where a team gets swept or blown out in a seven game series.

Also, there's the fact that the league is so even throughout that an eight seed can beat a one seed like the Kings are doing to the Canucks so far.

Hockey top to bottom is the most evenly competitive sport and in the last 20 years, hockey has had 12 different teams win the Stanley cup; the NBA had seven.

The NHL also has the most energy and passion during the playoffs.

The hits are harder, the goals more impressive, the fights are more brutal; this is what the players live for.

If you're not convinced hockey is the best I have saved the best for last: playoff beards.

Yes, it is the one league where every player on every team, and even every member of the organization, will not shave until the playoffs are over.

Trust me, I love baseball and I think the structure of 5-7-7 should be in all leagues, it's short, sweet and to the point, but baseball at times can get one-sided.

What fun is the world series if a team wins in four games?

The NBA, I believe, is the worst.

I find it boring, and chances are if you have half a brain, you can guess the finals before the playoffs start.

It's too top-heavy and there are rarely surprises.

With the tournament, NCAA basketball might be the only close one, but to be honest there are so many games it can be overwhelming at times.

Yes it is exciting, and we always have Cinderellas, but if you're a casual college fan like I am, it might just not do it for you.

Face Off

Playoffs?!

Don't talk
about playoffs!

Playoffs?!

Justin Franiak

SPORTS EDITOR



The playoffs for any sport are like Christmas for me. It's a new season and a new day. New life is given to a team.

Being a hot team is always key in any sport, this was made apparent when the Rockies went to the World Series a few years back.

The NFL playoffs allow for a hot team to take a wild ride.

If you're hot in the NFL, a Super Bowl run is a very easy task. The Pittsburgh Steelers proved that when they won after being seeded sixth.

The NFL is also "do or die." One loss ends your season and dreams of a ring. There are no excuses at the end of the day, you either win or lose.

This is why the NFL is unique. All other major sports involve series, while football is one game.

So much preparation and concentration are involved in one game. Coaches and players prepare for a whole week before they face an opponent.

When game day comes, everything is put on the line.

I love the hockey playoffs. I even had a hard time picking the NFL over them, but there is something special about football playoffs.

Whether it be the video packages, pre-game parties, postgame festivities, the NFL playoffs is intense yet comforting.

I believe the NBA playoffs are the worst. There is too much time in between games. Sometimes teams wait two days between contests.

The NHL waits one day between competitions, and these guys beat each other up really bad.

The NBA should be shortened.

I love baseball, and nothing should be changed. Alternate playoff uniforms would add a little flair though.

I am also an advocate for a NCAA football playoff.

It would add more excitement and drama, the good kind, to an already riveting sport.

The BCS ranking system can stay, but a bracket must be created.

I would love to see an undefeated team get knocked off by a Cinderella team.

The playoffs are an all-around great event, no matter what sport.

My choice for the best system is the NFL. Nothing compares to huge hits and the passion exuded by players in the weeks after a hard fought season.

We are currently, however, amidst the NHL playoffs so I must say: GO FLYERS!

The Debate:
What major sport has the best playoff system?

The Buzz:
The NHL playoffs have just begun, and NBA is around the corner. Are their formats the best?

The Options:
NHL, NBA, MLB, NFL, College sports. Bracket busters or Cinderellas?

The Results:
Joe says the NHL playoffs are the most exciting because of hits and sweet beards. Justin says the NFL takes the cake because of its "do or die" format.

To read and join the full debate visit:

[@WU_BeaconSports](http://www.thewilkesbeacon.com)

Tweet us.

Send messages and pictures to

@WU_BeaconSports

FORD

Continued from Page 20

opportunities as a lacrosse player.

Who is your celebrity crush? I have a bunch of crushes but Channing Tatum takes the number No. 1 spot haha

Who is your favorite athlete? Tim Tebow for sure! He's one-of-a-kind and just an overall good person. He played a game with a broken leg! If that's not heart, I don't know what is.

Who is your favorite team? The New York Jets! Gang Green all the way!

What is your favorite saying? Hakuna Matata!

Favorite food? I don't discriminate. I love all foods (laughs).

Favorite movie? Any of the old Disney princess movies. They're classics!

If you could have one superpower,

what would it be and why? Invisibility. I would pull so many pranks on my siblings and friends, it'd be great!

What did you want to grow up and be when you were little? Honestly, I thought the ice cream man had the greatest job in the world.

If you had to pick a place to live for the rest of your life, where would it be? Why? When I get older and am done with everything I've wanted to do in my life, I want to live on a beach and I don't care where (laughs). As long as it's warm and the water is beautiful, I will be more than happy.

Check out more pictures of Gabby online at www.thewilkesbeacon.com



@WU_BeaconSports
justin.franiak@wilkes.edu



The Beacon/Laura Preby

Sophomore Gabby Ford is leading the Lady Colonels in goals this season with 32. The lacrosse squad is currently 6-2 on the season and will return to action at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday April 17 at Schmidt Field.

Colonels drop two to rivals

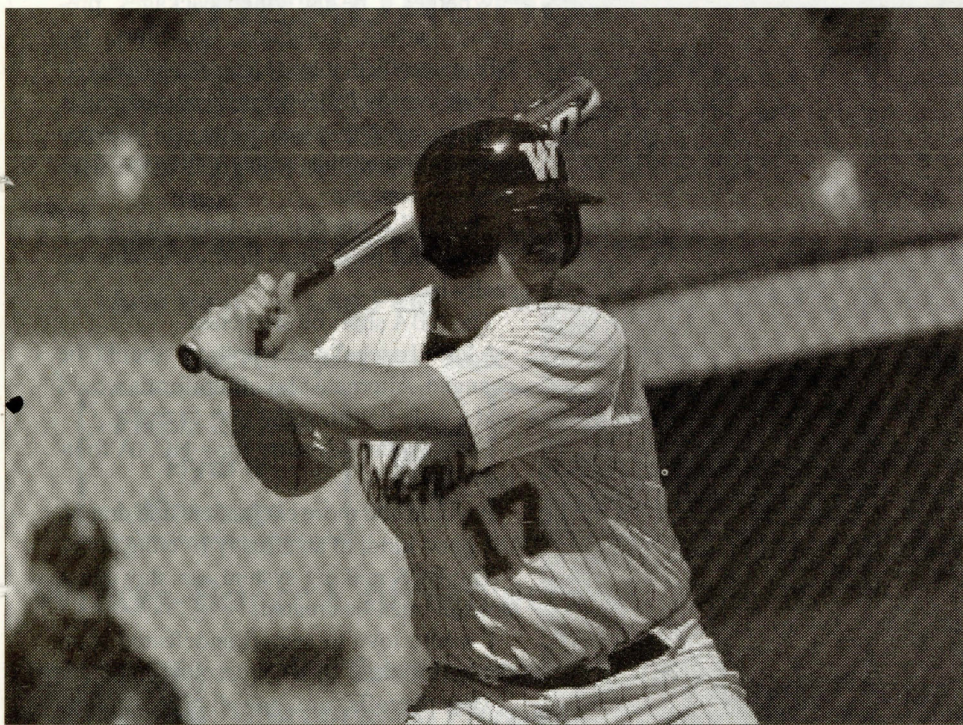


Photo courtesy of Sports Information

The King's College baseball team completed a sweep of the Colonels this past Saturday. King's beat Wilkes 25-6 in the first of two games. The Colonels kept it close in their second meeting, but the Monarchs prevailed 7-4. Joel Watson, above, hit a solo home run in the second game, but his longball was not enough. The Colonels will return to action Tuesday, April 17, at Penn State-Wilkes Barre.

NHL

Continued from Page 16

However, I could just as easily see them getting bounced in the first round by our cross state rivals, the Pittsburgh Penguins.

I firmly believe that whoever wins that first round series between the four and five seeds in the east will move onto the finals.

Down the stretch of the regular season, they really were the two most consistent teams, especially since Ilya Bryzgalov found his game in early March.

Also, the Flyers have owned the Penguins this season, so even though everyone else considers the Penguins the best team in the NHL, the Broad Street Bullies will find a way to prevail.

As for the Western Conference, I'm going with the eight seed.

Yes, I think the Los Angeles Kings will be able to upset the President's Trophy winner Vancouver Canucks and ride that momentum all the way to the finals.

The only reason the Kings are the lowest seed in the conference is because of their dismal start to the season.

They have been probably the hottest team in the West over the last few weeks, and getting hot at the right time is all it takes.

So my prediction for the Stanley Cup Fi-



nals is the Philadelphia Flyers over the Los Angeles Kings in six games.

Do you have NHL
Playoff predictions?
Tweet us at @WU_
BeaconSports.



@WU_BeaconSports
justin.franiak@wilkes.edu



+today
congestion didn't
force me to
clear my schedule.

WE TREAT INJURIES AND
ILLNESSES FOR ALL AGES.

- + JUST WALK IN.
- + ALWAYS A PHYSICIAN ON SITE.
- + MOST INSURANCE ACCEPTED
BUT NOT REQUIRED.
- + X-RAYS, LABS, EKGs,
IVs, MINOR SURGERY.

Beth woke up with a headache, congestion and a long to-do list. Luckily, she also had a MedExpress nearby. With no appointments necessary, short wait times, and a doctor always on site, Beth got the compassionate care she needed. And then got right back to her busy day.

Open Every Day | 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE
276 West Side Mall
Wyoming Avenue, Near Price Chopper
570-283-0791

WILKES-BARRE
677 Kidder Street
Next to Ollie's Bargain Outlet
570-825-2046

 facebook.com/medexpress

MedExpress
URGENT CARE *Great Care. Fast.*

medexpress.com

Check us out at: thebeacon.com

Getting to know...

Gabby Ford

Sophomore, Lacrosse

BY JUSTIN FRANIAK
Sports Editor

Meet Gabby Ford, a sophomore accounting major from New York. Ford is a force to be reckoned with on the turf, leading the Lady Colonels to a 6-2 record. The N.Y. Jet fan has a crush on Channing Tatum, and once wanted to be an ice cream seller. Ford talked about her most embarrassing moment, to her proudest.

Year: Sophomore
Major: Accounting
Hometown: Elmont, N.Y.

When did you know lacrosse was your sport? I would say when I was in 10th grade. That was around the same time I got a new high school coach who basically helped me fall in love with the sport. She saw that I had potential and basically took me under her wing.

Was it always a dream to play lacrosse in college? Yea kind of. I played basketball in high school too so the fact that I'm even playing a sport in college is a blessing itself.

Why did you pick Wilkes over other schools to play lacrosse? I got a vibe that all the other schools I got recruited by just ate, slept and breathed lacrosse all year long. Although I absolutely love lacrosse, I wasn't sure how well I would do with that type of commitment. I knew Coach Towey was really cool and understanding when it came to school.

Any superstitions before you play? (Laughs) Well it's kind of corny but I try to watch an inspirational sports movie before a game whether it's the night before or just a couple hours. A couple of my favorites are, "Coach Carter," "Love and Basketball," and

definitely "Miracle." They get me pumped and ready to play.

Favorite memory of lacrosse? Our team went to Washington, D.C. this past spring break and it was so much fun. We did so many awesome activities and it really brought the team closer. We went 2-0 that break!

What are your goals for your lacrosse career? Definitely to become Conference Champions. I would love to help my team get there.

Any Specific way you approach your game? I usually don't care who we are playing. I just go out there with a winning mentality because if I give up it can be a domino effect.

What awards or accomplishments are you proud from in high school? I received Female Athlete of the Year when I was a senior.

Any pre-match meals or drinks you like to have? Oh yes, definitely peanut butter. My team makes fun of me because they say I have a weird obsession but it's high in protein and delicious. You can't get better than that.

Any embarrassing moments while playing lacrosse? I scored on my own goalie once in high school. I got the ball and tried passing it back to my goalie and it kind of missed her stick! So embarrassing!

Did you play any other sports in high school? Did you consider them to play after high school? Yeah, I played Varsity basketball all through out high school. Even though lacrosse is becoming more popular, basketball is much more popular therefore more competitive. I knew in the end that I had more

SEE FORD, PAGE 18

Check us out at: thewilkesbeacon.com