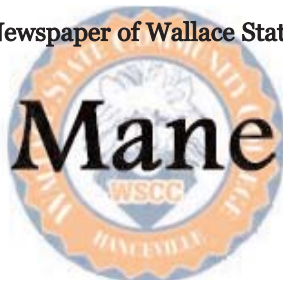


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Graduation rehearsal is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, in the coliseum. Caps and gowns will be available for pickup following rehearsal. Anyone unable to attend rehearsal may pick up their cap and gown in the bookstore beginning Thursday, May 3. Graduation is at 2 p.m. on May 12 in the coliseum.

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Participants Shine in Day of Champions

By Luke Brymer
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Bright green shirts could be seen swarming the track Wednesday morning as athletes from the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled arrived for the Day of Champions. The event is synonymous with the Special Olympics and Wednesday was Wallace State's fourth time to host the annual event.

"This is a great way for the clients to have a lot of fun and participate in events that they didn't have the opportunity to do in high school," program coordinator Tina Bennett said. "We have about 90 athletes here today that will be competing in about 10 events including relay races, the long jump and the discuss throw. What excites me is that this is the biggest year yet. We are really hoping that this event continues to grow."

The Cold Springs marching band performed as the event kicked off, and West Point Middle



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CCCD client Carl Brasher, right, has a little fun trash-talking to members of the Wallace State track team during Day of Champions.

School sent students in its community service program to assist the participants.

Wallace State track coach Stan Narewski said, "The band was phenomenal this morning. They did a great job, and we're so glad they could come. It was also great to have West Point here helping us out. They did a great job taking care of the athletes and making sure they got what they needed and where they needed to go."

The Wallace track team and cheerleaders were also present for the event as they helped out with the competitions. Michael Chapa, a runner in the 1500-meter event for the track team said, "It's awesome to see how excited they are to be here. It's also a big encouragement for me to continue to work hard. If they can get out here, compete and

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Kathryn Tucker Windham: Southern Eloquence in Storytelling

Kathryn Tucker Windham captivated a full house of students and community members with her storytelling on April 12 at the Wallace State Student Center. The event, arranged by the Wallace State English Department, was the fifth in a Cultural Arts Week series.

For almost an hour alone on the stage, Windham, in a voice that is the definition genteel Southern eloquence, alternated between telling stories from her own experiences, including the ghost stories for which she is most famous, and discussing the art of storytelling and the importance of family.



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Storyteller Kathryn Tucker Windham stands alone on stage in the Student Center Theatre telling tales of her childhood.

"It's the most fragile of the arts," Windham said of storytelling. "A story is never told in the same way, under the same circumstances, twice. As I talk about my aunt, you are thinking about an aunt of yours."

"People think they don't have stories to tell," she said. "Everyone has a story. And stories need to be told. Once you're

gone, so is the story." Storytelling is a way to connect with family members who have passed on. If you can tell a story about them and their life experiences, you can keep them alive in spirit forever, she said.

She credited her ability to gather and tell stories to her years in

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Culture Arts Week 2007

A Night (or two) of Song

By Sarah Bagley
The Mane Issue

The crowd roared with gratitude and awe as she walked off the stage. Her pitch was perfect, her passion exuding from every pore, and her talent evident in each sound she uttered. This is Juli Wood, instructor and professional soprano from Texas State University, who performed before a crowd of students, faculty and community members recently during Cultural Arts Week. Wood was accompanied by Dr. Joey Martin, as well as Wallace State's own Tiffany Richter, who sang a duet with Mrs. Wood during the performance. The vocal talent displayed by Mrs. Wood was astounding, and the song selections superb. She captivated the entire audience for an hour, and her dramatic performance drew the audience into the passion behind the music. It was an amazing night and an excellent presentation by Wood and Martin.

The excitement and ability, however, did not stop with the performance. After that astounding display of vocal talent, the duo brought their abilities to the classroom. Mrs. Wood taught a master class the morning following her performance, and she enlightened voice and choral students, and well as other students and members of the community. Several lucky students were called to the front to be individually critiqued and corrected in



Wallace State choral student Dustin Wren works on tone production with TSU visiting faculty Juli Wood. Dr. Joey Martin accompanies.

front of the group. While she taught the student up front, she also gave general instructions about the proper way to pronounce words and to utilize air support correctly. It was a fantastic way to begin to learn to sing like the professionals. During that same afternoon, Dr. Martin taught the Concert Choir's rehearsal, which was open to the public. Students in the choral program rehearsed two of the songs they took on the annual tour, April 25-May 1. Dr. Martin walked the choir through many different exercises to improve their tone and blending abilities as a whole. He showed these 40 students how to sing as one voice with many facets, not 40 different voices, clamoring for the highest position. Dr. Martin molded the voices of the singers into a

many-toned choir of one. To wrap up Cultural Arts week, the choir had a chance to put into practice the many techniques they acquired during the classes held earlier. The Wallace State Concert Choir presented its own 3 p.m. of song in the form of a Bon Voyage Concert Sunday afternoon. They sang selections such as "Ride On, King Jesus," and "All That Hath Life and Breath," but the highlight of the evening was "Missa

Sancti Johannes de Deo: Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs," a mass written by Franz Josef Hayden. It was an excellent repertoire, and the teaching acquired throughout the week shone through in every note. The choir sang beautifully, and the audience was amazed by the maturity of the sound, as well as the fact that the choir members enjoyed themselves immensely. It showed in every song sung, from the Mass to the spirituals. It was an amazing night to cap off an amazing week of music and passion, and above all, education of the public about the workings of the music industry. After all, that's what college life is all about.

Theatre Department gets a "Clue"

By Luke Brymer
The Mane Issue

If you were looking for a laugh on Wednesday, April 11, you needed to look no further than the Wallace State theatre. The theatre department presented the classic radio drama "Clue" in a rather intriguing fashion.

Scripts were present, and ad-libs abounded as the cast members cleverly, and sometimes accidentally, fumbled their way through the play.

All the characters remained on stage throughout the performance. Brandon Lemming was the narrator, and his time was spent perched on a stool, reading his lines from a music stand. Dishon Clark provided sound effects from across the stage, which included box lids, mardi gras beads and aluminum pans. He also used his voice to provide the sounds for effects like wind and rain. It seemed that each time he added a noise to the fray, the audience would erupt at his comical efforts to achieve the desired noise.

Director Rob Metcalf allowed his actors to use scripts as they tried to emphasize the fact that the play was a radio drama. Metcalf also gave the members freedom to improvise at times throughout the play. At times, the improvisations provided considerably more laughter than the script itself.

The 11 member cast included Leming and Clark, as well as Kari Burke as Miss Scarlet, Sarah Bagley as the singing messenger, Trace

King as Colonel Mustard, Matt Butts as Wadsworth, Joshua Adkins as Professor Plum, Rachel Jones as Yvette and Mr. Boddy, Whitney Simmons as Mrs. Black, Courtney Simmons as Mrs. Peacock and Pat Ballew as Mr. Green.



Theatre student Rachel Jones, left, gets a reaction from Pat Ballew, Josh Adkins, Matt Butts and Courtney Simmons after reading a line from "Clue."

All the actors used their freedom on the stage to manipulate the scripts to the audience's tastes. As they heard the audience respond to certain aspects of the drama, they seemed to focus their humor on aspects the audience was receptive to. This provided continual outbursts of laughter throughout the performance. At times, members would redo short scenes on stage if they did not act together, or if the presentation was off.

The performance was one of the best the theatre department has delivered. The actors' voices were clearly audible, and the approval **Clue, please see page 8**

A Southern Showcase

The work of talented local artists was on display during the Cultural Arts Week Juried Art Competition and Exhibition held in the James C. Bailey Center foyer. The exhibition featured the "Southern Voices" theme as part of Cultural Arts Week 2007. Awards were presented on April 14.

In addition to the more than 95 entries from the community, a student art show was also on display, showcasing material from drawing, sculpture, ceramic pottery and visual communications courses at Wallace State.

"Artworks were primarily judged on technical ability and the overall visual expressiveness of the work," said Adrian Scott, Wallace State Art Department director.

"This year's art exhibition was another unqualified success and joyous showcase of the wealth of creative abilities the students and citizens of the Wallace State community have to offer," said Scott.

Cultural Arts Week was organized by the Cultural Arts Week Committee and faculty and staff in the art, English, Spanish, speech and theater departments.

First place winners of the 2007 Cultural Arts Week Juried Art Competition:

Drawing

K-2nd Grade: Thomas Rames, Trinity, "Farm by the Lake"

3rd-5th Grade: Sarah Crow, Hartselle, "Be

Still"

6th-8th Grade: Rebecca Joy, Hartselle, "Sleeping Beauties"

9th-12th Grade: Seth Miller, Decatur, "Basket of Fruit"

Adult: Michele Wilson, Hartselle, "Preacher Man"

Painting

K-2nd Grade: Maggie Anderson, Hartselle, "A Day at the Beach"

3rd-5th Grade: Kayla Mason, Hartselle, "Old Church Dress"

6th-8th Grade: Rachel Nix, Cullman, "Caladium and Cat"

9th-12th Grade: Anna Yeager, Hartselle, "Wilma at Sunset"

Adult: Nikki Jackson, Jasper, "Behind Blue Eyes"

Photography

3rd-5th Grade: Ben Ratliff, Cullman, "A Southern Cow Says Moo"

6th-8th Grade: Hannah Standridge, Cullman, "After the One That Got Away"

9th-12th Grade: Brianna Hand, Trinity, "Music of the Mountain"

Adult: Arin Billings, Blount Springs, "Little Sister"

Computer Art

Adult: Kemberly Ellis, Locust Fork, "Silent Voices"



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This painting, "Behind Blue Eyes," won a first place prize for Nikki Jackson of Jasper.

Sculpture/Ceramics

Adult: Lynn Jetton, Cullman, "Two Teapots"

For a complete list of winners, please see press released dated April 20 at www.wallacestate.edu.

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investigative journalism, which taught her to go after the facts and get to the truth. The ghost stories she told on Thursday were more about understanding a past life than generating fear. "I never tell (ghost) stories to children without reassuring them," she said.

In fact, her own grandchildren call her "Ghost" instead of "Grandmother." "That's what they're always called me. I kind of like it," Windham said.

According to Windham, families provide a great wealth of stories.

"We don't spend enough time with family anymore," she said. If we fail to ask our older relatives about their lives, then soon those people and their stories are lost forever. Memories are lost they are not shared, she said.

"There is no better way to show someone you love them than to tell them a story. Go home and tell a story to someone you love. Don't let tonight come without telling a story," she said.

Tucker's own family provides a backdrop for many of the stories she tells. She said her father is the best storyteller she knows.

"My father would always have a story from all of his travels and would share them with me and my siblings," she said. "It's what inspired me to become a storyteller."

Tucker told the Wallace State group about the childhood troubles she had with her brother and how he would nag and play tricks on her. She even told of the family word that only she and her family knew the meaning of - "serigimy," meaning whole lot of something.



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Kathryn Tucker Windham autographs books following a storytelling session during Cultural Arts Week.

Windham is the author of more than two dozen books. She is a playwright, historian, journalist and photographer.

Each year she attends the Alabama Tale-Telling Festival in Selma, which she founded in 1978, and she has been regularly featured on National Public Radio.

At 89, she keeps a busy schedule with speaking engagements and continues to write as her schedule allows.

"I do have plans for another book but I'm going to have to stay home more if I want to write it," she said.

The standing ovation she received and the hundreds of books she personalized with autographs following the event proved how much she is loved by people of all ages and how timeless and necessary her stories remain.

"I still have the book she signed for me more than 20 years ago," said Mona Hopper, English instructor at Wallace State and one of the event's organizers.

Tucker's published work includes "Encounters," "Thirteen Alabama Ghosts and Jeffrey," "Ernest's Gifts" and "At Home with My Daddy's Stories."

-Mane Issue reporter Samantha Acton contributed to this article.

Do you have club news? Do you want to see something special in The Mane Issue? Submit your information or request to us at newspaper@wallacestate.edu.

Culinary Students Take the Cake

Students in the Culinary Arts program at Wallace State culminated their study of cakes, breads and pastries with a wedding cake decorating competition.

The students worked in teams and were given one week to plan and one week to complete the cake. Each cake was judged on overall appearance, originality and creativity, use of color, difficulty of technique, neatness of cake covering and decorations and skill.

"It was great to see the creative side of the students," said Wallace State Chef and culinary instructor Chris Villa. "Each team did an outstanding job, and the students really enjoyed showing off the techniques they learned in class."

First prize went to the team of Darrell Echols of Decatur, "JoJo" Swearengin of Cullman, and Carleton Waldrep of Haleyville. The team's theme united traditional soft drink rivals Coke and Pepsi in a three-layer wedding cake complete with red and blue icing, a veil for the bride (Pepsi) and a tuxedo for the groom (Coke).

Second place team members were Charles

Adams and John Hickerson, both of Cullman. Third place team members were Ashley Bouldin of Lacey's Springs, Jonathan Grantlun of Decatur, and Rico Nishimura of Brazil.

Judges for the competition were Ron Stallings, campus security; Linda Sperling, director of admissions; Lorraine Fancher, plant operations; Bob Howell, criminal justice; and Patrick Gambrill, Alabama Army National Guard career counselor.

Back by popular demand, the Wallace State Culinary Arts department will resume its lunch service on June 5 with both buffet and a la carte dining available. The buffet menu will feature southern classics and the a la carte menu will feature casual dining options such as steak and seafood. Lunch will be served Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The menu will be available by calling 256/352-8227.

For more information on the Wallace State Culinary Arts program, contact Chef Chris Villa at 256/352-8132.



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Winning Cake: "JoJo" Swearengin of Cullman and Darrell Echols of Decatur pose with the winning cake.

Embrace Diversity



Kyleifornia

Hello, Wallace State!

I am once again reporting from Los Angeles, Calif. Things have changed for me yet again. I decided, because of my roommate's financial situation, that I wasn't going to live with him anymore. I decided that the best thing for me to do would be to live alone. The only way I would be able to do that is if I lived in a studio apartment. So, that's just what I did. I moved into my very own studio apartment about three weeks ago. I am still working at Bank of America as well.

I have found out something about the bank in my short period of time there. The bank is where all the crazies hang out. We get all kinds in the bank. One man, named Leonard, comes in, and I swear we could smell him before he walked through the door. I hurt his feelings the other day, because I told him I had to walk away for a minute. He asked me why, and I told him it was because I needed to breathe. Another lady - and she's my favorite - is Anne the homeless girl. She always comes in wearing

the same exact thing: parachute pants, a gold silk blouse, a stained Members Only jacket and red scrunchy in her hair. She only has about \$5 in her account, and she always comes in and says, "I want to withdraw some money." I ask her how much and she responds with, "Five thousand dollars!" I tell her she doesn't have that much money, and she swears she made the deposit the day before. She tells me how she is late for a business meeting so just give her what I can, and she will deal with the rest later.

People come into the bank singing and dancing and having a good ol' time. My friend Jeff tells me I don't work in a bank, I work in a circus. One day last week made me believe it. My boss, Geneva, told two of the girls I work with to start singing to entertain the customers while they were waiting in line. She did this just after the cast of American Idol had left. She said that gave her the brilliant idea. Well, after that episode, a man came in and started throwing away all our deposit slips. My boss told him to quit, and after he didn't, she told him if he didn't stop she was going to close his account and give his money to him in quarters. Then a cross-dresser came in talking on the phone. She got mad and threw her phone at the teller window right next to me. Mind you, all this stuff happened in one day!

I thought things couldn't get crazier in one day, but I was wrong. I was doing my work and minding my own business when all of a sudden I hear a loud trumpet. I looked up, and there I saw Leonard playing his little heart out on that trumpet. I was thinking to

myself, "Where the heck is Geneva? She needs to put a stop to this." My eyes finally found her, and there she was clapping her hands and egging on Leonard.

Everyone has a very interesting story to tell. I have noticed that since I moved out here. Everybody comes from different a background. It has taken me a little while to get used to all the different nationalities here in L.A. In my opinion, diversity is the beauty of life. It's what keeps life interesting. I love hearing people's stories about when they came from the Ukraine or from Russia. I have discovered a brand new ethnicity. Well, it's probably not brand new, but it probably is to Southerners, I'll tell you that right now. Armenians are people from the Middle East. They are very self reliant and self assured. They are nice, but they sure do know what they are doing. They are everywhere out here.

It took me a little bit of time to welcome this different, new nationality of people, but I am sure glad I did. Something Southerners really need to try is to get to know more about different social groups. That could add spice to life that you didn't even know you were missing. It did for me. Now that I am in my new place and am settled and ready to explore outward into this gigantic city, I have been making some extraordinary friends in other social groups and that's just what I encourage you to do. Who knows, maybe you'll even find your own Leonard or Anne to enhance your life too.

Peace, Love, Little Armenia
Kyle Henderson

Alumni Accepting Nominations, Scholarships

The Wallace State Community College Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the 2007 Outstanding Alumni Awards. Ten outstanding alumni will be recognized for their exceptional accomplishments in their profession and/or for outstanding service in the community. The Wallace State Alumni Association invites you to submit nominations for the 2007 Outstanding Alumni Award. The deadline is July 6. For nomination forms and criteria, please visit www.wallacestate.edu/alumni.

Scholarships

The deadline for the 2007 Alumni Scholarships has been extended to May 11. The Alumni Association will award four \$500 scholarships for the 2007-2008 year.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- *Must have completed a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework at WSCC;
- *Must be a full-time student at the time of application and maintain at least half-time

status to retain the scholarship;

- *Must have a 2.5 or higher GPA; and
- *Volunteer in the Alumni Office once per month during the year to assist with Alumni Association activities.

The association will award one \$500 Ozell Hinkle Alumni Benefactor Scholarships for 2007-08. The deadline is June 8. The scholarship criteria includes:

- *Must be a dependent of a Wallace State Alumni Association member 2006-07;
- *Must have a 2.5 or higher GPA;
- *Must demonstrate involvement in community and school activities; and
- *Must volunteer in the Alumni Office once per semester during the year to assist with Alumni Association activities.

The association will also award four \$250 scholarships for the 2007 summer semester. The deadline is May 20. Scholarship criteria includes:

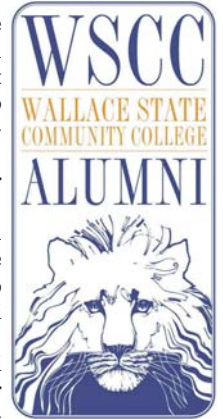
- *Must have completed a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework at WSCC;

*Must be a full-time student at the time of application and maintain at least half-time status to retain the scholarship;

- *Must have a 2.5 or higher GPA; and

*Must volunteer in the Alumni Office once per semester to assist with Alumni Association activities.

The Alumni Association has other scholarships available. For more information or to apply, visit the Alumni website at www.wallacestate.edu/alumni or the WSCC Alumni Office, located on the 10th Floor of the Bailey Center. Contact the Alumni Office for Questions: 352-8144 or 8170.



Scholarship for Agriculture Majors

The AACD Auxiliary is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting wise land uses and to conserving our natural resources in 67 counties in the state. The objective of the AACD Auxiliary Sponsored Scholarship Fund provides financial aid to three students in their junior year majoring in agriculture and/or soil and water related field.

Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded at the Annual State Meeting, with the money being released to the colleges in the name of the recipient December 10th following the Annual meeting.

Application for the scholarships must reach AACD state office by June 1st.

Applications are now available in the Financial Aid office.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be in last semester of sophomore year to enable him/her to file application for said scholarship
- Must be in good standing with the college
- Must be active in student affairs and/or show leadership abilities
- Must show reasonable financial need
- Must be full-time student
- Must be a U.S. citizen and permanent resident of the State of Alabama

Unmet Need Scholarship

The Sallie Mae Fund will provide \$1 million in 2007 to help meet last dollar needs of low-income students through the Unmet Need Scholarship Program. The awards are to be used to supplement the financial aid package, not replace aid students have been granted from their institution.

To be eligible to apply to the Unmet Need program, the student must:

- Be a United States citizen or a permanent resident,
- Have a family adjusted gross income for calendar year 2006 of \$30,000 or less;
- Demonstrate unmet financial need of at least \$1,000 after the financial aid award package has been determined;
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or minimum GED average test score of 42; and
- Be a high school senior or graduate planning to enroll or a student already enrolled in a full-time* undergraduate course of study at an accredited postsecondary institution.**

* Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment through at least the 2007 fall term.

** Approved accredited institutions are defined as Title IV eligible, accredited, postsecondary two- or four-year colleges or universities, vocational, or technical schools in the United States or Puerto Rico

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,800. Awards are not renewable, but students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements. Applications can be found at www.thesalliemafund.org.

Heads Up! Rise Above the Influence

Alcohol use can result in missing class, doing poorly on tests and projects, disciplinary issues or other problems. The following statistics show, on average, students who drink the most receive the lowest grades.

- “A” students average 3.1 drinks per week
- “B” students average 4.4 drinks per week



-“C” students average 5.6 drinks per week

-“D” students average 9.5 drinks per week

Students who are out late partying often oversleep and miss classes. Someone who is hung over is more likely to sleep in or may be too sick to attend class. People who party several times a week can

fall behind on their homework, projects or papers - causing a low GPA and even drop out of school.

There is also evidence that alcohol use affects some of the essential brain functions needed for learning. (*The Bacchus Network*).

For more information, see Greg Mayo, Prevention Coordinator, MHC Office: WSCC Student Center #101

Golf Team Finishes Fourth at District

By Luke Brymer
The Mane Issue

ROCKLEDGE, Fla.- The Wallace State golf team took fourth place at the NJCAA Division I District V Championship recently.

Wallace finished fourth, only five strokes behind the third place team in the eight-team tournament. The top three teams advanced to the national competition.

Windom finished in fourth place overall out of 40 people. The top five finishers at district are selected for the All-District team, and Windom was chosen for Wallace.

Jace Windom finished with rounds of 73-73-71 and a final score of 217. His finish left him only one stroke behind third place.

Jonathon Gunnells finished in a tie for 11th place after shooting rounds of 79-73-73 and a final score of 225. Zack Lynch finished in 18th place with rounds of 75-75-79 for a total of 229, and John Visconti turned in a 21st place finish with a total of 232 after rounds of 82-78-72. Josh Butler shot three rounds of 81-80-76 for a final of 237 and a 31st place.

"I was happy with how our guys came together. We had some rough tournaments and finished last at one back in February. They didn't get discouraged though and worked hard to come back and win our event in Cullman. They really got some confidence in



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Members of the 2006-07 Wallace State Golf Team are, from left, Jace Windom, Zack Lynch, John Visconti, Josh Butler, Jonathan Gunnells and Coach Dan York.

each other and worked hard to improve. They believed in themselves."

Lady Lions Sweep Columbia State in Finale

By Luke Brymer
The Mane Issue

The Wallace State softball team finished the regular season on a positive note Friday with two victories over Columbia State. The Lady Lions took the first game 4-0 and the second 3-0. The softball team earned a first round bye in the state tournament with Thursday's 6-0 and 3-0 victories over Beville State-Sumiton.

In the first game, Ashley Pratt pitched all seven innings in her win. She struck out six while giving up only two hits. Pratt also recorded two singles and two RBIs for Wallace after hitting 2-for-3 at the plate.

Dandi Ammons singled and went 1-of-3 while Delaina Franklin hit 1-for-1 with another single and an RBI. Franklin and Rachel Baucom each scored a run, and Baucom added another single. Sarah Wilson swung for a triple and scored a run, while Lindsey McDaniel scored another run and recorded a single in two at bats.

Wallace softball head coach Jayne Clem said, "This was a great way for us to end the regular season. We had a few lulls earlier and some bad losses to teams we shouldn't have lost to. But the girls have kept fighting and it kept us from thinking we were better than we are."

Jennifer Sexton took the win on the mound for the Lady Lions in the second game. She struck out six in seven innings. She also hit a single, and Pratt scored a run.

McDaniel hit 2-for-3 with two singles, while Courtney Underwood scored a run and connected for a double and a single. Franklin also hit two doubles for Wallace and scored a run after going 2-for-4 at the plate.



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Jennifer Sexton winds up for a pitch.

"The sophomores really stepped up for us this year," Clem said. "They helped provide some leadership and kept us going after some losses. Now we've got the momentum we were looking for as we head to State."

Wallace (58-9, 15-3 ACCC) has won 13 games in a row and will head to the ACCC state tournament May 5-8 in Alabaster. If the Lady Lions win the state tournament, they will go to the NJCAA tournament in Fla., May 17-19.

For more information about Wallace State softball, visit www.wallaces-tate.edu or www.accc-sports.org

Track Team Competes at Auburn Invitational

By Luke Brymer
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The Wallace State track team traveled to Auburn University recently and came away with seven top 10 finishes.

"Everyone was excited to be competing on a day that was warm and sunny rather cold and rainy," said Wallace State coach Stan Narewski. "We appreciate the Wallace State faculty who drove to Auburn to watch the team compete."

The men's 4x400-meter relay team took second place to Mississippi State dropping four seconds off their best time to finish in 3:13.69. Members of the team included Everette Foxx, Kevin Adams, Glenn Fowler and Antoine Fant.

The 4x100 meter relay team finished with a sixth place result in 42.39. Chavis Sibert, Adams, Fowler and Fant made up the 4x100 relay team.

Thuom Mathiang continued to perform well in the 800-meter run and finished in third place with a season best run of 1:51.71. Michael Chapa finished in 11th place in the 1,500 meter run with a season best time of 3:54.46, the equivalent of a 4:11 mile.

Fant took sixth place in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.30, which put him at the number two spot on the national junior college ranking list. Glenn Fowler took ninth place in the 400-meter hurdles after running in 54.23.

In the shot put event, Evan Lavin threw for

a seventh place personal best distance of 16.14 meters, or 52 feet 11.25 inches. David Lowry hurled the javelin 48.88 meters for eighth place.

According to Narewski, Lowry, a Cullman High School graduate, committed to Auburn University Track on Saturday where he will throw the javelin while studying pharmacy.

Carltavious Bell jumped his way to a 13th place finish in the long jump competition with a distance of 6.23 meters.

Tasheila Jones, competing in the women's 400-meter dash, sprinted to a time of 1:02.20. Jones and Whitney Henderson also ran in the women's 200-meter dash and finished with times of 27.07 and 30.19, respectively.

Cooperwood Makes First Team All-American

By Luke Brymer
The Mane Issue

Cory Cooperwood received an honor that no other basketball player in Wallace State Hanceville history has been given. He was named to the first team of the NJCAA All-American Team this year.

Cooperwood was the only freshman to make the team this year.

"It's amazing because he's a freshman," Wallace State head coach Allen Sharpe said. "This is rare and quite an accomplishment for him and for our team, because even though he's a great player, without a good team behind him, he couldn't have gotten the award."

Cooperwood, of Kensett, Ark., has played basketball since he was 8 years old. It was the only sport he played in high school, and he was recruited by several four-year schools but decided to come to Wallace State first.

"I always dreamed of playing basketball in college. I've also always wanted to get a college education, and it has always been my dream to use something I love, basketball, to help me reach my education goals," Cooperwood said. He is scheduled to graduate from Wallace in the spring of 2008 with an Associate in Arts degree and hopes to



COOPERWOOD

purse a degree in kinesiology at a university.

Family and community involvement have always been a driving force behind Cooperwood. "My family has always helped push me to succeed. Also, my community supports me and has helped me make it in basketball. My summer league coach, Michael Green, always told me if I kept working hard, I could go anywhere. That has always kept me going so I can reach my dreams."

Cooperwood will be returning for his sophomore season and is excited about next year's team, which he believes can make it even further into the postseason. "It was a fun year, and I think the team did pretty well considering our inexperience. But none of us were satisfied with how far we made it this year. I really think we can go a lot further next season," he said.

As for his own performance, Cooperwood said, "I thought I did all right this year, but I had a lot of help from the team, and we had great coaches. We were good, but we have to keep working hard."

One of the things that has impressed

Sharpe most is Cooperwood's team mentality. "He's not a selfish player - he's always looking for the pass. It's a team effort in this sport and Cory realizes that. He wants to win and knows it takes five players and not just one to win a game."

"Cory is a great player and plays with a lot of energy and effort," Sharpe said. "He brings so many things to our team besides what shows up on a stats sheet. He's always ready to play and he never stops."

According to Sharpe, the prospects for next year are bright. "We had a good team this year. We recruited well, and we are looking forward to a great season next year. We're excited about Cory coming back. He's going to be a great player for us to build a team around."

Cooperwood is also excited about '07-'08. "I'm looking forward to my sophomore season. We've had a good recruiting class. We are going to be more experienced, and we'll have some new talent as well."

Once Cooperwood finishes at Wallace, he will look to sign a scholarship with a four-year school where he can continue to concentrate on athletics and academics. He hopes to one day play basketball professionally, possibly overseas.

Baseball Sweeps Gadsden Three-Game Series

By Luke Brymer
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The Wallace State baseball team's bats came alive in their latest conference series at Gadsden State. The Lions defeated Gadsden 14-1, 10-2 and 5-4 and extended their current winning streak to 11 games.

Derek Holland (8-2) was the winning pitcher for Wallace in the opening nine-inning game. He struck out seven batters in five innings and allowed only two hits to the 16 batters he faced.

At the plate for the Lions, Damien Mazzetti hit 3-for-4 with a double and two singles, two runs and a RBI. Jono Waugh hit 2-of-4 with a home run, single, five RBIs and three runs scored.

Chase McCain swung for a double and a single in his four at bats. He also recorded two runs and two RBIs. Zealous Wheeler connected for a double and scored two additional runs.

Logan Eads hit a single, scored a run and picked up a RBI. Jake Elmore added two RBIs after hitting a triple. Elmore also scored a run for the Lions.

Wallace came out strong in the first game of the follow up doubleheader, and Craig Kimbrell (8-0) led the way on the mound as he picked up the victory for the Lions.

Mazzetti came out swinging and hit 3-for-4 with two home runs and a single. He also

scored two runs and picked up three RBIs for the Lions.

Elmore swung for a double and a single in his five at bats. He also scored a run.

McCain also hit a home run and scored a run while picking up three RBIs, and Josh McGinnis hit two doubles for the Lions. Chaise Oliver added two singles and scored two runs, and Waugh connected for two singles and scored a run while picking up an RBI.

Zealous Wheeler went 2-for-2 with a double and single. He also scored two runs and had two RBIs.

The final game was a close one. Jamie Manning (7-2) led Wallace State to the win. He pitched six innings and faced 25 batters while striking out three.

McCain connected for a home run and a single after going 2-for-3 at the plate. He scored two runs and had an RBI. Elmore hit 2-for-2 with a triple, a single and a run scored.



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Lion Damien Mazzetti watches a pitch go in the dirt during a recent game.

Waugh had a home run and a RBI in his at bats. Waugh also scored a run, and Oliver had a single and a RBI. Bill Henke added another single and RBI, while Hoffer also singled. Wheeler swung for a home run and scored a run while picking up an RBI.

Wallace (38-5, 22-5 ACCC) will finish the season at home on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5 with a three-game conference series against Calhoun Community College.

The Other Front

Rock, Paper or Scissors?

By Evan Belanger
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Compared to other states in the nation, Alabama sports one of the highest counts of aquatic species, but it also holds a record for one of the highest extinction rates.

Or so says Bill Deutsch, a researcher who travels the state preaching the importance of maintaining clean water in Alabama.

Deutsch served as the key-note speaker for pre-Earth Day festivities at Wallace State.

According to the researcher, Alabama is already rich in water resources, most of which are still fairly clean. He said 8 percent of the nation's water will flow through Alabama at some point before reaching the ocean.

In all, Alabama has about 77,000 miles of rivers and streams.

"Compared to other states, we are certainly on the good side of the middle," Deutsch said. "The concern is that if we don't protect it, we could lose it very fast."

A researcher at Auburn University, Deutsch works with the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, giving talks about how to maintain clean water. He is also director of Alabama Water Watch, a volunteer-based

group dedicated to monitoring Alabama's inland and coastal waterways.

Deutsch also discussed opposing ideas on the existence of global warming, saying he believes it definitely is occurring.

For those who doubt its existence, he advised them to err on the side of caution.

"If you have a suspicion that something is going to happen, but it's going to take 50 years to prove it, why wait and see," he said. "By that time, it's too late to do anything about it."

Other events held Thursday at Wallace included a rock, paper scissors tournament - an environmentally friendly sport, according to judge and coordinator Jennifer Hill.

The event was one of many the college is hosting for Earth Day.

Hill said she got the idea for the tournament from a similar event held at Harvard. The participants used rules provided by the World RPS Society.



Courtesy of The Cullman Times/Amanda Shavers-Davis
Tim Parker, left, defeats a dejected John McIntosh in the first round of the Earth Day Rock Paper Scissors tournament.

"You can't do it just any old way," Hill said. This year's pre-Earth Day festivities at Wallace were organized by Bill Moss, director of student development and Hill. Moss said he organized his first Earth Day in 1970 as a senior at Guntersville High School.

Earth Day is recognized across the country every April 22. It is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment.

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have a good time, so can I."

"Wallace State is a community college and this is a great way to be involved in the community," Narewski added. "The students are able to interact with the athletes from the Center, and it's a great experience for them. The National Guard is here along with the Marines, and we even have a Humvee out here. And it's just a great experience for all the clients. They look forward to the event all year."

David Lowry, who competes in the javelin throw for the Lions, said, "This has been a wonderful experience. It's refreshing because the athletes from the Center don't care about winning. All they want to do is have fun and cheer for each other."

"It's awesome and really exciting to see how they support each other," Wallace hurdle competitor Glenn Fowler said.

Rita Miller is the sister of one of the Center's athletes, Regina Miller. She said Regina competed in the standing long jump and the discuss throw, and she had a wonderful time. "Regina loves it. She has been so excited about today. She loves the chance to compete and have people cheer for her. This event is a wonderful way to give the students at Wallace and the community a first hand look at what the clients at the Center can do. They are just as capable as we are and today is their time to prove it."

"I want to thank Wallace for sponsoring the event," Miller said. "It really shows the school, staff and students care."

Plans are already being made for next year's event, and Narewski said he is looking for an even bigger turnout with more participating high schools next year. "We just want to see the event continue to grow."

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of the crowd was apparent in the laughter heard throughout the play.

Wallace State theatre director Rob Metcalf said, "This was our second show for the semester, and the students did a great job, especially putting it together in such a short period of time. This was a play they really had fun with."

The performance was the second and last of the year for the theatre department.



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Clients from the Margaret Jean Jones Center get a good luck rub on volunteer Jimmy Dale Burgess' head before their next event at the annual Day of Champions.



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CCCDD client Willard Hudson, left, runs with Wallace State track team member Michael Chapa during one of the Day of Champions races.