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Jurassic Park theme contributes to lower attendance at Spring Fling

BY KIRSTIN COOK
Assistant A&E Editor

A comparatively small turnout at this year's Student Government-sponsored Spring Fling dinner dance is being attributed to a questionable theme choice, some

members of the student body say. A little more than 200 attended the Jurassic Park-themed event, which was held on Friday night at the Waterfront Complex. The theme choice and lack of interest were some of the contributing factors for such a small

event turnout, according to Trevor Kurtz, a freshman communications major. "This year's theme seems to be a little off," Kurtz said. "I don't know how many people would get behind a Jurassic Park theme."

the event theme was also questionable. "Jurassic Park was made in 1996, the 1990's? So if it was 1996 or whenever the movie came out and we had a Jurassic Park themed Spring Fling I think a lot of people would go to that, but it's been

15, 20 years, so many people just don't care," said Kurtz.

The theme was an attempt by Student Government (SG), which organizes the event, to bring a renewed interest to the dance. Kevin

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BY JACQUELINE LUKAS

News Editor

CPR CLASS – Health Services will be hosting a CPR class today, Tuesday, April 27 at noon in the Marts Center in room 214. The class is free of charge, but there is limited space. To reserve a space, call Health Services at 408-4730.

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

SOPHIA'S DRAWINGS – A WWII multimedia representation will be presented at the Wyoming Valley West Middle School on Wednesday, April 28 at 11:30 a.m. The presentation incorporates puppets, shadows and projections that show the life of Sophia, who was a 16 year-old girl in Holland when the Nazis were stationed there. This free presentation will be at Wyoming Valley West Middle School on 201 Chester Street in Kingston. The Wilkes shuttle service will drop any interested student at the Wyoming Valley West Middle School, only if boarded at the 11 a.m. run and pick-up will be around 1 p.m.

POLITICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM – The political science department received a grant to fund a program entitled "Challenges of the Twenty-first Century: Ethnicity, Equality and the end to violence around the world." The program will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 11:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

in the Miller Conference Room on the second floor of the HSC. The program features three speakers: Dr. Holly Hansen, Wilkes University; Dr. Donna Barray, The Pennsylvania State University; and Dr. Jessica Stanton, The University of Pennsylvania. All three speakers have an expertise in ethnic conflict. The speakers will be presented with questions to talk about. The program is free and the Wilkes community is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Dr. Tom Baldino at Thomas.baldino@wilkes.edu.

WILKES AMBASSADORS – Students who enjoy their experience at Wilkes are encouraged to become Wilkes University student ambassadors, which is a paid work-study job. Ambassadors give tours, host overnight events and help with open houses at Wilkes. Applications are available in Chase Hall and should be completed by May 6 and returned back to Chase Hall. For more information, contact Michele Zalno by phone at 408-4412 or email michele.zalno@wilkes.edu.

FILM DEVELOPMENT & PRODUCTION INTERNS – SenArt Films, a New York based Production Company, is accepting applications for summer interns to work out of its Wilkes University campus research facility. SenArt is in development and production on a number of Pennsylvania based projects. Applicants should have an interest in creative storytelling, journalism and film production. In addition, students should have good research skills, be able to pay attention to detail, have responsibility and discretion. Candidates studying humanities, communications, integrative media or criminal justice may be best suited. Applicants must undergo security background check. The deadline for applications is Monday, May 10th 2010. To apply, email a letter of interest along and your resume to: wilkesinterns@senartfilms.com.

VIRTUAL INTERNSHIP FAIR – The local career services will be hosting the second annual Virtual Internship Fair beginning at noon, April 23 until midnight on May 30. Interested students should visit www.NPECcareerFair.com, register as a candidate and look at the potential employers. Through this, there will also be the opportunity for virtual interviews, as well. For more information, contact Career Services by phone at 570-408-4060 or email at careers@wilkes.edu.

2010 MULTICULTURAL AWARDS – The winners of the 2010 Multicultural Cultural awards have been announced: Wilkes Diversity Change Agent Staff Award: Michael McCree, Assistant Football Coach; Wilkes Diversity Faculty Award: Dr. Gina Morrison, School of Education; Wilkes Global Scholar and Citizen Award: Alyssa Ciesla, student; Wilkes Helping Hands Student Award (2): Santino Gabos and Xiaoqiao Zhang, students; Wilkes Diversity Advocate Board Member Award: Marjorie Marquart, member Board of Trustees.

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

PENNIES FOR PEACE – The Pennies for Peace campaign concluded on April 21. It raised \$730.19, which includes a \$100 donation from the Education Club and \$100 from Circle K. Not included are the donations from the April 25 speech by Greg Mortenson. The total just in pennies and misc. change was \$530.19. The winner of

the residence hall competition to see which hall raised the most was University Towers 1 and 2, which raised \$127. First National Community Bank was the official counter for Pennies for Peace at Wilkes.

Beacon Clarification

In Issue 18, in "MSCHE Peer Evaluation: Wilkes has improved since 2000," *The Beacon* reported:

"During the exit report, held on March 31, Rubino said the projects, like the law school and SHE Building, may not be fiscally possible at this time."

On Friday, April 23, *The Beacon* received a draft of the written exit report. It reads:

"It is apparent that difficult choices may be required between renovating the SHE Building and beginning a Law School should partnerships and fundraising not be feasible for SHE."

In the same article, *The Beacon* incorrectly stated:

"Rubino also said that the SHE Building and the law school have not been prioritized or funded properly."

In the draft of the written report, Rubino states that what needs prioritizing is not the SHE Building but resource allocations for departmental enhancements:

"It [is] apparent that because of constricted budget funding, [resource allocations for departmental enhancements] requests have not been prioritized or funded for the past two budget cycles. While the lack of funding is understandable, there is an added level of frustration evident."

The Beacon regrets any confusion this may have caused.

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President Gilmour makes changes to coffee hour

Number of students in attendance still miniscule

BY CATHRYN FREAR

Assistant News Editor

President Tim Gilmour held his monthly coffee hour last Tuesday, only this time, there were some changes made to try to bring up student attendance.

The first big change was the time. In the past, the coffee hour had been held at 8 a.m. However, this coffee hour was held at three o'clock in the afternoon, a time at which more students are awake and ready to talk.

"We didn't feel that eight in the morning was a good time for many students," said Dr. Reynold Verret, Wilkes University provost. He continued, "We held it then because it fit our schedules, but students just didn't want to get up for something like this at that hour."

Another one of the changes made is that there was a topic: academic advising. Previously, coffee hours were open forums where students could just come ask questions, but they were not about any specific subject matter.

"We still encourage students to ask whatever they may have questions about," said Gilmour, "but we also want to have something for them to kind of go off of."

Gilmour said that the topic suggestion was made by members of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) during their recent visit to the

University.

"We often just sit here and wait for questions and there is just silence. So, rather than prying questions out of students, we thought maybe a topic would get more people interested and that they could maybe consider their questions ahead of time," said Gilmour.

Students were invited to come ask the staff and administration questions. However, the number of students in attendance was three, including two Beacon staff members. The majority of those in attendance were members of staff and administration, who were there to answer the questions.

"We want people to come talk to us. We really want student insight, but it's always a challenge to get people here. But we are always open to suggestions," said Verret.

Jon Kadjeski, sophomore English and secondary education major and only non-Beacon student in attendance, said that he regularly attends the coffee hours.

"I feel like a chance to talk to the administration is a good thing," said Kadjeski. "I always come because otherwise, how do students get their voices heard?"

Jack Chielli, executive assistant to the president, said that there may be some better ways that they could consider.

"Maybe we could set up an e-mail address for students to send their questions to," said Chielli. "We also could consider getting



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The President's Coffee Hour was held Tuesday, April 20 in the Henry Student Center first floor lounge. President Gilmour and his cabinet use the coffee hours to meet with students about any questions they may have. This time around, rather than being just an open forum, the coffee hour had a theme: academic advising.

something set up on the [Wilkes] website for students to go there and submit their questions."

Gilmour added that these options may be better alternatives for those who cannot attend the coffee hours.

"We encourage students to attend, but people have conflicting schedules. Plus, this probably wasn't the best time in the semester to have one of these," said Gilmour.

Gilmour said that one of the big factors that held back attendance to this coffee hour was that students' course loads pile on when the end of the semester comes along.

"Everyone's work gets to be a bit overwhelming right around now, so it's tough to get people to come out," said Gilmour.

Gilmour said that they will continue trying to have different themes for each coffee hour into next year.

"I really like this [having a theme]. I think it encourages more questions. We're definitely going to have different things going on next year," said Gilmour.

He also encourages students to feel free to speak with the administration whenever they have an issue they feel needs addressed. Students can e-mail, call, make appointments or attend coffee hours with their questions, comments and concerns.

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JURASSIC

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Hopper, a business major who serves as sophomore class secretary for SG, thought that it was an effective tactic.

"I feel like this theme this year is the best step for Spring Fling, because it's something new and it's something exciting," Hopper said.

Katie White, senior biology major and corresponding secretary on SG executive board, took the largest role in the planning and dubbed the theme a method to overcome the obstacle of disinterested students.

"You do deal with different themes, different favors, different attractions... those are the incentives that we try and use to get students to come to these events," said White. "Either way you look at it, it's still a dinner dance and students, we think, are maybe getting a little bored with it, so we're looking to switch it up a little bit."

The theme was mostly incorporated through minimal decorations. Amanda Pe-

ters, sophomore biology major, felt that the theme idea was "weird," and the prospect of inflatable dinosaurs was "creepy."

Hopper explained that the decision process of the theme was slightly different this year.

"From my understanding, this year's seniors, ever since they were freshmen they had always joked about the theme being Jurassic Park," said Hopper. "Usually when we do themes for dances, the corresponding secretary will write on our white board theme ideas and then we vote on it."

White explained that the idea had not been developed in the past because she was not sure how students would react, but she stated that she received a particularly positive response for the theme this year.

"The ultimate decision comes down to the Student Government general board and executive board, but what we do is we'll send people out and we'll say 'Okay, go and talk to three of your friends, ask them what they think.' So they bring back that input and I'll take it into consideration, but we really did get a lot of positive feedback," White said.

Kurtz felt that the decision process was a possible cause for the lower amount of attendees.

"That's a select few people making a decision that a group of people should be making," said Kurtz. "If they're trying so hard to get people to come, don't you think that should have been a public thing?"

According to Hopper, publicity was a struggle that SG tried to overcome.

While he thought the Jurassic Park theme was "awesome," Joshua Alberola, junior Integrative media student, did not receive enough notice about the dance.

"I didn't hear about it until a day before the ticket sales were over," he said.

Alberola suggested many possible ways that SG could have increased publicity, such as the chalk messages on the pathway used for Earth Day events and Wilkes radio promotion.

One concern about the event was the amount of resources that went into it. White said she was allotted \$15,000 to pay for the event, which mostly went towards the venue.

Michelle Wakeley, a biology pre-medicine sophomore, was skeptical about the amount of money spent with the result of around 200 attendees.

"I think that's a pretty small turnout considering we have over 2000 students. That's only a tenth of student population that are attending," Wakeley said.

According to White, SG has future plans to cut down the total cost of Spring Fling, such as finding a more affordable venue.

"Currently we're looking to make Spring Fling for the upcoming years more cost-effective... just because attendance has dropped over the five years, and part of that is just that students get tired of the same old thing no matter how hard you try to make things different," White said.

While the majority of students did not attend, White said the opportunity it presented had a universally positive function. "The event has the potential to benefit the entire student body if students take advantage of it," said White.

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WCLH receives grant for talk show, conference

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI

Staff Writer

The Wilkes University radio station, 90.7 WCLH, recently received a grant of \$5,000 from the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasting (PAB).

In order for the station to be eligible for this grant, Renee Loftus, radio station manager, had to put together a proposal for PAB on how WCLH could benefit from utilizing the money in a way that is geared toward the students.

Students who are interested in a radio show on WCLH could receive a \$2,000 grant for creating a weekly show.

WCLH mainly focuses on music so a talk format would add a different facet to the radio station's current setup.

The rest of the grant will go toward the radio station so that members can attend seminars and conferences, such as the College Music Journal Conference in New York City. At this conference, students have the opportunity to meet with other colleges, universities and professional radio industries around the country, and can even attend a variety of workshops about all as-

pects of radio stations.

"It all benefits the students directly, and I'm really happy about that" said Loftus.

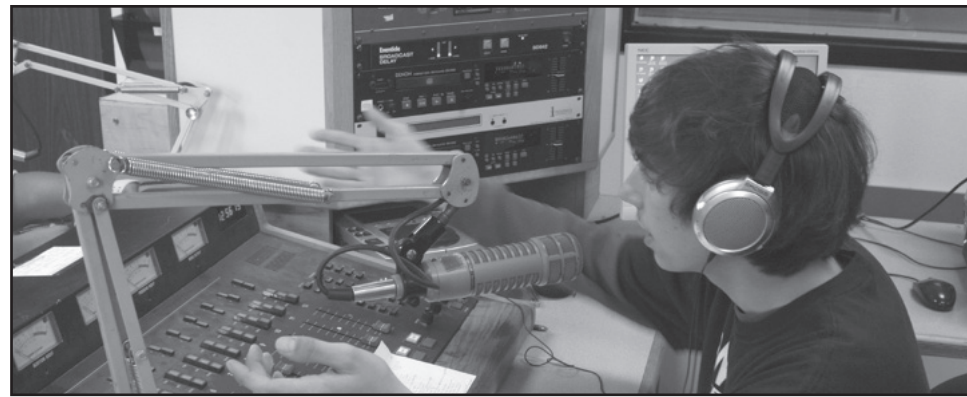
Dr. Mark Stine, communication studies department chair, said that a talk show will be a good experience as long as it stays professionally developed with a clear plan and goal. Overall, it can add to the station's programming. Students can learn how to do a high quality talk show where the subject matter can vary.

"I think that students when they realize, that when doing this, it's not easy putting a talk show together," said Stine. "There's a lot of research that goes into it, there's a lot of planning that goes into it, and a lot of time goes into it."

Stine is responsible for all communication programs' budgets, and even suggested that, "in the last two years, given the economy, budgets have been tight. The fact that Ms. Loftus was successful in bringing in this \$5,000 dollars will really benefit the students where our budget lines have been cut back."

Stine was pleased to hear about this proposal being accepted.

"The fact that this grant was approved



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DJ Minor a.k.a. Paul Moran, senior communication studies major, hosts the '570 Show' on Wednesday nights.

speaks to the dedication of both Ms. Loftus and the staff and management and students at WCLH," said Stine.

Loftus hopes that the talk show and grant brings attention to the work students do at WCLH.

Like the other communication studies programs, WCLH is student-run. The program has a large following and can be considered a commercial station, appealing to a large audience.

Loftus stated that all of the students of WCLH enjoy the station and, "they deserve

to be rewarded and recognized for the hard work that they do. We really do have a great radio station."

Anyone who is interested in this talk show will have to step forward and bring their proposal to Loftus and Stine, who would then pick a recipient for the grant money.

Both Stein and Loftus agreed that they see the grant as a way to foster an interest among students into doing future talk shows.

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More library restorations to begin this summer

BY RACHEL LEGGIERI

Staff Writer

Restorations to the Farley Library will take place over the summer. The restorations will include the first floor and will give the library an fresher look and be more accessible for students.

The renovation includes new carpets, new walls, new ceilings and new lighting. There also are plans for major renovation to the main entrance way.

Project Manager Paul Kaspriskie explained that things are still in the design phase. He said that as far as what things will look like, it's expected that the walls, ceilings and floors will resemble the new design in the basement.

"When people walk through the front doors, the setup will look very similar," said Farley library dean John Stachacz. "However, the design will be more up-to-date and modernized."

Stachacz said that the hallmark of the project is the renovation to the main entrance doorway.

One of the biggest issues at the library are

the heavy doors. The renovation includes replacing the doors with an electronic version, as well as adding a ramp for wheelchair accessibility.

"We are compliant with the disability act regulations; however, we need to update it to modern day perspectives," said Stachacz. "We want to make things more accessible for everyone. Everyone should be able to come in through those front doors."

The team is also looking into making other resources the library has to offer more handicap accessible. Kaspriskie explained that there are also plans to renovate the main desk to cater to everyone's needs.

"We want to put a lower area at the main desk where someone in a wheelchair can pull up and have the desktop available to them as well," said Kaspriskie.

Stachacz said that the plans aren't to duplicate the design of the basement. He explained that the first floor will be used for more individual work, while the basement was designed for group work.

"The plan is to make each floor a different learning niche for every student's taste," said Stachacz. "The higher you go on the

floors, the quieter things will get."

Another goal of the renovation is to do some combining and reconfiguring in order to open up more space on the floor, de-cluttering and area and making it more work-friendly.

"A lot of things are going electronically and replacing the print. We're trying to remove some stacks and weed out all those print sources that aren't necessarily needed anymore," said Stachacz.

When discussing future plans, the team wants to take things one project at a time, progressing as things come together.

"As we progress and develop, seeing what we can do with the first floor, that's when we'll begin thinking more about the second and third," said John Pesta, director of capital projects. "It is being considered, but we have to take things one step at a time."

Kaspriskie explained that whatever renovations are decided on, they will be done by the beginning of the fall semester.

"We want to make it so there are no inconveniences for the student," said Kaspriskie. "If it comes down to that time is not going to allow, we might just put off some things

to assure that it will be done by the start of classes in the fall."

"This isn't about ego; this isn't about prettying up the building so it looks nice... this is about learning. It's all about making things easier for students," said Stachacz.

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The Beacon wishes adviser Lindsey Wotanis best of luck

BY THE BEACON

Editorial Board

Lindsey Wotanis is not a typical first-year instructor. While many would take their first year of teaching to test the waters at their new university, Lindsey decided to dive in at Wilkes. She taught courses, advised *The Beacon*, organized the prestigious Tom Bigler Journalism Conference for local high school students and became a mentor to many of her students.

Now, Wilkes and *The Beacon* must say goodbye to Lindsey as she prepares to join the faculty of Marywood University in its growing journalism program.

Marywood is completely justified for snatching Lindsey up; people like her are not found everyday. *The Beacon* considers her a rare diamond in the rough. She is kind, caring and accessible; however, she knows when students are not working to their potential and never settled for work that was merely "good enough."

One of the qualities that endeared students to Lindsey is her history with Wilkes University. During her time as an undergraduate student here, Lindsey was heavily involved in student organizations, such

as *The Beacon*, Zebra Communications and Commuter Council. From the start, her students knew that not only could she relate to them, but her advice would be accurate as well as relevant.

Admittedly, Lindsey's first year was not a cakewalk. Her first year brought challenges that would make even tenured professors cower; however, Lindsey met those challenges head-on. Not only did she tackle them, she handled them with class.

Even with *The Beacon* and an in-progress dissertation, Lindsey was not hesitant to volunteer her time to help other clubs and organizations when they were in need. As an example, she has given up multiple weekends to be a judge for the speech and debate team.

Albert Einstein once said that it was the art of the teacher to "awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." Lindsey, while young, perfected this art form, and luckily her students were able to benefit from her knowledge during her short time as a Wil-



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Visiting instructor Lindsey Wotanis served as *The Beacon's* adviser for the 2009-10 school year.

kes professor and mentor. Wilkes University will be hard-pressed to find a replacement for such an amazing, dynamic teacher and adviser.

Though we know that this move is what is best for her, we can't help but be a bit selfish and want to keep her here. *The Beacon* staff wants her to know that we will very much miss her and that we wish her only the best in all of her future endeavors.

Hospital visitation rights are human rights

Obama mandates hospitals to modify visitation rights

BY THE BEACON

Editorial Board

Anyone who is admitted to a hospital for an emergency or must stay for an extended period of time deserves the right to have the person who cares for them most at their bedside.

In the past, same sex couples were not allowed visits from their partners when in the hospital. Thanks to President Barack Obama, hospitals will begin to allow visitation rights for gay and lesbian partners. All hospitals accepting Medicare and Medicaid funding, which includes most hospitals in the United States, will now allow patients to receive the support of their partners when they need it most, regardless of sexual orientation.

On April 15, President Barack Obama issued a memorandum to The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) directing HHS to create rules that would prevent hospitals receiving Medicare and Medicaid payments from denying visitation rights to partners of gay and lesbian patients. The rule will allow patients themselves to decide who can visit them. The memo also directs HHS to study the problems gays and lesbians face in obtaining healthcare.

By putting this rule into effect, President Barack Obama is making an honorable move on a pressing gay rights issue. Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights group in the United States, applauded President Barack Obama's decision. According to a blog post on HRC President Joe Solmonese said, "Discrimination touches every facet of the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-

gender people, including at times of crisis and illness, when we need our loved ones with us more than ever."

President Barack Obama's decision to change the policy on gay and lesbian visitation rights was inspired by a case in 2007 in which a lesbian woman was denied the ability to visit her partner while she lay dying in a hospital.

Lesbian couple Lisa Pond and Janice Langbehn embarked on a cruise with their three adopted children when Pond suffered an aneurysm, beginning a long series of tragic events for the Langbehn-Pond family. According to The Langbehn-Pond family's official website, Langbehn and her children were forbidden from being at Pond's side while she lay dying, being told by a social worker that they were in an anti-gay state.

In a speech given at the Hollywood Roosevelt on October 13, 2007, Langbehn said,

"It is a reality that someone can leave this earth completely alone even though their loved ones are just 20 feet away. No family should have endured what we did that night in Miami at Jackson Memorial Hospital."

Despite the great tragedy of Langbehn's experience, her story along with dozens of speeches and support from gay rights groups played a major part in ensuring visitation rights for gays and lesbians.

The ability for one to be in the company of loved ones when in a hospital is a basic human right that should never be denied for any reason. Putting this new rule into effect, President Barack Obama is taking a great step in securing not only gay and lesbian rights, but basic human rights themselves.

BEACON POLL

The Beacon poll is unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on the Wilkes campus. The poll was based on 23 responses.

Last week's question:

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

- Yes 78%
- No 22%

This week, *The Beacon* asks:

Do you agree with President Obama's plan to grant gay and lesbian partners hospital visitation rights?

- Yes
- No

Cast your vote online at:
www.wilkesbeacon.com

Wilkes University continues moving toward excellence

BY DR. JOSEPH E. GILMOUR

Wilkes University President

In last week's editorial on the future of the University, *The Beacon* Editorial Board recounted the story of Benjamin Franklin at the signing of the Constitution of the United States. They noted that, "Franklin wondered whether a carving of a half sun in Independence Hall was rising or setting during the crafting of the Constitution." They went on to ask the same question about Wilkes University and opined that for us the sun is setting.

It is interesting that they did not finish Franklin's thought on that occasion. Referring to the half sun, Franklin went on to say, "I have often looked at that picture ... without being able to tell whether it was a rising or setting sun. Now at length I have the happiness to know that it is indeed a rising, not a setting sun." And it is my firm belief that the sun is also rising for our University.

The Middle States Evaluation Team has presented us with a highly complimentary report. It notes Wilkes' considerable progress in the 10 years since our last accreditation visit, found us in compliance with every standard of excellence, and cited only one recommendation regarding the Faculty Handbook. This recommendation is in stark contrast to the 40 Wilkes received in 2000.

It also is worth noting that the Middle States Team -- whose job is to objectively evaluate our university -- noted that we are better off financially than we were 10 years ago. This is because we invested in new undergraduate programs like integrative media and graduate programs like Creative Writing and Discovery Education. These programs have added more than \$20 million to the University's overall budget. And without this significant revenue growth, we would not be the vibrant University that we are today, nor would we be able to maintain the integrity of our core academic programs as well as we have.

We also have the great promise of a new law school. We will present a final proposal to the Board for the school at its June meeting. In that report, the administration will recommend opening the school in Fall 2012. While the University has invested venture capital in the school, it will, once open, be self-sustaining and after five years produce surpluses that will support the University. But the greatest benefit of the law

school will be the boost it will provide to our prestige and the increase in the number and quality of undergraduate enrollments to the arts, humanities and social sciences, disciplines typically chosen by pre-law students.

Other new initiatives have the potential to impact the academic experience of our undergraduate students positively and enhance the quality of our science health and engineering facilities. For example, we are talking with The Commonwealth Medical College about a partnership that takes advantage of our strengths in the sciences, engineering and health professions. And as you may have read in the newspaper, I accompanied Congressman Kanjorski to Washington to visit with Vice President Biden and Secretary of Energy Chu on April 19 to discuss the funding of a research center to assist the region in addressing the opportunities and challenges associated with the Marcellus Shale formation. Although there is much to be done, we are hopeful Wilkes will play a central role in this Center and that it will greatly benefit our academic programs.

All of this said, I understand the concerns in our community about the pace of change and the shifting balance between undergraduate and graduate education that underlie *The Beacon* editorial. Indeed, over the past decade, we have made the strengthening of our traditional undergraduate programs a priority through increased faculty salaries, reduced student/faculty ratios, significant investment in undergraduate research and travel through mentoring, and improved facilities. And certainly the very modest reductions for FY11 in no way signal a retreat from this quest for quality. Indeed, there was an overall increase of six percent to the academic budget within next year's operating budget.

In closing, when you combine the great strides we have made since the last Middle States Accreditation visit and these promising developments, Wilkes is certain to emerge over the next five years as the leader in higher education in Northeast Pennsylvania. There is nothing mediocre about this goal; it is a far cry from *The Beacon* Editorial Board's pessimistic view and much more akin to Benjamin Franklin's optimism about our young nation.

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Observe and Report

Journalistic bias degrades news' value

BY MATTHEW GOGAS

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Over the course of the past few months, I have shared many of my own personal observations with all of you. Some of them I do have strong, unwavering opinions about and others were merely written to arouse conversation. This however, will be my final observation and in this final installment, I would like to discuss a serious problem with the way news is reported. I see a world being slowly persuaded by the fractured opinions of the people who are in fact supposed to present news in a fair and accurate manner. We all need to prevent journalists from slanting the news to suite an agenda.

Someone recently asked me what I am studying in college and I told her journalism. She then proceeded to ask me what type of journalist I am with the only two choices being: left (Democrat) or right (Republican). I told her neither, instead explaining that I was an objective journalist, but the question was enough to tell me that this is what people believe journalism to be.

I could have explained it to her, but why waste my breath? Most people have opinions that have been reinforced in them so much that they cannot be argued, reasoned or changed. And I don't blame this woman for making the poor assumption because it is not her fault. It is the media's fault because they are the ones that reinforce this opinion of journalism.

We are currently being ushered into an era where news could be better described as the news "according to...." With news stations like Fox News being accused of having a republican political bias and CNN being accused of being slightly liberal, there are few news outlets anymore that are not trying to push some agenda to their consumers and the programming on these stations could also be described as unprofessional.

One example of this unprofessionalism in particular is a segment by CNN's Rick Sanchez. Nearly two weeks ago, the anchor

began deliberating whether or not Iceland should be having a volcano eruption with the on-air meteorologist Chad Myers. Sanchez said, "when you think of a volcano, you think of Hawaii and long words like that. You don't think of Iceland. You think it's too cold to have a volcano there." Sanchez, also known as Mr. Wizard on CNN, is the same man who delivers a weekly segment in which he discusses the day's news stories through postings on the various social media websites, Facebook, Twitter, and Myspace. I am not trying to single Sanchez out because I feel that most journalists are guilty of this, but Sanchez is a perfect example that news broadcasters need to be neither objective nor intelligent.

The Pew Research Center conducted a 2009 survey finding that the majority of Americans feel that the news is inaccurate, putting trust in the media at an all time low. Only 29 percent of Americans say that news organizations generally get the facts straight, while 63 percent say that news stories are often inaccurate according to the survey report.

If people don't believe these new organizations are getting the facts right, it stands to reason that they will no longer get their news from these sources. With news organizations folding, where will consumers get their news?

It is the sole purpose of the news media to objectively report the news to the world. I fear that soon this concept will be a thing of the past. This may just be my opinion, but I am a journalist first and foremost. It is my duty to present the facts before anything else. If you are a journalist, you should take all of this into account and report the news as it is, not how you or your employer wants it to be seen. And if you are a news consumer, put your trust in news that you know is accurate, which you should also demand from your news outlets because if you don't, there won't be objective news anymore.

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Wilkes housing discriminates based on gender

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When I was a kid, I shared a room with all of my three brothers at one point or another. When I was about nine or ten, it stopped. Why? Because we finally had a house with enough room to separate us. But, we still lived in the same house and occasionally shared sleeping quarters for one reason or another.

However, a year or so ago when I talked to Brenda Stanley, former director of residence life, I was denied the ability to share a University Towers apartment with my younger brother, Mitch. Not because of silly sibling rivalry, but because he is a boy and I am a girl.

While I would like to say “OH MY (expletive) GOD – EW!!” and ask them why they need an anti-incest policy, there is a more pressing matter at hand. Also, shame on you, residence life.

Ladies and gentleman, this is not 1952. There is no reason a boy and a girl cannot live together. Race, color, creed, religion, sex, physical disability, mental disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, citizenship status, national or ethnic origin and any other protected status should not be considered when people choose to live together on a college campus.

Residence life doesn't want boys and girls living together in the same apartment or dorm because of romantic issues. That is what Stanley told me. To be clear, the student handbook's section entitles “Residence

Halls” says nothing about that. If they're trying to stop people from having sex on campus, that ship has sailed.

It is important to note, however, that if two homosexuals want to live together, it just kind of happens. Frankly, it would just be too much work to go around and constantly make sure that two people living together of the same gender were not romantically involved.

Sure, the occasional couple will move in together and things will go awry. Yes. However, this has already happened with campus homosexuals.

Can we all just take a step back and look at what this really is? The real issue here is that this is discrimination against straight people at the same time as gay people. As far as I can remember, this is

the only situation where this has ever actually happened simultaneously.



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Roommates Kevin Anyan (left), freshman communication studies major, and Eric Stull (right), freshman computer science major, are relaxing in their dorm room. Males are free to share a dorm room with other males and females with females, but residence life prohibits males and females from sharing a dorm room with one another.

Straight people can cohabitate whenever and practically wherever they want with whomever they want. The exception is that

on college campuses, two consenting adults cannot live together if they are of opposing genders.

Whereas gays can't get married, join the military (openly), adopt children in certain states, etc. AND they can't live with people of the opposite gender. This actually forces them to live with the gender to which they are attracted, which is exactly what residence life is trying to avoid.

Separate is not equal. Hasn't America danced that waltz before? Sure, maybe if people are just placed with other students residence life shouldn't just give them a dorm with someone of the opposite gender, but if they choose that path, it doesn't make any good sense for it to be a problem.

I'm pretty sure the biggest problems most people have living together are food-, chore- and why-are-you-having-sex-in-our-shared-space-when-I-specifically-asked-you-not-to-related. This has held true since the beginning of mankind when cavemen dormed together.

The point is, the idea that allowing people to choose whom they live with regardless of gender would not cause any bigger issues than what there already are on campus. People are still going to be robbed just as much, they're still going to loot food out of the cafeteria just as much and they are still going to fight with their roommate just as much, no matter their bits and pieces.

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Wilkes University needs a free student media

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I struggled to grasp the concept of censorship at private universities during my first few years at Wilkes. Students from other private universities would tell me horror stories from their institutions. To me, Wilkes was that city upon a hill that bucked the trend of censorship at private institutions. I was proud of Wilkes, but my pride greatly diminished throughout this year.

I've been working for a good part of this school year to have Wilkes' President Gilmore sign a First Amendment agreement. The agreement ensured the student media at Wilkes University “will operate as designated public forums, and free from censorship and advanced approval of content.”

The agreement also protected the student media's funding and advisers from a vengeful administration.

The agreement is not a legally-binding contract. Instead, it is a promise that the administration can make to the Wilkes community that the school will not trample on the rights set forth by America's founding fathers. My hope was that Wilkes would be the first private institution to sign the agreement, which would solidify its status as a beacon of press freedom among private universities.

However, as conversations over the agreement began, it became apparent that the administration did not trust its own student media. Outrageous hypothetical situations were proposed about renegade newspaper staffs, and soon the agreement became bogged down with language that would

have made even the greenest First Amendment advocate laugh. What should have been a gesture of good will between the administration and the community it serves became a symbol for a hidden distrust.

Obviously, there is a lot of hesitation when an entity is asked to relinquish some of its power, but the administration needs to start putting more trust into its students, faculty and staff.

I hope the glacial progress of the agreement and the censorship of *The Beacon* earlier this year are not previews of things to come. As *The Beacon* transitions to a new adviser next year the paper will no doubt be vulnerable to outside forces. However, I am comforted in the fact that the new student leaders of *The Beacon* are some of the strongest and most trustworthy people I've met at Wilkes University. They understand

the role of a journalist and respect the institution that is *The Beacon*.

I look forward to reading the amazing pieces of unfettered journalism that hold the leadership of Wilkes University accountable, expose wrongdoing and shine a light on the amazing work being done across our community.

My overlapping hope is that Wilkes does not fall in line with those other private institutions that censor their student media. As Franklin Roosevelt said, “If in other lands the press and books and literature of all kinds are censored, we must redouble our efforts here to keep them free.”

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Students pursue summer internships to gain experience

BY RUTH WHISPELL

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Plenty of Wilkes students participate in a variety of internships every semester. Although no two students share the same experience while interning, all of them are participating in an internship to gain experience and learn new things about their fields of study.

Sara Cosgrove, sophomore communications major, has concentrations in telecommunications and public relations which will lead her to intern this summer at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa.

Cosgrove worked at the Raceway last summer selling tickets and was offered an internship this summer working in the public relations and marketing office. "I'll be helping with different events to promote the race track," explained Cosgrove.

This will be Cosgrove's second internship. She has been an intern at the Development Office at Wilkes since September 2009 working with the Alumni Office to do phone-a-thon campaigns and other similar tasks.

Although this is the second internship that Cosgrove has had she explained that she's still excited for the fun and the experience interning at Pocono Raceway is sure to bring. "We go places like Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey games and Hershey Park to promote the racetrack," said Cosgrove.

Cosgrove will be blogging about her internship on www.wilkes.edu/coop. "I'll

probably blog about every two weeks with updates on what I did," Cosgrove said.

After carrying an internship all school year and another in the summer Cosgrove doesn't plan on interning in the fall, but she explained that she plans on interning again



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Sharon Castano, coordinator of student development, advises students throughout their internships.

before graduating from Wilkes. "You can never have enough experience," said Cosgrove.

Also interning this summer is Brian Meeker, junior business administration major with a concentration in finance. Meeker will gain financial experience while participating in an internship at Merrill Lynch in Red Bank,

New Jersey. Meeker's internship will focus mainly on assisting financial analysts.

While working and learning, Meeker and the other interns will also be competing with each other and having fun. Meeker explained that there will be ten other students interning

While Cosgrove and Meeker have been accepted to their internships, not everyone has been so lucky.

Erin Gallagher, junior integrative media major applied to an internship at the 2010 PromaxBDA conference in Los Angeles, but has yet to hear whether or not she has been accepted as an intern.

According to promaxbda.org, the conference is "the world's largest entertainment marketing, promotion and design event."

Gallagher applied for the week long internship because she wants to meet people in the media industry and discover what employment opportunities will be available when she graduates.

As someone who is new to the integrative media department, and also a non-traditional student, if accepted this would be Gallagher's first internship. "I have no idea what to expect. I am mostly nervous and a little scared," said Gallagher.

Even though she is a bit nervous, Gallagher is also curious to see if there will be any other interns her age at the conference.

"I don't know enough about graphic design to contribute... it's mostly intimidating. I just hope I can keep up with the other interns. But I'm also excited for the opportunity to see L.A. and maybe get some behind the scenes experience in the field," said Gallagher.

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Student of the Week: Anastasia Genelow

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Anastasia Genelow is graduating in less than a month. Oh yeah, and she already has a job. To top that, Genelow is also only supposed to be a junior, but through years of constantly taking courses, both in and out of the school year, she worked through her 120 credit hours to receive her business degree in just three years.

"As a high school senior at Crestwood High school in Mountaintop, I was eligible for dual enrollment, where I could complete 12 credits throughout their senior year at a local college and complete a half day at the high school itself," said Genelow.

Genelow loaded up her plate with 19-20 credits while at Wilkes and 6-9 credits at Luzerne County Community College.

"There was always a lot of course work, but I was always someone who stayed busy at all times," said Genelow. "So beyond school I worked full time second shift in my field at Indalex Inc. as a quality analyst."

Through her several internships and heavy course load, Genelow earned her valuable business skills that landed her an interview and eventual job with Kraft Foods, Inc.

"I have worked very hard and applied to dozens of companies and still feel as though the job market is slow," said Genelow.

With a degree almost complete and a job

waiting for her as soon as she crosses the stage, it only makes sense for Genelow to keep propelling her life forward. She is engaged to marry in 2011.

For her high work ethic and success in the business community, Genelow is *The Beacon's* Student of the Week.

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

Genelow: A leader, determined, and hard-working

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

Genelow: I would hope to be in upper level management at a large company. I

enjoy marketing and operations so being a head manager in those areas would be ideal. I also would like to see myself starting a business of my own. That has always been a dream of mine.

The Beacon: Finish this sentence: "My friends would be surprised to know that..."

Genelow: Their influence on my life is where my inspiration and motivation for all my goals comes from. I know I could do anything I set my mind to because they will always be there.

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College Days

President Gilmour keeps busy during his College Days

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Editor's Note: This is the final installment of this year-long look into the shared college experiences of Wilkes's faculty, staff and administration.

Joseph (Tim) Gilmour ran against Joe Biden in an election...back in college that is. Gilmour and Biden both attended the University of Delaware in the early 1960s where both ran for class presidents. Both lost, but both went on to govern in some way.

"We both ran for class president, he junior, me sophomore, and we both lost," said Gilmour. "But I guess his politics have been pretty successful [since then]."

While Biden worked his way through the U.S. Senate to the White House with President Obama, Gilmour worked his way through years of schooling to become the head of Wilkes University.

Gilmour traveled just 11 miles away from his house to attend the University of Delaware from 1962-1966 as a history major.

"I originally wanted to be a lawyer, and then over time I realized I wanted to work in higher education," said Gilmour. "I don't think I was a person with a huge amount of focused direction, but I had enough direction that I wanted to explore a lot of areas of learning to become an educated person."

He credits his academic successes while in school to his adviser. While the role of an adviser is to help pick classes and advise on academic issues, Gilmour believes his adviser did more.

"I had an excellent adviser who had enormous patience with me, and in a very quiet, almost non-directive way would get me to think about things I should do," said Gilmour.

Being heavily involved was not the only thing into which Gilmour put extra time while at school. He also put time into girls.

"I enjoyed the whole dating scene," said Gilmour. "In this [dating scene] there were probably four fairly serious relationships. You wanted to date someone so you could bring them to the fraternity spring event. At least that's how I operated."

Like many young adults, Gilmour took break-ups hard, admitting he was even in a "tail spin" for almost a year over one par-

ticular girl.

"I wasn't good when it was over," said Gilmour. "I spent almost a whole year in a tail spin. I was feeling sorry for myself. My mother kept yelling at me, 'Quit feeling sorry for yourself. Get out there'."

When Gilmour wasn't attending fraternity parties off campus or entering the dating game, he was focused on his classes. While most of his studies focused around the area of history, several classes not history-related aided to his ever-changing views of the world and society in general.

"Although I was not a dedicated student, in the way you think about people being, I learned a tremendous amount from [the professors] of several courses," said Gilmour. "They were both challenging and enormously interesting to me."

Gilmour took his less than 3.0 grade point average and soaked up the lessons being taught both in and out of the classroom. Despite having a GPA of less than 3.0, Gilmour still tackled courses, like a senior seminar, that he was convinced he could not get into.

"[My adviser] said one day when I was looking for classes, 'You're not looking at the honors seminar.' I said, 'Well, I don't qualify.' And he told me I was going anyway," said Gilmour.

Gilmour had his hands full while at Delaware, being in student government, the head of a fraternity and part of Army ROTC, just to name a few of his extracurriculars.

"I did a really good job at the extracurricular," said Gilmour. "I think I learned a lot about how you interact to get things done [with a group of people]."

Gilmour's leadership roles came naturally for him, especially through his heading a fraternity.

While he admits spending a good deal of time partying off campus with his frat brothers, he and his "brothers" were kept in line by their frat house mother, Mrs. Carter.

"She was five foot nothing, but boy did she keep us in line," said Gilmour.

The straight-laced Mrs. Carter must have rubbed off on Gilmour, because he was determined and able as he earned his undergraduate degree.

His initial plan after graduation was to go to the beach to spend some time relaxing with his friends.

His plan was quickly thwarted as he got a letter the day before his graduation to report for Army training.

"I got this letter the Saturday before the

Sunday that I graduated informing me that I was to be at Fort Knox the next Tuesday," said Gilmour.

Despite having summer plans quickly changed, being summoned for Army duty was not as jolting as his undergraduate graduation.

"College graduation had a tremendous impression on me," said Gilmour. "I thought, 'Oh, now I have to go out and do something.' And it's really kind of daunting and a little scary."

He did go out and do many things, including earning his master's and doctorate degrees. His roads from Delaware, to the Army, to his advanced degrees led him to Wilkes, where he holds the highest position at the University.

While he may not hold one of the highest positions in our government, Gilmour worked truly hard to both learn and play while at the University of Delaware. He took full advantage of his college days.

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In his own words, Gilmour chit chats with Vice President Biden:

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After we [Joe Biden and I] had lost the election, we ran into each other in the library. I had gone into the library to study, but Joe was a wonderful kind of spirit just saying, 'Eh, come on! We lost. Oh well.' We both lost, but it was still a really good experience. So, we said, 'What are we going to do next?'

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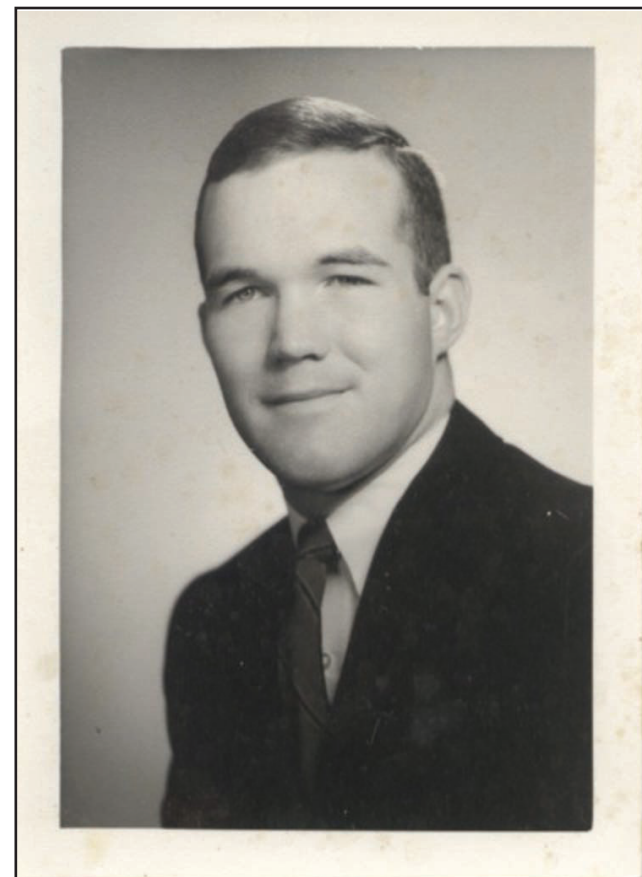


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Gilmour poses for a photo during his final year in school, 1966.

Three new students hired to Be (the) Colonel

BY MARJORIE WHISPELL

Staff Writer

As graduation and summer approach, many students are waiting for calls from potential employers to hear those two small words--you're hired. For two Wilkes students, the Colonel delivered that call.

Student Development recently announced that Shawn Klitsch, junior mechanical engineering major, and Bruce Chesson, freshman nursing major, will serve as two of the three students to portray the Colonel next fall. The third Colonel has yet to be announced.

In the fall semester, Wilkes went on the hunt for the new Colonel by gathering names of students who would like to try out to see if they are rowdy and school spirited enough to handle the job of the Colonel. Many students applied.

Though any Wilkes student, graduate or undergraduate, can apply for the position there are some requirements that applicants must meet. One must be at least 5 feet 6 inches in height, have a GPA of a 2.0 or higher, be in good physical condition and have tons of school spirit.

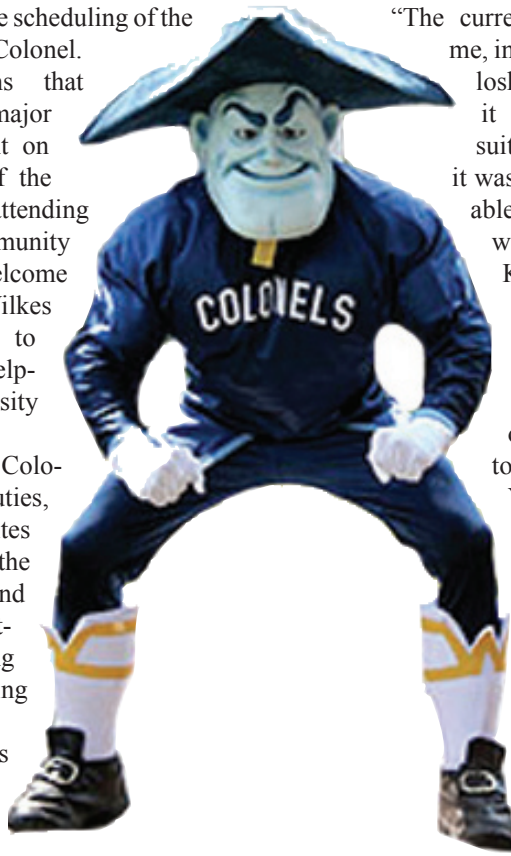
Melissa Howells, coordinator of student development, advises the Colonel program.

She also oversees the scheduling of the appearances of the Colonel.

Howells explains that the Colonel is a major part of every event on campus. "Duties of the Colonels would be attending sporting and community service events, welcome new students to Wilkes and teaching them to Be Colonel, [and] helping Wilkes University win."

Though being the Colonel holds many duties, the one that excites Klitsch is using the tee-shirt gun, and for Chesson it is attending the sporting events and evoking school spirit.

These two students were inspired to become one of the new Colonels by their love of school spirit, the thought of being crazy without anyone knowing who they are, and the current Colonels themselves.



"The current Colonels inspired me, in particular Jason [Woloski]. I couldn't believe it was him inside the suit. When I found out it was him and how he was able to act crazy, I said, 'I want to do that,'" said Klitsch.

Chesson explained that he wanted to become the Colonel for other reasons. "I'm an outgoing person; I like to make people laugh. You get to fool around and act like a complete idiot, but it's all cool because no one can see you," said Chesson.

Chesson's friends were not all surprised that he is one of the students behind the Colonel costume at Wilkes.

"A lot of the friends I told said I would be perfect for it, they were excited for me," said Chessons.

Klitsch, on the other hand, explained that half of his friends would be surprised to hear he is one of the Colonels at Wilkes. "I was in swimming, band and drama club. I'd say half and half. Some would, some wouldn't [believe me]," said Klitsch.

Be Colonel means something different to everyone. Klitsch explained that to him Be Colonel means "having pride in your school. From doing my co-ops I run into a lot of engineers that went to big schools like Lehigh and Virginia Tech, which is a little intimidating, but when you find out you know just as much as them, you get a good feeling that you go to Wilkes."

Next year you can see the Colonels in action at any sporting event, or an event on campus that just needs that burst of school spirit. If believe you are a person with the right enthusiasm and energy for the job, look for the table in the Henry Student Center next year for sign ups. You may also contact Melissa Howells at melissa.howells@wilkes.edu.

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Students walk Relay for Life for many reasons

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The greenway gets transformed every few weeks. Whether it be the Block Party or a pick-up football or soccer field, the greenway is an active place.

This past weekend, the greenway got transformed into a place for members of the Wilkes community to remember and raise awareness for cancer patients.

Relay for Life raises awareness and money for the American Cancer Society. Many Wilkes students took part in the Relay in honor of their family members and some participated because they are cancer survivors themselves.

Melanie Good, sophomore nursing major, walked in her sixth Relay For Life, her second at Wilkes. Good was diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of 12. She used to go to a camp with other children battling cancer and most of them participated in Relay for Life.

"I may have been the only kid in my seventh grade with cancer," she said. "But at Relay, I didn't feel so alone."

Good, along with several other Wilkes

students, staff and faculty, participate in Relay for Life for all kinds of personal reasons. Good's personal connection reaches beyond herself.

"Since then, some of my friends may have passed away from cancer, but Relay has become the perfect way to remember them," added Good.

This year and last year, Ashley Yob was a chairperson and helped organize the event on campus. Yob, like Good, also has personal connections to Relay.

Yob explained that she has known at least 10 friends and family members that have had cancer. Her grandfather has fought and won his battle with cancer three times.

"Experiencing things like this in my life has made me a stronger person and has made me appreciate life even more," she said.

While some cancer survivors do Relay, others do Relay for their loved ones. Angela Nicolosi, senior psychology major, started doing Relay for Life after her grandmother's diagnosis.

"I got really involved with Relay for Life ever since my grandmother was diagnosed with colon cancer," said Nicolosi.

This was her fourth time joining in the annual event. Nicolosi's grandmother passed away two years ago and last year she had her own team called "Doin' it for Dolores" in memory of her grandmother.

"It is a very sentimental event for me that I would not miss for anything," Nicolosi said.

Bethany Sharpless, freshman pre-pharmacy major, participated in her twelfth Relay For Life. She started relaying at a young age in memory of her grandfather and in honor of her aunt.

"Since then, both my sister and dad were diagnosed with and beat their cancers," she said.

"I relay for my grandmother," said Amber Kozo, junior psychology major. It was Kozo's fourth relay, her third on campus. Her grandmother had breast cancer and is



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Angela Nicolosi, left, walks with Amber Kozo during this past weekend's Relay for Life, held on the greenway and in the Marts Gymnasium.

now in remission.

Whether it be personal experiences, family connections or just to raise awareness, Relay for Life is one annual event on campus that combines music, comrodory and awareness to a very serious topic.

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Wilkes University's Health & Wellness Corner

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

Q. I was told that I should take a calcium supplement even though I'm only 20 years old. I thought you only take a supplement when you get older, like during menopause. Is that something I should do for myself?

A. Calcium is a mineral that plays a crucial role in building healthy teeth and bones. Unfortunately, most adolescents do not eat enough high calcium foods and puts them at greater risk for osteoporosis when they get older. As a young adult you should be eating 3 to 4 servings of dairy products, like milk, yogurt or cheese. Green leafy vegetables, whole grain foods and beans are a good source of non-dairy calcium.

Also, many women in college are on

the depo provera shot for birth control. Although it is an excellent form of birth control, it may cause you to lose calcium stored in your bones. The longer you use depo provera, the more calcium you are likely to lose.

The take home lesson here is that although young adults typically do not need calcium supplements, if their diet is lacking calcium enriched foods or if they are on depo provera for birth control they should take a calcium supplement. For the best absorption, no more than 500 mgs should be taken at one time.

As this is the last issue of *The Beacon* this semester, it is also the last Health and Wellness Corner featured this semester. If you have a question for the Health Services staff you can contact them at wellness.services@wilkes.edu.

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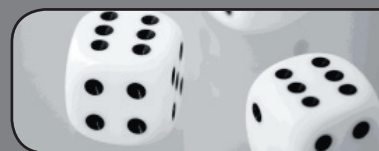
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Movie Review: Kick-Ass gets the job done

BY BRIE FRIEDMAN

A&E Editor

Editor's note: Review may contain spoilers.

If I were to pick one word to describe this movie, it would indeed be its very own title: kickass.

For the past few years, Hollywood has been feeding America the super hero fads. This movie, however, does a perfect job of poking fun at the super hero concept but not in a cheesy *Not Another Teen Movie* way. It's classy.

Dave Lizewski/Kick-Ass, played by Aaron Johnson, is your typical comic book nerd who one day gets the idea to be a shining light in the diverse city he lives in. His two best friends don't offer the best support; however he decides to follow through. He orders his costume and keeps his new identity a secret. The evolution of this character is definitely satisfying, as he proves that

there is a hero in everyone.

He starts out awkwardly doing little things around his neighborhood, like finding a lost cat. Eventually, he accidentally disrupts a fight and beats the hoodlums to a pulp, which is caught on camera. From that point on, he becomes famous, because it is played all over YouTube and on the local news.

The audience can relate to Kick-Ass because he is just an average high school student with insecurities trying to do good for society, but also strives to find his own identity throughout everything. He certainly isn't a professional, which is what adds to the hilarity, and he definitely gets beaten up a lot.

Christopher Mintz-Plasse, better known as *Superbad*'s McLovin, plays the character of Chris D'Amico/Red Mist. The boy may have some chance to play outside his typical typecast role of the ultimate nerd. His character is the son of a gangster drug lord of the city who is responsible for most of the crime. When his father notices Kick-



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Ass, he assumes he is the one interfering with his business. However, he is not the only vigilante in the city.

There are two other unknown vigilantes. Big Daddy, played flawlessly by Nicholas Cage, and Hit Girl, played by the fearless Chloe Moretz, make the best super hero duo. What makes them special is that they are father and daughter, an unlikely pair, especially since she is only eleven and has as much knowledge about fighting and weapons as Rambo does, thanks to Big Daddy's teachings. The dialogue between them and

the bond they have, not to mention Hit Girl's vulgar language, is the best part about the movie. Hit Girl will definitely slap you in the face with pure satisfaction as you see her take charge and avenge. She makes the entire movie.

D'Amico, who only wants his father's approval and involvement with the family business, decides to step in. He creates

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SUB parking lot held custom cars over weekend

BY GILLYAN GOWARTY

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Wilkes University hosted the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) car show in the parking lot of the Henry Student Center on Saturday, April 24.

This car show is an opportunity for owners of custom or classic cars to show them off and enter them in contests.

There were 125 cars there this year, which was less than last year, because of a competing car show in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, said Ben Sauers, vice-president of ASME.

"A grading rubric was used to determine which cars were most deserving of the awards", said John Wilbur, president of ASME.

There was a special award for the Wilkes student with the best car.

It was awarded to Nick Whitenight, for his 2000 Chevy Camaro SS.

There were a total of 35 awards given out at the show.

These awards went to mostly muscle cars from the sixties and early seventies, according to Sauers.

The best in show award went to a 1970 Chevy C-10 Pickup.

Wilkes has held this show for the past two years. It is run by Wilkes engineering students who also belong to ASME. A lot of planning goes into this event in order to get the show together and to obtain sponsorship. A few of the sponsors include Dagwood's, Philly's Finest, Rita's Italian Ice, Ricochet's, *The Weekender*, and many others.

There was also an opportunity for attendees to help out with a charitable cause, and donate clothing to the Wilkes' Annual Clothing Drive. "A lot of people brought in big bags of clothes when they were checking in," said Sauers.

"We're a really big event, it's open to everyone. We want involvement from not just Wilkes, but the whole community," says Wilbur.

For more information about this show, or future shows, visit www.asmecarshow.bravehost.com

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An Audi and a Ferrari are among the 125 cars that were entered into the ASME car show. The car show was held on Saturday, April 24 in the Henry Student Center parking lot. There were 35 awards issued for the best cars at the show.

Paintball goes inflatable



The Beacon/Kirstin Cook

Students were able to take part in a form of inflatable paintball, which was setup on the greenway on Monday, April 19. Instead of actual paintballs as ammunition, ball and dart bullets made of foam materials were shot from air-powered guns.

KICK-ASS

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Red Mist, a false vigilante, only to befriend Kick-Ass so he can lure him to his father to be “taken care of.”

At this point in the movie, the action is about to reach its climax. Just when you think there’s already been enough hard-core action, there’s more to come taken to the next level of intensity, all done in good taste.

A love film, of course, is embedded into the story to add that extra component to the plot. It adds to the evolution of Kick-Ass’s character, because he is the nerd that wins the most beautiful girl’s heart. He finds himself, is taken under the wing of Hit Girl and Big Daddy, and literally kicks butt. The plot thickens as more and more events unfold, but I won’t spoil everything. There is definitely potential for a sequel.

I recommend this movie to absolutely anyone, even if you aren’t necessarily into the super hero fads. There are enough satirical moments about super heroes and plenty

of hilarious action in this movie to keep you entertained. This movie allows any comic nerd, or individual who wishes they were a vigilante to laugh at themselves. More importantly, it’s to celebrate the inner nerd, because underneath the mask is someone who just wishes they could make a difference, even if they are their own hero.

Rating: 5/5

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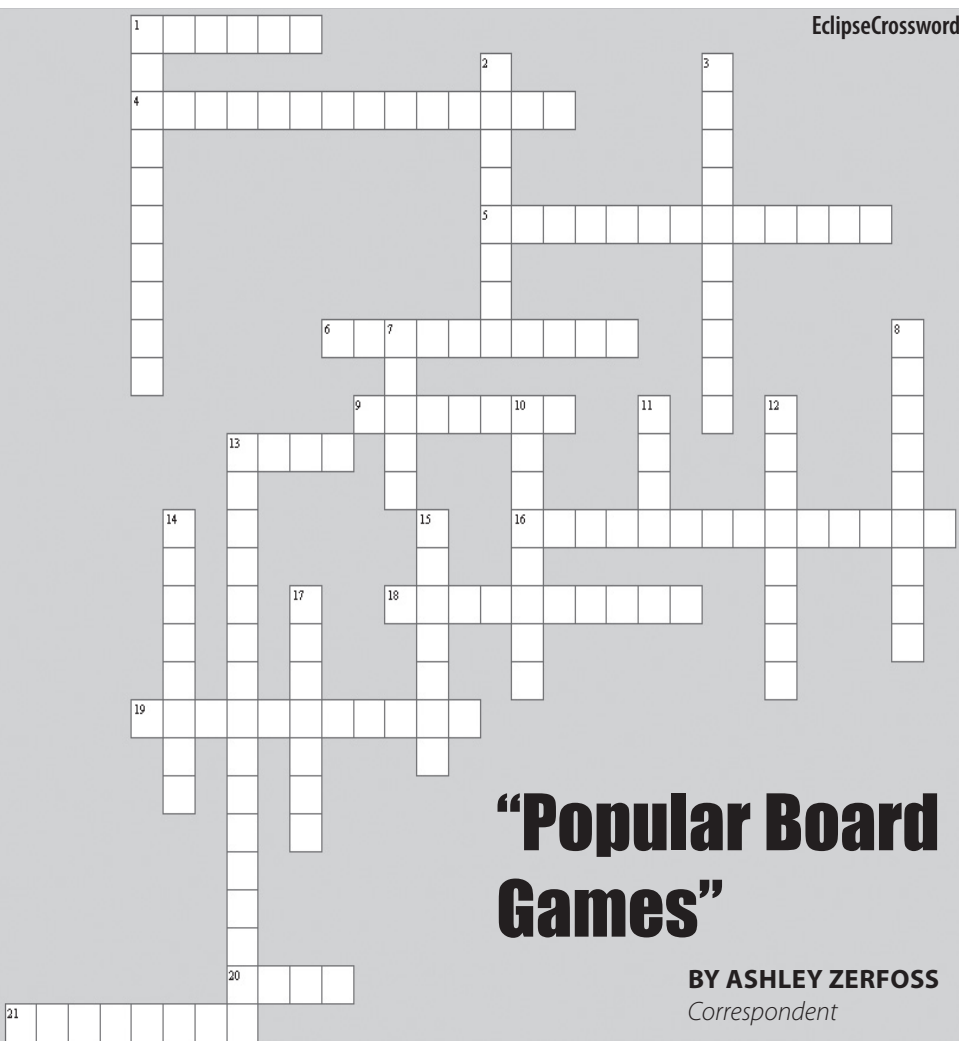
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“Popular Board Games”

BY ASHLEY ZERFOSS
Correspondent

Across

1. A word game that challenges every player against himself as time runs down and players attempt to form words out of random letter configurations.
4. This classic trivia game features the collection of multi-colored wedges each player needs to win.
5. A quick-thinking game of categories and guessing that pits players against one another. Players score points by naming items in specific categories within a set amount of time.
6. A guessing game where players must interpret the drawings of other players. Pitting team against team, and sometimes player against player, the game depends less on your artistic abilities than your team's willingness to work together and not panic.
9. Also known as Othello, this classic strategy game involving battle between Light and Dark forces on a grid. Players take turns setting different colored tiles at intersections to “capture” the other player's tiles. Also may be referred to as “Go.”
13. This guessing game is a favorite of children and adults alike for the social interaction it encourages. Everyone knows the story – whodunit in what room with what weapon – and the guessing aspect only

heightens the tension and raises the stakes for players.

16. This matching game features a judge determining which of his fellow players has presented the best noun to match a select adjective.

18. This two player game focuses on breaking a secret code by lining up potential solutions.

19. A game where players take alternating turns dropping colored discs into an upright board in order to form rows of four.

20. A war strategy game invented by a French film director in 1957. This is a turn-based game for two to six players based on the world at the time of Napoleon. The goal is to dominate the world with your army by capturing countries through military might.

21. Considered “the poor man's chess,” this game of “capture” is highly popular around the world.

Down

1. This guessing game is set in a naval arena. The cheat proof back-to-back set-up, however, was not around for quite some time.

2. This guessing game is played with two boards depicting multiple individuals. Players alternate turns asking their oppo-

THE DEEVOQUIP!

BY DAVID LEWIS
Staff Writer

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

This week's clue: Q = T & J = C

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Last week's answer:

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nents about a person they selected. Whoever guesses their opponent's person first wins.

3. The basic object is to remove all of your pieces from the board before your opponent. Movement and play is based on a roll of the dice.

7. The infamous two-player battle between kingdoms of white and black. This game is highly strategic, and is the most popular game in the world.

8. This game brings together traditional die-rolling movement, capturing, and strategy to create a fairly unique game that has lasted for centuries. The name of the game is mostly responsible for its place in pop culture – the funny title has undoubtedly added to its recognition.

10. This is a classic war strategy game, where the players control a large number of pieces representing the soldiers and officers of rival armies. The game depends on misleading your opponent, a good deal of bluffing, and strategy learned over time in order to win.

11. Players move through the game by spinning a wheel and following various tracks, making important decisions along the way. Children enjoy pretending they are growing up, adding children and jobs and money along the way, while adults seem to

enjoy wondering what “could have been.”

12. The best-known and most popular word game, this game is for two to four players who take turn forming words on a crossword puzzle-type board. More obscure letters and words lead to higher point totals.

13. This classic children's game is won by climbing to the top and sliding to the bottom of the board.

14. Though there are several different versions of this game, it is notorious for its paper money.

15. The board part of this party board game is based on Ludo, the simplest of board games, but the game play itself is rather unique. Players must act, sing, craft, and guess their way to points, participating in various activities along the way designed to get people out of their shell. A typical game will find one team lip-syncing one minute, and the next minute the opposing team is guessing and shouting and laughing.

17. This famous count and capture game is popular in Western culture, but has been around since the 6th century.

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Myers, DiSabatino twins departing

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Wilkes' Head Field Hockey Coach Sara Myers, and freshmen first team All-Freedom Conference honorees Cassie and Jenna DiSabatino will part ways with Wilkes University and its field hockey program at the end of the 2009 - 2010 school year.

"This has been one of the hardest decisions I have ever made, but at this time I have to do what is best for my family," said Myers, who has been coaching at Wilkes for five years. "I will miss my players. Every team that I have coached in the last five years holds a special place in my heart."

Coming to Wilkes from the University of Scranton's field hockey program in 2005, Myers says she was a young coach and thanks the Wilkes administration for giving her a chance.

"I was a very young coach looking for a full-time position five years ago, and this experience has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," said Myers.

Leaving with Myers are freshmen standouts Cassie and Jenna DiSabatino. They are



The Beacon Archives/Melissa Polchinski
 Cassie and Jenna DiSabatino, along with head coach Sarah Myers will not be returning to Wilkes next season.

taking their game to Bloomsburg University after their freshman year at Wilkes, which is not a surprise according to the twins.

Both Cassie and Jenna said that they came to Wilkes after a complication, but planned on heading to Bloomsburg.

"We figured we'd stay at Wilkes for a year and then go to Bloom," said Jenna.

According to Cassie, even though they knew they were moving on to Bloomsburg, leaving Wilkes is a hard thought to grasp.

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Errors doom Colonels against Rutgers-Newark

BY DANIEL KAUTZ

Assistant Sports Editor

The Wilkes University men's baseball team fell to Rutgers-Newark last Tuesday night by the score of 7-2. Though the Colonels initially led the contest, light hitting and four errors combined to do them in against the Scarlet Raiders.

Freshman starter Zachary Lazar received the ball for the Colonels, and took the mound in the bottom of the first with a 2-0 lead thanks in part to an unearned run and freshman outfielder Scott Skammer's RBI single. Wilkes managed to tax Rutgers' freshman starter Michael Schneider, who was shaky in allowing walks to Michael McAndrew and Matthew Ruch, as well as hits to Skammer and Carmen Lopresto. Though senior Tom Buckler hit into a double play to end the inning, it seemed as though they had Rutgers' number.

The Scarlet Raiders threatened in the bottom of the frame after putting on two runners via a single up the middle and a hit batsman, but a liner to Ruch ended the inning without any damage.

The score would remain unchanged until the bottom of the third inning, when Rutgers finally got to Lazar. After getting the first batter of the inning to fly harmlessly to center, he gave up a single followed by a sacrifice to leave a man on second. Two consecutive hits and an error in left field tied the score at two apiece. The damage could have been worse, but the Colonels settled down and retired the side to end the inning without giving up any further runs.

Al Clocker was able to single and steal second in the fourth inning, giving the Colonels their first runner in scoring position since the opening frame, but Schneider was able to end the threat without trouble. Rutgers countered in the bottom of the fourth inning, however, scoring three runs behind three hits and two Wilkes errors.

After striking out the first batter of the inning, Lazar gave up a single to Rutgers' freshman Robert Kistner, who then promptly stole second base. Michael DiCenso singled to drive in Kistner, and later reached

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INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Above: Junior Matt Stephens dribbles the ball during an intramural basketball championship game on Thursday night at the Marts Center. At right, the championship teams pose with shirts they received for winning their respective divisions.



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Athlete Spotlight: Maureen Pelot, one-hit wonder

BY JUSTIN JONES

Staff Writer

Pitching in the backend of a double header, Maureen Pelot had rival King's batters swinging at air all game. Pelot's terrific pitching effort had the senior softball player walking off the mound with a shut-out under her belt and for her effort is this week's Athlete Spotlight.

"Shutting out King's was a fantastic feeling," Pelot commented. "It's been a long time since we've swept King's so it felt great to finally do so."

Pelot effectively shut down the Monarchs high powered offense with six strikeouts and two walks, only allowing one hit against sixteen batters.

"I think what was really working for me through those 5 innings was honestly the defense I had behind me," Pelot said. "Good defense really gave me the confidence and motivation to throw harder. I get nervous after every walk though, because it always seems that each walk I give up always comes back to bit me and usually scores. But my defense made sure that did not happen."

Head coach Frank Matthews could not be happier with the pleasant surprise Pelot has been this season.

"Early this year, Mo had a tendency to get very wild and throw some "unique" pitches," Matthews said. "However, of late she has greatly improved her control, is throwing a lot more strikes, and is working ahead in the count much more often."

What makes Pelot such a special player is her veteran ability to put the team before individual accomplishment and not stay down when things aren't going her way on the stat sheet.

"I try not to think about my own personal win-loss record," Pelot said. "Yes it's nice to have more wins, but a loss does not necessarily reflect on the way I pitched. We win and lose as a team, and one team member can't win or lose a game by themselves. As far as the rest of the season is concerned, I would love to get a few more wins under my belt but more for the benefit of the team rather than my personal win-loss record."

The stats favored Pelot against the Monarchs, and coach Matthews had something short and simple to say to the senior after the game.

"Just a simple well-done," Matthews said. "I think our players will be the first to tell you that I am not one to gush over their accomplishments. It's on to the next challenge. I was very proud of her, and very pleased that she put such a good game together against a rival. I'm sure it is a game she will always remember."

This is Pelot's final year as a Wilkes student and athlete, and with the end of her career upon her, it is impossible for her too look ahead to the future.

"Well, I'm getting married this June and moving to Kansas where my fiancée is stationed in the Army," said Pelot. "Of course that adds a lot of stress with marriage, moving, jobs, school, and softball and so on, but I'm very excited."

Her plans include working in the nursing field and attending graduate school. Pelot doesn't want to see a future where she can't turn to throwing the softball as a form of relaxation and entertainment.

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Senior pitcher Maureen Pelot registered a shutout against King's College on April 17. Pelot surrendered just one hit to the Lady Monarchs and the Lady Colonels won 8-0 in five innings.



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4/24 vs. Eastern 5-2 L, 3-2 W

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4/21 vs. Lycoming 20-3 L
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5/1 @ Delaware Valley, 1 p.m.

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What should the Steelers do with Ben?

Hasta la vista, Big Ben



Sports Editor
ANTHONY DORUNDA

With the NFL draft over and done with, it's clear that the Steelers will most likely not be trading Big Ben Roethlisberger, even amidst all the speculation that Dan Rooney was considering shipping him out.

But before we jump to conclusions, let me give you some reasons as to why he has exhausted his time in the black and gold and why the Steelers need to rid themselves of the cancer he has become.

Being the avid terrible towel-waver I am, let it be known that this is a sore subject for me. The Steelers are the only true team in pro sports that owns my heart, and it's difficult for me to go against what they believe. But in this case, it's more of a need than a want.

Yes, Big Ben has led the Steelers to two Super Bowl titles in the past four years. Yes, it's because of his ability to extend plays that they have pulled out a few games that they probably should not have won. And yes, it is because of him that he should be

shipped out of town. For good.

There's a time when character has to outweigh talent for those in upper management. Think of it this way. If you were running a company in which your star employee was making you loads of dough, but also running your name into the ground because of his mishaps away from work, would you want him to stay around?

Some would say yes, because he's making them rich. But most would deal with the losses and move on, cleansing their name of all the wrong doings.

That's what should be done here. Ben is a tremendous player; I'm not here arguing he is not. But his off-field issues are becoming way too much for the Steelers, a team that prides itself on its blue collar persona and it's pristine track record in the front office. Each and every off-season the Steelers have to deal with the sex scandals or his wild ways that are bringing negative attention to the team.

Plus, it's Ben's off year this year. Since coming into the league in 2004, the star has developed a trend of having a phenomenal season only to follow it up by a horrible season. This year is that year. Get rid of

the problem before it happens. If you don't believe me, here's the proof to back me up (not including his rookie season):

2005: 17 TD's, 9 INT's, 98.6 Rating
2006: 18 TD's, 23 INT's, 75.4 Rating
2007: 32 TD's, 11 INT's, 104.1 Rating
2008: 17 TD's, 15 INT's, 80.1 Rating
2009: 26 TD's, 12 INT's, 100.5 Rating
2010: ????

Pittsburgh, you axed Santonio Holmes off the roster after a slight mishap that has not even been proven, yet you let Roethlisberger, the star QB, the face of the team, the guy who is scarring your reputation, stay on during each and every tumultuous decision he makes. What is going on here?

I don't care who this guy is, enough is enough. He has obviously shown that he does not have the mental capacity to act like a professional off the football field, and eventually his lackluster apologies are going to mean as much as Bin Laden apologizing for the terrorist attacks.

Do yourself a favor Pittsburgh, and ship the problem off to another team to deal with. I'm sure Al Davis would be more than willing to inherit another problem child.

Shipping Roethlisberger not in Pittsburgh's best interest



Assistant Sports Editor
DANIEL KAUTZ

While I am certainly not defending Ben Roethlisberger's recent actions, I would not trade him from a pure business sense; he has simply lost too much of his value in the eyes of other teams (as evidenced by the fact that the Steelers were unsuccessful in shopping him before the draft) in order to make it worthwhile. However, he can still be a successful leader for the Steelers, both in the locker room and on the field. Allow me, for a moment, to recap his accomplishments since entering the league as the 11th pick in the 2004 draft: nearly 20,000 passing yards, a 63.3 career completion percentage, a quarterback rating of 91.7 and two Super Bowl rings.

Not too shabby.

Now let's entertain the possibility that the Steelers trade the man who is still affectionately called "Big Ben" in and around Pittsburgh. Are Steelers' fans really looking

forward to hearing that their team is being quarterbacked by Charlie Batch, or even Byron Leftwich? Do you seriously think that this team has the potential to find itself higher than .500 come week seven, when Ben is reinstated? Save me their accomplishments or history, people- they're back ups for a reason.

Roethlisberger is, for better or for worse, this team's quarterback.

Does that mean that the Steelers should not begin looking for a future alternative to Ben? Of course not; the man has sustained four concussions in his career, and will almost assuredly see the bench or another team if he receives another.

The simple fact of the matter is that for right now, there exists no better alternative than Ben. Add to that the fact the team is fairly shallow at receiver with the recent departure of Santonio Holmes, meaning that the Steelers will need to rely on an experienced, veteran quarterback to get the ball into the hands of their wideouts.

The Steelers missed the playoffs last season, but if they remain healthy and consis-

tent on offense in Ben's absence this season, there is a chance that they could return and make some noise. Should the Steelers reach the promised land in 2011, do you really think the majority of their fans will care about his offseason transgressions? That is not meant to sound heartless or insensitive, but it is what I believe to be the truth.

Sports in our modern society are centered on results, plain and simple. Sordid tales of Tiger Woods's affairs spread across the media for nearly three months before he returned to the Masters- and he was cheered on by throngs of supporters who apparently could not have cared less. For those special athletes who become integral to their franchise or sport, we are more concerned with what happens behind the rope- or on the gridiron- than what we see in our papers and blogs.

Could Ben Roethlisberger's days be numbered in Pittsburgh? I would not doubt it. But is moving him now the Steelers' best move? Depends on how they think their fans will react.

You know my take.



The Beacon/ Melissa Polchinski

The Colonels offense sputtered down the stretch after a first inning outburst. After scoring two runs in the first inning, the Colonels mustered just five hits, and no runs the rest of the way, falling 7-2 to Rutgers-Newark.

BASEBALL

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third after the throw attempting to catch him stealing second sailed into center field. A double and a series of errors afterwards gave Rutgers the lead, 5-2.

From then on out it was all Rutgers, as the Scarlet Raiders scored runs in the fifth and sixth inning to increase their lead to 7-2. The Colonels threatened in the top of the seventh, loading the bases, but a fly to center ended the inning and effectively ended the game for Wilkes.

"They made some nice plays on balls we hit hard," said Clocker. "In the seventh inning with the bases loaded we hit two straight liners that they were able to come up with."

Clocker credited the Colonels' bullpen for keeping the game manageable until the end.

"Our pitchers kept us within striking distance. Our bullpen of Seibel, Flecknoe, and

Trento threw extremely well."

The Colonels managed only five hits following their first inning outburst, and the defense failed to support their pitching.

"We try to keep having good at bats to keep pressure on their pitcher," said Clocker, on whether or not an offense tends to press when the hits aren't coming. "Unfortunately we hit into some tough outs with runners in scoring position."

"[Schneider] settled in and they made some great outs," said Buckler. "Our defense made some errors and our bats went silent after theirs heated up. We [can] obviously score- we scored over 60 runs in two games [against Baptist Bible and PSU Wilkes-Barre]; we just need to go to the plate with more confidence."

Wilkes's next game is today at 3:30 p.m. against the University of Scranton at home.

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HOCKEY

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"It's sad, because I am used to the campus, I have a lot of great friends, and I had a great coach," said Cassie. She added, "It's kind of something I have to do to move on with my life." As for the future of Wilkes' program, Jenna hopes she and Cassie left their mark on the team.

"When me and my sister came on to the team we brought more aggressiveness," said Jenna. "I just hope they take on the aggressiveness and never quit or give up."

Myers said, looking back on her time at Wilkes, "I am most proud of how respectful, dependable and hard working my team

has become and I can not say enough about them."

As for the future of Wilkes' field hockey program, Myers is not worried.

"I am not at all worried about the future of the field hockey program at Wilkes because this team knows what it takes," said Myers. "They know how hard they have worked in the last few years to build this program, gaining national recognition along with academic success."

"We have always been the definition of a 'team,' unselfish in every way and a true family," added Myers.

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MATTHEWS

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Not many people get to meet the people he met while there, either. During his tenure at Harvard, Matthews worked with the son of pro wrestling superstar Jimmy "Supafly" Snuka and met numerous Olympic athletes, - all in the Alexander H. Bright Hockey Center, Harvard's hockey rink.

"Everything was centered around the rink," said Matthews. "On the softball field it was all ordinary people. You get in the hockey rink and it was all these celebrities."

Among those celebrities was Olympic silver medalist and figure skating hall of fame inductee Paul Wiley. Wiley and his wife, a former goaltender for Brown, were attending Harvard Business School at the time, and would make routine trips to the rink throughout the week.

"Half of the ice was used for those who wanted to fool around for hockey, and the other half was for general skaters," said Matthews. "Everyday they came in, and he would go play hockey, and she was doing figure skating. It was so funny."

After that one year away from the Valley, a head coaching position opened up here at Wilkes University, and Matthews jumped all over it.

"I didn't even know about it," said Matthews. "Somebody called me and told me

that the Wilkes job had opened up. The first call I made was to Tom Dunsmuir. He said it was open, so I submitted the application. One thing led to another, and here I am. "

Ten years later and he's still on the softball diamond. Throughout that time, Matthews has led the Lady Colonels to 203 wins, the most in school history, has earned two Freedom Conference coach of the year awards, and has coached five conference players' of the year.

Included in that list is former standout Robyn Mendenhall, one of Matthews' stars at Hanover.

"I got her at the beginning, and I got her at the end," said Matthews. "I coached her all the way through from seventh grade to 12th grade, and then her senior year here. She was the first all-American here, and she was a very special girl."

Although he has been extremely successful, the goal of coaching is not to produce all-Americans or win national championships; it's for the girls to enjoy the game of softball.

"When they leave I don't want them to say 'he was my friend,' but I want to say that 'as much as I disagreed with him, I respected him.' The wins and losses - they come and go. Any coach will tell you that it's great to have more wins than losses, but I don't coach for wins and losses. I do it because I still enjoy doing it at my age."

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OLD SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Frank "Tanky" Matthews brings coaching, life experience to Lady Colonels

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When PNC Field, home to the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Yankees, held a celebratory home run derby years ago, many local celebrities flexed their long ball muscles in a friendly competition. Included in the participants were New York Jets defensive great Joe Klecko as well as current Wilkes-Barre mayor Thomas Leighton.

The winner of that competition? Wilkes head softball coach Frank Matthews, who was launching bombs out of every part of the stadium.

"He was hitting softballs over the scoreboard," said Wilkes' assistant softball coach and longtime friend of Matthews, Tom Dunsmuir. "He was very powerful; a monster."

Powerful indeed, as the centerfield fence is 408 feet away and the scoreboard sits behind it. It was that power that earned him a nickname that resonates in softball circles around the Valley.

"It's Frank 'Tanky' Matthews," said Dunsmuir. "No one knows him as Frank, it's Tanky because he was built like a Tank. You could probably ask anyone in the Valley who the top player was and they're gonna name Tanky."

That power earned Matthews, who played for a variety of slow pitch and fast pitch softball teams around the Valley and in York, Pa., a place in the Amateur Softball Association of America's (ASA) hall of fame in 1996, the first slow pitch player to ever be inducted.

"Now that's something I can hang my hat on," said Matthews.

He earned it. Matthews played on six ASA State Championship teams, five teams that advanced to the ASA National Tournament, three of which earned top twelve finishes, and was an ASA all-American as well.

He also belted around 1,400 career homeruns.

"That's an estimate," said Matthews. "Maybe a little more, maybe a little less. If you've been around slow pitch, you really don't keep an accurate record of that. There were no scorebooks, so I would just estimate."

That number would have been even greater had teams in one of his leagues chosen to pitch to him.



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Softball coach Frank Matthews has guided the Lady Colonels to 203 wins during his tenure at Wilkes.

"There was a meeting with all the teams [in the league] and they [the other teams] said 'Tanky, don't even bring a bat,'" said Dunsmuir. "So he went out there every Tuesday for three, four summers and never swung a bat because they wouldn't pitch to him, because they didn't want him to hit a homerun."

While playing softball was his passion, Matthews made a living in the education system. He served as an elementary education teacher for 30 years, five at Hazleton and 25 at Hanover Area, the latter of which he served as an assistant football coach as well as the weightlifting coach.

It was not until 1988, his 15th year at Hanover, that he decided to coach the sport that he dominated after school hours.

"When I became the AD [athletic director], the softball program was so bad that I felt we could have been better," said Matthews. "So as AD, I hired myself as softball coach. At that time, Hanover had a policy where the athletic director could not coach, but that policy was waived for a couple of years."

After a one-year stint with the varsity team, Matthews demoted himself to junior high. When his first group of players reached ninth grade, the head varsity coach became ill, so he swapped places and took over the varsity program for the second time in three years.

After relinquishing his duties as athletic director, Matthews revamped the program and took the team to supreme heights.

With the players Matthews had groomed since seventh grade, the Hawkeyes won an unprecedented five consecutive Wyoming Valley Conference championships and two PIAA District 2 titles, and Matthews was twice named the conference's coach of the year.

After 11 years as head coach, and 30 years as an educator, Matthews decided to try something else, and ventured out into the college ranks.

Of all places to coach, Matthews wound up at Harvard University.

"I was already 50 years old and I wanted to get into college coaching," said Matthews. "The opportunity arose and I was lucky enough to be hired by Harvard."

During his one year at Harvard, the Crimson won just its second Ivy League championship in school history, and earned a berth in the NCAA Division I-A Championships, where they fell to eventual national champion Oklahoma.

But it was his job outside of softball that he likes to talk about the most.

"My claim to fame was working on a zamboni," laughed Matthews. "Not many people get to do that."

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BY THE NUMBERS

1996

Year that Matthews was inducted into the Amateur Softball Association of America's Hall of Fame. He was the first slow pitch player to be inducted.

1,400

Approximate number of home runs Matthews hit during his career. He's lost count of the real number.

30

Years that Matthews taught school children before entering the collegiate coaching ranks.

203

Games that the Lady Colonels softball team has won with Matthews at the helm.



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