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Drinking seminar sends message in original way

BY DANIEL KAUTZ
Managing Editor

On Tuesday, September 22, Mike Green presented a seminar entitled “4 Stages of Drinking” in the Marts Gymnasium. A former player for the Philadelphia Eagles and a recovered alcoholic himself, Green will be sober for 32 years this December. He has spent over two decades traveling around the country to educate youths about alcohol since he became a counselor at West Chester University. To date, his message has reached over 1,000 schools in 49 states.

“I haven’t hit Alaska yet,” said a laughing Green.

Green surprised the many students in attendance with his personable and joking manner. His stated goal was not to falsely denounce alcohol as an evil, but to instead coach students to make smart decisions when they are out with friends.

“It’s no different than giving a spot to a friend in the gym,” said Green, referencing the practice of helping others who are struggling to lift heavy weight. “If you do that for friends in the gym, why wouldn’t you do

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Mike Green warned students of the dangers of drinking habits in a different and unconventional way. Here, students are preparing to participate in a “chugging contest,” accompanied by cheers from their friends. Green illustrates how students can get caught up in the moment and forget about their limits.

Sale of Pepperjam may open doors for students

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Online Editor

Pepperjam, a full-service internet marketing company on Main Street Wilkes-Barre, announced its sale to GSI Commerce Inc., an e-commerce and multichannel solution provider, on September 1.

According to Sharon Castano, cooperative education and internship coordinator at

Wilkes University, several Wilkes students have found internship opportunities and even employment at Pepperjam over the years.

Kris Jones, Pepperjam’s co-founder and president, said the sale will not impact internship opportunities at the company. Instead, the sale may help interns network within the GSI community.

“I think that the announcement presents

even addition opportunities to Wilkes University students. Not only at Pepperjam, but maybe...at GSI’s locations around the world,” said Jones. He added, “They have offices in New York City, Los Angeles, San Jose, and internationally with offices in Barcelona, Spain; and the United Kingdom.”

Kelly Henry, director of corporate mar

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State budget outlook positive and pending

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
News Editor

As the 2010 Pennsylvania State Budget comes to a close, the outlook seems promising for students and student loans. An agreement was reached on Friday, September 18, and the final figures should be released sometime this week . The passing of the proposed \$28 billion budget will end the longest budget conflict in the nation.

“Hopefully, we will have an official word shortly on the state grant. As of right now, no one knows what stands where, exactly,” said Melanie Mickelson, vice president for enrollment services. Mickelson continued to reinforce that things are in good shape right now and all the grants are looking good for students. She stated that the “initial buzz is very positive.”

Mickelson explained that the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is a component of the legislature which can fluctuate due to what the State Budget allots PHEAA each year. On, September 20, Governor Edward Rendell told *The Times Leader* that, if passed by legislators, the budget would increase funding for education by \$300 million, as opposed to many other states.

While waiting for the budget to pass, many students have not paid part of their tuition--the part expected from PHEAA grants. President Tim Gilmour explained that the University has not asked students

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SLLC project proposal under review in October

BY MELANIE THOMAS

Staff Writer

Wilkes University pledged to lower its carbon footprint in the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment in May 2007 to demonstrate its concern about global warming. One such proposed way to achieve this goal is the Sustainable Learning-Living Community (SLLC), which will be an on-campus student residence hall that will offer students the chance to live in an eco-friendly environment.

If the proposal is accepted in October, the SLLC will open for the fall of 2010. The residence hall will accommodate twelve to sixteen students who will agree to actively participate in living a "green," eco-friendly lifestyle.

"We want people to dream big about how to reduce their waste on the planet," said Dr. Ellen Flint, director of undergraduate education.

According to Sarah DeCesaris, senior political science and inter-

national studies double major and SLLC project manager, students who get accepted into this project will commit themselves and serve as role models for others.

"I think it's a great opportunity for students to practice what they preach or to learn something new," said DeCesaris. "Essentially, students involved in the SLLC will guide student-run sustainability initiatives at Wilkes."

Ross Hall is being considered for the potential location of the SLLC. This carbon-neutral facility will rely on student innovation and projects that are completed by students who live in the hall.

The SLLC will participate in practicing "green" methods, including planting a garden where the community can grow some, if not all, of their produce as well as recycling or cutting down on its solid waste.

In addition to practicing these methods, the facility will be equipped with Energy Star appliances and energy efficient fixtures.

There are also plans for a solar water heater, which is being created by Jarett Wolfe and William Heard, senior electrical engineering majors, and Ryan Hewitt and Nicholas Whitenight, senior mechanical engineering majors.

"The guidelines in which the students live by will be set up by the community," said Flint. "This is a community developed for students by students."

DeCesaris played a key role in developing the proposal for the SLLC.

"The SLLC proposal is based on an eco-village model: a non-profit educational organization that provides an alternative model for suburban and urban living for a healthy, socially rich lifestyle while minimizing ecological impacts," DeCesaris said.

DeCesaris's proposal will be brought before the environmental work group to decide whether the project will continue sometime in October. The work group is comprised of Wilkes University's staff



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If approved by the work group in October, Ross Hall will become an eco-friendly dorm community on campus.

members.

Some students across campus already support the idea. Jefferson Bohan, a sophomore pharmacy major and a resident assistant in Evans Hall, said, "This is a big

step for Wilkes in moving towards a more aware and green campus."

The proposal must be accepted before there can be any further progress with Wilkes University's SLLC project.

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to pay the PHEAA grant portion of their tuition, which effectively takes this problem off of the table until the State acts.

"Basically, Wilkes University has been fronting the money for students," said Mickelson.

After the State Budget passes, students will be seeing the effects of that in their accounts. Students may receive more or less grant money, depending on how the fi-

nancialization of the budget works.

Gilmour said, "There is little solid information available, but rumors suggest that PHEAA grants for [Wilkes's] students will be close to previously proposed levels in the Governor's Budget."

Mickelson explained that students do not realize how the legislators in Harrisburg can actually affect them.

"Many students think that [the state budget] is just something that just happens... It's like: Mom puts milk in the fridge so it's always going to be there. And we don't

know or care how much it costs," said Mickelson.

"[The budget] definitely affects me," said Rachel Sluhocki, freshman pharmaceutical sciences major. "I had to buy my books on credit." Many students have yet to purchase textbooks because of stalled State grant money.

Eligibility for the state grant is listed on PHEAA's website and not all students qualify due to certain criteria. Some of the eligibility factors include being a graduate of an approved high school or having a GED, meeting criteria for finan-

cial need, attending a PHEAA approved school, and being enrolled for at least six credits as an undergraduate.

Wilkes University has not put out any press releases to students and parents regarding the budget, but plans to after the budget is finalized by the legislation. There has been no official word on exact figures; therefore, Wilkes does not want to issue any premature press release.

"Overall, the proposed compromise budget should have only marginal effects on the University's

financial situation, while there are some other state programs from which the University receives funding that may be adversely affected," said President Gilmour.

While Wilkes and other universities receive grant money, the proposed State spending plan will also include new taxes on concerts and plays as well as tacking on another 25 cents to packs of cigarettes. At casinos, table games will be allowed with the finalization of the budget.

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Wilkes News Briefs

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS

News Editor

WILKES U PRESENTS FOOD, INC. SCREENING - On Friday, October 2, 2009, Wilkes University will host a screening of Food Inc. at 7:00 p.m. in the Stark Learning Center, Room 101. Food, Inc. was directed by Robert Kenner and attempts to expose harmful practices in the nation's food supply system. The film also shows the effect of these practices on our society, environment and economy.

The film is sponsored by Wilkes University's College of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; The Sidhu School of Business and Leadership; College of Science and Engineering; Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing; First Year Foundations and Students for Environmental Sustainability. Admissions are free and open to all University members.

SPRING BREAK TO MEXICO 2010 - Dr. James Merryman will host a spring break trip to Cancun, Mexico from March 7 through March 14. The trip costs \$1,345 and a \$200 deposit is due by October 1. Interested students should drop off

the deposit check, made out to Trans World Travel, in Breiseth Hall, room 327 to Dr. Merryman or a secretary. Students should write their name in the "memo" section of the check as it appears on their passport followed by their passport number.

The trip can be taken for three elective credits. The trip includes airfare, stay in a luxury hotel on the beach with two pools, and unlimited food and beverage. There will be a full day excursion to Chitzen-Itza to explore Mayan culture. Students may engage in other activities such as snorkeling in marine parks, forest eco-tours, zip-lines and deep sea fishing.

For more information contact James Merryman at 408-4043 or james.merryman@wilkes.edu. To view the hotel: barcelotucancun.com.

JUNIOR CLASS POWDERPUFF GAME - The junior class will host a powderpuff game in which the girls play football and the boys are cheerleaders. Students can sign up during club hours in the Henry Student Center on the first floor. Applications are due by October 6 at 5:00 p.m. Participating teams can ask any staff member to be the coach. Classes will be battling against

each other. Most spirited cheerleader wins a Visa gift card. To sign up or for more information, please email megan.dickinson@wilkes.edu.

HEALTH SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENT - The Health and Wellness Center does not have any more seasonal flu shots available.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT STAFF UPDATES - Jamie Miller, activities assistant, began the week of September 7; his office is located behind the information desk on the first floor of HSC. Caitlin Czech is student development's new campus interfaith coordinator. Gabriel Lamberti, who was hired to build an outdoor education program and also coordinating events with the rock wall and ropes courses, also started the week of September 7; his office is located in the student lounge in HSC. Melissa Howells has accepted the position of coordinator of student development and will start around the second week of October.

HOMECOMING - Wilkes University will host the annual Homecoming celebration beginning on October 9. The festivities

will begin with the Annual George Ralston Homecoming Golf Tournament at Irem Temple with a shotgun start at noon. On Saturday, Oct 10, the annual homecoming parade will be held at 10:30 a.m. beginning near the University Center on Main. At 1:00 p.m., the Colonels go head-to-head with the Dutchmen from Lebanon Valley followed by a tent festival on the greenway. For a full list of events and activities during the Homecoming weekend, check out www.wilkes.edu or www.community.wilkes.edu.

8th ANNUAL WALK TOWARDS AWARENESS - On October 20 at 12:00 p.m., the Health and Wellness Service Center will host the 8th Annual Walk Towards Awareness from the greenway to Kirby Park. Students must register for the one mile walk by October 13 to the Health and Wellness Service Center by calling 408-4730. Any student who participates in the walk will receive a free long-sleeve tee-shirt. The rain date will be October 22.

FALL RECESS - Fall Recess Begins at 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14. Classes will resume Monday, October 19.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NOTES 09-16-09

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS

News Editor

Treasurer's Report:

All College: \$5,600
Conferences: \$10,900
General: \$8,900
Leadership: \$3,000
Spirit: \$1,000
Special Projects: \$2,750
Start-Up: \$1,500
Total: \$33,650

Club Reports:

Programming Board reported that Demetri Martin will be held this Friday, September 25.

New Business:

- Homecoming sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help with the set-up.
- Alumni Association: Homecoming Donation Request (Week 1 of 1) Requested \$700 for the parade and tent festival. The Alumni Association estimates that about 70 students will show up to the event therefore, \$10 per student. The money will be used for food, drink and set up.) Ben Bie-

del motioned to allocate \$700 to the Alumni Association. June Lor seconds the motion. Motion passed 21-0-0.

- Martial Arts Group: Club Recognition (Week 1 of 2) Members of the Wilkes community would like to start a club with a martial arts interest. Dr. Schicatano will be the adviser. There was a table at club day and 47 students signed up; 5 students have expressed interest since club day. If granted permission to become a club, they will not be competing against other schools. There will be more student discussion next week.

- Biology Club: Donation Request (Week 1 of 1) Two students, Derek Nye and Konstantina Papas, requested \$902.67 to attend a biology conference in Hollywood, Florida. The students would be representing Wilkes University and would also be the only undergraduate program at the conference. Nye and Papas have been studying with Dr. Linda Gutierrez in the research topic of inflammatory bowel disease in mice as it relates to humans. They have requested a \$1,000 grant, but it has not been processed yet. If the grant goes through, the students will not need the money from Student Government but are requesting it now because they need to book their spot at the conference.

Greg Castelli made the motion to allocate \$902.67 to the Biology Club. Jill Kalayria seconds the motion. Motion passed 18-3-0.

- Saudi Interest Students Group: Club Recognition (Week 1 of 2) Currently, this group has over 50 students members of whom are mostly Saudi. This group is open to all students. This club will introduce new Saudi students to the area. There will be more student discussion next week.

Old Business:

Homecoming Donation

Events:

Homecoming 10/10

Club Reports:

SG Mentors: Gabe Lamberti has dates picked out for SG members to be trained on the rock wall; either October 3 or October 10

Construction on the Library is scheduled for October 15.



*At 7:30 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn the SG meeting. The motion was approved.

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

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keting for GSI Commerce Solutions Inc., said, "I would have to look into that a little further to find out specifically if that is something we offer, but I think that is something that we definitely set the ground work here for so that we can definitely approach our human research department about."

As for Pepperjam's other operations, Jones said that it is business as usual.

"There have not been any major changes to the structure... We've kept our name as sort of a recognition of an independent entity of GSI," said Jones.

So why sell the company he co-founded in 1999?

Jones said, "The truth is, we've known GSI Commerce for years. They just so happen to be the largest and most respected company in the e-commerce space, as it relates to providing marketing services and technology to some of the world's leading e-commerce retailers. So we've seen them, and in some cases developed friendships. As CEO of Pepperjam – the former Pepperjam – I always saw this as a strategic opportunity to take Pepperjam and our affiliate marketing technology of Pepper-

jam network to the next level."

Michael G. Rubin, chairman, president and CEO of GSI, said in a press release about the purchase, "The acquisition of Pepperjam is a strategic extension of our marketing services business that we believe will enhance growth opportunities for both GSI and our clients." He added, "Affiliate marketing is a powerful interactive marketing tool. Last year, our affiliate marketing channel generated more than \$100 million in sales for our clients. By owning our own affiliate network, we believe we can more rapidly drive innovation and service enhancements to our clients while also expanding our marketing services offering to a broader universe of prospective clients. We expect the affiliate business to represent an important opportunity over time."

According to Jones, the company still sees Wilkes as a partner as they head into this new endeavor.

"I think that Pepperjam continues to see Wilkes University as a strategic partner for both internships and employment opportunities for Wilkes students and alumni," says Jones.

Luzerne County Courthouse rededication ceremony



The Beacon/ Allison Roth

Frank Pasquini, general chairperson of the Centennial Rededication ceremony, gave opening remarks on Friday, Sept 25. The rededication ceremony is celebrating the Luzerne County Courthouse's 100 years with a reception and gala on Friday night. Judges and members of the planning committee stand behind Pasquini.

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Mayk joins Wilkes as associate director of public relations

BY NICOLE FRAIL

Editor-in-Chief

This fall semester is Vicki Mayk's first with Wilkes University's Marketing Communications department. Before joining Wilkes, Mayk—who replaces former associate director Christine Tondrick—served as a journalist, a yearbook editor, and a public/media relations director.

In February 2008, Tondrick departed from the position to get married and take a new job with the Pennsylvania Homecare Association. Tondrick's leave prompted a search to fill her position.

Before joining the Wilkes community, Mayk was the director of Communications and Community Relations at The Morning Call, located in Allentown, Pa. Prior to working at the newspaper, she worked at Muhlenberg College and later Kutztown University in their media relations departments for a combined 13 years.

"I wanted to return to higher ed," said Mayk, who was hired by Wilkes in late

April. "I thought about my career and what I liked the best and I really liked higher ed the best. I really like the environment. There's never any lack of stories to promote, and I enjoy working with the faculty and students a lot."

Mayk added, "One of the things that drew me to Wilkes was the job itself because it involved doing the things I wanted to do again in my career and what I think I really excel at so I can make a contribution. I like this kind of an institute, [one] that focuses on undergraduate education."

After applying for the position, Mayk was granted a chance to interview with the search committee and put together a sample media plan for a specific story idea.

"Vicki's media plan for the assignment we gave her was really excellent," said Jack Chielli, director of Marketing Communications. "It was a combination of her interview skills, the media plan she prepared, and the way she fit in with the group in terms of personality that made her the person I wanted for the job."

As associate director, Mayk's responsibilities include aiding and improving internal communications within the university. She also writes press releases and works closely with both the graphic design and advancements departments to promote and plan campus events.

Having enjoyed working on alumni magazines in the past for Muhlenberg and Kutztown, Mayk was excited to take on the responsibilities of editing and writing for the Wilkes University Alumni Magazine.

"Working with the magazine has been really fun," said Mayk. "As a newcomer to the university [...] it gets me interfacing and meeting people in the university... it's allowing me to meet a lot of faculty and a lot of students. There's always something different going on; that's what I like about it."

In the future, Mayk wants to find new ways to use the web and new media for Wilkes's public relations efforts. For example, Mayk has recently worked to form an online news room where local, regional, and

even national reporters can go if they are looking for story ideas concerning Wilkes's students and faculty members.

"I think she's been outstanding. Over the summer, she took the time to get to know the campus..." said Chielli. "She's doing a lot of things that we've always wanted to do here with media, like trying to come up with media training for faculty who want to be interviewed. She's been very proactive in getting out into the community and promoting Wilkes."

"I've really enjoyed working with Vicki," added Rachel Strayer, graduate assistant to Marketing Communications. "She's been really helpful, very kind, and is really helping me to improve my writing. She's really honest, but at the same time is kind and encouraging."

Mayk noted that her door is always open and she is always willing to speak to anyone who may have an interesting idea that can be promoted or featured in the magazine.

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it when your friend needs help at a party?"

He incorporated many anecdotes in his lecture; some were outrageous and funny, while others were decidedly tragic. As he constantly repeated, all it takes is one bad mistake on a given night to bring about dramatic consequences in a person's life.

The head coach of the Wilkes University women's soccer team, John Sumoski, felt it was important for his team to receive Green's message.

"It's important to bring in speakers who will benefit our student athletes as well as the campus community. I feel that if you have the potential to save a kid's life, then an opportunity like this is worth every penny," said Sumoski.

"[Green's] been doing this for a long time and gets through to a crowd very well," continued Sumoski. "I liked that his message wasn't just 'don't drink,' because at the majority of colleges that's simply not realistic. Teaching them to be responsible for themselves and their friends was much more effective in my mind."

One activity Green used to illustrate how students can get "caught up in the moment" while out drinking was a chugging contest. Four students were called forth from the audience and placed in front of four white cups on a table, to the accompaniment of cheers

from their friends. At Green's command, they were asked to chug the contents.

When the students finished and the noise had subsided, Green pointed out that not one person had stopped to ask what the students would be consuming from the cups before partaking in the activity. That the cups had merely contained Diet Pepsi was irrelevant; it was a sobering moment that helped drive home his previous points about responsibility and awareness.

Taryn Hollowell, a junior entrepreneurship and elementary education double-major, as well as a member of the women's soccer team, was a participant in the contest.

"I actually asked the others to wait before we started," said Hollowell. "But after everyone else started doing it, I just went along with it. I thought it was a great example and overall, an entertaining seminar."

"I've had many rewarding experiences since I began doing this," said Green. "I would have to say that my most rewarding experience was when I was at a certain high school several years ago, however. A student rose from amongst a crowd of 500 and yelled at several others who were being rowdy, telling them that his mother had died in an alcohol-related car accident and that they should respect what I was saying. It shut everyone up and really helped me get my point through. It was a very touching moment."

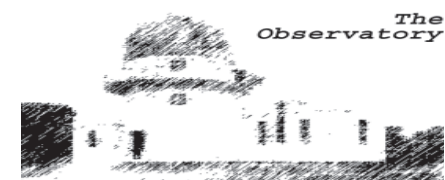


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Wilkes should mandate physical education course

BY THE BEACON

Editorial Board

The days of dodge ball in elementary school have long since passed for college students. Colleges and universities across the United States are dropping their required gym classes because they do not see a need to require students to take physical education. In fact, most students vote against it because they do not see a need for it, either. As a result, the need for mandated physical education is now greater than ever.

There are more obese college students in the United States than ever before. College students are now more vulnerable to heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure because of their eating habits and lack of physical exercise. According to a study conducted by the University of New Hampshire, out of 800 students surveyed, nearly half of the men were overweight or obese while 30 percent of the women surveyed were overweight or obese. As the number of colleges and universities continue to drop their required physical education program, the results of this two-year-old study are only increasing.

Wilkes University has taken some efforts to create healthy diet options for students, but have only extended its reach so far. In Wilkes's goal to become a green campus, they are implementing programs across campus that will help the students, faculty and staff to reduce the university's carbon footprint. As reported this week (see page 2), the new Sustainable Learning-Living Community (SLLC) will allow students to practice "green" living by eating healthier, saving energy, and using environmentally-friendly products.

Likewise, the food service on campus has also increased their menu to include more healthy options for students. They are also providing nutritional information online for convenience. So if you are trying to promote healthier lifestyles for students on campus, why not complete the circle by making physical exercise mandatory?

The Beacon feels that Wilkes University should mandate a physical education program. It is the next step towards a healthier campus community. A physical education course that students are required to take each

boosts your energy, exercise promotes better sleep, exercise can put the spark back into your sex life, and exercise can be fun, too, says Mayo. These apply to all age groups, but can be especially beneficial to college students who suffer from lack of energy and sleep.

The administration at Wilkes may argue that students have sports that provide physical exercise. While Wilkes may have a number of recreational sports available, not all students choose to play sports. Some students focus all of their attention on their classes and studies, while others really do not see a need for physical exercise. There is a great need for it, however. Mandating a single-credit physical education course that requires students to exercise or weight lift for, at they very least, an hour a week would create a more attentive student body with more confidence. Exercise has the potential to help students' grades in the long run. So in turn, mandatory education would promote academic education at Wilkes.

In all likelihood, Wilkes does not consider a physical education course a great enough need for the budget, especially with plans for the SHE building underway and with renovations on campus, but this is a relatively inexpensive endeavor. Wilkes already has

the facilities to create a physical education course, the Marts Gym and the UCOMM in-door track. These facilities are hardly ever used by those in the student body who are not on a sports team.

The Beacon urges you to get your voice out there and push for a physical education course. Speak to the administration, for they value our opinions when making decisions. It is in your best interests and, who knows, it might be fun.



This is a glimpse of the exercise room in the basement of the Marts Gym on Sunday, September 27. This facility receives light use from students who are not involved in sports.

semester that offers credits would be both in Wilkes's best interest and the students'. Not only would it help the student body become healthier, but facilities that are hardly used now would see more traffic.

According to the Mayo Clinic, an organization that dedicates itself to the diagnosis and treatment of complex illnesses, there are seven basic benefits of regular physical activity. Exercise improves your mood, exercise combats chronic diseases, exercise helps you manage your weight, exercise

Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 45 responses.

The Beacon asked:

Do you think Student Government spends too much money?

- Yes, they do not spend money where it is needed- **80%**
- No, they spend the right amount of money- **4%**
- No, they are not spending enough money - **16%**

Next Week's Question:

Do you think that Wilkes should mandate a physical education course?

- Yes, students need the exercise
- No, they can exercise on their own

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Another example of “biased, hate-mongering journalism”

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

Checking the comments on The Beacon’s website is a habit of mine. My morning and evening ritual has always been to read what people are talking about, and it always amazes me how cowardly people are to hide their identities behind false names: Common Sense, Hello Reality, former SG member, etc.

The hot topic last week was The Beacon’s editorial board regarding student government’s purchase of a \$2,000 swipe card lock system for their office door. This opinion article is not meant to explain or defend The Beacon’s editorial board – it was accurate and got to the point.

However, I completely agree with it. My first two years at Wilkes were spent covering SG and I honestly do not know how I got through it. The people changed from year to year, but the problems and thought processes remained the same.

One problem is that SG believes the funds they allocate are theirs alone. I remember one instance when a group came to SG looking for funds to purchase shirts for a charity event. The question was never whether the group was going to get the money, but whether or not they should mandate the SG logo be placed on the back of the shirts. Members argued that SG provided the money and should get the publicity. But really, it is our money. Rather than an SG logo, they should be requiring that every Wilkes student’s name be put on the shirt.

Another problem is that the thought process is not always complete. As one commenter on The Beacon’s website – “Common Sense” – claimed, the \$2,000 swipe card investment was the smart fiscal move. “Sense” says, “...to create a key for 50 members every year (at about \$25 per key cost, over several years, including the extra

keys when ones are lost)” would not be fiscally responsible.

First, find a new locksmith if you are getting charged \$25 a key. John Pesta, director of capital projects at Wilkes, told me, “The cost to purchase a key is \$1.95, a lockset is \$118.60 and core is approximately \$50.00.” He added, “The cost for the key...falls under the Facilities operating budget.”

For SG’s investment in the new \$2,000 swipe card lock system, the school could have installed a new lock and key system for approximately \$170, purchased 50 new keys and a core every year for the next 12 years, and still had money left over. I am sure the lock system would have to be replaced within a dozen years as the technology changes, the Henry Student Center is remodeled, and constant use takes its toll. SG could then use the student activity money for programs, activities, donations and other worthy causes instead of spending it on a swipe card system.

Second, SG should make their members pay a fine if their key is lost. The fine should help cut down on lost keys and help alleviate any security concerns.

Personally, I would have preferred my student activity fee to go to the movie on the Fenner Quadrangle or even a local charity. SG members need to think of the people outside of their meeting room when making decisions, putting motions on the table and casting votes.

I am not saying that all SG members are dolts; however, every organization has them. Most of the students in SG are smart and caring people who are really trying to leave a better university for the students to come. They just need to be a little bit more open, deflate their egos, and not think that people are always out to get them.

So that is my opinion with no false names or pretenses – just me.

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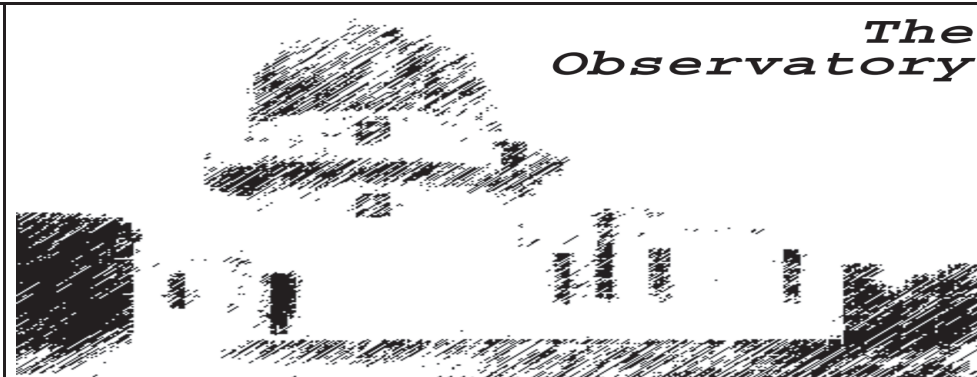
Dear Editor,

As a member of the Board of Trustees, I receive The Beacon on a weekly basis. Thank you for highlighting the condition of the Labyrinth. I have followed up with President Gilmour. We are working on a green solution that will clean up the appearance you reported in the September 15th

issue.

I donated the Labyrinth last year for students, professors and alumni to have a beautiful outdoor space to meditate, think, study and enjoy. I hope you can report in the future that the Wilkes community is enjoying and using the labyrinth.

Bill Miller ‘81



Republicans and Democrats, please shut up



BY MATTHEW GOGAS
Opinion Editor

Political news is never complete without a statement by the news anchor about how our Republican and Democratic leaders cannot come to an agreement about some sort of policy or law. Each party has their own specific idea about how the United States should be governed and neither chooses to acknowledge that sometimes the opposing party could be right. This is why the term “polar opposites” always applies to politics. Both of the major political parties are at opposites ends, sometimes extreme opposite ends. There is no middle ground for the two to reach, neither one of them can agree, they cannot even agree to disagree when it comes to major issues facing the United States.

Democrats support President Obama’s health care plan, Republicans oppose his health care plan. Democrats say this health care plan will create more affordable health care for Americans. Republicans say this health care system is a big step towards socialism. Democrats do not support the war in Iraq, Republicans do support the war in Iraq blah, blah, blah.... I am so sick of hearing and seeing this crap on the news.

Is all of the arguing necessary? Why do we simple Americans need to know our leaders cannot agree? Knowing that our leaders cannot agree does not put anyone’s mind at ease.

Our own state took two months to pass a state budget because our Republican and Democratic state legislators could not come to an agreement on how to spend the state’s money this coming year. Here is an idea on how to spend Pennsylvania’s money: schools, roads, and poor people.

Our government is run like a dysfunctional family. Our father is a Republican and our mother is a Democrat and we are the young children. We sit fearfully by, gripping our favorite stuffed animal, not knowing what to do while our parents argue with each other in the kitchen about who is right and who is wrong and forget all about us.

My advice to you, dear readers, is do not fall into this pattern of thinking. I do not care if you are a Republican or Democrat. You are free thinking people first. Believe whatever you want. Believe that the country should be run a certain way. Just do not believe that you have to think that way. Do not pretend that you are always right and keep an open mind to other opinions or you will end up arguing about politics for the rest of your stressful life.

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Refusing to let go of unhealthy vices: costly and unnecessary



BY DAVID LEWIS

Assistant Opinion Editor

Whether you are retired, in the middle of a thirty-year career, or an eager college student ready to face the world, chances are that you have had to make a few financial sacrifices over the past year or so.

Despite these economic set-backs on both high and low ends, there are certain products that seem to go hand in hand with any American lifestyle; for example, drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes. Count the number of cups of coffee you see while walking into work in the morning, the amount of cigarettes you see smoked in one day.

Now try not to ask yourself why there are so many cups of coffee in the morning, cigarettes throughout the day. It seems almost as though a large number of people working in America need coffee and/or cigarettes to get through each day.

This is hardly a call to conspiracy, but merely a call to recognize the facts. Let us first examine the coffee conspiracy; there are over 150 million daily drinkers of coffee according to e-importz.com. According to CNNmoney, the "coffee market is estimated to be worth \$11 billion a year." There is no denying the fact that there are over 150 million cups of coffee consumed each day. However, one must ponder the question, if we know there are equivalent, cheaper, and healthier alternatives to consuming coffee

every day, why not consume those instead?

Haily McKay of The Stylus wrote on September 16, 2009 that "coffee only acts as a stimulant while an apple's sugar and fiber will provide long-lasting energy." Also, the price of an apple is approximately one fifth of the cost of a 9 oz. cup of coffee, and is more beneficial for you in the long run.

We cannot forget to rule out the benefits of a jolting glass of ice-water in the morning, which, according to associatedcontent.com, will result in having a more energetic day because "when we are fully hydrated, we have more energy."

Now, if we know these researchable points to be true and the number of coffees consumed per day is still over 150 million, why can't these consumers just break away?

The answer lies in dependability and convenience. Coffee can be purchased at any point throughout the day and it will keep you awake making eating an apple or downing a glass of ice water almost seem like a chore this day and age.

A similar analysis can be done with cigarettes. Feast your mind upon this: according to NewYorkTimes article published in 2002, "Americans buy about 22 billion packs of cigarettes annually."

We know that there are alternatives to smoking. But just like the situation with coffee, American lifestyles revolve around dependability and convenience.

Cigarettes are notoriously known for their addictive nature due to their having ingredients designed specifically for the reason.

Also the stimulating effects of a cigarette go a long way when dealing with the stresses of a day. Stimulating the mind and body can be done though various methods depending on an individual's interest in levels of amusement. But now one must ask if there are obvious risks to smoking cigarettes and rumors of cigarette prices sky-rocketing within the next year due to a rise in taxation, will the number of packs sold each year decline?

The average cost of a 9 oz. cup of coffee plus the average cost of one pack of cigarettes varies from state to state. But for conspiracy's-sake let us agree that if you added the number of coffees and packs of cigarettes sold to consumers in America annually the result ends up being that 50 billion dollars a year are contributed to consumers wasting money on two monopolized things that could be easily replaced by healthier choices. Is it safe to say that we buy into huge coffee cigarette corporations monopolization of American consumers?

Apparently we do over 30 billion times a year.

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Emergency call boxes could offer more than just a blue light special



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Wilkes University's Student Handbook states that "there are emergency call boxes located at the entrance of the house-style residence halls, and at various locations around campus."

But in the event of an emergency the possibility of the person's survival then becomes a matter of how fast help can respond to the emergency.

In the event that help is unable to rescue the person in a reasonable amount of time, implementing an auditory siren would help to at least alert the immediate public to the situation.

Once the Emergency Call Box has been activated, a blue light is emitted to visually alert the public of the urgent issue. An alerting call is also made from the box to Public Safety. The flashing blue light is not as proficient at deterring crime as a loud siren would be, and as such they should be added.



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Student-parents struggle to balance education and family

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS

Lifestyles Editor

Adrienne Shellenberger throws the diaper bag, weighed down by snacks and bottles, over her left shoulder. She then throws the backpack, weighed down with textbooks, over her right shoulder. She heads out of the house. It's 7:00 a.m.

While most college students' days do not begin that early, Shellenberger is a different kind of student. She is not just a student; she is also a mother. The balancing act Shellenberger and many other student-parents on Wilkes's campus and campuses around the country face is uniquely difficult.

"I transferred to Wilkes last year from Luzerne County Community College. When I was transferring to Wilkes, I called and asked about daycare and they just told me the YMCA had one. I called the Y and was told there was at least a year and a half wait list," stated Shellenberger.

The financial crunch students across the board feel from the rise of college tuition is compounded for student-parents who must take into account daycare costs, as well.

Shellenberger, a senior communication studies major, thinks a daycare on campus might ease her struggle of trying to keep up

that balancing act between being a student and being a mother to her 22 month old son, Hayden.

Shellenberger's schedule, like many student-parents, is prepared around their children's schedule's and when they are able to see them.

"Ever since I started school, I have only ever taken Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes so I can see Hayden the rest of the week. In fact, on Fridays I only have one class, which is frustrating, because I am paying for a whole day of daycare for less than one hour," said Shellenberger.

Shellenberger said that she wishes she could spend more time with Hayden, espe-

cially after spending the entire summer with him and having to go back to the routine of school work.

The ability for students who have children to not only see them more frequently

throughout the day, but also create an extension of the education program to allow students hands-on childcare experience, is the focus of the Hildebrandt Learning Centers partnerships with local area colleges and childcare centers.

King's College has recently added a branch of the Hildebrandt Learning Center onto their education department.

"We really strive for expertise and putting

the children first. It's not just a partnership with King's, it's a partnership with the city," said Mary Baker, Director of the Early Learning Center.

Baker and a team of childcare professionals create an intense learning environment where students in King's College's education program can learn real life skills.

King's College has the ability to offer students within the education department practicum credit and internships through the daycare facility, according to Baker.

Dr. Michael Garzella, Associate Dean of Education, explained that it is the goal of Wilkes's education department to gain the diversity training students will face when they are out in real world situations.

"What King's has is a good concept and a good idea, but we want something that we can grow," said Garzella.

Wilkes's idea is to establish a similar partnership like King's College has with the Hildebrandt Learning Center but with a local school district.

"We want our students to get that diversity training," stated Garzella.



The Beacon/Tom Reilly

King's College's Early Learning Center partnered with Hildebrandt Learning Centers to expand their education curriculum.

Student of the Week: Gerry DuBoice

BY RUTH WHISPELL

Assistant Lifestyles Editor

When picturing a typical college student, one would normally imagine a twenty-something toting around a backpack filled to the brim with books.

But Gerry DuBoice, who admits to saying hello to 65, is no typical college student. DuBoice is currently a junior at Wilkes University, and she is auditing classes.

According to the Student Handbook, auditing courses is a practice designed so that students can expand their educational opportunities beyond the borders of courses that are requirements for graduation.

DuBoice is expected to do the same work as a typical student, but she won't receive the credit at the end of the course.

"I was taking quite a few classes, mostly in the business major, but then I decided there were things I had to do and places I

wanted to go and see, so I put my money toward those things," said DuBoice.

Last year DuBoice traveled to Egypt with the Wilkes Alumni, and has also been on a number of Dr. Merryman's trips, including a 1998 trip to Kenya.

Outside of the university, DuBoice is also quite active. She has achieved the rank of second lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol by taking classes at the Wilkes-Barre Wyoming Valley Airport, in Wyoming.

She is also a member of The Kingston Citizen's Advisory Board, The Red Hat Society, The Wyoming Valley Gourmet Club, The Pennsylvania Jazz Society, Treasure of the Friends of the Hoyt Library Board, and has been in The Vagina Monologues for three years at Wilkes and for five years at Little Theater in Wilkes-Barre.

DuBoice was also employed by Wilkes in the School of Science and Engineering for several years, but her first bout at Wilkes as

a student began in 1969 when she took four semesters of accounting while working, in order to get ahead in the office where she worked.

"The only way you get ahead is by learning. I would take my kids and go to my lake house and I'd sit on the dock and do my accounting homework while they were swimming," DuBoice said.

"In one way, I liked college better my first time around because it (does she mean Wilkes here? if so, insert in brackets like this: [Wilkes]) was smaller, and everybody really got to know everyone; but I really love the new technology, and Wilkes is small enough so the teachers get to know you personally," said DuBoice.

DuBoice's initiative to become a lifelong learner and her adventure for life has made her *The Beacon's* Student of the Week.

The Beacon: Where do you see yourself

in ten years?

DuBoice: I would like to be a successful real estate agent, that is really my goal and I'm hoping Spanish will help me with that.

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words...

DuBoice: Enthusiastic, optimistic, and I love life and have a lot to give.

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

DuBoice: I sat down for an interview.

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Q&A with Edward Riehl, on the road Peace Corps college recruiter

BY APRIL BIELINSKI

Correspondent

Edward Riehl's experience with the Peace Corps came later in life. Riehl, now a college recruiter, joined Wilkes University students on campus September 24th to speak of his successful experience with the Peace Corps.

The Beacon: How did you originally find yourself entering the Peace Corps?

Riehl: I was turning 61 when I entered the Peace Corps so my motivation extends back to the days of John Kennedy. I was attracted by the opportunity to "stretch" myself while doing something meaningful to help less advantaged people and maybe make the world a little bit nicer. My situation (grad school then family) didn't allow me to join the Peace Corps, though. So, over the years, I built a career (first as a college teacher, then a lawyer in a law firm, and finally as an attorney in a corporation) and tended to family responsibilities. Finally, when I realized that my family was grown and gone and that I really had no reason to work any longer, I decided to quit and joined the Peace Corps.

It was the best decision I ever made.

The Beacon: How long have you been involved with this organization?

Riehl: I applied to the Peace Corps in late 2005 and began volunteer service in 2006. A few months after I returned from my volunteer service, I applied for and was hired as a recruiter.

The Beacon: What kind of service have you done, and where did it take place?

Riehl: I served as a university English teacher in the northeast section of Ukraine. The university's specialization was "public administration" and so many of the grad students and part-time evening students worked for the government -- some dating from the period when the government was the former Soviet Union. Teaching English conversation and discussing topics such as freedom of the press, free elections,

and even the student-teacher roles in higher education made for some lively classes.

The Beacon: Do you feel as though the budget is sufficient enough to meet the means of the Peace Corps? President Obama stated in his campaign trail that there would be a new bold Peace Corps, also stating, that the budget would be doubled. As of now, there has only been a 10% increase.

Riehl: I believe the budget needs to be increased. I am biased, of course, not because I work for Peace Corps, but because I have seen what it does both for people in a developing country and for the Americans who serve as Volunteers.

The Beacon: What inspires you to continue working with the Peace Corps?

Riehl: I love the Peace Corps and I want to tell as many people--especially students --why Peace Corps is a great opportunity

for them.

The Beacon: What advice do you have for students interested in joining? Name the benefits of doing so.

Riehl: Keep learning about Peace Corps; build up your skills; be active - lead full lives; and get some good volunteer experience. You will learn a language, learn how to live in another culture, test your ability to use the skills you have acquired in school or elsewhere, experience a real sense of having done something meaningful. You learn humility and build self-confidence at the same time. And when you come home, we give you a little money, \$6000 a year of non-competitive eligibility for a federal government job, and the opportunity for fellowships at over 50 colleges. It is the opportunity of a lifetime.

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College Days: *Elmes-Crahall, The Gadfly of Bloomsburg U.*

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS

Lifestyles Editor

Jane Elmes-Crahall sits on the edge of a stage waiting for a debate competition to begin. Her long, straight brown hair is kept back by her thick, round black-rimmed glasses. Her future husband, Brinley, captures Jane's eagerness and excitement through his camera lens. Elmes-Crahall is in a typical position: preparing to speak her mind.

Elmes-Crahall's self-confidence and ability to speak in public is credited to her time spent in college, specifically the time she spent on the speech and debate team.

"Debate was the biggest thing in college to give me self-confidence," stated Elmes-Crahall.

Elmes-Crahall's undergraduate college career began in the fall of 1968 at Bloomsburg University. Majoring in Political Science, Elmes-Crahall thought she was on the fast track to law school.

"About a year or two before I started [at Bloomsburg] they offered Liberal Arts degrees. Before then all they did was produce education majors," said Elmes-Crahall.

Coming from a small town in Berwick, Pennsylvania, Elmes-Crahall came into the college setting with a small cultural education. But she was willing to learn.

"I think socially I met more people from [while at school], not from far away geographically, but attitude-wise. Socially, it was meeting the people from different backgrounds. Not that I wasn't gregarious; I had

lots of friends, but it was more people," stated Elmes-Crahall.

Elmes-Crahall's social education began the minute she stepped on campus. Being plucked from the farmland she was used to in Berwick, Elmes-Crahall immersed herself in the college atmosphere. In fact, according to her, she "majored in extracurriculars."

"I remember spending much more time on what I loved, which happened to be the social and co-curricular. The social part was a lot of fun!" recalled Elmes-Crahall.

As her social education began to grow and expand with each passing year at Bloomsburg, Elmes-Crahall's confidence and open mind grew, as well.

After joining the debate team, Elmes-Crahall spent countless hours traveling and debating against some of the brightest minds in the country at that time.

"That was an experience. You're meeting people from Ivy League schools and huge universities, and after a certain period of time, you learn that, intellectually ... you are just as smart, if not smarter than those people. That may have been one of the biggest lessons for me," said Elmes-Crahall.

Through her practice with the speech and debate team and the college setting, Elmes-Crahall stretched her independence muscles. Her growth as an individual thinker was expanded even more through her involvement with Bloomsburg's underground student newspaper, *The Gadfly*.

"Borrowed from the Greeks, the gadfly is that little annoying bug that gets in your ear, and you have to keep 'shoo-ing' it away from your ear, because it keeps buzzing," stated Elmes-Crahall.

Elmes-Crahall wrote about equal rights for men and women, as well as protecting women from abusive situations. At that point, situations like abuse were not dis-

cussed openly.

"A friend of mine in college was beaten by an ex-fiancee. Getting her well and getting her to go tell someone about it kind of radicalized me about it," remembered Elmes-Crahall with a serious tone.

The Gadfly became an outlet for Elmes-Crahall and her peers who were also pains in the sides of the Bloomsburg administration for their expressed frustration with the decisions the university was making.

According to Elmes-Crahall, the late 60's and early 70's were a really interesting time to hear all different kinds of political views and to be able to write about it and talk about it.

"You know I'm biased, but I think the writing in the underground paper was better than the writing in the official university paper. The university paper reported on student government, the sororities, fraternities and sports. I was not part of much of that," said Elmes-Crahall.

In response to the constant urging from students like Elmes-Crahall, Bloomsburg finally created a separate branch of intercollegiate governance called the Student-Faculty Senate.

"Bloomsburg was experimenting with a lot of different ways of governance to appease the loudmouth students like me. I was among a group of students who would constantly be asking for more freedom--for student views to be considered because of what Bloomsburg was doing...and how they were doing things," remembers Elmes-Crahall.

This organization that originally held 30 faculty members and 12 students was one of the primary legislative bodies on campus while Elmes-Crahall attended Bloomsburg. Being part of the inaugural class of the Student-Faculty Senate, Elmes-Crahall was well aware of the fact that she was a first for

this type of legislative body. Elmes-Crahall was appointed to the position of secretary and was very careful of what she said and did, because she knew people would be waiting for her to fail.

"The late 60's brought a lot of firsts for women. I knew I was setting an example for 'first time' women. You're very conscious [when] you're a first," said Elmes-Crahall.

Elmes-Crahall's position as secretary for the Student-Faculty Senate was a first for both herself and the University. Because of her heightened responsibility, a fellow Student-Faculty Senate member, a professor, approached her after receiving the position, and asked her why she thought she was assigned to secretary.

"He asked me 'Jane, do you think they gave that position to shut you up because you're a woman or because you're a student?' It had never occurred to me that giving someone this position was the perfect way to keep them quiet, because they would always be writing," remembered Elmes-Crahall.

The experiences Elmes-Crahall put herself in while attending Bloomsburg University began to shape her as a person. They began to shape her thought process and how she carried herself.

Elmes-Crahall may not have been aware of it, but she walked away from her undergraduate college years with more than just her degree. She walked away with a new self-image that she continues to carry with her to this day.

Elmes-Crahall no longer debates on stages as part of the Bloomsburg University team; however, she gets up in front of her communication classes each day and challenges her students to think as openly and freely as she found out she could during her time in college.

In her own words:

Elmes-Crahall remembers Woodstock:

"I only stayed in the dorms once while in college. It was the late summer between my freshman and sophomore year. 1969. A friend of mine who stayed down the hall came into my room one day and asked if I wanted to go to a music festival in upstate New York. I didn't have plans, so I said 'yes'. I know people who had tickets and did not even end up getting there. We just drove straight up from Bloomsburg, got there on Thursday. We stayed until Sunday. When the rains came we slept in the car. We slept outside in the sleeping bags. Even when it was raining we slept outside in the sleeping bags. And by Saturday no one cared where they were going to the bathroom."



Photo courtesy of Dr. Elmes-Crahall

Jane Elmes-Crahall, March 24, 1971.

Wilkes theatre presents "For Love of the Nightingale"

A preview of the first production of the fall semester

BY BRIE FRIEDMAN
A&E Editor

This Friday, October 1, is opening night for the Wilkes Theatre department's first fall play, "For Love of the Nightingale," written by Timberlake Wertenbaker and directed by Naomi Hatsfelt Baker, one of the three Wilkes theatre directors.

As the name might imply, it sounds like any other lovey-dovey romance. However, this ancient Greek myth actually contains a whirlwind of emotions that are only ignited by love. There is much more to the story than just romantic sweet nothings. It is full of hope, deceit, power, love, violence, and universal messages that say more than what meets the eye. After observing a run-through rehearsal of the play, I can safely say it will hold your attention as the story unfolds with never-ending action.

Tereus is one of the main characters who

is played by Lou Gerstle, a senior theatre major. Tereus is the King of Thrace and is power-hungry with a hidden agenda. His wife, Procne, played by Katrina Zbenger, another senior Theatre major, begins to miss and need her beloved younger sister, Philomele, played by Casey Lynch, a senior musical theatre major. Prior to Procne and Tereus' marriage, Procne and Philomele make a lifelong promise to always be there for one another. When Procne can no longer fight the need for her sister, she sends her Tereus to Athens to summon her. The journey involves many months of travelling across the sea. It is then that the story reveals its waves of irony.

Baker chose this show for a few reasons. She developed a deep connection with the relevant messages that "Nightingale" sends to the audience and knew it would challenge her students.

"I like the show a lot. It's the first time

I've had a significantly-sized part and taking on the responsibility to learn lines, going from scene to scene, it's been a big push. It's helped me infinitely, especially as an actor," said Gerstle.

"Nightingale" proves to be a style that Wilkes hasn't done in awhile. Being that there are more women than men who do theatre, most plays and musicals offer a majority of roles for men. This show, however, is dominated by women's roles.

In years past, turnout for theatre productions has been minimal at best. Baker believes that the performances have a lot to offer the student body. She believes that content from the performances can and should be used as discussion for classes in disciplines like women's studies, philosophy, and others.

"The more I read it, the more layers I discover," said Baker. "The thing about it is... this play seems like it is about one thing on

the surface, but it goes so much deeper than that. Timberlake Wertenbaker is a brilliant playwright. Also, I feel like this play will inspire lots of thought and conversation. Everyone deserves to have their voice heard, and when they are not given that opportunity, bad things happen."

The rest of the cast includes Casey Gow as Niobe and John Layton as the Captain. The Female Chorus includes Cassandra Colwell, Alyssa Glueck, Jessica Lech, Amy Morgenthew and Geneva Turner. The Male Chorus includes Luke Brady, Anthony DiMarco, Bill McGovern, Casey Thomas, and Kevin Hettrich.

Come show your support for your classmates. Show times are October 1, 2 and 3 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, October 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets are free with student IDs.

Fun and food at the 155th Annual Bloomsburg Fair

BY KRISTEN KARPINSKI
Asst. A&E Editor

The Bloomsburg Fair is now under full swing with crowds pouring in to eat their favorite deep-fried foods and enjoy the fun-filled atmosphere.

For 155 years, the Bloomsburg Fair has brought excitement, food, and entertainment to the people of Bloomsburg and surrounding areas. Whether it is a deep-fried Oreo or a blooming onion, crowds flock to the Bloomsburg Fair to feast on some food items which are not around quite often.

Stephanie Branas, a junior history major, explains why she enjoys the fair, "I'm going to the fair because it's something to do that's not so far away and they have fried cheese which is probably the most awesome and unhealthy thing ever."

Jeff Turner, superintendent of ticket collectors, has been working for the fair each

year, making sure ticket sales and gate admissions are running smoothly. Turner recalled that last year's fair attendance was a little over 410,000 people.

"We expect fair attendance to be up this year. Other fairs have done well this year and it seems people are staying closer to home rather than taking big trips. Yes, ticket prices increased from \$4.00 to \$5.00 this year, but this was the first increase in gate admission price for several years. The gate admissions will probably not be increased next year. It's not in the plan," stated Turner.

Featuring new acts for the grandstand stage, the entertainment has reached its highest peak in years. This year, acts such as Sugarland, Seether, Trace Adkins, and David Cook will perform at the grandstand stage.

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Photo Courtesy of Curt Salonik

Production photo from the show, "For Love of the Nightingale," of Procne, Tereus, and Philomele. From left: Katrina Zbenger, Lou Gerstle, and Casey Lynch.

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- Artist Spotlight: A Golden Era -

BY BRIE FRIEDMAN

A&E Editor

If you're looking for a band that has a refreshing and happy sound, *A Golden Era* (AGE) will have you feeling optimistic and enthusiastic, almost as if you were a kid again.

This indie/pop/rock band is from Lehigh Valley, Pa., and has officially been a band since 2006. Though AGE realizes how competitive the music industry is, they will continue to rock on until it becomes finacilly impossible.

Because they have nothing to lose, they savor every moment on stage or when they're just jamming together at band practice, pounding out light-hearted lyrics that are inspired by their own personal experiences and expectations. The band consists of four members: Dustin Beck, 24, on vocals/guitar; his brother Dale Beck, 25, on guitar/vocals; Kara Edelheiser, 23, on bass/vocals; and William Shupp, 22, on drums.

The Beacon: Is there a story behind the name *A Golden Era*?

AGE: We feel it sounds refreshing. It was either that or "A Apple." You figure it out.

The Beacon: Do you all have jobs and/or go to school? If so, what do you do/what is your major?

AGE: Dale and Dustin work full time as estimators for Eastern States Paving. Kara is currently teaching 7th and 8th grade general music and choir at Bangor Middle School. And I, William, am attending community college full-time at LCCC for Business Management.

The Beacon: Oh wow, so you do have a life outside of the band. Do you party like rockstars?

AGE: We're a pretty immature group of people. We're more likely to get our kicks from fart jokes than pounding down some drinks. We haven't spent a prolonged amount of time together as a group like a band would on tour, so this remains to be seen.

The Beacon: That's refreshing to hear. Who are three bands you would kill to perform with?

AGE: We'd prefer to just ask nicely than kill anyone, but given the opportunity we'd love to share the stage with Jimmy Eat World, Taking Back Sunday, and Hot Rod Circuit (on a reunion show, of course).

The Beacon: Okay. I see that you perform a lot in Wilkes-Barre at Café Metropolis. Any favorite place you like to go when you visit the area? Favorite bars?

AGE: Almost every time we've played at Metro we've gone across the street to Januzzi's Pizza. We've also made the occasional trip to Barnes and Noble. Otherwise we hang out back and throw a football. Many injuries have occurred to the band members from throwing footballs.

The Beacon: Ouch. Where's your favorite place to perform?

AGE: Café Metro. We've developed a good friendship with everyone at the venue. No matter if we play in front of five people or several hundred, they've always treated us well. This is more than I can say for a lot

of small venues we've encountered.

The Beacon: Have you ever opened up for anyone big?

AGE: Our biggest show we've played was opening for All Time Low at Café Metropolis. Kids really didn't know who we were, but they were going crazy all the same. We were also fortunate enough to play the Ernie Ball stage in Camden, NJ, on the 2007 Vans Warped Tour.

The Beacon: When you're not doing your music, what do you do in your free time?

AGE: **Dustin:** I like to play various sports and watch movies and TV.

Dale: I work with Will in our home studio cleverly named, "Dale, Will Record You Studios."

Kara: I skiboard, knit, and create chaos with friends.

Will: I procrastinate and spend money, watch/play football, and expand an ever-growing music collection.

The Beacon: Anything else you want fans to know?

AGE: **Dustin:** I want our fans to know about stars, but I don't know enough about stars to teach them.

Dale: I think our fans already know too much.

Kara: I'm giving out free hugs to the top bidder!

Will: I'm single and looking.

Check out *A Golden Era* on their Myspace and Facebook pages. This band visits the Wyoming Valley quite often, so be on the lookout now before they make it big. You won't regret it.



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Kara Edelheiser, Dustin Beck, Dale Beck, and William Shupp of *A Golden Era*.

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Better acts have been a result of the expansion of the grandstand stage. Last year, the fair association leased a larger stage for a three year period to amplify the performances and accommodate for much bigger acts.

Carey Howell, superintendent of Grandstand, explained, "The biggest change [with the addition of the new stage] has been in the quality of the sound. With the higher stage, we are able to "fly" the sound from a higher elevation and make it more directional."

When asked how ticket sales were going this year, Howell said, "Sugarland is about 80 tickets away from selling out. Trace Adkins is our second best seller followed by Seether. The sale of tickets is affected mostly by the performers we have engaged. The bigger stage gives us the opportunity to hire better acts."

The fair also offers free entertainment to those who do not mind sitting down to take a load off of their feet and watch several acts that are eager to entertain. Ryan Pelton, an Elvis impersonator, has been a popular act at the fair and several other notable venues, like Knoebels Amusement Resort. He, as well as others like the Mudflaps and the Mahoney Brothers, will all take the stage at no cost to the audience.

Besides the food and entertainment, there is a lot more behind-the-scenes work that makes the Bloomsburg Fair an overwhelming success. The Bloomsburg Fair is a combination of over 200 employees and volunteers who work hard to help the guests have a good time.

Kristin McDermott, a senior Entrepreneurship major,

says she comes to the fair for the "social event of hanging out with friends. The good food, games, and things to buy are just a plus."

Each year, farmers and animal owners come to the fair to show off their prized cows, chickens, horses and even dogs to the fair-goers, mainly young children that are fascinated with animals.

Todd Lehman, President of the Bloomsburg Fair Board, verbalized his enthusiasm over the fair's newest attractions.

"The things that are new this year are the Dockdogs competition and the Guitar Hero competition to be held in the Millennium Park area on the east end of the fairgrounds. There will also be an Elephant Encounter show on the west end of the grounds. In the livestock department there will be a scavenger hunt for the kids and a horse drawn "Cinderella" type carriage that will be hitched up daily as well," mentioned Lehman.

Lehman was also highly optimistic about this year's fair and the satisfaction of his guests. Lehman added, "What I always hope for, for every fair week, is good weather! When the weather is nice, people will come and enjoy the fair."

The Bloomsburg Fair is scheduled to continue throughout the week, ending on Saturday, October 3rd. Gates will open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until after the grandstand concerts are finished. Don't forget to go and check out the Bloomsburg Fair for yourself. It's an event you do not want to miss!

"I'm going to the fair because it's something to do that's not so far away and they have fried cheese which is probably the most awesome and unhealthy thing ever."

- Stephanie Branas, junior history major

Osterhout targets college students

BY BRIE FRIEDMAN

A&E Editor

The Osterhout Free Library, located on 71 South Franklin St., will have more than an educational purpose this Monday, October 5. Osterhout is hosting a Wii Beatles Rock-band game night, sponsored by GAMESTOP, from 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. specifically for college students to enjoy the library. It is also being held to help raise awareness that there are other resources in the community that students can utilize, aside from the ones on campus.

Elaine Stefanko, Coordinator of Information Services at Osterhout, thinks college game night is essential to bringing students to the library, especially new students in the area who aren't familiar with the resources in the surrounding community.

During the day, there are approximately 100 people who come in to use alone—sometimes, there is even a line. Stefanko, however, hopes to bring in a larger student influx. The library's mission is to win over more of the younger generation.

"We are trying to reach kids again. It seems like we get young children and adults, but we are missing out on the teenagers and college students," said Stefanko.

This is not the first time Osterhout has hosted a game night. They had intergenerational video game night for children and adults earlier in the year, and were successful. This Monday will be the first game night targeting college students.

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BY DAVID LEWIS

Staff Writer

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This week's clues: Q=O

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Answer from last week: MAKING TOAST IN A TOASTER OVEN CAN BE DONE USING AN ARRAY OF FOOD ITEMS, CONSIDERING ALL FOODS THAT A TOASTER-OVEN TOASTS BECOME TOASTED!

Review: DMB rocks Montage with crowd-pleasing performance

BY BRANDON PRENTICE
Correspondent

Dave Matthews Band (DMB) has been a staple in popular music for countless years. Their live shows are an intoxicating mix of great music and lighting and attract a wide array of fans. This past Wednesday night, September 23, *DMB* played a show in the Toyota Pavilion at Montage Mountain. Listeners from near and far, whether first time show-goers or seasoned veterans, gathered for their very own Dave Matthews experience and all that it had to offer.

The atmosphere was electric inside the venue as the anxious crowd awaited Dave Matthews and the rest of the band to hit the stage. After what seemed like forever, Matthews and his crew finally walked out onto the stage and the crowd exploded.

“The Proudest Monkey,” “Satellite,” and “Don’t Drink the Water”--three classic songs that any true *DMB* fan would be familiar with--kicked off the set, followed up by “Funny the Way it is” and “Seven” off of their newly released album *Big Whiskey* and the *Groogux King*. The middle of the set list included a combination of both classic *DMB* songs and songs from the new album. Some notables included “Dancing Nancies,” “Cornbread,” and “Why I Am.”

Matthews then stepped forward and got intimate with his fans. With a single spotlight and his acoustic guitar, he

played arguably his most famous and beloved song “Crash Into Me,” as the crowd sang along. From that point on, the band blew the crowd away with feel-good songs to end the set, two of which included Robert Randolph, an extremely talented sit-down slide guitarist who pumped up the show before *DMB* rocked the house.

Finally, after the band finished their last song and cleared the stage, the crowd called them back for their encore. Dave awed everyone with yet another intimate song, “Baby Blue” before the band collectively exploded, capturing the crowd one last time with their rendition of Bob Dylan’s “All Along the Watchtower.”

This was my first *DMB* show, and I could not have asked for a better experience. It had a little bit of everything. My only criticism of the show had nothing to do with the music itself but rather the food and beverage vendors stationed at the venue. On more than one occasion, the vendors failed to fulfill the wishes of the customers. From power problems to simply running out of supplies, they were not up to the usual standards fans are accustomed to at Montage Mountain.

Rating: 4 out of 5
Definitely check out DMB.
It’s well-worth the ticket prices!!

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If they get an impressive turnout, it will become a regular event.

Though the library is free and offers games, not all students will leave campus to attend the event. While many students agree that game night at Osterhout is a great idea, they note that they can have fun with their own Wiis and Xbox 360s.

“It sounds fun getting to know other people, but then again being so busy with school and playing my own game systems at home with my own friends is just easier” said senior Amanda Touch, communication studies major and business minor.

Stefanko insists that it is a win-win situation if students come out for the event. Students are urged to become more familiar with free outside resources, as long as people return their borrowed items on time. Otherwise, late fees apply.

Though it is a library, Osterhout goes above and beyond when it comes to getting the community involved. Every Monday, there is Board Game Night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., a Mystery Book Discussion that takes place once a month, and also an Isocrates Café session that meets the second Thursday of every month to discuss the ideals of Isocrates. There are many other events that Osterhout organizes, including occasional film festivals.

Osterhout offers a challenge to college students to go beyond campus and make new friends within the community, simultaneously having a good time. All students need to bring with them is their driver’s license and student ID if they want to register for a free library card.

What’s Happening Around Wilkes-Barre

BY KRISTEN KARPINSKI
Assistant A&E Editor

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

- Trace Adkins @ Bloomsburg Fair
 - Starts 7:30 p.m.
 - Cost: \$44 (track) \$39 (grandstand)
- *Drink Up Buttercup/The Moneynotes* @ The Bog, Scranton
 - Starts 9 p.m. / Cost: \$3

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

- *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare @ King’s College Theatre
 - Starts 7:30 p.m. / Cost: \$7 students/seniors; \$5 GA – Sept. 30th, Oct. 1-2, Oct. 5-6

Thursday, October 1, 2009

- *Sugarland* @ Bloomsburg Fair
 - Starts 7:30 p.m.
 - Cost: \$48 (track) \$43 (grandstand)
- *The Movement, The Brightlife, Take Cover & A Classic Farewell* @ Café Metropolis
 - Starts 7 p.m. / Cost: \$7
- *Emmitt-Nershi Band & Assembly of Dust* @ River Street Jazz Café, Plains
 - Starts 10 p.m. / Cost: \$18
- *The Pullman Porter* @ Actors’ Circle at Providence Playhouse
 - 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. / FREE!

- *Love of the Nightingale* @ Wilkes University
 - Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m.
 - Cost: Free to Wilkes students, faculty, staff
 - \$7 students and seniors; \$15 GA

All Weekend Long

- *Avenue Q* @ Scranton Cultural Center
 - Oct. 2nd-4th – TIMES VARY / Cost: \$32-52

Friday, October 2, 2009

- Seether @ Bloomsburg Fair
 - Starts 7:30 p.m.
 - Cost: \$34 (track) \$29 (grandstand)
- Donna Jean Godchaux Band @ River Street Jazz Café, Plains
 - Starts 10 p.m. / Cost: \$18

Saturday, October 3, 2009

- Mother Nature’s Sons @ River Street Jazz Café, Plains
 - Starts at 10 p.m. / Cost: \$5
- “Raising the Roof” @ Park & Lock East Parking Garage, Wilkes-Barre
 - 5-7:30 p.m. / Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door
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Monday, October 5, 2009

- WWE Monday Night Raw @ Wachovia Arena
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ATLANTIC'S
BEST TEAM?
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Defense crunches Captains, football improves to 3-0 *Led by Lombreglia, Colonels come alive in second half to pick up big win*

BY RYAN HOLMES
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior Tim Lombreglia came up big on Saturday when the Wilkes football team traveled to Newport News, Va., to take on the Captains from Christopher Newport. Lombreglia stacked up 10 tackles (five assisted, five unassisted), two and a half sacks and an interception to aid in the Colonels' victory.

"We knew we needed this game to prove to ourselves that we could go on the road against a great football team in a hostile environment and play as a team to get this big win," Lombreglia said.

They definitely made a statement with this win, not just to themselves but to the doubters throughout the league.

"The win was huge, not to prove to the MAC, but it proved to us as a team that together we can go anywhere and beat anybody," Kevin Gerhart commented after the game.

Rob Johnson and his offensive arsenal of wide receivers and running backs helped

the Colonels take over the game. Even though Johnson made mistakes early on, he could still count on his main receiver of the day, Jordan D'Emilio (nine receptions, 100 yards) to help him lead the way to victory. Not to mention Zach Tivald and Harry Reese, who provided ample support as they manned the backfield.

Johnson completed 18 of his 37 passes for 207 yards and never let the fact that he had two of his passes intercepted in the first half bother him.

"I had to forget about it," Johnson said. "I told them [the offense] at halftime to stay together and that we have to fight until there is nothing left, and everybody looked at each other and agreed that we were not going to lose."

The Colonels went into halftime trailing 10-7 on the power of another Corey Gilroy "pick six" in the second quarter. This is the second game in a row that Gilroy has come up with an interception, and returned it for a touchdown. Led by Gilroy's touchdowns, the defense has already topped their amount scores from last year.

But after halftime, the rest of the game was dictated by how well the Colonels' defense played and if they could contain Christopher Newport's high powered offense.

The ongoing theme of the season has been the playmaking ability of Wilkes's defense, which held the Captains to a total of 73 yards rushing.

A total team effort erupted in the second half as the Colonels out scored the Captains 17 to 7. The slew of points began on the Colonels' first drive of the third quarter when Chris Horn connected on a 23-yard field goal to tie the score at 10-a-piece.

An interception on the Captains' next drive by Lombreglia gave the Colonels the ball back. He credited Sean O'Neill who "made a great play to allow [him] to get the interception."

It wasn't long after the interception that Johnson led the Colonels down the field once again and connected with Gennaro Zangardi for a 6-yard touchdown strike to put them in the lead for the first time on the day. From there, they did not look back.

The rest of the third quarter ended up scoreless, however, the fourth quarter breathed new life into Wilkes. They marched down the field to the 1-yard line once more, allowing Reese to finish off the drive making the score 24-10.

Wilkes's defense let up in the fourth quarter allowing Christopher Newport to score on a 19-yard rush from Antonio Epps. But they quickly regrouped. The next time the defense took the field they used a sack by Chris Swinarski resulting in a 12-yard loss to hold the Captains for the rest of the game.

"I was just trying to make a play and help get the win," Swinarski said.

The game came to a close before Christopher Newport could reach the end zone leaving the Colonels on top by a score of 24-17.

Let's see if they can make it four in a row and maintain their dominance. Next week Wilkes heads to Reading, Pa for their MAC opener to take on the Albright Lions in hopes of avenging a 17-10 loss from last year.

Courtesy of Jason Prushinski



Tim Lombreglia (23) and Sean O'Neill (32) celebrate a play during the Colonels' week two victory over Montclair State. On Saturday, Lombreglia had an interception, ten tackles, and two and a half sacks to lead Wilkes to a 24-17 victory over Christopher Newport. The win pushed the Colonels' record to 3-0 on the season.

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Athlete Spotlight: Kate McGurk, volleyball team leader

BY DAN KAUTZ
Managing Editor

Meet Kate McGurk, an elementary education major from Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, and the right-side hitter for the Wilkes University volleyball team. A sophomore on this year's squad (10-8 overall, 1-1 in conference), McGurk played a pivotal role in the Lady Colonels' tournament win in Scranton two weeks ago. For her contribution to the team's 3-1 tournament record and her overall performance, she was named to the all-tournament team.

McGurk first began playing volleyball eight years ago when she was in seventh grade.

"I like the atmosphere that surrounds the game," said McGurk. "I love being able to play off the rallying nature of the game; facing the ups and downs. Coming back from a large deficit is always really exciting, just like trying to stop a team that's making a charge."

McGurk and this year's squad lost only one starter from last season yet were picked

to finish fifth in the Freedom Conference before the start of the year. The Lady Colonels responded by starting the season 9-1, ending any talk from their doubters. They have since struggled, but McGurk remains upbeat on the team's chances at a conference title.

Said McGurk, "I think from the beginning we came on really strong and that we have the potential to be the best team in the league. It's simply a matter of coming together and finishing strong using what we've been learning in practice."

She pointed to the team's September 12 game against Marywood in the Scranton tournament as evidence of the team's skill. Playing in their third game of the day, the Lady Colonels survived an exhausting five game match and eventually won, 3-2.

"We came out strong and knew that if we had any chance of winning we had to go all out," said McGurk. "I think we really showed our coach that we had a high potential as a team."

She added that the team's experience and time with one another has helped them pull

through some difficult contests during the season.

"I think overall being able to play with each other more, having more time together than we did last year, has helped us out tremendously. We're playing more as a team this year instead of individually; we know that we can be great as long we stay together," concluded McGurk.

Junior outside hitter Marissa Harrison has been impressed with the role McGurk has played on the team this season.

"I definitely think her verbal energy has helped out in many of our games," said Harrison. "She has a great ability to get us pumped up and increase our energy as a team; she really brings us together."

"She's definitely the most vocal teammate on our squad, always trying to motivate us and maintain our focus," said junior outside/middle hitter Meaghan Williams. "I've never had a teammate like that before."

McGurk and the rest of the volleyball team will be back in action tomorrow night at King's College at 7 p.m.



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Sophomore Kate McGurk has had a stellar sophomore campaign while leading the Colonels to a 10-8 record, just two wins shy of the their total from last season.



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10/3 vs. FDU Florham

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Face Off



Who is today's most dominant athlete?

Money Mayweather... 'nough said!



Asst. Sports Editor

RYAN HOLMES

"When you're facing Floyd Mayweather, you're facing the best, period." -Floyd Mayweather Jr.

"Ding - Ding," round 2! Once again this is no contest.

Albert does do some things with the bat, but there is nothing like the dominantly fast hands of my man "Pretty boy" Floyd aka "Money" Mayweather.

Floyd Mayweather Jr. is not only the best pound for pound fighter/boxer of this era; he is also the most dominant athlete. Since October 11, 1996, when he knocked out Roberto Apodaca in the second round of his first professional fight, Pretty Boy Floyd has been making heads roll.

On the way to his perfect 40-0 record (25 wins by KO), he has stacked up victories over Arturo Gatti (R.I.P) for the WBC Light Welterweight Title, Zab Judah for the IBF Welterweight Title, and Oscar De La Hoya for the WBC Jr. Middleweight Title.

If you got mesmerized by all his dominance, that's three titles against three of the most notable fighters in the business at three different weight classes.

Say it with me. Wow.

Coming from a Hall of Fame Boxing family, I know a great fighter when I see one and Mayweather is a great fighter. When Floyd first came onto the boxing scene in '96, boxing was out-shining almost all other sports and still out-shines baseball.

Before leaving the ring for about two years, he retained the WBC Welterweight Title by knocking out Ricky "The Hitman" Hatton.

He returned to the ring exactly 10 days agotoday, to snack on one more fighter who thought he could throw hands with the legend. Juan Manuel "Dinamita" Marquez was given a chance to see if he was worthy and like the 39 fighters before him he came out battered and bruised.

As for you Mr. Dorunda, if I were in the line up with Albert it would definitely help him out. (Come check out my home-run plaques. I'm a slugger.) But let's think about this for a second.

Hey, Hey, Hey! It's that Albert!



Sports Editor

ANTHONY DORUNDA

Albert Pujols, who was just honored as Sporting News' MLB Athlete of the Decade, is the greatest athlete on the planet right now. No questions asked.

I already feel the blaze of fire burning my hind end from fans of Tiger Woods, Usain Bolt, LeBron James, and Roger Federer. But before I get lynched, let me plead my case.

It's hard to argue for a single player in a team sport because it's hard to dominate without the help of those around you; but Albert Pujols does just that, with a supporting cast minus two pitchers and Matt Holliday, who is mediocre at best.

Without Pujols, the Cardinals are not a World Series contender year in and year out. It's that simple. Mr. Holmes could hit in front of him, and Mr. Cignoli could hit behind him, and he would still find a way to beat you by himself.

When asked who the best player in baseball is, it's unanimous for Albert Pujols. In boxing, some choose Mayweather, but some

choose Manny Pacquiao. You cannot be the most dominant athlete in the world if you're not the best in your sport. Not to mention, Mayweather has failed to fight elite fighters such as Miguel Cotto and Shane Mosley.

But let his body of work do the talking.

He has 1,707 hits, 1,067 runs, 366 Homeruns, 1106 RBIs, .334 career Batting Average, .427 career On-Base Percentage, .629 Slugging percentage, and two, soon to be three, MVP Awards.

Bert Blyleven, a contributor for NBCsports.com, compared Pujols with some notable Hall-of Famers at this point in their careers. On the list are Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Ted Williams, and Hank Aaron, among others. According to the chart, Pujols is second only to Babe Ruth in homeruns, sixth in RBI's and sixth in batting average. Dominant? I think so. And he's only 29.

But besides the superior numbers, Pujols changes the complexion of the game by stepping into the box. He's the only player in baseball whom pitchers do not know how to get out. They try to limit his damage, not get him out. As Zack Greinke put it, "Every hitter is human, except Pujols."

"The Machine," as he is called, doesn't just do one thing great and is average at

Mayweather has won three titles himself versus one title won by the St. Louis Cardinals. Last time I checked, the team goes into the record books for championship, not an individual, I could be wrong, but don't count on it because it never happens.

If Mayweather is having an off day in the ring, which also never happens, who is going to help him? Um, no one. But if Pujols is having an off day, he can rely on eight other guys to back him up.

But here's one last tip. Go to youtube.com, type in "Floyd Mayweather Jr.," and make sure you do like T.O says and "get your popcorn ready."

"Now class, before you leave I would like you to answer this question," said Mr. Holmes. "Who dominates like Mr. Money Mayweather? Yes, Anthony. Do you know the answer?"

"Yes, I do," Anthony said with a tear in his eye. "No one, no one dominates like Mr. Money Mayweather."

"That's correct Anthony," Mr. Holmes said, "have a good day and don't forget what you learned today. I don't want to have to school you again. Class dismissed."

others. He does everything at a level that's unprecedented.

The worst season Pujols has ever had was when he hit "only" .327 with 32 Homeruns and 102 RBIs. By comparison, Alex Rodriguez, who sometimes is mumbled within five breaths of Pujols, has a career average that just peaks over .300, but has a slugging percentage nearly 50 points lower than Pujols, an on-base percentage almost 40 points lower. In 12 of the past 16 seasons, he has struck out more than 100 times per season. Pujols has never struck out 100 times.

He never makes a mistake on the bases and plays near-flawless defense and has done it every single year, for nine years in a row. Pujols is also the only major leaguer ever to begin a career with nine straight seasons with 30-plus homeruns, 100-plus RBIs, and a .300-plus average.

In a poll on ESPN.com, current and former major league players were asked what pitcher-hitter matchup they would like to see most. While the pitchers varied, the hitter never changed. Everyone went with Albert Pujols.

He's so dominant, it's boring.

Chuck Norris stops what he's doing to watch Albert Pujols hit. Enough said.

ANALYZING THE NHL'S ATLANTIC DIVISION

Four of the five teams in hockey's toughest grouping have playoff potential

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Although hockey is a sport played on ice, National Hockey League general managers don't have the luxury of a summer vacation. They're hard at work during the hottest months of the year, signing free agents to contracts, dealing players to other teams in trades, and drafting prospects to make their teams better down the road.

Hockey fans will finally have the chance to see the fruits of their team's labors this Thursday, October 1, when the NHL drops the puck on the 2009-10 season.

The Pittsburgh Penguins, last season's Stanley Cup champions, begin their title defense one day after that when they host the New York Rangers.

The Pittsburgh/New York contest marks the official start of Atlantic Division play. The NHL is broken into two conferences, with 15 teams skating in each. The conferences are then evenly divided into three divisions. Teams with the highest point total in their division are guaranteed a top-three seed in the NHL playoffs, with the other five seeds going to the teams with the highest overall point totals.

The Atlantic Division title is shaping up to be one of the most hotly contested races in the NHL this season, with four of the five teams likely to make it to the playoffs.

Here's how the five teams are shaping up for the quest for the Stanley Cup.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS

The Islanders will continue to struggle this season, after missing the playoffs for the tenth time in the last 15 years during the 2008-2009 season.

Even if franchise goalie Rick DiPietro, who missed all but five games last year with an injury, was in the line-up, it is doubtful that the Islanders would have come anywhere close to a playoff spot. The team didn't have a 20-goal scorer, and defenseman Mark Streit led the team with 56 points. The good news is that the Islanders' awful performance last season allowed them to draft John Tavares, a former 70-goal scorer for his junior hockey team, with the first overall pick in the 2009 NHL Entry Draft. Tavares is pegged as the savior of the franchise, but he lacks a supporting cast.

Although the Islanders also addressed their goaltending issues this summer, signing veterans Dwayne Roloson and Martin Biron to contracts, it will be a few seasons before they amount to a legitimate threat in the postseason picture.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS

Though they won the Atlantic Division last year the New Jersey Devils will struggle to enjoy the same success this year. They lost 20-goal scorer Brian Gionta to the Montreal Canadiens and hard-nosed fore-checker John Madden to the Chicago Blackhawks. Head coach Brent Sutter essentially quit the team and accepted a job with the Calgary Flames. Rod Pelley, a minor league call-up, has the daunting task of replacing Madden. Zach Parise, who became the first New Jersey player to score 45 goals in a season since 1991 last year, will be called upon even more with Gionta's departure.

However, the Devils have never won games by scoring a ton of goals. With bona fide future hall-of-famer Martin Brodeur between the pipes, they don't have to.

With the departures in the organization

this summer, and the team opting to promote from within, rather than signing any big-name free agents, new head coach Jacques Lemaire has his work cut out for him, but the Devils always seem to find a way to win big. Case in point, they racked up 106 points last year with Brodeur on the sidelines for three months with an injury.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

The Philadelphia Flyers made the biggest splash in the division this summer, acquiring perennial all-star Chris Pronger from Anaheim in exchange for Joffrey Lupul, Luca Sbisa, and draft picks. Pronger joins a Philadelphia squad that will get the bulk of its scoring from its top two lines, anchored by Simon Gagne, Mike Richards, Daniel Briere, and Jeff Carter.

The addition of gritty forward Ian Laperriere is a perfect compliment to Arron Asham, Daniel Carcillo, Riley Cote, and the other rough and tumble customers that the Flyers have on their bottom two lines. Not only will the Flyers beat teams on the scoreboard, they'll also beat them senseless.

Goaltending is the biggest issue plaguing Philly, as the team lost Martin Biron and Antero Niittymaki to free agency. Philadelphia brought in former Ottawa Senators goalie Ray Emery and journeyman Brian Boucher to replace those two, but the jury is still out on whether or not that was a good move.

The Flyers will make the playoffs, but they will live and die by how well Emery decides to play in the postseason.

NEW YORK RANGERS

The Rangers had the highest turnover rate of any team in the division this offseason, losing eight of their 20 regulars to free

agency or trade. However, the Rangers used the salary cap space they got from trading underperforming center Scott Gomez for Chris Higgins to sign oft-injured forward Marian Gaborik. When Gaborik is healthy, he is one of the most dynamic players in the game, and the Rangers will rely on him to kick-start an offense that was the second-worst in the NHL last year with 238 goals scored.

With more than one rookie defenseman likely to feature prominently on this season's Blueshirt Blueline, including top collegiate prospect Matt Gilroy, the Rangers will rely on superstar goalie Henrik Lundqvist more than they ever have before. Lundqvist was the reason that the Rangers won as many games as they did last season, and as he goes this year, so will the team.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

There isn't much to say about the squad that won the Stanley Cup last season, the trophy speaks for itself. The Penguins did lose three of their cup winning defensemen – Philippe Boucher, Hal Gill, and Rob Scuderi – but replacement blueliner Alex Goligoski spent a considerable amount of last season in the NHL and veteran Jay McKee was brought in through free agency.

The Penguins also boast the two best players in the division, generational talents Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin. The dynamic duo has posted 701 points in a combined 532 NHL games, and are sure to make the Penguins a force to reckon with for years to come. Crosby and Malkin have already led the Penguins to the Stanley Cup finals in back-to-back seasons, and there is no reason to think that they won't be there for a third consecutive year in June.

2009-10 ATLANTIC DIVISION PREDICTED FINISHING ORDER



1. PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

Key Additions: Defenseman Jay McKee will help fill the void left by three departing defensemen. Mike Rupp is a dependable fourth line center.

Key Subtractions: Petr Sykora is gone to Minnesota, but the Penguins have the depth to replace him.

Outlook: They'll run away with the division en route to a third straight Stanley Cup finals.



2. NEW YORK RANGERS

Key Additions: Marian Gaborik is set to be Broadway's biggest star. Rookie blueliner Matt Gilroy will see a lot of ice time.

Key Subtractions: Underproductive center Scott Gomez was traded to Montreal. Defenseman Derek Morris signed with Boston. Scorer Markus Naslund retired.

Outlook: If Gaborik and Lundqvist aren't healthy, it'll be a long season in Gotham.



3. PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

Key Additions: Goalie Ray Emery is back in the USA. The scary good Chris Pronger will anchor the Philly defense. The fiery Ian Laperriere joins a rough & tumble team.

Key Subtractions: RW Mike Knuble is gone to Washington, and winger Joffrey Lupul was traded to Anaheim for Pronger.

Outlook: The team's postseason success depends on Emery's play.



4. NEW JERSEY DEVILS

Key Additions: Not many, except for the acquisition of third-liner Rob Niedermayer.

Key Subtractions: Sniper Brian Gionta will be tough to replace. Grinder John Madden (no relation to the football guru) is an even bigger loss for the Devils. Not to mention ex-head coach Brent Sutter.

Outlook: They will (just barely) make the playoffs thanks to stellar play by Brodeur.



5. NEW YORK ISLANDERS

Key Additions: John Tavares will be good, but he won't score 70 goals like he did in junior hockey. Martin Biron and Dwayne Roloson address the team's goalie issues.

Key Subtractions: No one of importance, but then again, they didn't have anyone of importance to lose in the first place.

Outlook: The Islanders will be lucky to finish higher than dead last in the conference.

Sister act helps propel Colonels to 7-1 start

DiSabatino twins have instant impact for Lady Colonels

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There was a point in freshmen Jenna and Cassie DiSabatino's lives when field hockey was not a part of their future.

"We wanted to quit in eighth grade," said Cassie, who is the older of the two by a few minutes. "But coach [Elvetta Gemski] told us to keep at it; she said we were very good players and we had the abilities, we just had to keep going."

The good news for both high school coach Elvetta Gemski and the field hockey team here at Wilkes is that they decided to give field hockey a second chance.

As seniors at nearby Crestwood High School, both were honored with first-team all-state recognition along with numerous other conference and state accolades. And now in their first year donning the blue and gold, they are a key reason why the field hockey team hasn't missed a beat from their record-setting 2008 season.

"Both Jenna and Cassie have made an immediate impact on the program," said head coach Sara Myers. "They have both brought a new intensity level to the team and have made those who play around them more aggressive and confident. When you are a strong player you bring out the best in your teammates. They play harder and more aggressive than most of our opponents."

The sisters, who were originally committed to Division-II Bloomsburg University until problems evolved through their guidance office, are known for their physical brand of field hockey. It is physical enough for opposing players and fans to call their style of play "dirty."

"We get the nastiest comments from other coaches and players on the field," said Cassie. "We take the criticism and it makes us work even harder."

The hard work on the field is showing in their statistics. Jenna is currently ranked second on the team in scoring, and her older sister Cassie is right behind her in third.

"We're supposed to be physical and aggressive players," said Jenna. "We're not going to be wimps; we're not going to let others push us around. Our job is to get to the ball and score. We're not going to let anyone beat us to it."

Last season the Lady Colonels finished with a school record 18 wins and cracked



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Freshman attacker Jenna DiSabatino (9) scored twice against Susquehanna on September 22. Her sister Cassie (not pictured) recorded a goal and an assist in the game.

the top 25 for the first time in school history. But after losing five key seniors, Myers needed younger players like Cassie and Jenna to step up right away in order to pick up where last year's team left off.

"After last season I thought that the 2008 team was the most talented team I would ever get to work with," said Myers. "That was true until I saw this year's team play. We have 18 players who are all talented, hardworking and dedicated to making this year a success. It is rare to have a team where you can put any player into the game and feel comfortable and confident."

Myers says that the success seen thus far this season can be credited to leadership of the upperclassmen and the work ethic of the entire team. She also stresses that the team does not have to count on two or three people to get the job done; every player on the field is responsible for moving the team toward success.

"The seniors were my first recruiting class and they know how hard they have worked in the past four years to get where we are," said Myers. They know we have to work extremely hard every day, and practice and play every day like we were in the championship game."

So far, the results have been tremendous. Behind the playmaking ability of senior

Jennifer Keegan, who leads the team in goals with 10, the physical play of the DiSabatino sisters, and the superb play between the pipes from sophomore net minder Lindsey Davenport, who is allowing just 1.35 goals per game, the Lady Colonels have roared out to a 7-1 start, garnering another #18 ranking and plenty of national recognition.

In that start, they have outscored their opponents by a score of 35-12, with a school record seven goals versus Susquehanna last Tuesday.

"We work so hard, and play like a family," said Cassie Disabatino. "We trust each other on the field and we put a lot of heart into every game. This start is awesome."

"We have that never-give-up attitude, which has been the key to our start this year," stated Myers. "We have the most skilled team I have ever worked with but more importantly we have great team chemistry and an unselfish attitude. The team is hardworking and extremely dedicated to accomplishing our goal."

That goal?

"We want to win the MAC, definitely," echoed both Jenna and Cassie.

With the way they're playing right now, that may only be the beginning of what's to come for this team down the road.

BY THE NUMBERS

35

Goals scored by the team thus far this season. The Lady Colonels are outscoring their opponents by a 35-12 margin.

18th

Ranking of the Lady Colonels last week in Division-III field hockey. It's the highest that the Wilkes squad has ever been ranked.

7

Goals the Lady Colonels field hockey team scored against Susquehanna on September 22. That is the most goals scored in a single game in program history.

1.35

Sophomore goaltender Lindsey Davenport's goals against average during the team's 7-1 start.



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