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Don't put the umbrella away, because it will be raining the rest of the week.

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Faculty and staff serve holiday dinner



Maggy Herrick/Eagle Eye

One hundred and thirty faculty members and staff catered a Christmas dinner to students last night in Bentley Hall. It provided a great opportunity for students and staff to mingle outside of the classroom. The dinner was part of President Miller's quest to make the university seem more like a family.

Graduation brings plethora of emotions

Lisa Kiwak
Staff Reporter

The December Class of 2004 will walk into Thomas Field House as Lock Haven undergraduates for the last time Sunday. Winter commencement will be held at 2:00 pm, and Paul Rooney will be the featured speaker.

Paul Rooney is the Regional President and Senior Vice President of Sovereign Bank. Rooney's position makes him responsible for the North Central Region of Pennsylvania. This area includes 19 retail community banking offices located in Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland and Union counties. In addition to these offices, there are also two commercial loan centers.

Upcoming graduates have mixed emotions about their undergraduate careers coming to an end.

"I'm excited to graduate and anxious to start doing what I love to do," said Kim Hill, Journalism and Mass Communications major. "I'll miss the friends I made and Dr. Campbell's classes, where I learned the most and discov-

ered the paths I want to travel down."

Accounting major Tara Hardy said, "It is scary, sad and exciting because you have no idea what is waiting for you and where life is going to lead you from this point on."

Other students refused to take a sentimental approach and found humor in the event.

"Thinking about graduation is like a new pair of underwear," said Psychology major Ben Ruby. "At first it's constrictive, but after a while it becomes a part of you."

Health and Physical Education major Dave Harmic said, "When I think about graduating and getting a job it doesn't worry me that much because the girl I date is gonna make mad loot."

Preceding the ceremony will be ROTC Commissioning Ceremonies in Sloan Theater at 11:00 am. Full Commencement will take place in Thomas Field house beginning at 2:00 pm. Those planning to attend are urged to arrive early.

(A full list of all the December graduates is printed on page A2)

Sleepout for homelessness once again a huge success

Nicole Pinto
Staff Reporter

Some might say living in a dorm is like living in a box, but some students know how it really feels to sleep in one.

The last scheduled sleep out for the homeless was cancelled due to rain, but this time when it rained it did not put a damper on any spirits. Students stayed outside in the rain with only a box to sleep in at Triangle Park on November 19 at 10 p. m. until November 20 at 10 a. m. Students were raising money for Clinton County's only homeless shelter, Horizon House.

Each person had sponsors to donate money for every hour they stayed. Maria Kobaleski had six sponsors and said, "I'm staying all

night, and basically having fun." Groups of friends were doing this together. Some put their boxes in a circle, and talked all night. The boxes were set up everywhere.

There was a big booth where the volunteers could warm up with hot chocolate and coffee. Kristi Godin and Leah Soule were two students involved in signing people in at the booth. At seven o'clock there were already seventy people signed up. More people filled up the boxes throughout the night.

In the booth a table with handouts from the Salvation Army was next to the sign in sheet. The handout explained situations of unfortunate people at the shelter and how they were homeless without a choice. "The stereotype of homeless people is wrong.

They are not just dirty, lazy, criminals." Most people in the shelter were laid off, could not find another job, no longer could stay with other family members, or any other difficult situation.

When asked for his purpose of being involved Danny Marrbro proudly replied, "I have two sponsors and I want to raise as much money as I can." A grand total of one thousand, three hundred, and three dollars was raised which was more than doubled both semesters last year. This sleep out was to raise awareness and have the university help the community. Next time you are in your dorm room thinking how could your living conditions couldn't be any worse, think again, there are other less fortunate than you. Be happy there is a roof over your head and not a box.

Circle K receives charter

Sarah Wojcik
Staff Reporter

The Lock Haven University Circle K Club was warmly welcomed by the Mill Hall Kiwanis on December 2nd at an evening dinner where the club received its' charter. The welcoming dinner took place at the cozy roadside restaurant, the Blue Chimney with many of the local Kiwanis members present. A mix of young and old enjoyed dinner and coffee, and then settled in for the ceremony that was scheduled for the evening.

Lock Haven's Student Affairs director, Ms. Linda Koch, gave a brief but grateful speech wherein she expressed the generosity that she has seen Lock Haven students possess with great pride. Afterward, the proceedings began. The Appalachian District Lt. Governor for Circle K, Mr. Shawn Walters, presented the charter to the president of the club, Jason Fitzgerald. Shawn Walters and Matthew Wise, Kiwanis advisor of Circle K,

then officially installed officers. Jason Fitzgerald was officially named President, and alongside him was the Vice-President of Circle K, Samantha Renninger. The Treasurer of the club is Greg Thomas, the Secretary is Katie Drick, and the Bulletin Editor is freshman Nicole Jacobs. Dr. Matthew Girton is the faculty advisor proudly supporting the new Circle K Club for the university. After the officers were inaugurated, the members present were called upon and presented a certificate officially verifying their Circle K membership.

The night was one of friendly candor among an organization proud of its members and what they have set out to accomplish. The officers, however, were especially relieved that the night had arrived. All of them, including their Kiwanis advisor, Matt Wise, had worked hard to recreate the Circle K Club in Lock Haven and were happy to finally receive the charter. A Circle K Club had existed previous to the current

club, but interest had been lost and the club disappeared. Now, however, a new attraction to Circle K has been discovered and already the membership of Lock Haven's newest volunteer organization is growing rapidly. This new attraction could be correlated with the involvement of many of the members and officers in their high school Key Clubs (a Kiwanis organization for high school students). Officers Samantha Renninger and Nicole Jacobs were very involved within their Key Clubs, as was new member Taylor Gary, to name a few. The excitement that such individuals generate for the club makes it more attractive to others who may not be familiar with it.

"I'm so excited for Circle K for next semester, and the dinner was a great way to meet some of my fellow Circle K'ers. I had an amazing time with Key Club in High School and I know Circle K will live up to its name," remarked new member Taylor Gary.

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Joe Walker and the Men's Basketball team earned their victory this past weekend.

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What's Inside

Students showed off their masterpieces in a art show and sale at Evergreen Commons.

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This week in History - 1977
The bookstore announced that students will have the option to buy used textbooks in the spring.

SCC debates important policy for students



Daniella De Luca/The Eagle Eye

The SCC meeting on November 17 consisted of hot debates regarding policy 8 dealing with the separation of administration and the student body. Students took the podium to discuss their views.

Daniella De Luca Staff Editor

Bill 1, stating that Policy 8 will not affect any current SCC Senator until the end of this academic year failed in a vote by the SCC senate at the Dec. 1 meeting.

Policy 8 was a topic of high interest at the Nov. 17 meeting. In essence, it states that someone serving on senate cannot be in office and a full-time employee of the university simultaneously. It calls for a separation of administration and student body.

The bill generated a lot of discussion among senators from both sides, those who supported the bill and those who didn't.

Senator Jason Hackney

pointed to the SCC banner on the wall behind the podium as he said, "Student Cooperative Council...it does not say Staff Cooperative Council."

Other senators expressed the same views as Hackney, saying the bill appeared to be specific to one person whose term was going to be up at the end of the year anyway. "It is a student organization and not student and faculty. It is a conflict of interest," said Senator Colin Monahan.

A number of senators stood up at the podium with something to share regarding the bill, formulated by the ways and means committee. Speaker of the Senate Nate McMichael said that it was good to see people were prepared to discuss the bill, and it shows that they really care about issues

happening within the council.

"Bill 1 was proposed because many of us felt that the bill was proposed out of a personal bias by one of the executive board members," said Angela Sincavage. "We wanted the legislation to be proposed because of its impact on the integrity of the senate and not out of personal opinions."

The majority of the Senate still rejected the bill, stating that it was a personal issue.

"I believe, as many of the other senators do, that a lot of the members of the senate were against Bill 1 because they are influenced by the views of some executive board members, and cannot formulate their own opinion on matters dealing with legislation," Sincavage said.

Also in the meeting, President Rick Harvey awarded Senator of the Month titles to the senators who had exhibited outstanding work and made a noticeable difference to the council in the past two months. Nathan Rowe was senator of the month for October and Justin Seitz for the month of November.

Vice President Eddie Dove said that this semester's senate was the best one that he has worked with, and in the spring semester would like to see all the seats full. "The more student representatives we have, the better," he said. As of the last meeting there were 31 seats still open. Those interested in applying to be on the Senate should stop by the SCC office or see an officer or representative for details.

Housing decisions to affect all LHU students

Timothy Lyter Staff Reporter

Student housing and the approval of revisions to the SCC Standing Election Policy 8 were the main subjects discussed at the Student Cooperative Council meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

During the open forum, the issue of student housing was brought to the Senate's attention. Lock Haven University's student population rose 25 percent and is the highest growth rate of the 14 state-owned universities. With the upcoming closure of Russell Hall, students are concerned about housing.

"This is issue that could affect me, but it will affect future students," said Jason Hackney. "I was guaranteed housing for four year of my college life. With new students coming in every year and Russell Hall closing, I see a big problem."

Approximately 400 students have to move out of the residence halls to allow for new students to move in. LHU lowered the mandatory 48 credits to move off-campus to 30, hoping current students will be enticed to move off-campus.

"With finals coming up, the last thing I want is to have students worrying about going out and finding housing for next semester," said Dr. Linda Koch. "It's heart-warming to me that we have students wanting to live on-campus."

With an influx of about 400 students into the small Lock Haven community, the concerns about rising prices of rent, utilities, and availability of housing remain.

"The only thing the university has control over is room and board rates. When we raise

our rates, our competitors will raise their rates," said Dr. Koch.

Even with the addition of Evergreen Commons, LHU is considering building another apartment complex. A site has not been identified and the process will take about two years.

LHU administration will have a better understanding of how to solve this problem once student housing deposits are made.

"Students on hall councils, resident assistants, and resident directors have an impact on students and their decisions to stay on campus," said Vice President Eddie Dove. "Students, all the way up to the administration, will not rest until they find a way to try and make everyone happy. This is a very difficult situation."

As for new business, revisions to the SCC Standing Election Policy 8 were passed. Candidates running for the offices of president, vice president, treasurer, and senate, will be ineligible if they are a full-time or permanent part-time employee of Lock Haven University or the SCC.

This issue was debated intensely by senate members, before and after the approval. The approval of the revisions will define and separate the role of faculty members and students. It will also determine how sides will be represented.

"I believe that full-time student employees of Lock Haven University should not have the right to have any say in what goes on with the school and organizations," said Dan Wozinsky. "This is what I believe and I stand by this."

"This situation is very similar to paying taxes and not being able to vote," said Delphonzo Sellers.

Congratulations to the 2004 December Graduates!

Nicole Renay Allison
Erik William Anderson
Lashonna Lynn Andrews
Leah Christine Angstadt
Denise Marie Arnold
Andrea Lynn Ault
Gregory I Aument
Terry Lynn Baker
Erica Rae Barkdoll
Ashley Julie Barth
Matthew Leigh Basiaga
Kristy Leigh Baynes
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Alexandria Marie Benshaw
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Kurt Edward Blattner
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Michael James Connor
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Carrie Lynn Corman
David Michael Coudriet
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John D Crispell
Kathleen Ann Custer

Brad Addison Dally
Kristi Lynn Dawicki
Jessica Lynn D'Elia
Nichole Leigh Denochick
Ann-Marie Dincher
Elizabeth Marie Dincher-
Wertz
Brea Diane Dunn
Michelle Lee Durkin
Sarah Rebecca Duttera
Michenzie Lee Edwards
Carrie Elizabeth Ehrhart
Melissa Grace Ennis
Samuel Ermilus
Rebecca Louise Fell
Cassandra Louise
Fenstermaker
Nathan Thomas Fiala
Amy Lynn Fortune
Melissa Ann Gable
Virginia Na'Tasha Gaskins
Heather Jo Gates
Jennifer Rose Getgen
Stephanie Dale Gibbons
Shandarah Eileen Giordani
Matthew William Good
Daniel Shawn Gordon
Andrea Lee Gottschall
Sheldon A Gray
Carla J Green
Keith Patrick Guiswite
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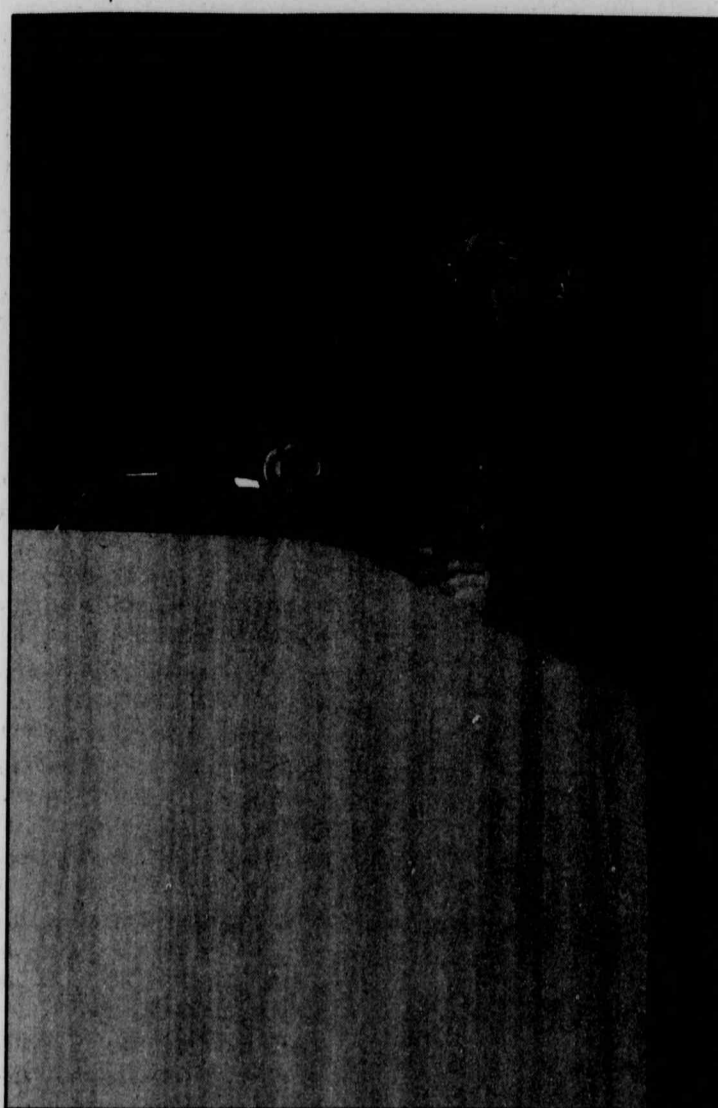
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Hannah Bobette Heiser
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Samantha Jolene Heitzenrater
Shelley A.R. Helm
Erin F Henson
Kristy Hepak
Kimberly P Hill
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Thomas Eugene Holden
Daniel C Hoon
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Veronica Sue Hostetter
Debra Lynn Houtz
David Edward Immel
Laura Fay Inlow
Dustin Michael Isenberg
Christel Marie Jackman
Amanda Marie Jones
Vanessa Elisabeth Kalina
Timothy James Kargo
Amanda Lee Kauffman
Buddy Kechiche
Christina L Kent
Jaymi Rose Kimble
Sean Joseph Kinney
Danielle Helen Knauer
Joanne L. Knepp
Kendra Lee Kozak
Shawn Michael Lacy
David Richard Laczi
William T Lahr
Michael Joseph Laird
Joan J Lamison
Amanda Marie Lange
Leah Josette Larson

Jack Michael Latham
Kimberly Ann Laubach
Nicole Robin Lavallee
Janette L Lehman
Bryann Lewis
Dina Revercomb Lewis
Kelly L Lightbody
Mary Louise Lilla
Adrian Michelle Litz
Brian Ronald Long
Elizabeth Anne Long
Jessica Benson Long
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Maria Christine Mantle
Mary S Mardis
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Jessica Yvette Rodriguez
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Erin Jane Walker
Laurel Lynn Walker
Mark Andrew Walker
Donna Mae Walton
Courtney Lynne Wayman
Jennifer Lynn Weaver
Jonathan Craig Weaver
Thaddeus Justin Weber
Tina Lea Wells
Brian Andrew Williams
Kelli Nicole Williams
Joshua Jon Wilson
Daniel Ronald Wissinger
Paula Sue Witmer
Desirae L Wolfe
Alexander Garrett Wykoff
Wendy W Yarnell
Kimberly Ann Yasenachak
Karen L Yaw
Amanda Marie Young
Joshua Alan Zeigler

Lecture series continues with talk on linguistics



Maggie Herrick/The Eagle Eye

Dr. Cliff Goddard spoke about the variations of language due to the many different cultures that are presently found around the entire world.

**Stephanie LaSota
Staff Reporter**

A professor of linguistics from the University of New England in Armidale, Australia said semantic primes, words that are impossible to explain in any simpler terms, are "a bedrock of meanings" shared across cultures in a speech titled "New Linguistics Tools for Intercultural Understanding."

Dr. Cliff Goddard gave his presentation Wednesday, December 1 as part of the 2004-2005 International Studies Lecturer Series sponsored by the LHU Institute for International Studies, Communication Programs and Phi Beta Delta.

Goddard received his Ph.D. in linguistics from the Australian National University in 1984. His research consists of a mixture of language, meaning and culture. Much of his work is connected with anthropology, psychology and philosophy. Semantic Analysis and The Languages of East Asia: An Introduction are just two textbooks included on Goddard's vast publication record.

Goddard said that meanings can be lost when trying to explain words across cultures. He said that when trying to communicate cross-culturally one needs to have an understanding which requires the recognition of people's values.

"Some meanings are simpler

than others. The simplest meanings are culturally shared," said Goddard.

Goddard explained that semantic primes may help to break down definitions in simple, child-like terms that are very clear.

"Cultural keywords don't have exact equivalents across languages," said Goddard. "Using foreign terms to describe meanings can impose a foreign person's perspective."

He said that cultural spins or distortions tend to take place when explaining words across languages.

Goddard used examples drawn from the Korean language to better illustrate his theory. Since age differences influence all parts of life in Korea it is important to include that information in the explanation of Korean words or phrases. If we do not understand the important emphasis on age in the Korean culture we may not fully understand certain terms and meanings in their culture.

Goddard said that using semantic primes, "simple atoms of meaning," is a fairly transparent and accessible way to convey cultural meanings and understanding.

Goddard expressed the importance of culture with language and that the two go hand in hand. His love of linguistics shone through his presentation.

"It's a very rewarding and fruitful kind of field to work in,"

Incoming students to receive laptops from the university within a matter of years

**Scott Kulah
Staff Reporter**

Aside from a few bell towers and a community that, to say the least, can best be described as "unique," LHU isn't all that different from the other 13 universities within the Pennsylvania State System.

The recent goal of the Student Technology Enhancement Program (STEP) is to change that.

Many students are aware of the recent proposal Lock Haven University is considering, which could put laptops in the hands of all incoming students.

A taskforce, consisting of faculty members and several students, has been assigned to consider both the pros and cons of the proposal and have a report on President Miller's desk by January 21.

According to Dr. Mark Cloud, a member of the task-

force, "There are some huge issues being explored... [As of now] it's too preliminary to say much."

Members of the taskforce agree, implementing the proposal could be a great advantage for the university's public relations and could possibly attract more students.

According to Associate Professor Jason Bronner, with today's fast paced technology, every university may eventually have a similar program, if a plan is implemented the university may benefit by using it as a vehicle to turn perspective students' eyes this way.

He said, "Taking charge of [the advances] could be a positive selling point for the university."

According to Bronner, it is not a question of if it will happen, but rather when it will happen.

"Advancing technology has

a way of working itself in," he said.

"It will happen. The question is will it occur for the incoming class of 2006 or will it occur for the incoming class of 2011?"

As of now, members of the taskforce are communicating with other universities around the country, that have implemented similar plans, to see what kinds of problems they have faced in the past and those they continue to face.

According to Cloud, one important idea being considered is what it will take for this technology to be used efficiently in a classroom setting. Not only the infrastructure needs to be looked into, he explained, but how professors could implement the technology into their courses must be considered too.

One issue that students may consider of the utmost importance is cost. The taskforce

estimates that laptops would likely cost approximately \$1,500, if the plan is implemented and each student is recommended to purchase one.

These figures may seem a bit steep at first glance. However, recent research has found nearly 90 percent of LHU's incoming students bring their own computer to college with them anyway.

Returning students can expect to hear more about the proposal early next semester after the taskforce irons out some overlying questions and passes on a recommendation to President Miller.

Students who wish to voice questions or comments on the initiative can do so by visiting the LHU library's web-page and clicking the provided link. All questions and comments will be sent directly to the taskforce for further consideration.

Board of trustees discuss many important issues affecting the lives of students living on campus

**Brendon Costello
Staff Reporter**

During the 2005/2006 academic year, non-commuting students with less than 30 credits will be required to live in residence halls on campus, according to an announcement by Linda Koch, Vice President of Student Affairs, at a quarterly meeting of the Lock Haven University Council of Trustees on Nov. 18.

The decrease in the credit requirement is due to a decrease in available housing, mainly because of the closing of Russell Hall. According to Koch, a new national trend

"indicates that students want to live on campus."

Also announced by Koch was the proposal for a \$4.5 million food services contract, sent to potential vendors on Nov. 1. The current food services contract, held by Sodexo, inc. expires in January.

"There are currently 3000 students on a meal plan," said Koch. As of Nov. 5, the university maintains a student population of 5,073.

Opening the meeting, Lock Haven University's recently arrived President, Keith T. Miller welcomed Carly Wilke, the newly-elected student trustee along with Sara McMann, the new assistant to

the president.

Miller also expressed his praise for the student body of the university. "I continue to be impressed by the students of LHU in their pursuit of their degrees," he said.

Stephanie Kulas, a representative for the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF) introduced the council to Turnitin.com, an internet resource that will determine the likelihood of plagiarism in student papers, should there be suspicion as to its authenticity.

Justifying the use of Turnitin.com's use on campuses, Kulas says that a benefit to

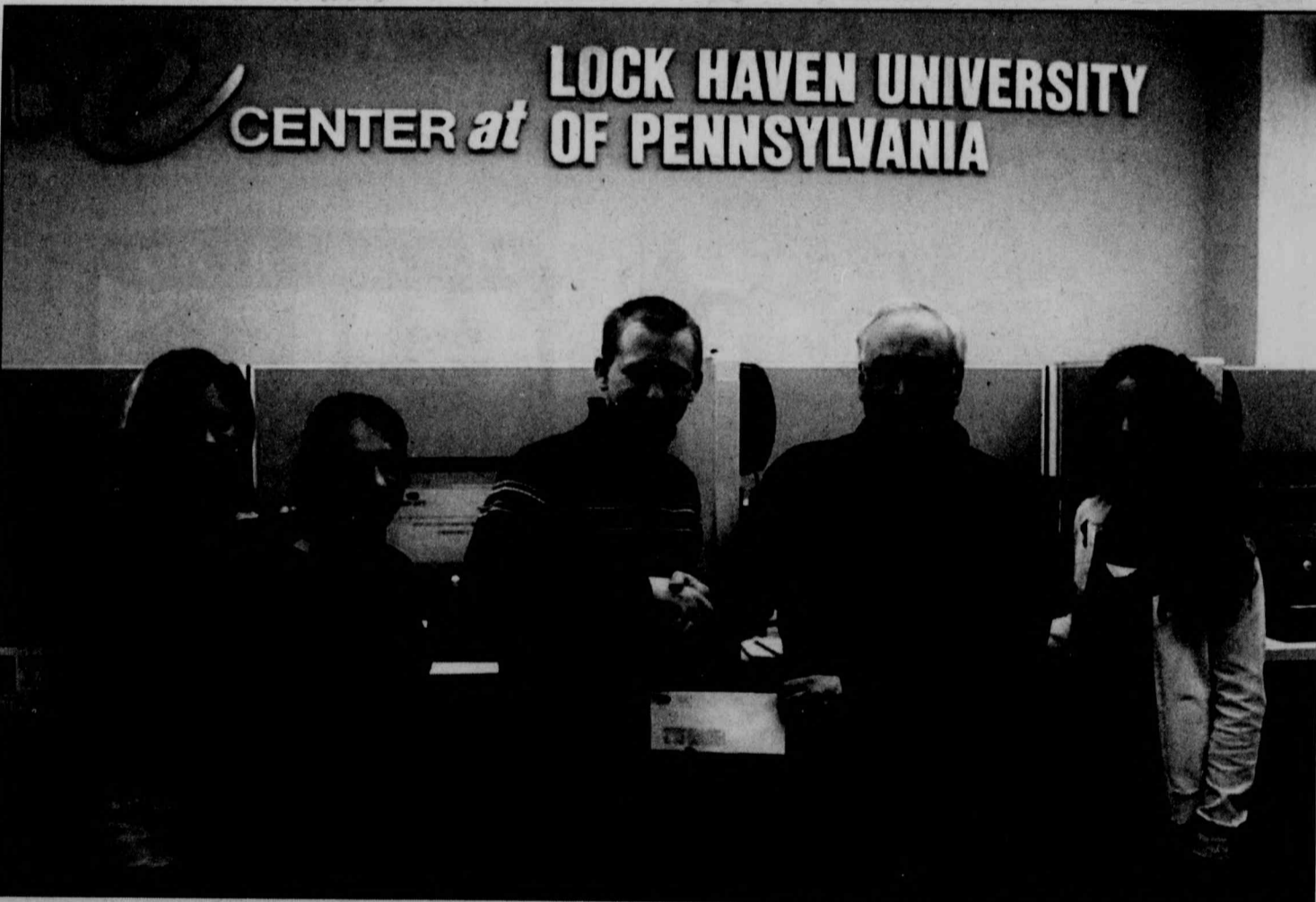
the resource is its deterrence value rather than its use in proving suspected plagiarism.

"When a student knows that their work will be analyzed they are less likely to plagiarize," said Kulas.

President of the Student Cooperative Council, Rick Harvey presented an update to the council announcing progress and growth within LHU and the SCC.

There has been an addition of six new clubs and a high rate of involvement by new students, according to Harvey.

"Fifteen of the thirty-six members of the [SCC] senate are first semester freshmen," said Harvey.



Kevin Carver/The Eagle Eye

PSECU member Stephen Blough (center) is presented with a \$300 Bookstore Gift Certificate from PSECU e-Center Manager Bob Saxon. Left to right, PSECU interns Allison Seidel, Sara Houseknecht, Blough, Saxon, and intern Nicole Stratchko are present for the award. PSECU is located in Bentley Hall and is open from 10-6 on Monday, and 10-4 Tuesday-Friday.

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ROTC holds Squad STX

**Emily Carey
Staff Reporter**

On the weekend of November 13th and 14th, the ROTC held a Squad STX lab around McEntire Hall and Zimmerli gymnasium. Approximately thirty participants took part in the Squad STX, which was an opportunity for the MS 1's and 2's, or freshmen and sophomores, to learn about the ROTC.

The Squad STX consisted of four areas: enemy contact, water re-supply, linking up to civilian supplies, as well as evaluating and evacuating a casualty. In the enemy contact, the MS 4's, or seniors, acted as the enemy. This part of the lab was based on tactical movement, and negotiating a field leadership reaction course, also known as FLRC. Water re-supply was a teamwork effort. It was an instruction in what to do in a danger area, and it also involved an M16 simulation. The civilian supply linkup was another

group activity in which barrels of supplies had to be broken down and moved. Evaluating and evacuating a casualty was a simulation that involved crossing an obstacle of some kind. The obstacle came in the form of a rope bridge that had to be used to cross a stream.

There were certain requirements that had to be met in each stage of the lab. The requirements were: a nine line MedEvac, tying a Swiss seat, and moving tactically through the woods. Although the Squad STX was basically an introduction course for the MS 1's and 2's, the MS 3's were evaluated on their performance. They were assessed on their movement tactics, how they reacted to enemy contact and ambushes, and the way in which they took out a bunker.

The ROTC holds one leadership lab every month. All students are encouraged and welcome to participate in these labs, and in all ROTC events.

Cantori presents "Gloria" and showcase their talent

Nicole Pinto
Staff Reporter

The University Choir and "Cantori" really showed their talents during an amazing performance of "Gloria," by Antonio Vivaldi on December 5, 2004. The show was held in Price Performance Center at 3 p.m. with additional selections by the Vocal Jazz Ensemble and the Men's Ensemble. The seats in the auditorium were full.

The whole choir did an outstanding performance with the program of "Gloria". Rachel Moon and Ashley Lacki did a beautiful duet together. Crystal Lee, Heather Pakosh, and Bethany Johnson also had solos during the display of "Gloria." The last number before intermission, "Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris," was extremely powerful as the choirs' voices belled throughout the auditorium. The audience clapped immediately when the choir ended. The soloists were brought to the front of the stage while some audience members were screaming for them.

After intermission, the Vocal Jazz Ensemble put together Christmas carols that were new and old to some of the audience. The third number "Rockin' Jerusalem" had incredible diction and articulation between the women and men going back and forth toward each other. The audi-



ence applauded after the piece due to the level of difficulty it must have been to achieve such a marvelous performance. Michael Conner, a senior graduating this semester, did a delightful song with his wife accompanying him on the flute. "A Holiday Medley" was also arranged by another senior graduating this semester, Shawn Lacey, who had played the piano and sang. Accompanying him was Ashley Lacki, who sang beside the piano. This arrangement had a good applause and some audience members were out of their seats when it finished.

The Men's Ensemble continued with the holiday spirit with more carols. The first song was sung skillfully in ocapella by the men. The men also sang another arrangement more upbeat of "Gloria Deo". Ashley Lacki not only sang in the show, but conducted the third song for the men. The show ended with "The Shephard's Carol." The crowd was clapping and whistling before the auditorium emptied out with the Christmas spirit in the air.

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Love, your secret

My sisters are awesome. Even though I don't say it much, I love you all.
TLAM, Curly

The Volvo's headlights are so bright I think we are going blind. I love you girls!
-Emily

Big-Big- You are doing a great job. We are all grateful to have you.
Love ya!
Little-little Emily

Girls! Sisters! You all have been awesome and there for me through my tough time!
Thank you!
-Erika

Big Kristina- I love you so much. Keep your head high! You're rubbing off on me. Haha!
Love, your little care-bear

PC1 "You're all a part of me and that's who I am!"
Love, Krysta

Secret, I love you!
Love, your Scooby-Doo, Krysta

Christine- I couldn't ask for a better big!
Love, your little

PC1- I don't know what I would do without you girls!
Love, Gnat

Carrie- Thank you for everything.
Love, your white tiger

Carrie- Thanks for putting up with all of us.
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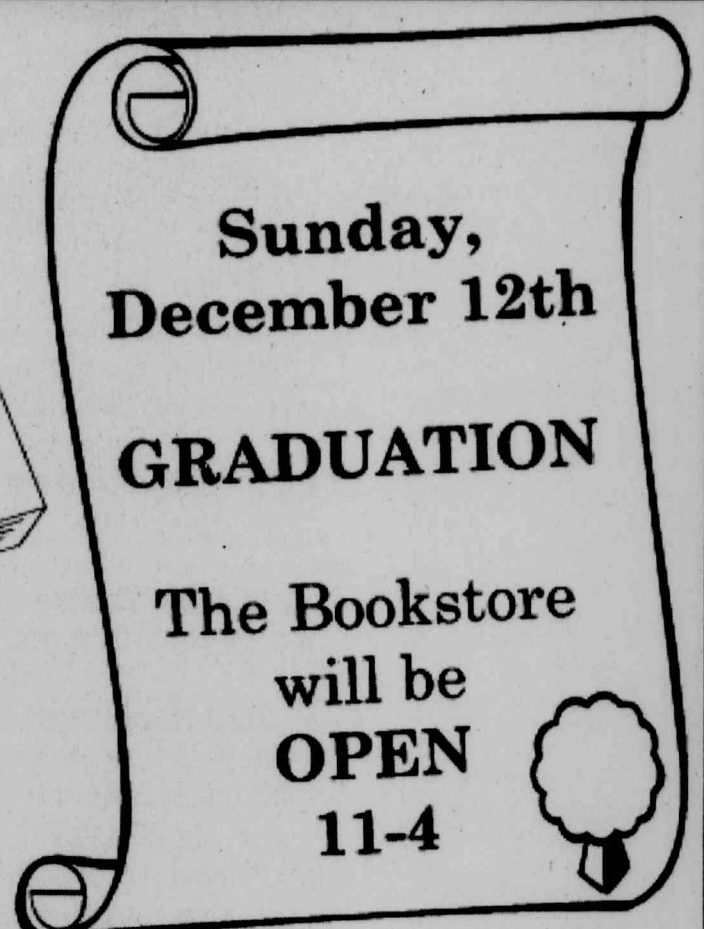
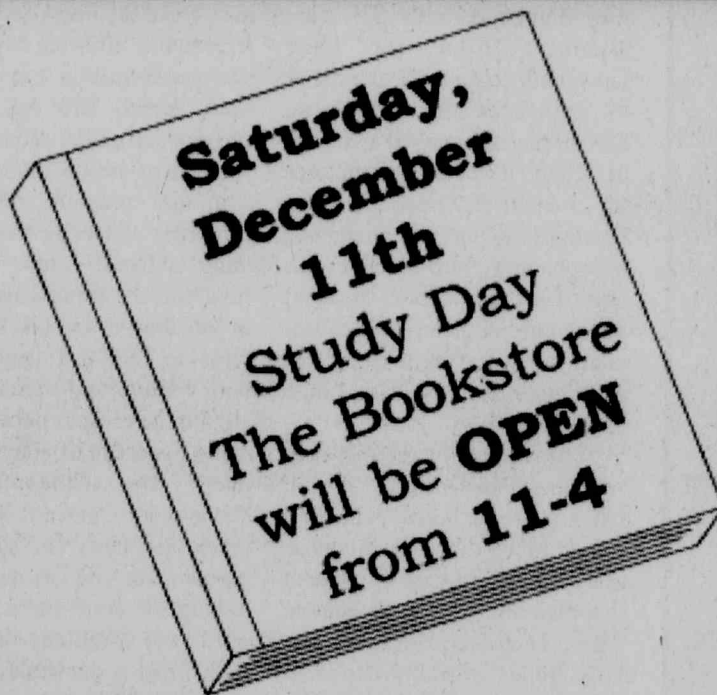


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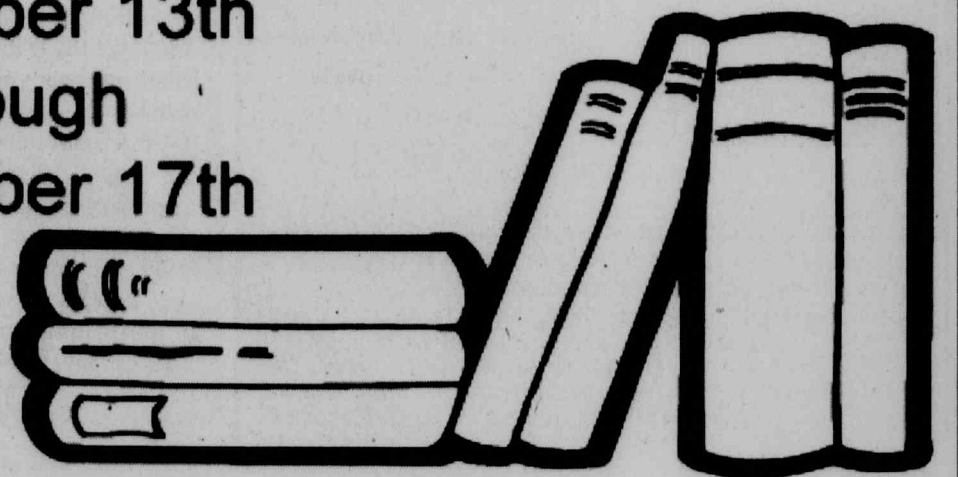
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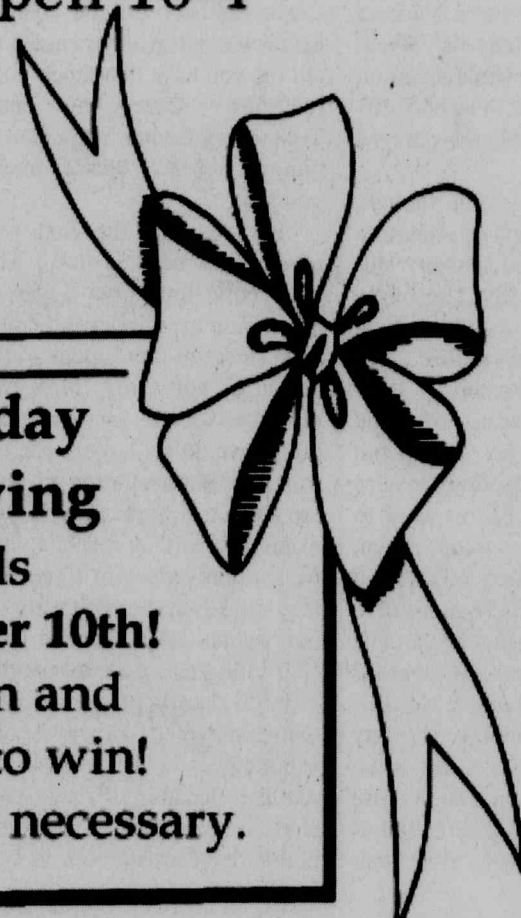
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OPINION

You Name It!

Your round of applause, so take a bow.

Daniella De Luca
Opinion Editor

321 Sloan.

This room is cleverly named the Countdown Theatre, and many, classes, shows and theatrical productions are hosted in that room every year as well as on campus every day.

The University Players are a very active group on campus who sponsored such events such as the Haunted Elevator in October and most recently some improv shows this past Thursday and Friday evenings, once again putting on a spectacular performance.

Dead On Arrival was the name of the show performed by the Dangerously Improv theatre troupe. It is an offshoot of the University Players focusing specifically on improvisation in acting. Some audience members were featured along with guest appearances from recent graduates in games such as "I Really Love/Hate You Because," and "The Dating Game."

Although the group might not want to be related to the popular comedy show, Whose Line Is It Anyway?, that is perhaps the best comparison for someone who has never heard of improv before, but might have seen the show.

In improv, anything goes. You make it up as you go along. Nothing is prepared ahead of time. There are no scripts, and often times only a keyword,

title, or topic is given to kick off the skit, but that is all. There are not cue cards or stage managers. It is up to the actors and actresses to pull something together using the resources that they are given.

It takes a lot of drive and determination to be involved in acting, and there are times that I think we don't give those involved in the arts enough credit. We all are actors really, putting on a show in life. There are characters we see everyday such as close friends and professors, and those who have supporting roles such as friends from back home or acquaintances who live in places other than Lock Haven. One thing remains certain though. We all are leading actors in our own lives. The decisions that we make today could affect generations to come.

Some of us are shy, and others are outgoing, others are a mix of both. As we grow older, we develop our own character, a set of morals, style and well-being. What we do in life comes from somewhere within ourselves along with what others say or do to us.

Actors provide us something beautiful to witness, leaving their mark on the world. How many of us truly have something to show for our time in college? If the arts really aren't your thing, the only question I have for you is, "Why not?"

Art is one of those areas in life where you just can't be

wrong. It means different things to different people. Even though you might not be the artist, you could still be the observer, for if we were all artists, who would appreciate our work?

To conclude, congratulations to the University Players and Dangerously Improv on a job well done this semester as well as everyone else on this campus deserving praise.

Now, you're the ones who deserve the round of applause and a standing ovation.

You made it through another semester.

Editor's Note: This is Dani's last column as Opinion editor. She will be a Co-Features Editor in the spring.

"You Name It!" is a weekly column dealing with current student issues and concerns. Daniella De Luca is a sophomore journalism major, and has been a member of the Eagle Eye Staff since Fall of 2003. You may contact her via e-mail with comments, concerns, or questions at lhueagle@yahoo.com with the name "Dani" in the subject line.

When push comes to shove in Ukraine

Joe Melber
Guest Columnist

Just in case there is still a fear that America is going down in flames since Bush was elected for a second term after his controversial victory via supreme court ruling in his first presidential race, worse has happened. In the presidential race in Ukraine, the election that shall decide its future standing in foreign relations and other issues is disputed. In the most rudimentary explanation, the election will decide whether it will pursue its close relations with Russia further, or join in the broadening influence of the European Union. However, this election represents much more than simply the alignment with policies, but just as much the decision between eastern and western culture, economic system, and laws.

The regional impact of this election seems to be one of the more unsettling events currently. The country could fall into complete civil war if both candidates don't continue their call to peace. What could drive such a wedge into a country? The two candidates have completely different views on the world that could be relatable to the division found during the cold war in Germany, though the superiority of one side in Germany was a little more obvious. The current Prime

Minister Viktor Yanukovich represents the old vision of the Soviet Union; a socialist satellite of Russia and a place where the working class may find a home free of oppression, at least in the ideal. On the other side of the coin is the opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko who looks at the developing European Union as a way to bring the economy up to speed with western capitalistic forces like the United States.

In contrast to the recent contested election in the United States though, this election was in fact won by a majority. The problem lies in the abilities of the voting system, as many accounts of corruption can be found on any street corner in favor of the majority party. This has caused a not only local but global backlash as the election was so close that, due to the amount of corruption, the actual result is nearly impossible to find. The problem is only magnified in the streets by gangs of protesters on each of the opposing sides still sticking around and continuing to support their candidate; though from the turn out found in those streets, its obvious the election was rigged in favor of Yanukovich.

So where does the United States stand on this election crisis? Although the U.S. has far less to lose from this not being sorted out, (as the European Union sees the Ukraine as a

possible ally, and the United States already has rather friendly relations with them) it is still being looked at by the administration with close eyes. In press conferences in both Britain and the States, the countries rejected the results stating that there were "credible reports of fraud and abuse." In fact most western countries are reacting in similar ways as they have already set up talks that have decided that the election must be redone to see if there can be found a clear cut winner in the fray.

The most likely outcome of this dispute is still rather unforeseeable. Unless one of the candidates plays the hero and steps down from fighting the dispute any further, this may continue for quite some time. Besides that, western countries will continue their talks possibly with United Nations intervention into the dispute. No matter which way the election swings this country, hopefully it swings with great speed and power, otherwise the Ukraine may prove to be a powder keg and explode into civil war.

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Letters to the Editor

Lock Haven should not become a "laptop" university

Dear Editor,

"Lock Haven University is currently considering a program that potentially could put laptops in the hands of every student." With almost all due respect, are they flipping SERIOUS?! This statement from the same University that wants to expand its enrollment but at the same time reduce the majors available to students. As a Computer Information Scientist, I wholeheartedly support the emergence of technology into our lives but only if it's reasonable. Sorry to burst your bubble my fellow students but allow me to bring this grandiose idea from cloud nine back to reality.

There are a few reasons as to why this plan will not just fail, but crash and burn. The first reason is the timeline. Suppose that LHU decides to implement this plan and sign an agreement with a computer distributor like Dell. Fine. In addition to tacking on an extra \$2000 dollars you've also been blessed with a newer and better way of playing spider solitaire. Now fast forward two or three years ahead. After dropping your backpack off at the door and sitting down to log on to AOL Instant Messenger, your computer starts acting funny and occasionally restarts. The cause? Another 19 year old from Europe decided to make yet another virus for the Microsoft operating system. (I mention Microsoft because at this moment in time most of the user base is familiar with the company's design and it would be only logical to conclude that it will still be the leading developer in years to come.) In hopes of eliminating the problem you load up the antivirus software that came with your computer only to discover that your sub-

right! Upon purchase of the computer, both the manufacturer of the computer and the developers of the antivirus software are released from the burden of updating the software. It's in your hands now. Don't believe me? Read the End User License Agreement. So what now? Well you could take a trip to Wal-Mart, spend \$50 for another antivirus program, drive back to your dorm, install the software, scan the computer, restart the computer and hope that everything is fixed. Stop. Let me save you the trouble right now. In the time it has taken for the virus to manifest itself inside your computer, spread itself around the campus network, and make hundreds of companies of itself, the Computer and Technology Center has already taken the liberty and solved the problem for you. How so? By cutting off your internet access until the problem is fixed. Folks, this is the same situation we're in right now. The only difference is the problem is delayed a few years.

I could be wrong though. The University may purchase a license which allows every student to get free antivirus updates. It is a possibility which other state universities have already implemented. How about this one scenario? You just bought your new laptop and are blissfully frolicking along to class. You get all the way to class, set your laptop down, open it up and bam! What?! No internet? How am I supposed to get to my PowerPoint? I can't get to the message boards? What do I do?! Laugh. No really. Go ahead and have a hearty laugh because that's the same issue we have right now. I'll use High Hall and McEntire Hall as excellent examples. Both resi-

(McEntire is wired now but it did have wireless access in the fall of 2003 and spring of 2004) internet installed. This means that with a certain type of card you can take your computer (desktop or laptop) nearly anywhere and still be online. Pretty cool, huh? The problem is which the structural design of the buildings. You see, when wireless was created it was not designed to penetrate solid bricks, sprinkler pipes, electrical currents, and all the other goodies placed inside a dorm to keep us safe. The result? Degraded signal from the wireless transmitters and little, if any, connection for the students. With the new plan that the University wants to implement it entails that every part of the campus will be a hot spot for connectivity. If students can't get connected now, how can the Computing Center tell us we'll be able to connect later? And you mean to tell me you have that much faith in the Computing and Technology Center to fix everything in a year? Please, surely you jest.

Let's assume the first two possibilities become null. The University figures out a way of countering the wireless situation and students get updates for anti-virus software. First two problems solved. But I implore you, if we do get laptops can we trust the administration to govern their use properly? If you examine how they regulate what we currently do you'll see that they already take away many of our rights. Use Peer to Peer (P2P) file sharing as an example. P2P file sharing programs allow the unknown artist a way of distributing his or her work to the world. Because of the expansion in technology I've found hundreds of artists both in lyri-

which would never have made it into the mainstream of hip-hop/pop America. I can understand blocking Napster and other music programs before they became legit (nobody wants to deal with a lawsuit). However, we're now in the age where record companies have said, "Okay, if you pay us X amount of dollars, we'll let you download this song." No muss to fuss. However, we still have our chairmen and directors of boards who cringe at the fact of letting the students access what is rightfully theirs. The battle of the courts is over. Our "ooo" and "ahh" from watching lawsuits is over. However, the Lock Haven University administration has yet to come to that realization. They still limit us and stifle our technological growth.

What do we do? Shall we digress a few hundred years or so and take up pitchforks and torches and oust the administration? Or would we digress merely a few decades and toss eggs at the front of Robinson or picket outside of Bentley? Let's face it. The only way we are going to change anything is not through hot headed "Heck no we won't go" Vietnam draft card burning but through logical and methodical legal processes which allow us to freely express our opinions but at the same time consume large amounts of time for both parties involved. We could start by sending letters to Don Patterson, the head honcho of the Computing and Technology Center, or write our respective Congressman. The latter is a little overboard but it does yield quicker results. I pose one final question: What are you going to do?

Nate Hamm

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor Continued...

Vandalism on campus

The University Community:

Just before the Thanksgiving Break, there were several incidents of vandalism that took place on the Main Campus in Raub, Robinson and the former Lock Haven High School now called the East Campus. We want to bring these incidents to your attention because we believe these acts of intolerance were directed at people from diverse backgrounds and may be been racially motivated.

In the case of Raub and Robinson, damage was done only to the doors and hallway around two faculty members' offices who are people of color. A few items have been reported as missing and the investigation continues in both areas.

In the case of the former high school, a racial slur was written on the exterior wall of the building. Additional vandalism was reported in the Library which may or may not be related to the other incidents.

Lock Haven University has always prided itself on providing proper recourse for frustra-

tion with events, people and circumstances. These actions by no means can be considered appropriate or proper and it is important that the University community demonstrate its disdain for this unacceptable behavior. As a community of learners, accepting differences should be a welcomed opportunity to share our differences and celebrate what we hope to achieve. All of the members of our community should take the opportunity to express our dissatisfaction with this faceless act of intimidation.

As a University, if we are seen to encourage and tolerate this action, our mission of educating all of our members has failed. It is time for all of us to make certain we understand the goal of living in a diverse population so that we can share with one another the differences that make this community a very special place to live, study and learn.

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on this message.

Dr. Linda Koch

Peaceful Rally Against Hate in the Community

Dear Editor,

My name is Buddy Kechiche, an international student, a resident assistant, an active member of the International Students Association, and a proud member of the Lock Haven University Community.

This community has been very good to me; in fact, it has been so good that I can't even think about leaving Lock Haven without becoming desperate and sad. This community has become the family equal to the one I left 5 years ago in my home country. In the past few years, my community, my new family, has proven to be one of respect, tolerance, openness, and understanding. My community has provided me and many others a safe and productive environment to learn, grow, and develop the skills, ethics, values, and leadership we need to become part of society.

As a proud member of this family, I am appalled by what happened and I feel very strongly that the university community should come together in support of those that were targeted as well as to express our strong stand against these gruesome acts of hate and intolerance. Those who were affected are members of this distinguished family and need our support. I also feel that a prompt, strong, and genuine reaction from every member of the community would show that these acts are unacceptable and would help deter future acts of hate and intolerance.

I am writing this e-mail to explore the possibility of organizing a show of support this upcoming Thursday; this event will be an open opportunity for all university students, staff, and administrators to appease our family members that were hurt by these actions, and to show our strong stand against such acts of hate and intolerance.

I am organizing a one hour long **Peaceful Rally Against Hate in the Community** in front of **Price Auditorium** from **12 noon to 1 pm** this upcoming **Thursday December 9, 2004**. I am asking all student organizations, campus minority leaders, campus religious organizations, campus fraternities and sororities, and regular students to come out and say NO to hate. The event will consist of a number of mini speeches from people representing our community. I am also planning an anti hate informational and educational campaign in our residence halls in coordination with the Lock Haven University Residence Life and resident assistants.

I understand that the semester is almost over, but I truly believe that inaction will only further distract our students. I also believe that this is a great opportunity for students to spontaneously express their feelings against these acts.

Thank you very much for publishing this letter on such a short notice.

Buddy Kechiche
Management, Senior

Can there be heroes in today's world?

Dear Editor,

A man walking down the sidewalk sees a young child run into the street after a ball and the child does not see the speeding car racing towards him. The walking man grabs the child pulling him away from eminent death. Here is the interesting twist, it is Lock Haven where pretty much everyone knows everyone else or at least has seen each other in passing. Here is the other interesting thing, you were driving the car, the walking man was your best friend's ex-boyfriend. You know him as that guy who is a player or something of a vulgar not-so-nice choice of names. The walking man is a hero, he saved a life. Sure, he broke your best friend's heart but it's a heart that still beats.

The point is this walking man in days forgets about the life he saved because he has to constantly hear the ridicule of others who judge him without knowing anything about him. Perhaps that's why we even need to question if there can be heroes because it seems in a small world that it is so easy to believe what others say than it is for us to judge for ourselves. Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. They are the people who will be there for your graduation or the roommate who took care of you when you were sick. Yet, still we judge and it is still true that a thousand acts of kindness are forgotten with a single error.

You would think that by college this would be easy for us to understand, yet we are so fixated on who is dating whom

and when the next party is that we often overlook the small things.

What if the walking man had not reacted quickly enough and you hit the child? Would you still wonder what to wear for the party on Friday night? Would you care if the boy in your class is honorable or all the bad things your friends tell you? Being a graduating senior I have seen a lot and have made the same mistakes that I am writing about. Yet, I grew older and believe it or not, wiser. I learned a lot in the classrooms but I learned much more about life and myself in college.

Yes, we are here for a degree and this opinion/rant however you want call it, may fall on deaf ears to the many it may not apply, yet it is true and it happens. We learn that people

have feelings more so than inanimate objects. We learn that it is not what you know or who you know but it is how you carry yourself. We all have wings (metaphorically) and it is our choice whether or not to spread those wings and fly on the courage we give ourselves. Listen to your heart and yourself not others; we all know what is best for ourselves. Back to the original question, "Can there be heroes?" Yes, there can be, they are the ones that are there but never seen. You see them everyday, they know they are a hero yet they choose not to tell you for fear that you may judge. Look in the mirror and ask yourself could I be a hero?

Matt Bergerstock
Journalism Major, Senior

Bush was the right choice for President

Dear Editor,

In the last issue there was an opinion article lashing out at Bush and the 60,000,000 that voted for him. I found it very sick and misleading. I disagree with my classmate and his faulty and shameful assumption that the majority of American people were duped. The American people still voted for the right choice even though the billionaire George Soros and his henchmen were out trying to convince people that Bush is very close to being Hitler. Then Michael Moore brought out a horrible movie that took little clips, pasted them together like a child could do in grade school. Hippies rejoiced, but the heart and soul of many Americans did not buy it. So please tell me what side was more adamant about deceiving the American people.

I am glad my classmate was not around in the 1940's. If he was angry over attacking Iraq, who had nothing to do with 9/11, then he surely would have been angry over attacking

Germany, who had nothing to do with Pearl Harbor. What my fine classmate forgets to mention is that this war is War on Terror, not War on Afghanistan. Saddam Hussein and regime were terrorists. They terrorized their own people, the people of Kuwait, paid Hamas terrorist families \$25,000 to kill the people of Israel, threatened to invade the people of Saudi Arabia, used chemical weapons on the people of Iran, plotted to kill the first President Bush, and tried to shoot down our brave men and women protecting the no-fly zone under the Clinton administration. I guess my classmate just happen to overlook that.

We have 38 allies in this war in Iraq. I don't call that a lack of allies at all. It is fine by me and a lot of Americans to keep the corrupt governments of China, France, and Russia out of Iraq. They have enough problems with cleaning their hands from the UN Oil for Food program in which they stole millions of dollars from the poor citizens of Iraq that my classmate cares for

so much.

Another mistake my classmate makes is assuming that North Korea just all of a sudden built nuclear weapons because of Bush. Wrong. In 1994 President Billy Clinton paid off the unstable North Korean dictator so he wouldn't make nuclear weapons. When Bush came into office, his administration found out that the sweet innocent North Koreans actually broke that treaty and had nuclear missiles. They did not come about in Bush's term.

What possibly can be the reason for people to vote for Bush according to my fellow classmate? Because they are homophobes, war-loving, imbeciles. I am glad my classmate uses such articulate terms and tactics to handle the loss of the election.

Basically, I would like to point out to everyone reading this that my classmate from the last issue is the one ill-informed and I brought out just a couple of points showing that. To call 60,000,000 Americans idiots and homophobes is ridiculous.

My classmate cannot handle the results of the election so he starts sputtering out lines from Fahrenheit 9/11 and Moveon.org

This proves that the person who was really duped and still is, is him. The funniest thing is that he says the same stuff that was in the election, no facts, and it still won't work. If it didn't work for the election, why would it work now?

I am asking my classmate to please come back to reality, work with the other side, I'll even bring the tissues. Please grow up, stop the childish name calling and jump back on the horse for the next election.

If that doesn't tickle your fancy, then I hear Canada is willing to provide a spouse so you can become a Canadian. I heard they have a lot of your elite thinkers there. And you know what they call ten Democrats leaving to Canada don't you? A good start.

Jason Hackney
President, College Republicans
of Lock Haven University

Graduation is the start of life

Dear Editor,

Well this is it; last call. I'm not sure if I'm ready for this to be over, but then again who is? I am graduating finally and like everyone else before me who have come to this turning point in life, it is overwhelming. There is so much uncertainty surrounding me, it is unreal. Unlike other people that go to college and try to get out, I tried to stay in as long as possible. I mean, who wants to grow up, because inevitably after college, life happens.

I suppose I am ready for this to be over though; I mean you have to start life eventually. I spent five-and-a-half years worth of my parents' money out partying, drinking my life away, and drowned in one-night stands and believe me it is an unfulfilling lifestyle.

You will not find rest in parties, booze, or women. When I think about it, I have

changed a lot since my first year in college; my idea of fun was going out and drinking until I puked or waking up not knowing where I am (or sometimes who I am) or how I got there. Now, I find myself searching for something deeper; I find myself reserved and patiently waiting for the next moment. And it is right around the corner...

One final thing before I go. A year from now I probably will not be talking to anyone from LHU and I will be starting to forget names, and five years from now I won't be able to remember the faces of LHU, let alone their names. But one thing is for sure, when I look back at this blur in my memory called college, I will know it was fun times spent with good people. Good luck everyone, and don't be afraid to say hi if we meet again (It's a small world, you know).

Brian Williams

Start
Something

Happy Holidays

Lindsay Johnson
Co-editor in Chief

Final projects and exams. Graduation, for some. Finding money for presents, cards, and gift wrap (after you pay for groceries, gas, and all of life's other necessities). Working (in a job you usually don't like) to make the money you need. Driving in heavy traffic. Those extra pounds you'll inevitably gain from the season's best foods. Making nice with relatives you really can't stand. Not having enough time to get everything done.

We all face a lot of stressors, especially at this time of year. And it's quite easy to get so far caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holidays that we lose sight of the reason for the season, as well as our tempers, manners, and sometimes even

our sanity.

Time is such a major factor in almost every stress issue. It seems that no one can find the time they need to get everything done that they want or need to do. The feeling that time is continually running out makes us feel rushed and creates stress.

But in the major scheme of time, what is one second? One second could save your sanity. Honest.

Take a second to remember the spirit of the holidays. Remember why you're driving yourself crazy right now. Hum a bar of your favorite holiday song. Indulge in your favorite holiday treat. Take a moment just for you.

Whether you're hunting the perfect gift or the perfect 8-point buck this holiday season, just remember these two words - holiday spirit.

Online Poll

Results

What is your overall rating of the semester?

- Good ~ 38%
- It Sucked! ~ 38%
- Not So Bad ~ 14%
- Excellent ~ 5%
- Bad ~ 5%

Happy
Holidays!

-From the entire Eagle Eye Staff.

This column aims to promote action among university students, faculty, staff, and community members. Lindsay is a journalism major and has been a member of the staff since Spring 2002. You may contact the writer at lhueagle@yahoo.com with the name "Linz" in the subject line.

What's Happening at The Haven?

Teaching club reaches out to the local community of Lock Haven



Dani De Luca/The Eagle Eye

Members of SESPSEA, the Secondary Education Student Pennsylvania State Education, is one of the newest clubs on the Lock Haven campus this year. With ideas involving tutoring, they hope to make a large difference in the community with the local students at Central Mountain High School.

Daniella De Luca
Staff Editor

The Secondary Education Student Pennsylvania State Education Association (SESPSEA) might be a mouthful for a club name and an acronym, but the club is official, or at least it has been since the beginning of November when its constitution was approved at a past SCC meeting.

The club currently participates in a tutoring initiative project at Central Mountain Middle School and is a club that promotes secondary education opportunities for students with an interest in teaching the secondary level of education.

Their local tutoring project is just the beginning according to President Matthew Wise, a junior. "We hope to bring the project to a point in which there are tutors from each branch that go to the school, and the students can go to the table of which they need the most help in that day," said Wise who

started helping with the program in his freshman year.

The club meets Mondays and Fridays in the afternoon at Central Mountain Middle School for tutoring. The club also meets Monday nights at 6 p.m. in the PUB. A time period during school is set aside specifically for tutoring and club activities. It is not required that those who join the club must be secondary education majors, but they should, at least, express an interest in secondary education. Nothing below the middle school material level is covered. The club presently consists of at least one member specializing in each department such as math, foreign language, science, English and social studies.

"The club benefits members in a way that some others do not," said Wise. "We actually attempt to get the members into the field to see what it is like, and depending on your major it will count toward hours that are needed," he said.

Sophomore member

Courtney Williamson said, "In the club, you meet new people that have similar majors as you, and they can help you through the trials and tribulations of a secondary education major."

Starting next semester, the group plans on compiling and distributing informational packets or flyers with information concerning what paperwork needs to be done for education majors. Distributing information will help to aide freshmen in the process of majoring in education at the university with tips such as required curriculum, Praxis test information, how to construct lesson plans and classroom observation hours.

Each tutor works in small groups with a few middle school students during the week to clarify and expand upon what was learned in the classroom. Dr. Karen Winters supervises, and those interested in joining should see her or Wise for details.

One of LHU's own continues to bring the magic of Santa to local children

Lindsay Johnson
Co-Editor in Chief

Though we, as college students, have grown out of our belief in Santa Claus, his spirit lives on for many. One LHU staff member carries on that spirit by taking on the actual role of Santa Claus.

"I try to teach the children that Christmas is about love and sharing, and that there are boys and girls who don't always have the accessibility to all the presents and things," said Denny Strouse.

Strouse, Zimmerli Equipment Manager/Class Instructor, is in his thirty-third season of posing as Santa Claus for the City of Lock Haven. He also visits other clubs, organizations and private gatherings as Santa.

He attempts to be magical

by working magic tricks into many of his group visits to help show the children that there is more to the holidays than material possessions. One of his favorite tricks is turning nickels into dimes.

"I put a lot of time and effort into it because there are things that I want to do. Eventually, someday, with some of this stuff that I get that's really cute, I want to write a book with little anecdotes that I get from the kids," said Strouse.

He has an elf take notes during each visit with the child's name and what they said they wanted for Christmas. He also used to record the visits with an audio recorder.

Strouse sees about 500-600 children in the city's hut each year. However, due to decreased hours he hasn't seen as many children in the past

two years.

He takes great pleasure in his appearance as Santa. He spends 20 to 25 minutes each day putting on his make-up. And after five or six years of wearing his last suit, he has a new suit this year.

"I bought my first Santa uniform from a Montgomery Ward catalog," Strouse said.

Strouse also places a lot of importance on picking up children's names from their parents and chaperones, answering questions from curious older children, and giving children a pleasant visit with Santa.

"You have to calm a child's fears if you're a stranger to that child," said Strouse. "Hopefully the elves help do that, too. That's why I always suggest that if [children] don't want to sit on my knee, they can sit on an elf's knee."

Be sure to also check out these events...

Rotaract Club

Interested in making new friends? Earning EE credits? Doing something for your community? Are you in a club or frat/sorority interested in working with other clubs? Then check out the The Rotaract Club, phoenix.lhup.edu/~rotaract, or e-mail us at lhuprotaract@yahoo.com for meeting times and more info.

ROTC

What if there was a class you could register for this semester that could end up paying your way through college? Or one where you could learn invaluable skills that'll get you a job right after graduation? Or one that requires no commitment if you just want to check it out? Well you can do all of those things when you take an Army ROTC class. In addition to new skills, you'll be learning things like leadership, self-confidence, and overcoming challenges along the way. Plus you'll be building the kind of resume that'll make future employers sit up and take notice. Check out an Army ROTC class.

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Social Work Club

Social Work Club meets Wednesdays at 4:30 in Thomas Annex.

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New Life Student Fellowship

Come worship with us every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the PUB Meeting room #2. Join in and sing worship songs, listen to testimonies from fellow students, dive into the Bible, and meet new friends. All are welcome to attend and join this Christian organization.

SESPSEA

To All SESPSEA Members: It's been a terrific first semester! We have been declared a recognized organization by the SCC, and we see new faces at every weekly meeting, indicating the interest our club is getting.

We are currently in the midst of planning a "winter party." As of right now, no location and details have been set, so for any information, contact president Matt Wise at mwise1@lhup.edu or any of the other club officers.

To Any Newcomers: If you're majoring in secondary ed or interested in secondary ed, this is an excellent opportunity to meet like-minded people-

don't miss it!

Robb Homework Club

Are you an education major? Interested in tutoring elementary aged children? Need to complete volunteer hours? If so, sign up to volunteer with the Robb Homework Club. The homework club meets every Monday through Thursday from 2:45-4:00pm at the Robb Elementary School.

Transportation arrangements are available!!! For more information please contact Kelly Quaintance, at phone: 570-893-2498, email: kquainta@lhup.edu, or stop by the MountainServe Office located at 133 Smith Hall to sign up.

Newman Community Campus Ministry

Newman Campus Ministry seeks to serve LHU Catholics & Friends. All are welcome to participate in our activities. We host a free Community Dinner at the Newman Center, 445 W. Main St., on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Our last dinner will be Dec 8th. Plan to join us and bring a friend! Mass is celebrated on campus on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm in the PUB. Our last Mass of the semester is the 12th. Our final

Community Meeting will be Sunday, Dec 12th at 7:15 pm in the Evergreen Commons Clubhouse. We'll be discussing ideas for next semester's activities, and all interested are encouraged to attend. Last but not least, our Newman Community Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday, Dec 9th (time TBA). Contact Erin Rohr for further info at <Reaching4Stars83@aol.com>.

Frisbee Club

Attention fellow frisbee fans! Although the weather is chilly, frisbee practices and pick-up games will continue throughout the winter. No date is yet set as to when practices will begin. They will more than likely take place at Zimmerli Gymnasium. No information is set yet, but when more concrete plans come in all will be notified.

So turn that frown upside

down, and have no fear. Frisbee is not over yet! Hope to see you this winter!

Happy Hanukkah!

Just a note to announce to all Jewish Students that the Beth Yehuda Synagogue will be having a Hanukkah Party (light dinner with lots of latkes!) on Saturday, December 11, 2004 at 6 PM at the Synagogue Center. You are all invited to join us for the festivities!!

Relay for Life

The new organization on campus, Colleges Against Cancer, will have a Kick Off Party for LHU's Relay for Life event coming up this spring. All are welcome and if you have any questions contact Heather Farrell at hfarrell@lhup.edu or 748-7967.

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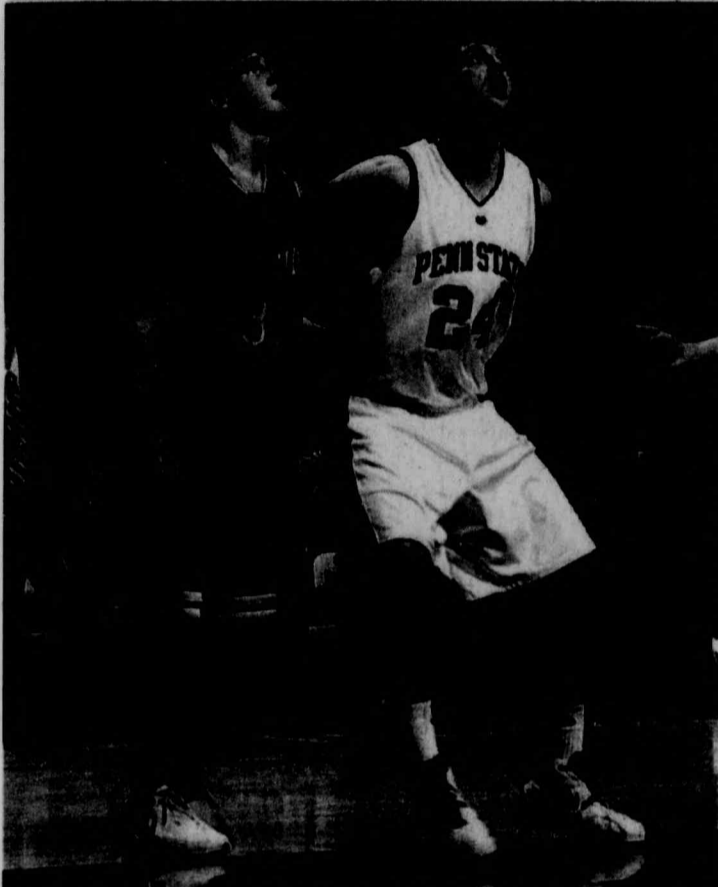
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Fall Sports earn post season accolades

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SPORTS

Hoopsters take PSU loss in stride



Kevin Carver/Eagle Eye
Joe Walker muscled for a rebound at Penn State University
Marissa Brunner
Sports Reporter

Speed, shooting, and strength were three things the men's basketball team lacked during Friday night's match against Penn State.

Overpowered by the Nittany Lion's 64 percent shooting, the Bald Eagles were defeated 94-46 at Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center. The Bald Eagles put up a good fight at the start of the game, keeping the score within four points for the first five minutes, but turning the ball over 14 times in the first half aided Penn

State in gaining a 24-point lead over Lock Haven at halftime.

"Tonight was an experience for the guys that they won't forget for the rest of their lives," said head coach John Wilson. "A lot of them grew up wanting to play at Penn State."

Leading the Bald Eagles with eight points was senior forward Quentin Terry, and fellow senior Joe Walker added a season-best five assists and six points. Sophomore guard James Chappell also tallied six points for the Haven, along with a team best five steals.

"I think there a lot of things

The Haven earn first win of season, 86-77

Marissa Brunner
Sports Reporter

In the last two games of their three-game weekend, the men's basketball team added the first victory to their record with a win over Cheyney University, and one loss against Millersville University.

The Bald Eagles dominated the court on Saturday afternoon, defeating Cheyney University 86-77. The men shot their season best 58.6 percent from the floor and 61 percent shooting in the second half.

Senior guard Eddie Christiano led the Haven with a game high of 27, connecting on six of eight long-range attempts. Senior Quentin Terry contributed with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Senior Joe Walker had game highs of 14 rebound and nine assists. Sophomore James Chappell added 15 points and sophomore Michael Dye contributed 12 points.

The Bald Eagles began the game with a 16-4 lead against Cheyney. Although the Wolves brought the score within three points at times, the Bald Eagles were able to keep a lead for the entire game.

"The win is a good confidence builder," said Christiano. "It shows us that the tough pre-season is going to pay off within the league."

The Bald Eagles came within three points of a second victory on Sunday afternoon in the game against Millersville University. In the intense match, the Bald Eagles maintained a lead for the majority of the game, but lost it with only 52 seconds remaining on the clock.

Men's Hoops

The final score between the Bald Eagles and the Marauders was 66-63.

Terry recorded his second double-double in as many games with 12 points and 10 rebounds, both team highs. Christiano added 11 points for

Volleyball's successful season ends with Elite Eight loss in Florida

Jill Weaver
Sports Reporter

The Lock Haven women's volleyball team are the proud holders of the NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional title after defeating California University of Pa with ease in three straight sets (30-17, 30-21, 30-22) on Nov. 20.

"It was a great team effort," said head coach Tom Justice. "We had a well balanced attack from every position and a strong defense."

Leading the Eagles was Li Yizhi as she recorded double figures with 16 kills. Li was not alone in the success, however, as teammates Allison Wade, Lillian Bartoto, Michelle Deehan and Jen Thompson all contributed valuable assists, kills and digs.

Running the offensive side with 37 assists and four digs was Kelly Kostelich and teammates Kristi Kauffman, Yizhi and Wade were digging the action as they accomplished a combined 15 digs between them.

With yet another win under their belt the Eagles advanced to the Elite Eight round of the tournament in Miami Shores, Fla. on Dec. 2.

There, the ladies watched their season come to a disappointing end with a loss in three straight sets (30-14, 30-21, 30-28) to No. 3 Barry University, continuing the Buccaneers' 30 game winning streak.

that we can carry over from this game," said Wilson. "We just have to learn to be a little more patient in staying with our keys and our game plans."

Volleyball

"It was difficult to play Barry in their gym," said Justice. "But we got stronger as the match went on and we at least were able to regain our poise and not give up."

Yizhi delivered another unyielding performance with a game high of 16 kills.

Lock Haven's defense was slow in coming but reached its peak in the third set, where it was too late to make an impact on the Buccaneers and an ankle injury to Jen Thompson at a crucial part of the game gave Barry the advantage to regroup.

Allison Furry and Kostelich split setting duties earning a respectable 28 assists combined while Kauffman gave a team best of 10 digs.

Despite the loss, the Eagles' season was a triumphant one with a record of 28-4 and championship titles in both the PSAC Conference and NCAA Atlantic Regionals.

"It was great to go through both PSAC and NCAA beating every team in three sets," said Justice. "That's never been done before, it was the first for the conference and the first that a team has had back to back titles in conferences and championships."

The volleyball team joined men's soccer and men's cross country in placing Lock Haven fourth in the Dixon rankings and

turned out two All-PSAC West team selections with Yizhi earning Athlete of the Year for the conference and first All American at a National level and Inga Kurgonaite for Rookie of the Year.

"We were very proud of both Li and Inga, but just as proud of the other players because we understand and believe it takes

the whole team for one to get an award," said Justice.

The Eagles will graduate four seniors, Lillian Bartoto, Kristi Kauffman, Kelly Wengerter, and Theresa Stoeckel and according to Justice, the team should be in good shape if they can fill the shoes of the graduating seniors.



Courtesy of Sports Information
Jen Thompson spikes the ball during the first round of the Regional Tournament held at LHU.

Wrestlers experience ups and downs to start off season



Courtesy of Sports Information
Seth Martin grapples with an opponent during the Nittany Open.

Doug Spatafore
Sports Reporter

The Lock Haven University wrestling team has had mixed success in their last four outings.

Most recently the Bald Eagles competed at the Nittany Lion Open hosted by Penn State University. The Bald Eagles finished third as a team, after placing six individuals. Both Obe Blanc and Seth Martin placed third, leading the way for the Haven. Blanc defeated Bloomsburg's Brain Setters 5-3 at 125 lbs. Martin topped Adam Brochetti of Navy 5-2 at 157 lbs.

Also placing for the Bald Eagles were Ben Hepburn, sixth at 197 lbs., Clint Shirk seventh at 141 lbs., Justin Johnson seventh at 184 lbs., and Rory McCory who finished eighth at 165 lbs.

"Those guys are doing well, and getting better, that's the

Wrestling

main thing we want to see as far as our guys go, that they are improving every time they step on the mat and that's happening," said Head Coach Rocky Bonomo.

Lock Haven finished 12th at the 29th annual Mat Town USA Invitational hosted by Lock Haven University on Nov. 27.

Junior College transfer, Josh Medina led the way for the Haven placing third at 149 lbs.

"Josh is a great kid, very athletic, and the more he wrestles and competes, the better he is going to get," said Bonomo.

Medina went 5-1 on the day defeating American University's Tom Kniezewski 6-3 avenging his only loss.

The Haven got off to a great dual meet start after defeating Millersville University 41-3 at home back on Nov. 22.

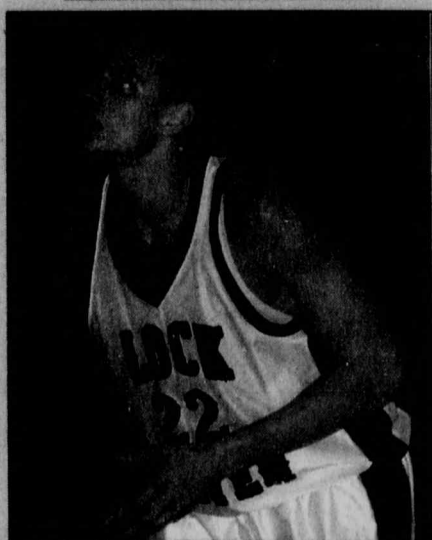
The Bald Eagle grapplers won all but one match as sophomore Obe Blanc got things started with a win at 125 lbs. The Haven continued to roll picking up pins from freshmen Matt Fittery and Ben Hepburn, as well as Bloomsburg transfer B.J. Mikeska.

The Bald Eagles kicked off their 2004-05 campaign back on Nov. 20, at East Stroudsburg University. Lock Haven placed four wrestlers, which included a third place showing for B.J. Mikeska at 165 lbs. Jim Collins the 2003-04 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Champion at 125 lbs. made is debut at 133 lbs. placing eighth.

"It's early and we are going to get better every time we step on the mat," said Bonomo.

The Bald Eagles are back in action tonight as they host American University at 7:30 p.m. in dual meet action.

EAGLES
Athlete of the Week



Quentin Terry

Senior standout basketball player Quentin Terry has been named Lock Haven University Athlete of the Week for his performance during the week ending Dec. 5.

Terry had a dominating week, notching his first two career double-doubles in consecutive days with 21 points and 10 rebounds in the victory over Cheyney University and 12 points and 10 rebounds in the loss to Millersville University. Quentin also had a team high with eight points in the tough match-up against Penn State on Friday. He averaged 13.7 points and 6.7 rebounds over these three contests adding seven total blocks on the three days.

Fall Athletes garner numerous prestigious post-season awards

Courtesy of LHU Sports Information

Senior Dustin Bixler and Freshman Ashley Rosindale were selected to the NCAA Division II All-Northeast Region team this week.

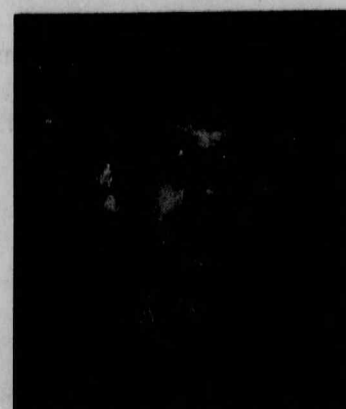
Bixler, the reigning PSAC Player of the Year, was selected to the squad as a defenseman for the second-straight year. Rosindale, the 2004 PSAC Rookie of the Year, is making his first appearance on the all-region team.

The Men's soccer team also gave out their team awards on Saturday night. The Rookie of the Year was presented to Rosindale. He

also brought home the Golden Boot award for most goals scored during the season, while offensive mate Andrew Meehan garnered the Coaches' Player of the Year trophy. The Most Valuable Player award, voted on by

the players, was given to senior defensive-standout Bixler.

The Men's Soccer Team finished with a 15-5-3 record, won the PSAC title, and advanced to the Division II Northeast Regional final.



Bixler



Rosindale

Courtesy of LHU Sports Information

The Lock Haven University women's soccer team earned

two spots on the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) 2004 All-Northeast Regional Team.

Sophomore midfielder Holly



Homsher



Smith

Homsher was named to the first team along with senior Danielle Smith.

Homsher scored six goals and added three assists. Four of her six goals were game winners. Her three assists put her in a three-way tie for the team lead in that category.

Smith anchored a solid Haven defense that only gave up 19 goals. Smith chipped in two goals and was part of the trio with three assists.

The Lady Eagles wrapped up their 2004 campaign with a 11-6-2 overall and 8-1-1 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference record.

Women's Basketball still searching for first victory

Mann Cannon Sports Reporter

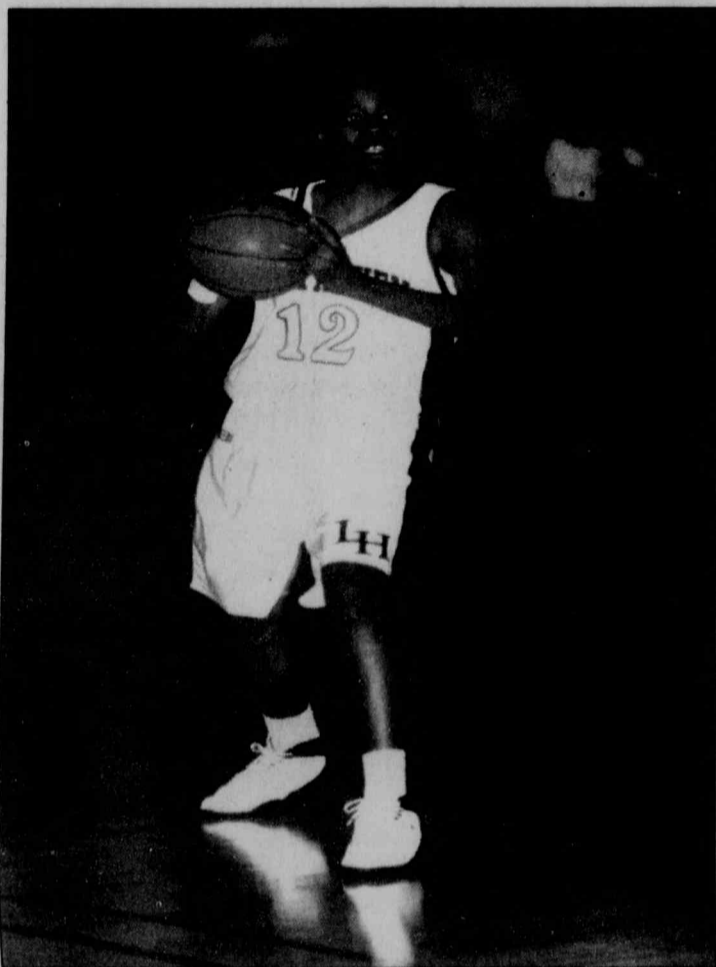
The Lock Haven University women's basketball team lost two tough games this past weekend to push their record to (0-5). Their first game this weekend was on Saturday versus Cheyney University. The Bald Eagles were playing very well before they let an 11-point half-time lead slip away in its 63-53 loss to Cheyney University tonight at the Thomas Field House. Senior forward Melissa Picarsic led all Lady Eagle scorers with 13 points and five rebounds.

The Bald Eagles began the game with a terrific first half as they shot 50 percent (11-of-22). The Lady Eagles started the game on a 12-3 run, with four different players contributing to those points. Early in the half after free throws from Hall the lead was pushed to 14 points.

The Lady Eagles managed just four points in the first 8:20 out of halftime, allowing the Wolves to gain a three-point lead on long-range shot by Ranisha Childress. The Haven would get no closer than three for the remainder of the game.

Hall and Picarsic were the only Bald Eagles in double figures. Sophomore Ginger Williams had eight points to go with a team-high seven boards.

On Sunday the Bald Eagles



Shameeka Lee looks to pass the ball vs. Cheney.

lost to 63-46 Millersville University (3-1) at the Thomas Field House. Haven sophomore Shameka L. Lee led all scorers with 13 points she also had six rebounds.

The Lady Eagles led just once in the contest, at 4-2 on a lay-up by guard Elizabeth

Courtesy of Sports Information

Gabrielle two minutes into the game. The Marauders sped away in the second half 32-22, despite being out-shot 38 percent (13-of-34) to 44 percent (7-of-16).

Melissa Picarsic also got into double figures with 11 points and a team-high seven rebounds.

Courtesy of LHU Sports Information

The Lock Haven University volleyball team (28-3) brought home the hardware as several Lady Eagles were announced to the Division II All-Region team. Sophomore Li Yizhi was named to the Division II All-American team for her stellar season as a middle blocker for the Lady Eagles.



Kurgonaitė

Along with Li, freshman Inga Kurgonaitė was chosen to the 2004 American Volleyball Coaches Association Atlantic All-Region team. Kurgonaitė was also named Atlantic Region Freshman of the Year.



LI

Picked for the 2004 Daktronics Division II Volleyball All-Region First Team was Li. Named to the Second Team was Lilian Bortoto.



Bortoto

Courtesy of LHU Sports Information



Steffen

Lock Haven University field hockey's Rebecca Steffen was named a Third Team All-American by WomensField Hockey.com. A junior back for the 19-1 Lady Eagles, Steffen shored up a defense that was key to the team's success in their first Division I season.

A leader on a defensive line that allowed just a 0.73 goals-against average, Steffen also chipped in on the offensive side, hitting for three goals and two assists, including the game-winning strike in a 5-0 victory over Radford University.

The Lady Eagles wrapped up their first season in Division I at 19-1, capturing the 2004 Northeast Conference Regular-Season Championship by going 8-0 in conference play.

Swimmers excel at Division I meet



Kevin Carver/Eagle Eye

Isabel Carneiro practices the 200 yard butterfly before the Terrapin Cup.

Laura Faust Sports Reporter

The women's swim team competed against seven Division I schools and finished eight out of 10, in the Terrapin Cup Invitational, placing ahead of two Division I universities.

Although the competition was tougher than usual, the women's swim team proved themselves, once again, that numbers do not matter. Some of the best Division I teams competed at the Maryland Invitational on Nov. 18-20, including the University of Maryland, University of Richmond, and University of

Connecticut.

The women went to the invitational for the experience that it would provide and for sophomore swimmer, Isabel Carneiro, this experience made her Lock Haven University's Athlete of the Week. Carneiro was the only LHU member to place within the top-10 throughout the competitions.

Carneiro has set two school records so far this season and has contributed all of her efforts to her performance in the pool. At the Terrapin Cup, she finished ninth for the 200-yard butterfly at 2:08.30, a school record, just seconds behind Lorena de la Garz from

Maryland. The top eight swimmers went on to swim in the A-final; Carneiro swam the B-final.

Carneiro's time was good enough for National 'B' Standards as well as Tatiana Patakyova who swam the 200-yard backstroke in 2:11.48.

"Swimming at Maryland was a lot of fun because I got the chance to challenge myself and work hard to accomplish my personal goals," said Carneiro.

Other accomplishments for the LHU team were three members hitting PSAC marks to advance to PSAC championships. They were Katie Grieneisen, Becca Rhoades, and Gerda Smirnova.

Hard work and dedication from all the team members is going to help LHU stand out from the crowd and make it known that these 10 women are determined to win.

From now until Jan. 12, the team is going to be preparing for their next meet against Penn State University-Altoona at Zimmerli Pool.

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OPINION & SAT



Time does fly when you are having fun. I have been a student here for five years now, and I am set to graduate in May 2005 and I am more than ready. But as I have passed through this University I have met a lot of people. And as I am getting older more of them are leaving. Next week I will lose two of my best friends to graduation. Warren Whitaker and Sheldon Gray they will be leaving due to graduation. These two guys have made this place a lot easier to deal with. Whether it was us chillin on the couch drinking kool-aid and watching the big screen or throwing parties at 604 Nipsey's, we will miss y'all. Don't ever forget "BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER."

Now, I don't want to beat a dead horse but I was reading the paper and baseball's scandal toward steroids had taken another step in creating a new process. Senator John McCain said "he was going to put pressure on baseball to give a stricter drug policy." I was thinking to myself that our Government can barely control themselves, how can they try and control what baseball can do. This is strictly MY OPINION, but we are in a war right now, I think steroids are not a very important topic.....How about trying to get our troops home.

I was also reading the paper and it was said that Donald Rumsfeld "hopes that we (America) pull all of our troops out by the end of Bush's second term." I can't believe that a war that was said to be over several months ago, still requires troops to be there until 2009... And we are sending more each and every day. I guess that as long as we can get what we want from them then it is okay. (YEAH RIGHT) War is not the answer because it costs so much...Not monetary but it is taking our lives...Our President, who America re-elected last month needs to search for a solution because in 2009 it might be our little cousins or brothers fighting the War For Oil.

To all of the seniors that will no longer be with us after Saturday I just wish you the best in whatever you are trying to accomplish.....And to Sapp aka AGENT WARREN and Shel aka THE DON.....Never lose touch because your dogs are the only thing you can trust.....

And for the Last time as the column will read Mann and Sapp

...And I'm out like the trash on a Thursday

Mann

Before I leave Lock Haven for good this semester, I would like to look back at my experience and spotlight my crew whom I've known ever since I stepped onto this campus four and a half years ago. Some will go with me this semester while others will keep our legacy alive and well here at LHU.

A friend is defined as someone who you know, like, and trust. In my heart, Mann, Reese, Renaldo, Kellen, Sheldon, Roc, Go-Go Al, Mike, and Stix have gone above and beyond that definition. Thank you fellas for being there when I needed you guys and also being there when I may not have needed you. It was a relief to be far from my immediate family knowing that I had some people to turn to who would give me their honest opinion whether I liked it or not. I know it was a rough couple of years on the football field but being with you guys made everything fun even if we were losing. Making fun of each other or rippin as we call it helped to keep us in good spirits while being here at LHU. We said it from the beginning that this school would be what we made of it. We made Lock Haven a special place and we will be able to pass on some of the things we learn and did to the younger people coming in to continue to make this university and community better.

We may have had our fair share of arguments and fights but no true friendship is perfect or comes without a difference of opinion.

As I make my journey across that stage on Sunday, I will take with me all the memories of the conference, bringing the camera out at night, ouchie wally towels, and all your raises with me! Just kidding. In all seriousness though, I love you guys and will miss you guys from the bottom of my heart. You have made my stay here at the Haven an enjoyable yet safe one. You have taught me things about life and I admire where you guys are today because your lives could have taken you down another path, but you guys rose above that. You have taught me responsibility and what fatherhood may be like. Most of all, you have taught me to just keep it real and be honest. Thanks for the memories and may God bless you in anything you do.

To everyone else whom I have come in contact with in my years at Lock Haven, I just wanted to thank you for the pleasant experience that I have had here. I will miss the Haven because it is a place that I have come to know as my home away from home. I thank this university for all the opportunities it has given me and I know I will make everyone proud when I start my career as a school psychologist.

One Last Time...

...Love, peace, and hairgrease

Sapp



Hartman, LHU start indoor season off on the right foot

Brandy Rissmiller
Sports Reporter

Ashley Hartman entered her first collegiate track and field meet on Saturday not knowing what to expect. However, she walked away with a new school record in the 60 meter.

Hartman was just one of many Lock Haven athletes to have a great meet at the Bison Opener at Bucknell University. Many of the athletes were place winners and PSAC qualifiers.

Sophomore Jim Dempsey placed 1st in the high jump, clearing 6 feet, 7 inches. Joe Wiegner placed 2nd in both the mile with a time of 4:19.10, and in the 1000 meters with a time of 2:33.61. Aaron Benson placed 3rd in the 3000 meter, as did Frank Graham in the high jump.

Fieldon Daubert earned 4th place in the weight throw and 6th in the shot put. Jeff Skwierz was 4th in the 3000 meter and Ed Kaminski was 6th in the weight throw. Ron Stebbins and Keith Veldhuis both placed 6th in the 1000 meter and the 60 meter high hurdles.

The men that were PSAC qualifiers are Mike Brito and Shawn Clancy, both in the 60 meter high hurdles. Clancy also qualified in the long jump.

Other qualifiers are Tom

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Hite in the 200 and 400 meters and Keith Veldhuis in the 400 meters.

Hartman, a freshman, had a time of 8.07 seconds in the 60 meter which placed her 7th.

Bri Palazzi placed 6th in the long jump, with a leap of 17 feet, 6-1/4 inches. Palazzi was the only place winner for the Lock Haven women and she joins Hartman on the long list of PSAC qualifiers with her triple jump.

Other PSAC qualifiers include Jen Andrews in the shot put, and Sara McCleary and Amanda Reinmiller in the high jump. Maria McGettigan,

Richelle Reed, and Natalie Marsh qualified in the weight throw and Laura Phillips in the long jump and high jump. Nicole Kulp and Laura Phillips qualified in both the long jump and triple jump.

Coach Mark Elliston was pleased with the determination the athletes competed with. "They were not all that ready to do well, but a large majority of them did. We had several PSAC Indoor Championship Qualifiers at the first meet with little training, so this is a great start!" said Coach Elliston.

The next meet for Lock Haven University is January 14 at the Kutztown Invitational hosted by Kutztown University.

PSAC Qualifiers

High Jump- Jim Dempsey, Frank Graham, Sara McCleary, Amanda Reinmiller

Long Jump- Shawn Clancy, Bri Palazzi, Nicole Kulp, Laura Phillips

Triple Jump- Bri Palazzi, Nicole Kulp

60mHH- Keith Veldhuis, Mike Brito, Shawn Clancy

60m- Ashley Hartman(School Record), Nicole Kulp, Laura Phillips

200m- Tim Hite

400m- Tim Hite, Keith Veldhuis

Mile- Joe Wiegner

3000m- Aaron Benson, Jeff Skwierz

Shot Put- Fieldon Daubert, Jen Andrews

Weight Throw- Fieldon Daubert, Ed Kaminski, Maria McGettigan, Natalie Marsh, Richelle Reed

Mercado scores revenge in big NYC bout

Clayton Desmond
Sports Reporter

The Bald Eagles' Josh Mercado, 145, scored a hard earned split decision (3-2) over Blake Baldi, U.S. Air Force Academy at the National Collegiate Boxing Invitational at the New York Athletic Club.

Mercado, the LHU team captain from Rio Grande, NJ, had lost a controversial 3-2 split decision to Baldi in the 2004

National Collegiate Boxing Association quarter-finals in Reno, NV, last April. This time the slick sophomore used his ring savvy and along with rapid-fire combinations to out box the aggressive Falcon boxer. Baldi was last year's national runner-up.

"I wanted this win badly, especially with my mother, family and friends from the Bronx and South Jersey at

ringside cheering me on", said Mercado. "My coaches told me I had to win the third round to win. At the bell I thought I had done enough to win I got stronger as the bout progressed."

The Mercado bout proved to be one of the evenings most exciting on the nine-bout card. Boxers from nine colleges throughout the nation displayed their talents before a capacity crowd (1,000) in the Ray Lumpp Gym in the prestigious NYAC in mid-town Manhattan.

Harriers finish strong at national meet, captures 9th place finish

Brandy Rissmiller
Sports Reporter

Joe Wiegner credits the mixture of dedication, commitment and desire that all of the members on the Lock Haven University's cross country roster gave to their highest finish ever at nationals. The team finished 9th at the Division II National Championships which were hosted by the University of Southern Indiana. Seniors Chris Cowan and Wiegner led the team and they both earned All-American status.

Cowan was the highest finisher from Lock Haven, placing 29th with a time of 33:12. Wiegner finished the 10K course in 33:19, placing him 34th.

Ryan Blood finished with a time of 33:48 placing the sophomore in 48th. A time of 34:24 placed freshman Greg Davis in 71st. Junior Billy Buckenmeyer placed 74th with a time of 34:26.

Sophomore Chris Robson placed 82nd with a time of 34:35 and freshman Shawn Moore finished with a time of 36:04 earning him the 135th spot, despite

Cross Country

battling sickness all week.

"Everyone on the team had a big part in our highest finish at nationals," states Wiegner. "It is a huge honor to end my collegiate career as a part of this team and an even bigger honor to have been a team captain for a team of this caliber." Wiegner also added that if he was a member of another team in the conference he would be scared knowing that Lock Haven is only losing four top runners and is bringing back the underclassmen that have performed so well this season. He feels that the underclassmen have not yet shown what they are fully capable of doing.

Coach Russell compared Cowan to a trailblazer in uncharted territory. Cowan is the first two-time cross country All-American in Lock Haven history and Coach Russell says that he has been the catalyst that has brought them to where they are. He was also thrilled to watch Wiegner earn All-American honors. "To see all of his hard work pay off was an unbelievable experience. To see it all

come together in the last race of his career was tremendous."

A letdown of the weekend, according to Coach Aaron Russell, was the fact that the team missed finishing 8th by ten points. Had the team placed in the top eight they would have earned an extra bid for their region for the 2005 championships.

The dedication the team has is evident. "Despite the horribly muddy conditions and various obstacles throughout the race these guys kept fighting and never gave in," says Coach Russell.

Coach Russell would like to thank all of the fans and family members. "It helps the runners during the low points of a race when they see one of their friends painted from head to toe and realize they drove thirteen hours to support you. It helps them dig a little deeper."

The season is one of the best seasons in history at Lock Haven. During the 2004 season the team earned six All-Conference, five All-Region and two All-American runners and five team titles.

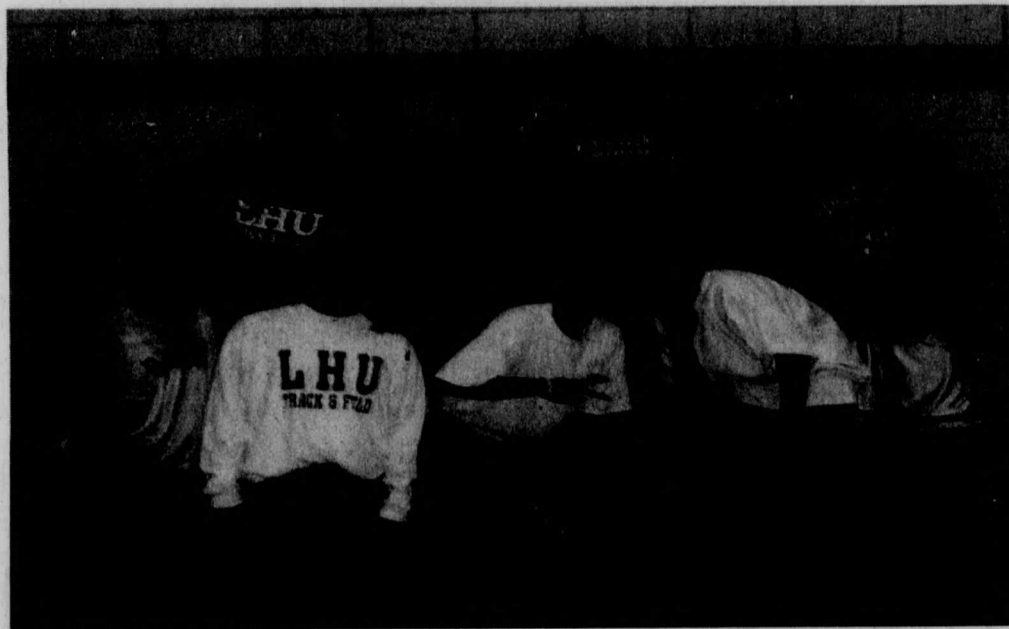


The Eagle Eye Sports Staff would like to extend warm Holiday Greetings to all over our wonderful readers! We will be back January 18th to recap all Winter Sports results from Christmas Break.

Intramural Sports News

Fall 2004 Final Edition

Men's Basketball Champions Special Delivery



The roster of the 2004 Special Delivery men's basketball team includes: Michael Brito, Eddie Dove, Casey Haddat, Jesus Iturrino, Brian Lennex, Brian Rieben, John Ogden, Adam O' Harrow, Devin O' Rourke, Sean Rios, Joseph Shaffer.

A Note From the Director . . .

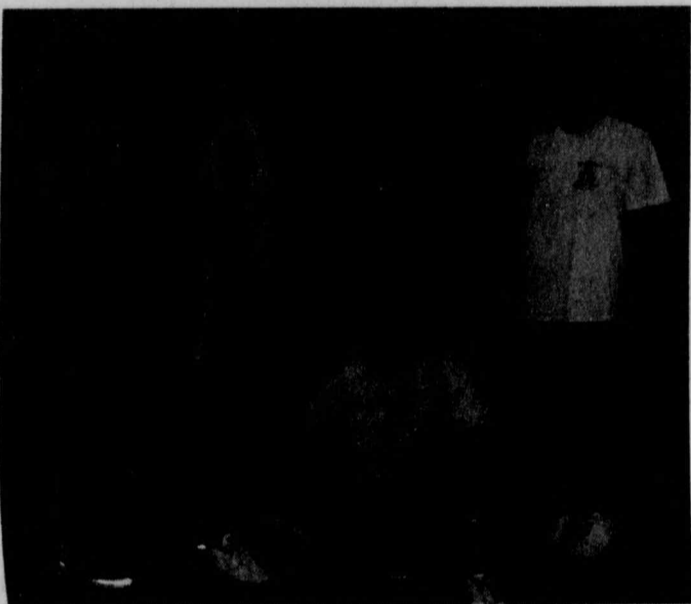
I would like to take this time to thank all participants, coaches, referees and fans for making my first semester as Intramural Director a success. It is my hope that the Spring semester will be equally successful. Best of luck to the referees that will not be with us next semester as they pursue their educational goals. Have a wonderful break and happy holidays! Hope to see your participation in Intramural sports in Spring 2005!

Anita

Check out the Intramural website for a listing of spring sports, online registration and Fall 2004 scores and photos! <http://www.lhup.edu/intramurals>

Interested in being a Referee for the LHU Intramural Department? Look for the application that will be posted online soon. If you have any questions or need further information, e-mail Anita at acharles@lhup.edu.

Women's Basketball Champions The Bandits



The roster of the 2004 Bandits women's basketball team includes: Kerin Coyne, Cyndi Crowl, Nalen Jackson, Erin Kerstetter, Maureen Lynn, Amanda Walker, and Sam Zaltz.

Flag Football Champions Stunnas



The roster of the 2004 Stunnas flag football team includes: Rodney Armstrong, Matt Bergerstock, Dustin Border, Jason Brindle, Matt Eshelman, Scott Fabrizio, Zach Gibbons, James Gilbert, Andy Kyle, Mark Shelgran, Josh Walters, Jeff Weikel, Derek Wisner, Kurtis Wisor, Jon Zalinski, and Shawn Zalinski.

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday

From everyone at the Bookstore

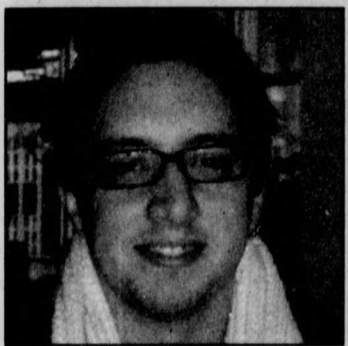
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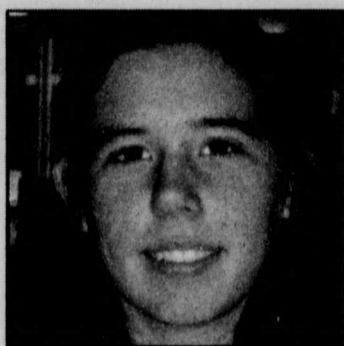
Question of the Week

“What do you do to prepare for final exams?”



Go over my notes and catch up on the readings.

John Fudrow
Senior - Studio Arts



Just study for one final at a time.

Stephanie Madison
Sophomore - Biology



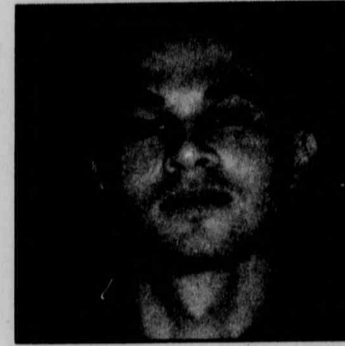
Study my notes. I don't bother with books, they don't help you.

Joseph Ballard
Sophomore -
Co-Op Engineering



Read over points that the professor made during the semester.

Nicole Eshenaur
Freshman -
Rec. Management/Fitness



Eat candy and drink coffee.

Lee Munion
Senior - Business



Make a list and start checking things off with the help of Red Bull.

Matt Bergerstock
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Your love of the holidays creates a special bond between you and the people in your life. Use this as a way of building stronger relationships that will carry over well beyond this time.

TAURUS

A new approach could go a long way toward resolving a painful estrangement, especially at this holiday time. And since your aspects favor friendship this week, why not go ahead and try it?

GEMINI

Your positives continue to dominate, and any negative factors that squeeze in can be easily dealt with. The secret is to tackle them at once and not allow them to benefit by your neglect.

CANCER

Good news: A colleague's remarks could help you move toward ultimately resolving that persistent workplace situation. Meanwhile, enjoy the holidays with loved ones.

LEO

No one reflects the bright holiday more than all you Leos and Leonas who love the shimmer and glimmer of the season. P.S.: There just might be a very special something from Santa.

VIRGO

Celebrate the holidays by being more receptive to new experiences. Overriding the Virgo reluctance to try new things could be the best gift you've given yourself in a long while.

LIBRA

Good news about a loved one makes the holidays even more festive. Expect some unexpected gifts, so be prepared with a few nicely wrapped packages of goodies to offer in return.

SCORPIO

The holiday season provides an opportunity to meet new people, some of whom you might even consider "worthy" enough to join the Scorpio's select group of friends.

SAGITTARIUS

You always bring your own wonderful sparkle and light to the holidays, and don't be surprised if this year someone special reaches out to respond to your warmth in kind.

CAPRICORN

Togetherness is the dominant theme for the Goat's holiday celebrations this year. That means reaching out to bring everyone you care for into your very own special circle of light.

AQUARIUS

A reminder of a very special moment from the past makes the holidays more memorable for the romantic Aquarian. New friendships hold the promise of a romantic future as well.

PISCES

Getting into the swim of things for all you party-loving Pisceans is easy enough this holiday season. And, of course, you can expect to impress people wherever you go.

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Pizza City serves more than food: Music hopefuls show off talents



Lisa Kiwak/Eagle Eye

Lisa Kiwak
Staff Reporter

Pizza City offers a special every Tuesday night, its called talent. On Tuesday nights from 8:00-11:00 p.m., Jason Dumm can be found hosting an open mic night at Pizza City.

Dumm is a graduate of Central Mountain High School. The 19-year-old plays a variety of instruments, teaches music lessons and plays in the university Jazz/Rock Ensemble, despite him not attending Lock Haven University.

"Dr. Hosterman found out about me," Dumm said. "He saw me play in the high school group."

Hosterman is an Associate Professor of Music at the university, as well as the conductor of

the Jazz/Rock and Synthesizer Ensembles. Hosterman's daughter attended school with Dumm, and that is how he became aware of him and his talent.

"He is very talented and when no guitar players came out, I was free to recruit who I wanted," said Hosterman. "He was my first choice."

At the open mic night, Dumm presents a laid-back atmosphere often joking and even poking fun at himself.

"I just learned this today, so sorry if I mess it up," Dumm commented on the song "Broken" by Seether, featuring Amy Lee from the group Evanescence.

Dumm's musical selection ranges from Pearl Jam to Matchbox 20, and requests are honored. Dumm begins the night by playing a few selections, and then offers others the

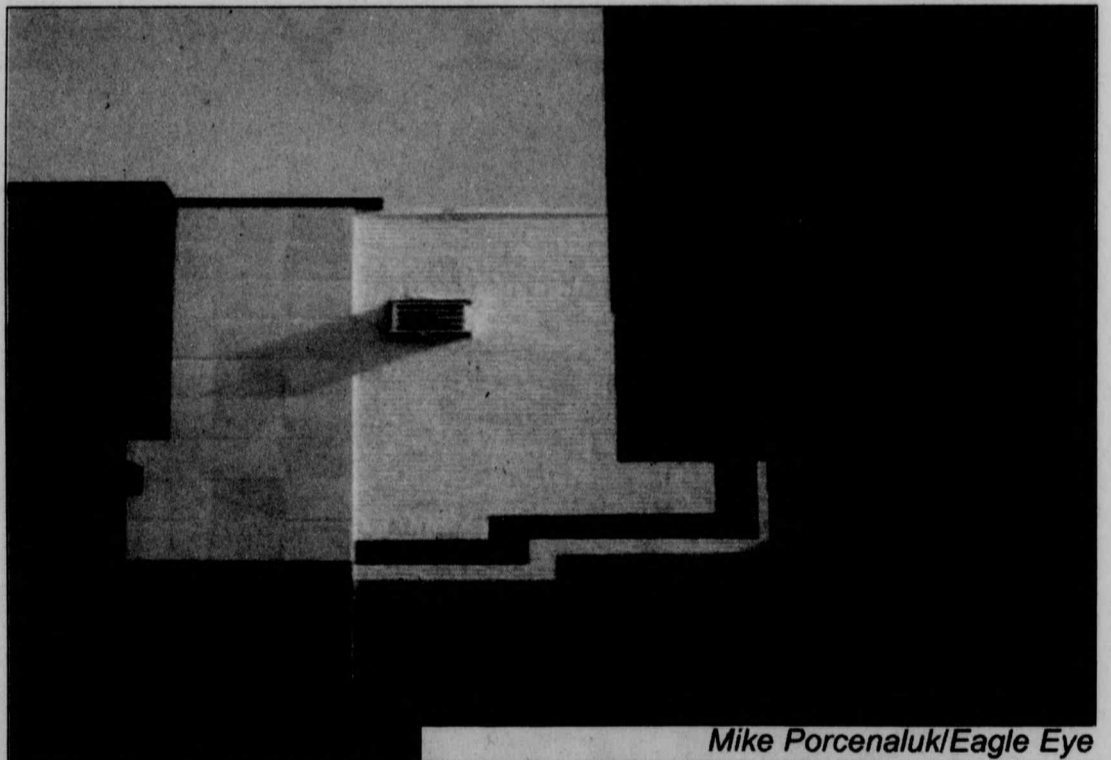
chance to sign up and showcase their talent.

All types of musical acts and genres of music are encouraged to stop by, and play at the open mic nights. Students from the university who do not want to participate in the open mic night, are more than welcome to come and listen to the live music.

"Some [students from the university] come to watch," Dumm said. "Only 2 or 3 have come to play."

Pizza City is located at 270 Susquehanna Avenue, about one mile past the university's honors building.

Pizza City's menu offers items ranging from pizza to subs. Alcohol is available for those of age, and smoking is permitted in the dining room, which is the room used for open mic nights. Stop by Tuesday and check it out.



Mike Porcenas/Eagle Eye

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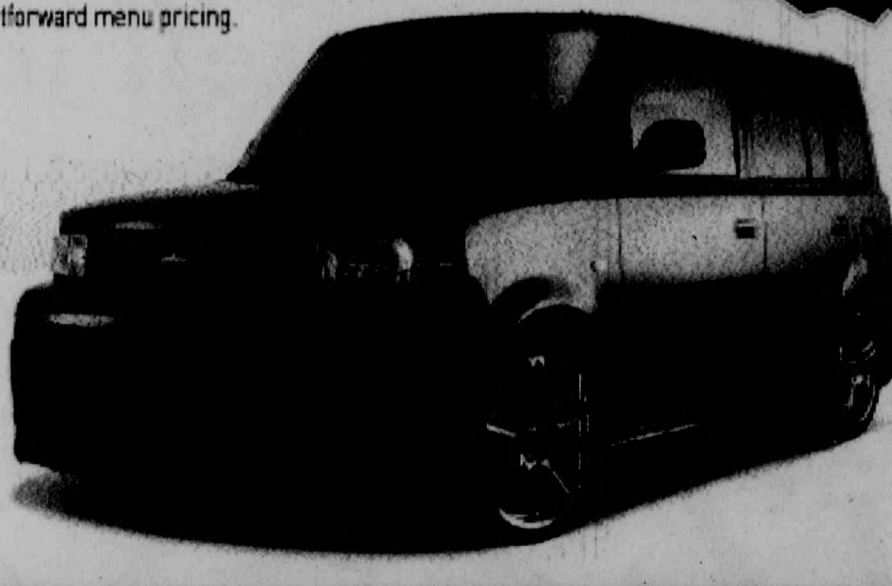
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Features

Arts and Entertainment

AROUND THE FILM WORLD

Not to be treasured, but not bad *National Treasure*

Three stars



Edward Savoy
Staff Reporter

Normally, the phrase "it's not as bad as I thought it would be," if used to describe a given film, does not bode well for the given film. Usually, a descriptive phrase of that nature would give rise to visions of weeping and gnashing of teeth in some wretched cinematic Hell. Yet, in the case of the new Jerry Bruckheimer production "National Treasure," that phrase is a high (though backhanded) compliment because, simply put, it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be.

With the exception of "Pirates of the Caribbean," almost any film associated with Jerry Bruckheimer normally has the blessing of having a big box office return and the curse of critical reviews that are so horrible that they would make Britney Spears feel better by comparison. However, somehow, the cast of "National Treasure," led by Academy Award winners Nicholas Cage and Jon Voigt, managed to churn

out a film that is mindlessly entertaining rather than just mindless. Perhaps that pleasant fact is as much a treasure as the one described by the title.

In "National Treasure," Nicholas Cage plays Benjamin Franklin Gates, a brilliant treasure hunter/protector who is hampered by the fact that everyone ("everyone" being the FBI, his father, his assistant, played by Justin Bartha, and his initial nemesis, future love interest, played by Diane Kruger) feels that he's nuts for continuing to search for this particular treasure, one that has been searched for for more than 200 years by members of his family. It doesn't help that he believes that the key to the treasure is on the back of the Declaration of Independence, which he then proceeds to try to steal. When you consider that the various clues he uncovers takes him from the Artic Circle to Washington D.C. to Philadelphia to New York City, one can probably imagine why people would think that he had potholes in the road of his sani-

ty.

Despite (or perhaps because of) a plot that gets more conspiracy theory minded by the minute, the film succeeds, primarily because of the sense of humor and wit shown by most of the cast. The cast seems to be under no illusion that they're making great art; they're just "slumming" to make a buck, it seems, and they figured that they might as well have a good time doing it. This attitude shows in the good-natured performances that the cast delivers. Of course, Bruckheimer being Bruckheimer, there are plenty of explosions, car chases, yadda, yadda, yadda; it's not why I watched and enjoyed the film, but if it's your rationale, all power to you.

I cannot express how much I was surprised that I actually managed to like National Treasure. It may be fluff, but at least it's fluff that knows what it is and manages to work in a few historical nuggets as well. Bruckheimer lives to produce another film yet and, for once, that's a good thing.

Music Review

Some point Nonpoint-Recoil

Three Stars

Edward Savoy
Staff Reporter

When heavy metal rose up from the Zeppelin/Sabbathesque mire from whence it was born, it was commonly assumed that the genre would die (and die quite forcefully and thankfully) within a few years, at the most. We're now well into the fourth (or third, depending on how you count) year of the new millennium and it is a beyond obvious statement that metal hasn't died yet, nor is it likely to within our generation. Not only has it not died, it has mutated time and time again with the latest mutation under question being the unique style expressed through the music of the band Nonpoint on their album Recoil.

Nonpoint, based out of Miami, is comprised of a pair of Puerto Ricans (Elias Soriano and Robb Rivera, the vocalist and drummer, respectively) and two whites (Andrew Goldman and KB, the guitarist and bassist of the ensemble). This ethnic mix, not one of the more common in the metal community, results in an interesting musical



mix, with one track ("Rabia") being entirely in Spanish, resulting in a sort of Spanish rap/metal. Admittedly, these are words and genres that don't normally end up in the same sentence, but that's simply the way it works with Nonpoint.

Any band who claims membership in the genre of heavy metal and who cover a Phil Collins song ("In the Air Tonight," no less) has to have some kind of claim to eclecticism. For the most part however, the songs on Recoil are fairly conventional metal tracks with a little more melodicism

than is the metal norm. Recoil is the fourth album from Nonpoint and while they have advanced to a degree of competence, the greatness that lies at the top of the metal pantheon isn't theirs yet. However, with a little more work, it might be.

Recoil won't replace Led Zeppelin IV or Masters of Illusion, but it doesn't have to. It's good enough on its own terms and good enough to be enjoyable, if not quite classic. Nonpoint bears watching; if Hoobastank can get a hit with their band name, well, I suppose Nonpoint can do it to.

Top 10 Things...

TO DO OVER WINTER BREAK

Nicole Jacobs and Nicole Pinto
Staff Reporters

10. Watch the Christmas Story 24 hour marathon, or whatever movie makes the holiday for your family. (The Grinch, Charlie Brown, It's a Wonderful Life, Garfield, Rudolph, Eight Crazy Nights...) Everyone has some movie that without it, the holiday just isn't the same.

9. You have an entire month off. Go out and visit some long lost relatives. The holidays are the most important time to spend with your family. Plus with gatherings of that size, you are guaranteed to see at least one good fight.

8. Whatever your religious preference, giving and receiving presents is one of the biggest perks of winter break.

7. Work. We know that this sounds like a drag, but when you return, it will be time to buy books again. Every penny counts.

6. No more Bentley! Eat good food, or fast food, or junk food, or whatever. You get to choose.

5. Go out and look at all the lights and decorations. Take out younger siblings. Play in the snow. Enjoy the winter while it does not involve you walking down the steps from the hill.

4. Shop! After Christmas sales are some of the best all year. Plus, after spending all of that money on everyone else, you deserve to splurge a little on yourself.

3. Make a New Year's Resolution with your friends and family. Go on a diet. Quit smoking. Exercise more. Budget money. Everyone has one and this way, when you don't stick to it, you have other people to laugh with over how ridiculous the tradition really is.

2. Live it up on New Year's. Act ridiculous while you say good bye to 2004.

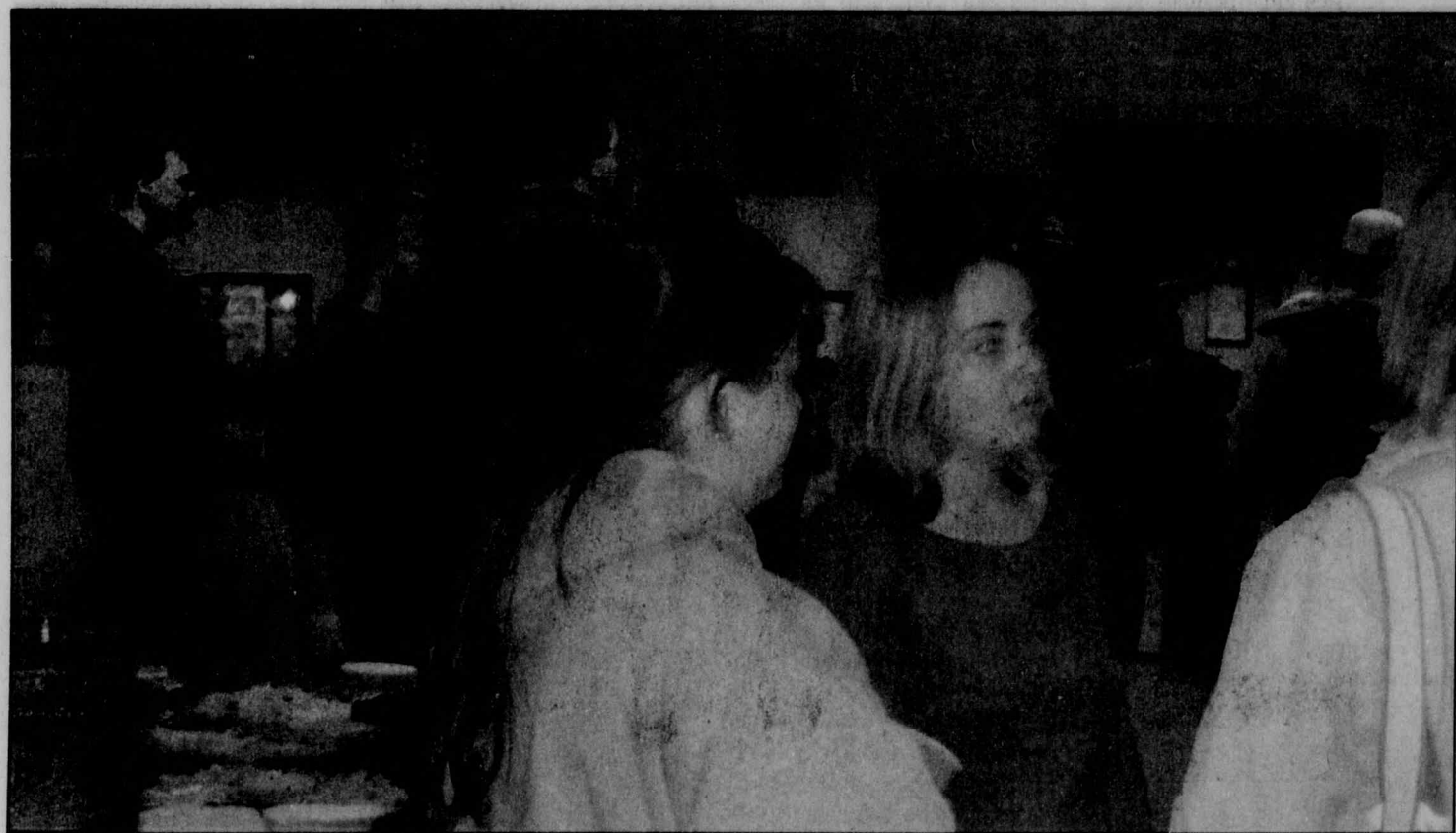
And the #1 thing to do over Winter Break...

Take a break. Sleep in and relax. You have no classes, no homework, and no roommate to fight with. Enjoy it while you can, there is still another semester to go.

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Features

LHU student hosts art show in Evergreen Commons



Maggie Herrick/Eagle Eye

Senior Kimberly Hill discusses her artwork with attendees of the art show as students look at the other masterpieces. Evergreen Commons hopes to hold more events like this in the future.

Alex Hayes
Staff Editor

LHU's own Rembrandts and Picassos came out and showed off their masterpieces at the first ever Evergreen Commons' art show and sale.

Numerous works from student artists were displayed in the Evergreen Commons lobby on Tuesday, November 30. Students who displayed their works also had the option to sell their pieces.

"It was the first show I was ever in. Being able to display my pieces so others can see them was a great experience, acquiring some money from it was merely an added bonus," commented artist and show coordinator Maggie Herrick.

The idea to hold an art show came about when Dan Riseman, marketing director for the Commons, and Jen Jerousek, community manager, realized that the walls in Evergreen were extremely bare.

Riseman and Herrick worked together and put together the event.

"I thought it would be a great idea for us to showcase student artwork. We were astonished with all the pieces that came in," commented Jerousek.

The art was in a variety of different forms including photography, ceramics, pastels, and canvas. Evergreen Commons provided dinner for the artists as well as refreshments for the event.

"I never knew before that there were so many talented artists here on campus. Art is not something that you think of when you think of Lock Haven, and tonight I realized that is a shame," praised attendant Jeff Shaffer.

The staff at Evergreen expressed much appreciation to the Fine Arts Society for helping with the event, and hopes to work with them and other campus groups in the future.

Conquer finals week with these tips

Corrine Smith
Staff Reporter

With the holidays right around the corner and just as snow begins to descend on Lock Haven, there is one thing on every LHU student's mind. It's winter break! It's presents! No, it's finals.

Yes, finals week is right around the corner. The time of year LHU students love to hate. For some, it will be the last finals week of their college career and for others, it is just the beginning. Whether you can see the light at the end of the graduation tunnel or you're here for the long haul, fear not: finals week is not that bad.

There are all types of finals, with projects, papers, the last exam of the semester, and, of course, the dreaded cumulative final exam rounding out the list. No matter which weapon your professors choose, you can be

prepared.

Junior political science major Ashleigh Colwell has three written finals this semester and one final paper.

"Study ahead, get a lot of sleep, and stay relaxed. That is the most important thing," said Colwell.

While Colwell acknowledges that she prefers a written final to a paper or project, she sees the benefits of having final assignments, especially when they are due the week prior to finals.

"It helps when things are spread out," she said.

Even though that research paper on Beethoven gets turned in a week early, do not get too excited. Professors are contractually obligated to be in the classroom the day of the final, as per the university finals schedule.

Colwell also feels it is better to have your exams spread out throughout the week, instead of having several in one day, but that is not up to students or pro-

fessors. University policy dictates that if you have more than three finals on any given day, you request a make up exam with the instructor(s).

Sara Widdop, senior psychology major, admits that she sometimes procrastinates her studying and finds herself cramming the night before, or the day of, a final. This semester, though, Widdop is planning ahead and has some advice for freshman who may be nervous.

"It is not as hard as you think. Don't stress, and take breaks when you are studying. Do something that relaxes you and gets your mind of the material," said Widdop.

Whether you plan on using the test-taking methods that have been around for years, such as eating a good breakfast, getting plenty of rest, and studying ahead, or you have found a few tips of your own over the past few semesters, the key to finals week is to relax.



Photo courtesy of the University Players

The University Players' production of RASHOMON offered students a unique viewing experience through precise delivery of lines and fighting scenes that were intricately choreographed, while teaching about honesty.

Finale showcased dance company's talents

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The Lock Haven Modern Dance Company twirled, leaped, spun, kicked and danced their way through their annual recital on Nov. 18 in Price Auditorium.

The team worked from the start of the semester to achieve a 15-set show including full company numbers where all members participated, half-company numbers where the group was split up for easier choreography and also solo, duets and small-group dances.

Senior Lisa Brennecke, next semester's treasurer for the club said, "Joining the dance company is a great way to meet new people. I did not have any dance experience before I started dancing with the company. The members and officers are always very helpful in teaching the dances."

Dance numbers included pop, jazz and R&B type hits such as "Keep Giving Your Love to Me" by Beyoncé and "I'm a Slave For You" by Britney Spears. Country and Southern styles were also explored with Charlie Daniels Band with "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" Lonestar "Amazed" and Tim McGraw and Faith Hill's "It's Your Love".

The full company number

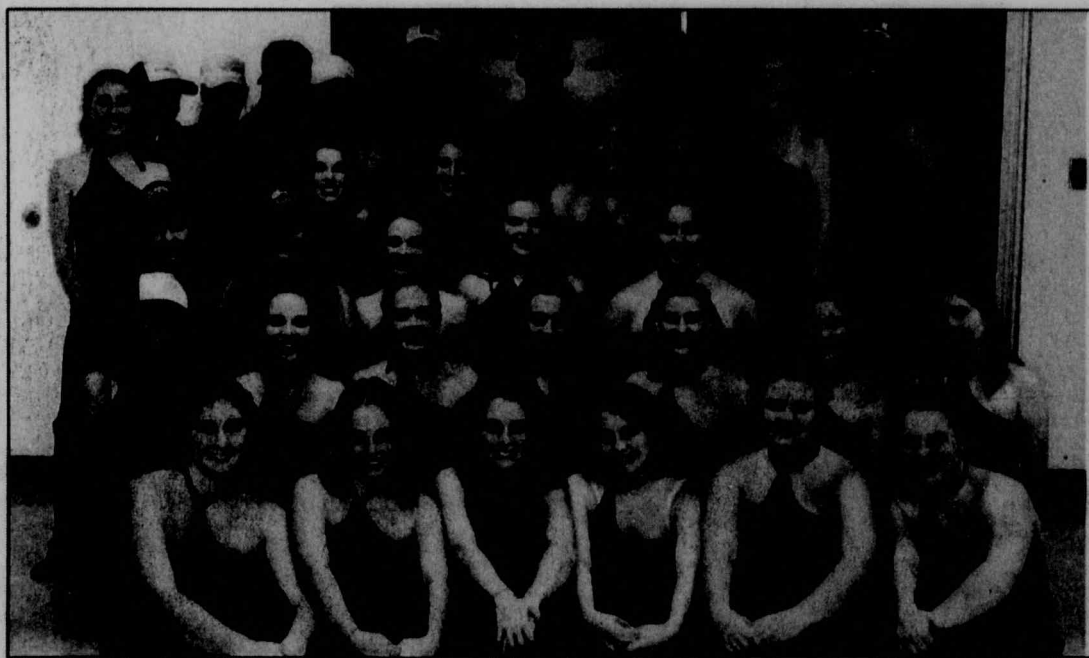


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The Modern Dance Company performed to various types of songs including R&B, rap, jazz, country and chart toppers during their fall semester show.

was "Feel Good Time" by Pink from the Charlie's Angels soundtrack.

A tap class was added last semester, and pointe class was added just this year for more diverse and varying dance styles according to Treasurer Jenny Dubich who has been dancing with the company for three semesters.

Each of the 35 dancers was at a different dancing experience level with some members who had been dancing since the age of three and others who were just starting out. Many of the dancers had a basic back-

ground in ballet, cheerleading and/or gymnastics.

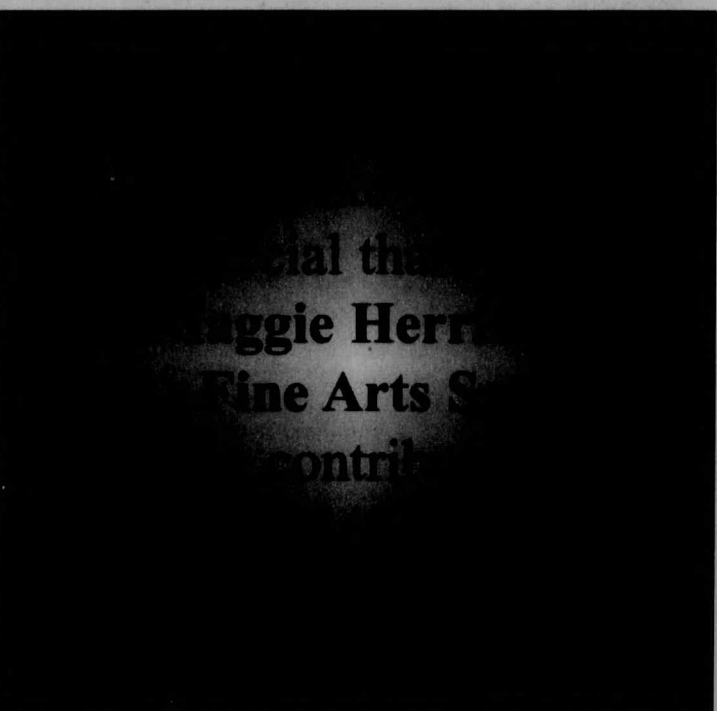
Costume changes occurred for every dance, and according to sophomore secretary Megan Clase, the costumes were more involved this year with most of them requiring complete changes and not just changing part of the costume.

Costumes were selected from catalogs in a group effort between fall semester President Jessica Fink and the choreographers of the group dances. Other costumes were picked out at stores such as Wal Mart or were made up of clothes that

the team already had.

"I feel we improve every semester. Each year it seems we grow in size and with that increase we get many people with a broad range of abilities and talents. But, I feel you can see the most improvement from each person individually," Fink said.

"The show was amazing and I strongly recommend this activity to anyone who has an interest in dance because the people you meet from the company will become like a family to you," said Clase.



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