The People’s Revolution from the front lines

While the corporate mainstream media was gathering the journalistic cojones to cover the ongoing anti-corporate Occupy Wall Street (OWS) protests that began September 17, frustrated Americans learned of OWS on social media, joined the spirited 24-hour protest in lower Manhattan and organized sister protests in every major US city, including Scranton and Wilkes-Barre.

Initially organized by anti-consumerist magazine Adbusters, OWS links growing economic inequality in the US with Wall Street’s practices and aims to fight against the “corrosive power” of major banks and corporations.

Veteran’s Day

If you’re reading this paper, thank a veteran.

“…to support and defend the Constitution of the United States…” begins the oath that all military personnel take upon enlistment. Without our First Amendment right to freedom of the press, this campus paper probably would not exist today.

So, where are all the veterans on campus? Penn State Wilkes-Barre lacks an active, formal, structured military club or veteran’s organization. Some of the other, larger Commonwealth campuses have such groups, but

SGA is loaded

Questions surface after SGA budget is published for the first time.

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have over the democratic process in the US. Since September, OWS has constructed a semi-permanent base camp at Zuccotti Park near Wall Street called “Liberty Square.”

Because of their long-term ambitions, Liberty Square has evolved into a rather sophisticated tent-city. Most tents are used to house long-term occupiers. Others serve as stations for logistical purposes.

On October 28, we encountered a tented welcome station near the entrance and, dotting the park’s interior winding paths, other tented stations for first aid, sanitation, outreach, facilitation, legal information and press materials. There’s also a think tank, a section for the arts, a section for información en Español, a food tent and a donation area. Of all the tents, perhaps most impressive is the “People’s Library,” a free outdoor library overflowing with books and periodicals organized by topic: politics, the environment, fiction, drama and poetry. The hidden gem of this section: a spiral-bound work-in-progress updated every Friday with original poetry simply titled Anthology of Poetry.

When they finally started to cover OWS in early October, major news outlets with varying degrees of criticism characterized the inhabitants of Liberty Square as naïve, left-wing kids or, despite it being the twenty-first century, know-nothing hippies, lacking a coherent message. But the 300-person crowd we encountered at Liberty Square was neither uniformly left-wing nor naïve. It included left-wingers and right-wingers, Karl Marx-quoting socialists and Ron Paul-loving libertarians, graduate students writing in Moleskins and construction workers guzzling “damn good coffee,” safety pin-fasted punks and latte sipping yuppies, young folk singers and— we kid you not – scarf-knitting grandmas.

It’s hard to decide what’s more troubling about the media coverage of OWS – conservative pundits’ mischaracterizations and claims or the lazy reporting that fails to show the real people and real ideas behind the movement.

While during daylight hours the occupiers aimed to catch the attention of passers-by with the theatrics of chanting, drumming, and picketing, by nightfall they were totally preoccupied with ideas. Nearly every person under the darkening edifices of capitalism was engaged – in the movement’s goals, in learning, and in exchanging ideas and dialogue. Some argued that there is a disconnect between the totality of human nature and our current “greed-driven” economic model, late capitalism. A few discussed the politics and linguistic theories of Noam Chomsky. Others addressed the housing crisis and homelessness, proposing to allow the homeless to live in the many empty, bank-owned houses that dot the West Coast. Others still offered students relief, suggesting student loan interest rates be cut dramatically to 0.5 percent above the US federal funds rate. There appeared to be a graduate seminar in session on every last inch of Liberty Square. It seemed hardly anyone was there to protest for the hell of it.

Inside Liberty Square, there didn’t seem to be any inappropriate rowdiness. Most had a perfectly cultivated revolution.

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All OWS Photos by Michael Natalie GammaBlog.com
mainly because they run a Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) at those locations.

According to Stacey Zelinka, Veterans Certifying Official on campus, there are currently 25 students using military benefits (which include some dependants of veterans). She also states that “other veterans and servicemen and women are enrolled [on campus] that are not actively using benefits,” so this number is likely greater.

While the NYPD were mandated to surround the area, they did not need to, nor did they advance into Liberty Square. They kept their distance and did not seem the slightest bit concerned that things might get out-of-hand. They were respected and in turn showed respect to the occupiers.

This lack of barbarism, which we might add contradicts a certain grungy, pot-smoking, patchouli-smelling caricature of OWS reinforced through the media, might result from OWS’s “Good Neighbor Policy.” The policy, a set of de facto laws and regulations of Liberty Square, states that there is zero tolerance for drugs or alcohol, violence, or verbal abuse, and that all occupiers must respect health and sanitation requirements.

After spending the better part of an evening with the occupiers at Liberty Square, we came away with two strong desires: As Americans affected by Wall Street’s influence, we want to join the protest and support it as much as possible. As reporters troubled by misconceptions, we want to curb the bountiful misconceptions.

It seems that most of the corporate mainstream media, however, has no desire to curb misconceptions. While they now mention protests and cover any scuffles with police, they hardly make an effort to cover the content of the protests. The OWS General Assembly, where goals and mission of the movement are discussed daily receives no coverage yet the movement is continuously criticized as goal-less and mission-less.

What we are seeing in the news is either one of these two things: blatant misrepresentation or features glossing over substance to show attention-grabbing crowds. To help paint a more complete picture of OWS, the media needs to get in there for more than a sound bite, and report their findings in an accurate and in-depth fashion. We also encourage everybody, journalist or not, to take a closer look, for as the crowd at Liberty Square chants: This is what democracy looks like.
Football fans are notoriously nuts, but which are the worst?

Pittsburgh Steelers - The Steelers boast a fan base which may be just as crazy as their in-state neighbors, though probably not as aggressive. Steelers fans choose to focus their energy more on their own team rather than disdain for others. The connection these fans feel with their team can be traced to the blue-collar, hard-nosed playing style in which they have found most of their success. The Steelers rose to prominence in the 1970’s, a terrible time for the steel industry, prompting workers to hang their hats on the Pittsburgh Steelers. Steel workers began to migrate heavily after this decade in search of work. That is why you will see so many terrible towels waving when the Steelers play an away game. Speaking of those towels, in the week leading up to the Super Bowl this past February, new-born babies were wrapped in them.

Oakland Raiders - Even more than Philadelphia, I would be petrified to attend a game in Oakland wearing the jersey of an opposing team. The Raiders have long been heralded as the dirtiest team in the NFL, and their fans do not shy away from opposing fans and players. Green Bay Packers - The cheese-heads not only root for this team, but own it as well. The Packers are the only the non-profit, community-owned major league professional sports team in the United States. An excerpt from the Packers’ website explains this phenomenon, “A total of 4,750,937 shares is owned by 112,158 stockholders none of whom receives any dividend on the initial investment.” This is even more impressive when one considers the current state of the economy. These devoted fans have certainly seen a return on their investment recently as the Packers won the most recent Super Bowl and are undefeated at press time.

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Catch her if you can

In a few months Alex Leandri has put PSU-WB on the map in the world of cross-country, but just who is this fast freshman?

Usually, there’s no I in team, but Alex Leandri is an exception. Leandri is the lone member of the girl’s cross-country team. She has quite literally put the team on her back and has been successful in doing so. Leandri, a Freshman and Industrial Engineering major, graduated from Trinity High School. She ran and swam all throughout her High School career, and has continued to run, and run well in college. The Revolt asked Leandri a few questions so that we and the rest of the campus could get to know one of our best athletes a little better.

The Revolt (TR) : What made you choose Penn State Wilkes-Barre?
Alex Leandri (AL) : Well, both of

The Coaches and Captains of the Men’s Basketball Team

Men’s Basketball team ready for the season with Miner at the helm

Earlier this semester, the Men's basketball team posted a Varsity Club poster in the Student Commons and someone had the audacity to write on the bottom of the poster, “How did you get into college?”

The poster has been taken down, but to answer that question: hard work, dedication, motivation, and help from people like our coach, Scott Miner. The Penn State Men's Basketball team has a lot of talent from all over the country, from New York to Texas. Being on this team for the past two years, I have witnessed and learned a lot from Scott Miner.

Scott Miner has been coaching for many years. His mindset is to bring in student-athletes, make them play at college level, and have them graduate from this campus, no matter what. His motto is “Get it done in the classroom AND on the court, and I’m a happy person.” Last season, we finished fourth in the PSUCA at the semi-conference finals losing to Penn College. We had a good season, one highlight being a victory over a Division 2 college team.

Coach Miner plays a huge role in the players’ lives and builds a relationship with everyone on the team. Little do people know, but the coach goes out of his way for his players making sure we are getting help in our classes if we don’t understand something, finding us tutors, or providing study hall for all the athletes.

To Coach Miner, I know for a fact we are his second family. During the September flood, he and his friends provided the athletes with food, water, and flash lights. He also invites us to his home to have dinner with his family and friends and has made sure that whenever we are here on Christmas and Thanksgiving breaks, his church provides us with dinner since the team doesn’t take a holiday.

The generosity Coach Miner shows to his team is something he tries hard to instill in his players. This year, the men’s basketball team held a basketball clinic at the Jewish Community Center helping children work on their talents and learn the fundamentals of the game. We helped the children learn different skills, such as passing, dribbling, defense, rebounding, and shooting. The players enjoyed working with the children and teaching them the basics of basketball. “It’s always a good feeling when you know you’re inspiring a child,” said team member, Ahmed Ali.

But make no mistake, Coach Miner works us hard too, making sure we are in top shape. We have been in and out of the weight room, running, and doing scheduled workouts to get ready for whatever this season brings. We have five new recruits, along with thirteen players returning from last season. With the explosive talent we possess, I believe a lot of the other teams are going to have trouble stopping us.

Coach Miner is not only a Coach, a role model, and a friend, but he’s also a father figure to us. If it weren’t for him, a lot of us wouldn’t be here. Though we all come from different backgrounds and races, when Scott Miner gets us on the gym floor, WE ARE one family.

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civilian life is difficult enough, but trying to fit in on a college campus is “a culture shock that’s hard to adapt to,” said Michael Dakduk, the deputy executive director of Student Veterans of America (SVA), which has chapters on more than 300 campuses. Valissa Browning, SVA chapter representative at Keystone College (the closest SVA chapter to our campus), states that, “Most [veterans] haven’t been in the classroom since high school, and they strive to do well, however, aren’t sure if they have the tools.”

Colleges need to realize that student veterans are different from typical students and need more support. Part of making a successful transition for veterans is peer and special support services. As veterans return to school to take advantage of the new GI Bill, many have found that campuses often aren’t ready to handle administrative demands from an influx of former military persons returning to school.

On campuses across the country, veterans say they are encountering these same sorts of problems: confusion around getting credit for previous coursework and military experience, financial aid delays, and not enough representation at their respective campus. Browning goes on to say, “All veterans need to be bought with respect, and professors need to be trained on handling the various issues that come with the territory when educating people who have been in a completely different environment for years.” She also encourages students to seek assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) if they need further assistance than what’s available on campus.

Several Penn State Wilkes-Barre students (both former military and current military) were in accordance with the sacrifices of our men and women in the armed forces and they did so for all of us to enjoy this great country; let’s not forget that or take it for granted.

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Letters to the Editor

Prostitution & Tuition

“Your article “Prostitution & Tuition” kind of grossed me out. The way college girls or boys are selling themselves on that website is disgusting. I realize college kids are broke and need money, but there are much better ways to get it. I would never sell myself or do those inappropriate things with a “sugar daddy” to get money for my tuition, it’s not right. Students should find a real job, where they don’t have to do those types of things.”

Caitlyn Wright

“I’m writing to you about your article, “Prostitution & Tuition.” I’m glad you included this article in The Revolt. It’s important for students on campus to see an example of the great lengths that some people will go in order to pay for their college education. To be completely honest, I think it’s pathetic on both ends of the spectrum. The fact that an older man or woman feels the need to pay a younger man or woman for company is pitiful; it’s also pretty sad that the college student, male or female, is that desperate to pay for their education. The older folks need to find a hobby, and the latter need to get an actual job!”

Jillian Lavelle

Women on Top

“I am writing to you today about the article about how girl's campus sports are doing so well. I was very disgusted with the fact that you did not incorporate the girls Cross Country Team. Miss Leandri is going to championships and has won many of her past meets. I can only imagine her disappointment when she was reading this article and there was no mention of her name or how well the team was doing. I will applaud you for writing such a fantastic article on girl’s sports, but I caution you next time to make sure you incorporate all of the sports teams.”

Hannah Eroh

Water Water Everywhere

“The story about the recent flooding in Northeast Pennsylvania was not a good representation of the events that occurred. The article seemed to suggest that there were many incidents of looting during and after the flood. This is not true. I followed the news reports very closely and do not remember seeing much on looting at all. I also believe that there should’ve been more coverage on West Pittston, which was one of the hardest hit areas. I did, however, like how the Mayor and politicians were called out for making flood relief a political issue.”

John Lombardo

Down came the rain…

“I am glad to see that you did not slam the Chancellor for the late notice of cancellation. He did his best to protect our well-being with the information he had. It is good to know that the administration will make a cancellation if there is need for it...”

Aaron Severance

Nickelodeon’s Back

“I’m glad you did an article on Nickelodeon’s 90s shows being brought back, because until now, I was not aware that I could watch these shows again. I remember when I was younger and would sit down after a long, tedious day of school to watch a new episode of one of my favorite shows. The shows being reaired allow me to reflect on a time when my life was simpler.”

Randall Welsh

“My child who had grown up in the 90’s, I can say that this article is more than accurate. I can remember that one of my main activities as a child was watching my favorite shows on Nick. Watching my favorite episodes again would help ease my mind off of school work and how bad life will suck once I get out of college, however, until then I can watch something that will make me happy again. Looking forward to this with great anticipation, this was a well picked article to write about.”

Michael Hiedacavage

“When I saw “Nickelodeon’s Back” on the front page of The Revolt, Issue 9, I could not help but think about the good ole days of my childhood. Reading about all my past favorite shows being aired on Nickelodeon again puts a huge smile on face. I absolutely adore all of the Nickelodeon shows mentioned in the article. I am so excited to watch the greatest Nickelodeon shows from the 90’s again because that is what I grew up watching and I strongly believe that the children today will love them just as much as we did.”

Carissa Nicole Kehoe

Leandri

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my parents grew up here and went to this school before transferring to Main Campus. Most of my extended family lives up here and so it feels like a home away from home for me.

TR: So do you plan on going to Main as well?
AL: Yes, I have to my junior year for my major
TR: Do you plan on running there?
AL: I’m not sure yet, it would be awesome if I could! I haven’t decided yet if I want to with the workload I’m anticipating.
TR: Can you give us the low-down on your season so far? What have you accomplished and what do you still hope to accomplish?
AL: So far I’ve had three regular season meets, (at home, Mont Alto, and Lehigh Valley) and then championships at Fayette. I won the the three regular season meets overall and placed second to a girl from another conference at championships, although I still won for my Penn State conference. I qualified for nationals which are to be held in Lake Placid on November 11th. What do I hope to accomplish? Honestly, I think the course will be extremely hard so I’m just hoping to place well, in the top ten.
TR: Were you surprised at how quickly you’ve been able to get acclimated to tougher competition?
AL: A little, I expected the competition to be much different than what I was used to. And I knew it would be a very different season since I’m all by myself and I’m used to a whole team. My High School team was so close, we used to hang out all the time. Now it’s just me and Coach.

It’s weird because I’ve just been running by myself for the past couple months now.
TR: Is there anything you’d like to say to any other girls who are considering running?
AL: It’s a lot of fun and definitely worth it! It’s a great way to stay in shape and the meets are fun and you get to meet students from the other Penn State campuses.

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Healthy Holiday

Mike Buczkowski has tips on how to enjoy the season without wanting to kill yourself in January

When we think of November what is the first thing that comes to mind? If you’re anything like me you probably said Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a great excuse to sit around on the couch all day, eat mountains of food and watch football; what could be better right? Most of us don’t think about the regret that comes a week later, after all the left overs have been eaten and there is a body imprint matching our description permanently embedded into the couch cushions. Then we wake up to go to class or work one morning, look in the mirror and almost fall over. This doesn’t have to be your future, but the question is, how can I enjoy the holidays and, more importantly, the food that comes with it without adding 10 lbs. and 4 inches around my waist?

This will not be an easy task, but it is definitely do-able as long as you know which foods to consume more of and which ones to cut way back on. But we also need to be realistic, Thanksgiving is a holiday and we should be able to splurge a little on holidays, so just make sure that in the days leading up to that toothsome Thursday you eat as healthily as possible.

Now let’s get started by dissecting the basic Thanksgiving Day feast; of course you’ve got your cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, salads and dressings, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, stuffing, eggnog and of course the crown jewel of Thanksgiving, the turkey!

1. Cranberry Sauce-The simplest way is to make your own homemade recipe to control the amount of sugar and eliminate the processed parts that often come in canned sauce. If you don’t have time or the desire to make you own, carefully read the ingredients and avoid excess sugar or high fructose corn syrup.

2. Green bean casserole- Sauté your green beans in olive oil and find a healthier soup that contains fewer calories, fat and sodium than normal soups with heavy cream and fried onions.

3. Salads and dressings-Most people thinking eating a salad is always a healthy option, but they don’t avoid the silent killer: the Dressing. Now I’m not saying to avoid the dressing altogether and eat plain lettuce, after all we are not guinea pigs, but use lighter dressings in smaller amounts. Also, if possible choose richer options for your mix such as baby spinach leaves, carrots, and other fresh vegetables.

4. Sweet potatoes- When making your sweet potatoes, try using skim or 1% milk and a small amount of butter instead of margarine, or delicious “I Can’t Believe it’s Not Butter” spray, which contains 0 calories.

5. Pumpkin pie-It is Thanksgiving so of course there will be dessert. Instead of pecan pie or cheese cake which are both high in calories and very fattening, reach for a piece of leaner pumpkin pie which contains about half the calories of those above. Also, if making your own pumpkin pie, use a thinner crust and try mixing it with something like vanilla pudding to make it an even leaner option.

6. Stuffing-Traditional stuffing contains white bread, butter, and fatty sausage and turkey meat; all foods which you would probably like to avoid if you’re watching your waistline. Instead, try making it with chopped vegetables and a broth of lean chicken or turkey sausage. If you’re still missing something, try using whole wheat or whole grain bread too.

7. Eggnog- Who can forget the eggnog? It’s the only time of the year that this delicious drink is even an option, but at around 350 calories per serving maybe that’s a good thing. Instead look for a lighter eggnog made from skim milk, low-fat milk or soy milk. If you can’t find these, then why not try making your own?

8. And finally... The TURKEY-While I know some of you reading are probably dark meat fans, this is not the option that we want to go for. The healthiest and most nutritious part of the turkey is the lean, white turkey breast which contains multiple vitamins, minerals, is high in protein and is only around 40 calories per serving.

Thanksgiving is coming with the winter holidays right around the corner, which means big family meals and a lot of left overs. These are just some ideas to keep your mind set on a healthier lifestyle while still enjoying yourself. Remember, moderation is key, smaller portions will help allow you to be able to have that extra piece of pumpkin pie or cheesecake after dinner. Eating healthy is important but don’t be unrealistic; plan out your meals with healthy portions as well as an occasional cheat meal, not a cheat DAY. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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**Sexting**

In yet another instance of shame and regret for one of our treasured public figures, Scarlett Johansson turned the color she was named for when nude photos of her surfaced on the internet recently, an event that prompted many a Google image search. She now joins a decreasingly elite club with such luminaries as Anthony Weiner, Brett Favre, and Tiger Woods as another yielded up to the siren song of that most notorious recently engendered phenomenon, sexting.

Fortunately for Johansson, the photos were relatively tame as far as leaked celebrity media usually goes—nothing that a renaissance painter would have shied away from—and it doesn’t seem that the pictures expose anything more sinister than a simple lapse of judgment on her part, which wasn’t the case with Weiner and Favre. In this case there is no sexual harassment charge, no betrayed spouse and it seems doubtful whether this will prove an impediment to any of Scarlett’s political aspirations.

It may be that the only wronged party here is Johansson herself (incidentally she has sought the help of the FBI in investigating how the photos were leaked and who was responsible). But is Johansson right to feel violated? As a celebrity should she have realized that every last thing she does can and will be recorded and redistributed throughout the world in the time it takes to upload a photo to twitter or Facebook and therefore have thought better of posing for these pictures, however private she intended them to be? For that matter, should we all be wary of the circumstances that come with living in this age of instant media sharing? Because, although a leaked photo of the average Joe or Jane caught in a compromising situation might not cause such a stir nationally, it could resurface and be rather inconvenient (not to mention embarrassing) for him or her.

Whichever way you may lean in regards to these questions there is certainly a palpable media fascination with incidents of this kind and some believe that the media’s focus on these leaked celebrity “sexts” has actually caused a spinoff phenomenon of its own which is an increased practice of sexting among more impressionable young people for whom it may be starting to replace old fashioned flirting.

In an article released by The Daily Mail Online, Shelley Walker, of the University of Melbourne, who conducted research on this subject through interviews of 33 young people aged 15 to 20, discusses this issue saying, “Sexting is a rapidly changing problem as young people keep up with new technologies such as using video and internet via mobile phones. Our study reveals how

**Black Friday**

Since the time you were old enough to know “Santa’s Workshop” was just the mall, you’ve probably been sucked into going black Friday shopping. And if you have been shopping on this day you’ve probably seen how crazy people get over the new video game or the next big Barbie doll. It’s literally survival of the fittest and here are just a few tips for the brave souls who go out on this truly “black” holiday.

The rules to surviving Black Friday:

- Know what you want. It does no good to go to a store and have no idea what you want and you just lollygag around looking at everything. First of all, you’re going to make a lot of already tired and angry people even more tired and angry; second of all it will make your shopping experience better as well. Get the ads early and make a list. Of course, as you go through the store you’ll find something that’s just perfect for Uncle Louis but if you think you can just waltz into Wal-Mart thinking you’re going to wing it you’re sadly mistaken.

- Bring your posse. Bring your mom, kids, friends, significant other, the dog, anything to hold your place in a line or pick some things up for you. A lot of stores will put things on sale at certain times so make one of them a place holder while you go and get everything else you need. Give peace a chance. There is no sale in the world worth getting the cops called because you punch somebody in mouth for the last of it. Just let it go and walk away. Of course it’s always easier said than done but that “Tickle-me-Elmo” is not worth jail time because you punched some soccer mom in the face for it. Just keep cool head and give it up. They will have other sales that typically last until Christmas.

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Paper or plastic? Plastic. Especially on Black Friday, credit cards are the way to go. Buying your items with a credit card could offer some extra protection on the product itself. Most credit card companies offer a 90 day return policy; most stores will only offer a 30 day policy if they even offer anything. Plus, it also helps the lines move a little faster when you can just sign a paper instead of having to get change made for cash.

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Dangerous trend claims another victim. There goes Scarlett’s political career.
Instead of taking Thanksgiving for granted and just thinking of it as a day to stuff your face and lay around watching football, thank your loved ones and enjoy your dinner, but remember those less fortunate as well. Here are some campus charities that embrace the theme of appreciating what you have and helping others who may not be as lucky.

Surveying Society – Can Tab for Ronald McDonald House

Green recycling bins are placed around campus by the Surveying Society to collect cans tabs to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. RMH provides housing for the families of children with chronic illnesses.

Lion Ambassadors – Cleaning supplies for Red Cross

Lion Ambassadors are collecting donated cleaning supplies to give to area flood victims. Often overlooked, cleaning supplies are an everyday necessity and even more important to families dealing with flood damage to their homes.

Lazy Artists – Clothing drive for Red Cross

In keeping with the campus goal to assist NEPA flood victims, the Lazy Artists are also teaming up with the Red Cross, but they are asking for donations of gently worn used clothes to give to residents who lost their wardrobes, among many other great losses.

Business Club – Food drive for Back Mountain Food Pantry and Business attire collection for Business Club Lending Closet

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SGA

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SGA receives an allotment from University Park for the fall and spring semesters every year, which is money that is supposed to be used to promote clubs, activities, and overall student life on campus. In the 2010-2011 school year, these two allotments amounted to $13,095.

In addition, the Student Government also receives every penny of the parking fines that PSU-WB takes in from students and faculty, which amounted to $2,780, last year. On top of these two sources of income, the SGA has also been sitting on a bank account totaling more than $19,000, which has been carried over from previous years.

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Beer Buddies

Wilkes-Barre Students take their love for beer to a whole new level

From the moment someone meets Ted Carl, one can assume he loves beer. Every other word out of his mouth is about different brews and new recipes. In fact, he loves it so much that he started brewing his own along with friend and fellow Penn Stater, Jim Joyce. Not only do they brew their own beer, but they also have their very own brewing company which they call Country Road Brewing Company. Interested in seeing just how they get started and what brewing beer is all about? Kick back and grab your beer mugs, kids…

Both Ted and Jim attend Penn State Wilkes Barre as full time students. Ted, 22, is an English major and is graduating this December. Jim, 23, is studying electrical engineering and plans on graduating in the summer of 2012. The two went to high school together at Coughlin but it wasn’t until college that they actually started hanging out. About two years ago, they found out that their friend was making his own beer. The boys tried it and said it wasn’t too great. This sparked an interest. “When our friend made his own beer, it made us want to make our own and make it better,” says Ted. So they went to Beer Solutions in Wilkes Barre and got their first beer making kit. They looked up recipes online and started to experiment, adding their own flavors like cinnamon and orange zest. As time went on, they started to build some of their own equipment. Some things needed to brew are a vessel for the fermenting process, high temperature tubing, a stainless steel kettle, and bottling equipment. They have already spent around $300.00 on equipment!

How exactly does the brewing process work? Jim takes it from here. “We are able to make 5 gallons at a time which amounts to about 60 bottles. First, we fill the kettle with water and boil it 168 degrees Fahrenheit. Then we steep the grains for about an hour and strain. After this is complete, the liquid is called wort, which is essentially unfermented beer. Next we bring the wort to a boil and start adding the hops along with the other ingredients. The brewing process could take between 1 and 5 hours.” The two have made different types of beer such as summer ale, Oktoberfest, which is dark, sweet, and lightly hopped, and a stout. After the beer is bottled, they allow friends to try it. They have always gotten good feedback and are excited to share it with others.

Since they seem so passionate about making (and drinking) beer, Ted and Jim shared what their favorite brews were. Jim’s favorite would have to be Arrogant Bastard Oaked. He said, “I feel like every beer we have made has been a favorite. The quality has gone up in every batch.” Ted enjoys almost every Sam Adams brew, with the exception of Cherry Wheat. His favorite that he makes would have to be Oktoberfest.

When asked what their ultimate goal with all of this was, they both said that they would eventually like to have their own brew pub, complete with many different flavors of beer and even food. It would be a lot of work and they would have to buy their own building and liquor license, which is known to be quite pricey. Whatever the outcome, Ted and Jim are clearly passionate about brewing beer and having fun experimenting with flavors. So, check out their Facebook page which is called Country Road Brewing Company, and if you see them on campus, ask them about their upcoming flavors for the winter season.

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Country Road Brewing Company
Tastes better with every bottle!

Nes. bits

Nesbitt Library here to help with finals on horizon

You may have noticed the new search engine that launched last spring. LionSearch acts as a Google search for the library. It pulls up books, newspaper and journal articles, documents on our databases and more. No longer will you have to wade from database to database in search of articles, LionSearch acts as a Google search engine that launched last spring. LionSearch looks at almost all of the databases for you. It’s a great tool for beginning your research.

Need a quiet place to cram for your next test? Use the Room Reservation form on our library home page to put in a request to reserve a room. We’ll e-mail you back in 24hrs to let you know if the room is available.

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Laptops: The Library now has four dell laptops that can be checked out of the library for 24 hours. Starting Nov. 1st test your search skills! The first 30 people to correctly locate the card inside the Mystery Book in the Stacks and bring it to the circulation desk will win a LionSearch stainless steel water bottle! The location of the Mystery Book will change every week. The Call Number of the week’s Mystery Book will be posted at the circulation desk and on our Facebook page (Nesbitt Library, Penn State Wilkes-Barre). (Only one bottle per person)

Check out the new display in the Exhibit case about the Controversy over Thanksgiving and the American Indian Movement!

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Sexting
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complex and ever-changing the phenomenon of sexting is and that continued meaningful dialogue is needed to address and prevent the negative consequences of sexting for young people.”

Walker seems to believe her findings reveal a need for discourse with and among young people in order to steer them clear of the pitfalls that have continued to open as fast as technology will permit in regards to sharing media whose content may potentially prove harmful to the one doing the sharing.

To take Walker’s advice and open a discourse among young people, here we have the sentiments of one of our own Penn State Wilkes-Barre students, Shantelle Johnson. She says, “In this day and age it is something completely new. You may feel that you are sending a photo to someone you can trust, but you have to be careful… now people can use this against you later.”

It seems that this cautionary advice is not without grounds. There are now websites specifically designed as a forum for exes to post the media residue of past relationships that can remain saved on phones and computers long after affection between a couple has died and only bitterness remains, bitterness that may lead to vengeful uploading.

So let us take this lesson from our celebrity friends and think twice whenever that urge to throw caution to the wind and dispense with repressive societal mores in the name of youthful spontaneity might surface. For even though our social media has made it available, and even if all the cool Hollywood types are doing it, it remains unwise to send anybody nude pictures of yourself, and this is one of those facts that doesn’t seem ready to evolve anytime soon in the face of rapidly changing media-sharing technology.

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Stay home. Believe me if you think you’re missing a sale you’re really not. Stores will keep the sales throughout the whole holiday season. Just wait for Cyber Monday (that’s the first Monday after Thanksgiving and all the stores will put their products on sale online). The sales are just as good on there and it will probably save you a lot of money, time, and frustration (unless you have a really slow server, then you might just want to go out).

Black Friday was something that was started back in the late 19th century and has only grown since then; after all the Thanksgiving Day parades stores would immediately start their sales after the Santa Claus passed through. Stores across the nation marketed this and started having huge sales that would only last for one day. Now it’s just become a way to get people in the stores for sales that will last until Christmas and only get better afterwards. But if you enjoy the rush of waking up at the ass-crack of dawn to grab that perfect gift for Aunt Tilly then more power to you. Just remember it’s all about survival.

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tire for the Lending Closet which helps students dress appropriately for interviews, dinners, awards programs, etc. Cash donations are also being accepted and will be used to purchase shirts, jackets, etc.

THON – Raising money for the Four Diamonds Fund
THON just completed the annual Haunted Forest to raise money towards fighting pediatric cancer and is planning more events for the upcoming months. Monetary donations are accepted year-round.

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4 Seasons trip to Killington VT.
January 1-6
WB Students - $399
Other PSU Students - $499
Includes bus, 5 day ski pass, and lodging

Contact Chris Kubicki for more information at cdk5075@psu.edu

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Lazy Artists sponsor Art Show
November 16th in The Student Commons
Entrance Fee $3
No nudes allowed

Contact Joe Gates for more information at jpg5174@psu.edu

Weather turns Haunted Forest into a nightmare

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The holidays are approaching and a new crop of movies hits theatres again. You know the drill. Here are a few flicks to either catch or dismiss according to your personal preference.

Anonymous- 10/28: Everyone knows that Shakespeare gave us such masterpieces as Hamlet, Macbeth, and King Lear. What this movie presupposes is perhaps he didn’t. If you like movies fraught with political intrigue and feuding playwrights portrayed by actors decked out in full Elizabethan garb check this one out. Just keep in mind you should take the premise with a grain of salt. Serious Shakespearean scholars feel that to suggest that anyone other than the immortal bard who hailed from Stratford-upon-Avon wrote the plays that are still read and performed today is blasphemy. The movie might not be half bad though.

A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas- 11/4: If you’re looking for some lighter fare in your movie going experience then this third installment of the stoner duo’s saga should satisfy. In 3D and with more Neil Patrick Harris starring Neil Patrick Harris, fans of the first two should expect more of the same cannabis inspired humor and ensuing chaos.

J. Edgar- 11/9: Director Clint Eastwood teams up with Leonardo DiCaprio for what is sure to be an enthralling biopic of the controversial FBI director. We’ll get a glimpse into the personal life and the story behind J. Edgar Hoover’s rise to power.

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The Holidays are here and the studios are pulling out all the stops. See Forever 27, page 15

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That smelly, aged cheese the French like so much.

Lima beans.

That slippery, slimy, slimed bean.

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- Alex Czopek

- John Devers

Dr. Lynda Goldstein

This month The Revolt wanted to know what wouldn’t you eat for $1 million.
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In the mid 1960’s while on the set of the Beatles movie, Help!, he noticed a background character playing a sitar, which is a popular stringed instrument in India. He later went out, bought one, and used it in certain Beatles songs such as “Norwegian Wood” and “Love You too”. In doing this he became one of the first major rock stars to bring Indian music to America.

Harrison also co-organized The Concert for Bangladesh with the famous sitar master Ravi Shankar to help those during the Bangladesh liberation war. Also in his later years he helped form a rock band called The Traveling Wilburys, which consisted of famous musicians such as Bob Dylan, Roy Orbinson, and Tom Petty.

In 1997 he was diagnosed with throat cancer, which he died of in 2001. Although his popularity comes mostly from being a Beatle, we remember him for being a very hopeful and spiritual person, who never lost his faith, even when it became certain that he was going to die. Even now, ten years later his legacy lives on, gaining more fans each day as his music is introduced to new generations, and will continue to live on ten more years from now.

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A skunk’s anus.

Spider eggs

Cat turds in wing sauce.

Slow-roasted Dog anus.

- Kyle McKeown
- Brandon Burke
- Lindsay Clime

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- Thomas Jefferson