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Mayor-elect Aims to Strengthen Ties with Wilkes, City Council

BY GABRIELLE LAMB
Beacon News Editor

On Tuesday November 4, 2003 the voters' voices were heard as veteran councilman and Democrat Tom Leighton was elected as the new mayor for the city of Wilkes-Barre, narrowly defeating Republican Christine Katsock.

The unofficial vote tallies as of Saturday, November 8, 2003 indicated that Leighton received 4,872 votes and Katsock received 4,018 votes--a tight margin of only 854 votes. Democrat Mayor Tom McGroarty, who served two fiery terms in the position, was defeated in the primary election held in May.

Leighton, 42, is a life-long resident of Wilkes-Barre and graduated from Bishop Hoban High School as well as King's College. In addition to holding a position on the City Council for the past three terms, Leighton owns and operates C.A. Leighton Company, Inc., a real estate firm also located in Wilkes-Barre.

One of the most important issues to emerge at Wilkes over the past few years is how the University may forge a more productive and positive relationship with city officials. From zoning to parking issues, crime rates and neighborhood complaints, the local universities have repeatedly found themselves at odds with the McGroarty administration.

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When asked how he would ensure a better relationship between the city and the colleges and universities in it, Leighton noted that the foundation for a better relationship has already been laid. "Well, over the summer I met with Father O'Hara from King's and Dr. Gilmour from Wilkes about how we can improve the relationship and cooperation within the city and the schools. One of the things that is happening, and is happening very soon... is a Wilkes-Barre City Employees Appreciation game between King's and Wilkes. That way, the city employees can get out and support the game and the schools and have a better relationship with one another," said Leighton.

Many students and residents in Wilkes-Barre often comment on the lack of job opportunities in the city, another topic Leighton has acknowledged. According to his website "...attracting jobs will be a top priority of the Leighton administration. Tom Leighton will try to attract high-tech jobs that provide incomes that can support working families. He will especially take advantage of area colleges and high schools to foster education and training programs that put people to work."

In recent months, a very public battle ensued between City Council and McGroarty regarding the economic viability of the city, which Leighton acknowledged in a speech made in

February announcing his intent to run for a higher office.

"Currently, the city operates in a way as if the mayor and the council were adversaries. There should not be competition between the mayor and council - there should be cooperation. We're on the same team and I'm going to count on them for help," said Leighton in February of 2003, according to his web site, www.leightonformayor.com

Other issues at the top of Leighton's list include the economic deterioration of the city, after most businesses and shops in the downtown area have closed their doors due to the lack of business. However, with the clean up of crime and garbage, Leighton feels the city will one day be marketable to businesses and developers.

"We need to start cleaning up the city, Public Square, and the neighborhoods. Not just litter but crime as well. I believe that if we clean up the city, we will show economic developers proof that this is a safe and clean town. This can be a marketing tool to get the town an economic boost that it needs. And people will enjoy a cleaner city, that is free of both trash and crime," said Leighton. "One of the first things to help lower the crime in the city is to increase the visibility of the police department. They



Courtesy of www.leightonformayor.com

Tom Leighton, pictured above, promises to do his best to clean up the city of Wilkes-Barre.

are going to walk the beat more, especially in our neighborhoods. Also, scooters are the new trend, so we are going to institute that kind of patrol as well."

One of the hot topics of the mayoral race-

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Career Services Holds Skills Workshop

BY JAMIE BABBITT
Beacon Correspondent

As seniors begin to think about what they will pursue after graduation, many may become nervous about what to expect when they enter the "real world."

Last week the offices of Career Services and Alumni Affairs in conjunction with the Business and Accounting Club sponsored a workshop called "Promoting Your Skills as a Professional" to teach students the proper etiquette in a professional setting and how to make a good first impression.

On November 6, 2003 a group of mainly business administration majors met in the Max Roth Center to learn how to conduct themselves in interviews and at mixers.

Lisa Mulvey, Career Development Coordinator, said, "We put it together to give the stu-

dents an idea of what it's like to be in a social situation in a business environment. We hope the students learned how to conduct themselves in a mixer or mingle type of environment, how to introduce themselves to someone, proper etiquette for a business function, the dos and don'ts of how to behave in that kind of environment."

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2003 Veteran's Day Parade

The 2003 Veteran's Day Parade was held on Sunday, November 9, 2003 in honor of all military personnel who have served in all branches of the United States military forces.

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Once students leave college, they may be faced with circumstances they never had to deal with before. "It can be nerve-wracking to go out there your first time all alone in a situation with all different types of people and you don't know what to expect, you don't know how to conduct yourself," said Mulvey. The workshop gave students the opportunity to obtain some background and get tips from people who have been in similar situations.

A significant part of the interview process is the first impression because, according to Mulvey, employers will remember their first impression of a prospective employee, and that person can never go back and make it again. Interviewers will notice a person's appearance, body language, and their handshake. Stephanie Rodano, a sophomore Business Administration major said, "A lot of people's opinions are based on first impressions."

Body language can tell the employer a lot about the person he or she is interviewing. "Your body language is so important. You want to keep your arms down at your side so you look approachable," said Mulvey. Not doing so gives the impression that the person is either cold, distant, or is extremely scared, according to Mulvey.

Some tips discussed include arriving on time, dressing appropriately and professionally, being knowledgeable about what is going on in the field, and offering business cards.

According to Mulvey, the interviewee should be prepared for anything. Employers want to know how prospective employees can

handle pressure and how they can apply their skills to fit in with the company.

Interviewers may look down on someone if they are very negative, if they trash talk their former supervisors, or if they use informal language, according to Carol Bosack, the Director of Career Services.

Marketing oneself and making an effort

to meet people can benefit a graduate looking for a career. Bosack said, "I would tell people who aren't exactly sure what they want to do to just do something. Just get out there and meet people because you will fall into an area."

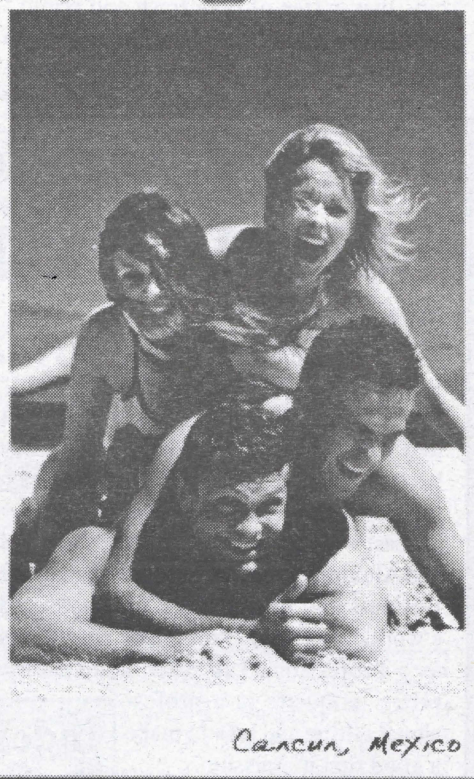
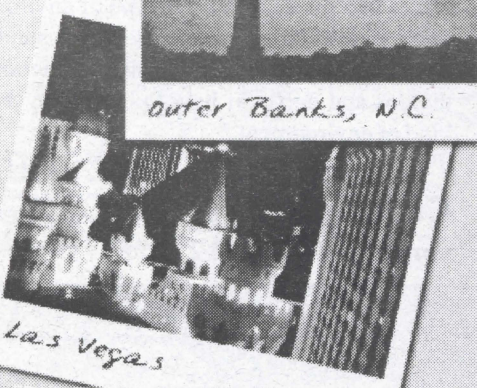
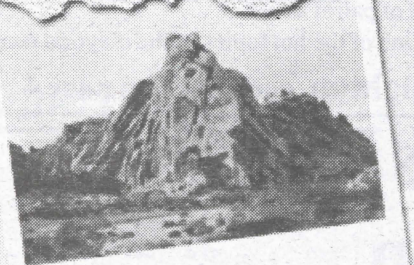
Career Services officials encourage students who have questions about what to expect in the "real world" to stop by their office.



Wilkes Students discuss interviewing techniques to help them succeed in the "real world".

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News Briefs

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Superior Court outcome hangs in balance of final ballots

BY PETER JACKSON
Associated Press Writer

County officials began tallying the results of this week's elections Friday, but it could be weeks before the winner of a race for the state Superior Court is determined.

Unofficial returns from all but six of the 9,421 precincts showed Republican Susan P. Gantman, a Montgomery County lawyer, leading Democrat John J. Driscoll, a Westmoreland County judge, by a mere 1,044 votes out of more than 1 million cast for each of the candidates.

In addition to the unreported returns from four precincts in Berks County and one each in Franklin and Lehigh counties, an unknown number of absentee ballots are excluded from the unofficial count. Those include 937 ballots that a federal judge set aside in Allegheny County because of concerns about whether a third party can deliver absentee ballots on behalf of voters who are not physically disabled.

Monna J. Accurti, the commissioner of the state elections bureau in Harrisburg, said panels in each of the 67 counties began their official counting of the returns Friday. The counties technically have until Nov. 24 --or later, if legal challenges delay their counts--to certify their election results to the state.

Unlike some states, Pennsylvania's laws do not provide for an automatic recount in close elections--and the process of seeking a recount in a statewide race is arcane and potentially expensive.

Recount petitions must be targeted at individual polling places, accompanied by a \$50 fee or \$100 bond for every voting machine or ballot box, and filed in county Common Pleas court within five days after the county vote-counting process is completed.

The \$50 fee is refundable only if the recount reveals errors or fraud, she said. Both Driscoll and a spokesman for Gantman, who was said to be out of town and unavailable for comment, said Friday it was premature to discuss the possibility of seeking a recount, although neither ruled it out.

Keith Naughton, Gantman's campaign manager, said any such decision cannot be made "until there's an actual hard and fast number" for the election results.

For now, Driscoll agreed, "There's nothing more that the candidates can do."

Man who shipped self in crate pleads guilty

BY ANGELAK BROWN
Associated Press Writer

A former shipping clerk pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday to shipping himself from New York to Dallas in a wooden cargo crate.

Charles D. McKinley, 25, pleaded guilty to stowing away on a cargo jet, a misdemeanor. His punishment ranges from probation to a year in prison and up to a \$100,000 fine when he is sentenced Feb. 4.

McKinley, who remains free on a personal recognizance bond, declined to comment after the 20-minute hearing. His attorney Bill Glaspy told *The Associated Press* that he advised McKinley to plead guilty because "he told what he did to every newspaper and television station in the country, I think."

His plea was not part of a plea bargain, said U.S. Attorney Fred Schattman.

McKinley's trial had been set for Monday. He previously agreed for U.S. Magistrate Charles Bleil to hear the case rather than a jury or a federal district judge.

McKinley was jailed in Dallas County for the next three weeks after his arrest on unrelated bad-check and traffic warrants. He could not be arraigned on the federal charge until he finished serving time in Dallas, Schattman said.

His stowing away charge was filed in Fort Worth because his plane trip--from Newark, N.J., to Buffalo, N.Y., and then to Fort Wayne, Ind.--ended at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, which is in Tarrant County, Schattman said.

At his Sept. 29 arraignment in federal court in Fort Worth, McKinley was released on a personal recognizance bond and ordered to follow certain restrictions, including living at his parents' home, abiding by a curfew and getting a job.

McKinley has said that he made the 15-hour trip--during which he eluded security at all the airports--because he was homesick and a friend thought he could save money by flying cargo.

McKinley said he took a cell phone, which didn't work, but no food or water. He told some reporters he occasionally got out of the 42-by-36-by-15-inch crate.

He also said an accomplice closed the box and shipped him. But in his signed statement to the FBI, McKinley claimed no one else was involved.

McKinley initially told Transportation Security Administration investigators that he had flown by commercial airline to Kentucky, where a UPS pilot helped him board a plane without having to go through security, according to court documents. None of those statements were true, according to documents.

Six Die as Black Hawk Crashes Near Tikrit; Insurgents Suspected

BY JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press Writer

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP)--An Army Black Hawk helicopter crashed Friday-- apparently shot down by insurgents--killing all six U.S. soldiers aboard and capping the bloodiest seven days in Iraq for Americans since the fall of Baghdad.

The U.S. death toll for the week climbed to 32, including those aboard the Black Hawk. Two other soldiers were killed near Mosul, raising concerns that the insurgency was spreading north.

U.S. policy, meanwhile, suffered another setback as Turkey decided not to send troops to Iraq because of strong opposition from Iraqi officials.

The Black Hawk crashed on an island in the Tigris River and burst into flames--the third crash caused by hostile fire in two weeks and the second causing fatalities. Maj. Josslyn Aberle said the cause of Friday's crash had not been determined, but several other officers, speaking on condition of anonymity, believed it was shot down.

The helicopter, assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, went down about 9:40 a.m. about a half mile from the U.S. base in Saddam Hussein's former palace, which serves as headquarters for the 4th Infantry Division.

Afterward, attack helicopters cruised throughout the day over Saddam's hometown, swooping low over villages and farms as rescuers picked through the charred wreckage of the aircraft.

Late Friday, U.S. troops fired mortars and a U.S. jets dropped at least three 500-pound bombs around the crash site, rattling windows over a wide area in an apparent show of force. Other U.S. jets streaked over Tikrit after sundown. At least three mortars were also fired onto the U.S. compound but caused no damage.

The dead included the Black Hawk's four-member crew and two soldiers from Department of the Army headquarters, according to a Pentagon spokesman, Maj. Steve Stover.

In Mosul, 250 miles north of Baghdad, guerrillas attacked a convoy with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire Friday. The military said one U.S. soldier died and six others were wounded in the clash. Another soldier died in Mosul the night before when a homemade bomb exploded, the military said Friday.

Both of those soldiers, as well as the Black Hawk's four-man crew, were from the 101st Airborne Division, based at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Three others were injured later Friday when a roadside bomb exploded near the Mosul Hotel, which is now used as a military barracks, the military said. Mosul, Iraq's third largest city, had been considered relatively safe for American soldiers until an escalation of attacks there over the past three weeks.

U.S. officers have long been concerned

about the safety of aviation because of the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of shoulder-fired missiles still missing in Iraq after the collapse of Saddam's regime in April.

On Oct. 25, insurgents shot down a Black Hawk over Tikrit, injuring one crewman. On Sunday, insurgent gunners brought down a Chinook transport helicopter west of Baghdad, killing 16 Americans in the bloodiest single strike against U.S. forces since the war began March 20.

An Apache attack helicopter was shot down in June in the western desert but the two crewmembers escaped injury.

The latest fatalities brought to 32 the number of American soldiers who have died in Iraq in the first week of November. That includes one 1st Armored Division soldier who died in a non-hostile shooting incident.

In addition, two American civilian contractors working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a Polish officer also died in attacks in the past seven days.

The death toll of 32 was by far the largest for any seven-day period since President Bush declared an end to hostilities on May 1--mainly due to the Chinook crash Nov. 2 that killed 16. In all of October, for instance, there were 42 deaths; in all of September, were 31.

The U.S. military said that the number of daily attacks on coalition forces dropped to 29 last week from a spike of 37 the week before but cautioned against drawing conclusions from the decrease.

U.S. officials had hoped to encourage more countries to send troops to Iraq to relieve the burden on American forces. Turkey's parliament agreed last month to allow the government to send Turkish troops, a move which drew sharp opposition from Iraqi politicians.

But Secretary of State Colin Powell and Turkey's foreign minister have agreed that Turkey will not send peacekeeping troops to Iraq, officials said Friday, after plans for a deployment raised sharp opposition from Iraqis.

The decision reverses what had been a significant victory for Washington, which has pressed hard for Turkey to join peacekeeping efforts in its neighbor to the southeast to help U.S. troops there. Turkey is the only majority Muslim nation in NATO.

Powell and Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul spoke Thursday night by telephone and agreed that the offer of Turkish troops would be withdrawn, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

In Baghdad, about 500 Sunni Muslims marched Friday to coalition headquarters to demand the release of 36 clerics arrested in recent months. Protesters chanted Islamic slogans including "America's army will be wiped out," and "America is the enemy of God." They also carried a banner reading "Prisons ... will never terrify us."

Speech and Debate Team Successful at Tournament

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon Correspondent

Bloomsburg University provided the stage for the 35th Annual Madd Hatter Competition. This competition is one of the largest speech and debate tournaments on the east coast. The Wilkes University Speech and Debate Team joined 17 other schools to compete there on October 31 and November 1, and discovered a "wonderland" of success.



Courtesy of Jess Niemiec

Recently, the Speech and Debate Team participated in the 35th annual Bloomsburg Madhatter Tournament and came home with eight awards. Overall, the team took third place in sweeps.

Seven team members from Wilkes performed in a variety of categories including Critical Analysis, Oral Interpretation, After Dinner Speaking, Impromptu, and Informative Speaking. The speech and debate team coach, Joe Rasmus was also on hand at the tournament to judge in these different categories.

Before the competition, the team practiced two times a week and also had individual practices. All the time and effort members put into their speeches apparently paid off, because the Wilkes team came home with eight different awards.

Jess Niemiec, junior communication studies major and captain of the Wilkes Speech and Debate Team was among the winners. She placed in four different categories. Niemiec received fifth place in Dramatic Interpretation, fourth place in Programmed Oral Interpretation and Informative Speaking, and first place in Critical Analysis.

Roger Raby, a junior biochemistry major also placed in the tournament. He received third place in After Dinner Speaking. This is Raby's fifth semester with the speech and

debate team. "Most of the people involved in speech and debate are nice, outgoing people, who make it fun to go tournaments," said Raby. "It was a good tournament overall."

Junior business management major, Jan Sokolowski joined Niemiec and Raby with a win as well. She took sixth place in Dramatic Interpretation.

Along with the individual awards, the team received an overall award. All the points that each member accumulated from their speeches were added together to put the team in third place overall for the tournament.

Niemiec also received an individual award. According to Niemiec, a total of 87 students participated in the tournament. The points they received from all the events that they participated in were added up to decide individual awards. Niemiec received a 4th place overall for the tournament.

"It was very exciting for me because it was the first time I got an individual sweeps trophy," said Niemiec. "I've gotten a lot of trophies in terms of this piece or that piece, but it was my first individual sweep, which was a proud day."

The tournament was not all serious competition, however. On Friday night, a Halloween dance was held for all the teams. This dance provided competitors a time to bond and meet people from other teams.

"Our entire team dressed up as characters for the Rocky Horror Picture Show," said Niemiec. "It was a cool team-building type thing. We get along as a team. We have a wonderful dynamic that really fosters a positive atmosphere that is wonderful for any of us to just live in and work in."

Raby also thinks that Wilkes members get along well as a team and that he has benefited a great deal by joining. "I think speech and debate has helped me a great deal," said Raby. "I have gotten over my fear of speaking in front of people, and have met a number of great people, both on our team, and on the other teams. It has definitely been worth it."

Now that this tournament is over, the team is back to practicing twice a week to prepare for its next competition. The team will be competing at Seton Hall University in New Jersey on December 6 and 7.

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-and a key bone of contention the public has had with city officials--involved the abandoned movie theater project that went awry shortly after the demolition of the property where the theater was to be built. Although Leighton could not offer specific details of the project at the time of the interview, he has said in a previous speech, "I see it as a keystone to our city's recovery. I will continue the efforts I've spearheaded to build a theatre in Wilkes-Barre in keeping with what's come to be known as the Leighton Plan.

When asked why he thought the Wilkes-Barre residents chose him as the next mayor, Leighton claimed a truthful and promising campaign were key. "(I was elected) based on the platform I have continued to hold from the beginning of my campaign. I made statements that it is time for the city to move forward. I answered all the questions, even the difficult ones I was asked, truthfully and still do. That is how I am going to serve the next four years: truthfully. I have not misled the voters and will continue to be completely truthful and keep the promises I made to make this city a better place," concluded Leighton.

Downtown Revitalization Forum Slated for Tonight

BY JULIE MELF
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Wilkes-Barre city officials have made it their mission for years to try to revitalize an ailing downtown Wilkes-Barre. Tonight interested citizens and business members will have a chance to voice their ideas in a public input session at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m.

The Diamond City Partnership (DCP) will sponsor the event.

The DCP is a coalition of organizations, businesses, and individuals specifically created to implement the six downtown revitalization strategies that resulted from the 2001 downtown Wilkes-Barre visioning sessions. The DCP includes representatives from over 50 city and regional stakeholders, including representatives of city government, colleges and universities, places of worship, cultural institutions, businesses, the media and individual downtown residents and business and property owners. The partnership is supported by the administrative and financial resources of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry.

The goal of the public input session is to gather information to be used at a design workshop that will explore new ideas for the physical development for the downtown area.

The input session will open with a brief explanation of the findings of the recent Downtown Wilkes-Barre Market Study. The goal of the study was to create a reality-based

plan to enhance the positive attributes of downtown and transform it into an active, livable center. Participants will be asked to provide feedback and ideas for implementing the plan.

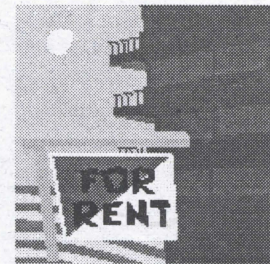
"This is a critical time in Wilkes-Barre's history, and we want to be certain that we maximize the opportunities that lie ahead. It's only appropriate that now, as we begin thinking about how to turn the Market Study's recommendations into bricks and mortar, that we turn to the community again for assistance," explained Larry Newman, chairperson of the Diamond City Partnership's design workshop task force.

The design workshop that follows up on the public input session will be held November 14-15 at Wilkes University's Henry Student Center. Local architects and volunteers from the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects will lead teams reviewing information collected at the public session and exploring new ideas for the physical development of the area. The workshop will provide the DCP and city officials with a common basis for planning and evaluating future downtown development.

"Our goal is to generate a collection of alternative design concepts that can help us to visualize downtown's potential," said Newman.

Those concept drawings will be formally presented at a public meeting on December 1, and then be placed on public display in downtown.

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American Youth Rushed into Independence Too Soon

In modern American society we are often pressured to reach the state of independence prematurely.

No, the South hasn't threatened to break from the nation recently, but another kind of union is certainly being threatened: the union of family in America today. Today, anymore whenever parents talk about their kids it's, "Well, I can't wait until they go off to college, you know, get 'em out of the house finally," followed by a tongue-in-cheek cackle. That parental cackle is frequently accompanied by the barely pubescent whine of a child who says, "I can't wait to get out of the house and be on my own... alone... a true adult."

What is the rush?

In a CNN Internet report, "Who exactly is a grown up?" the life of 22-year old Amy Powell is chronicled as she continues to live at home with her parents. A recent college graduate, Powell is struggling to find a job. For this reason she opts to stay at home with her family who continues to support her.

Is this strange? Why should it be? While some might argue that the girl is home just to sponge off of her parents (as many privileged suburbanites have been known to do), the prolonged structure of the family appears to be disintegrating in America and there is no need for this. Why do we shy away from admitting prolonged involvement, and yes, dependence?

Yes, there is something wrong with parents supporting children indefinitely, but even if a child does have a job after graduation, why must he or she feel socially pressured to leave the house of those who have loved them for so long? If one shares the love that was there

18, high school graduation, or 22, the traditional age of college graduates, total financial, emotional, and physical independence seems an unrealistic expectation in our culture.

Everyone has to find something or someone to turn to...and if the family is no longer there, that is when the real problems set in. When daddy's little girl goes off to school or out on her own, what can happen is that she's likely to turn to other people or things on which she thinks she can depend. In the worst case scenario this can lead to some bad choices and reliance on drugs, alcohol or other substances. In other cases, the search for a stable force on which to rely may lead to a sequence such as: the boyfriend, the fiancée, the job she limits and locks herself into for life (because she really, really loves him), the marriage to the guy who isn't as dreamy as she once thought, and then yes, of course...the children. By age 24 or 25, she has already created for herself a life-sentence.

For some, this might be the ultimate goal, but for many it is a rush to fill a void--one that often creates others. It simply seems to be a rush to go nowhere fast.

Then the cycle repeats in which the parent at age 40-something (after years of sleepless nights and problems with bills, toddlers who become teenagers and teenagers who become trouble) can't wait to get the kids out of the house.

And why? Because you simply

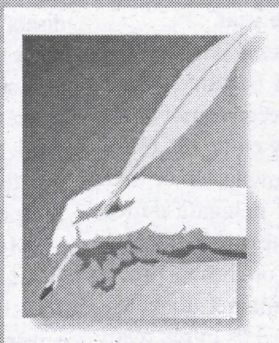
didn't get to appreciate everything you had at home in front of you and around you when you were still young (yes, fellow graduates, age 22 or 23 is not a sign you'll be shopping at the grocery store on Tuesdays).

Being a true adult is realizing who you are and sometimes acknowledging that too much independence too soon can leave you hanging.

Just look at other world cultures for an alternative to our American drive for excessive independence. In the Chinese culture, for example, it is very characteristic for a man to bring his new wife to live in the house of his parents...the more the merrier and a family lives on. In the Indian culture even seen within the United States, the entire family stays together, living in the same household, pooling their money and re-

sulting in family owned and operated successes. Call it stereotyping, but not only does it result in logically produced success, but more importantly, it maintains happiness, and a continued bond for families. The Asian cultures have been around much longer than the American one. We can learn from others.

There is so much out there, people. And working together with family can only help young people get through these crucial times so many of us fear. We don't have to decide between a career or family--we can have them both. Give and take by help out those who have helped you ever since you were born. Once family members are gone, they will never come back. Appreciate them while they are here.



Beacon Editorial

The ideas and positions expressed in the editorial are those of the Editorial Board which is comprised of Managing Editor, Editorial Board Chair, News Editor, Features Editor, Arts and Entertainment Editor, Sports Editor, and Photo Editor

from the beginning, it should by all means remain. So why must teens and self-proclaimed adults feel that need to go out and "find their identity?" A young person can still do that while keeping ties at home.

Whether the benchmark is age



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The parking lot on South St. remains empty as the result of the city's unwillingness to lease the space or offer a reasonable price to students for use during the school year. Find out more about the issue next week in an article written about the empty lot.

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Acknowledging the Importance of American Small Businesses

BY RUTH HUGHES

Director of Small Business Development



The United States landscape seems filled with large businesses, corporate conglomerates and "big box" retailers. Many ask how a small business can compete. In fact, small businesses still form the backbone of the American economy, accounting for 99% of the employers in this country as well as 2/3 to 3/4 of the net new jobs.

Several questions arise in the debate about the importance of small businesses. First, how important are they really? Would it be so terrible for the economy if large busi-

nesses dominated the economic landscape, as they do in some other countries? Second, if we do believe in the value of small business, what can be done to ensure their survival?

Small business has shaped the structure of this country since its founding. We all love to hear the tales of "rags to riches" that typically involve a new business. DuPont started as a small gunpowder producer in the very early years of the US. Sam Walton began his retail revolution as a small enterprise in Arkansas. Unlike other areas of the world where wealth is so often accumulated by inheritance, in the United States wealth has come traditionally from business enterprises. The fact that family status mattered far less to success in the United States than business acumen led to America's reputation as a land of opportunity for anyone.

In addition to rich historical traditions, small businesses provide lessons in business culture and ethics. Small businesses are less likely to relocate based on trends, thus providing the regions where they are based with a more stable workforce. Because ownership

tends to be visible to the employees, the workforce also will usually feel a great deal of loyalty to their small business employers. Many employees of small businesses recount tales of caring employers that know them, know their families and take the time to truly motivate them to succeed in ways that a large corporation cannot. In one case, a small regional retailer treated his entire workforce to a vacation aboard a cruise line when they exceeded sales goals for the year.

However, small businesses do face hurdles and have gaps that need to be filled. Many small businesses need to become more efficient in order to effectively compete. Often they have a sense that the owner must wear many hats and should not delegate duties. Similarly, many small businesses do not realize the need for standard operating procedures or continual improvement. Large businesses should not be viewed as ogres ready to swallow these small enterprises; many of them should be examined for their good operating practices. Many large businesses have grown because they do implement innovative procedures and most have, by necessity, standardized many of their operations.

Nowhere is the gap between large and small businesses more evident than in the current retail landscape. Small retailers now face intense competition from large companies such as WalMart and Target, as well as from specialty retailers like Barnes and Noble and Home Depot. The Small Business Development Centers and others have worked diligently with small retailers to show them how they can compete with these "mass merchandisers." Competing in that market requires vigilance to ensure maximum operating efficiency and superior customer service. Small businesses need to understand that they must work harder but also that they are in a unique position to offer truly personal service for their customers.

My experience at the SBDC is that small businesses do face time management problems but that with training and individual consulting support to develop efficient operation they are able to effectively compete with their larger counterparts. Small business does matter in the United States and its continual strong presence in the economy should matter to us all.

Your Voices

Medical Malpractice: Placing the Blame on the Wrong People

BY MICHAEL BROWN

Biology Major/Pre-Med Scholar, Class of 2004

The purpose of this letter is to comment on the article by Ms. Sabrina McLaughlin dealing with the medical malpractice issue in *The Beacon's* October 20, 2003 edition. Also, this will serve to supplement the letter written by Mr. David Grasso, published in the November 3, 2003 edition of *The Beacon*.

On the surface, it may appear to most of the American population that physicians are a part of the upper end of the socio-economic ladder. This is not entirely the case in the state of Pennsylvania. The largest reason for this is the rising cost of medical malpractice facing not only doctors, but also the patients.

The yearly earning of a primary care physician (family doctor) in the Scranton metropolitan area based on figures for 2003 is \$130,189. At first glance this may appear to be a very hefty sum of money for the doctors' coffers; however, subtract the \$70,000 it roughly costs that same doctor in medical malpractice insurance costs. This leaves the physician with an income of \$60,189.

Again, this may seem to be a decent wage, but there are even more costs that affect this sum. According to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the annual cost of public medical school in the United States in 2002 was \$27,513. The cost of attending a private medical school

averaged \$43,786 per year. (These numbers include tuition and other fees.) The AAMC further points out that the average medical school graduate of the class of 2002 was \$103,855 in debt. On a ten-year repayment plan, this amounts to nearly \$2,000/month to be repaid.

This lowers the physician's earnings to around \$36,000. The only variable left to factor in is the cost of running a practice, which incurs expenditures that range from paying staff to paying for supplies. Also, there is the cost of living, which may include a family. Suddenly it seems that your family doctor isn't the rich person you thought he/she was.

If this example wasn't enough, take for instance the plight of the obstetrician/gynecologist. In the Philadelphia area, the average OB/GYN will make \$204,949 in 2003. However, they will receive a bill for \$152,730 in medical malpractice insurance costs. This leaves them with an income of \$52,219. This number does not even take into account the costs of loan repayments and practice costs. So do these figures show that the doctors of Pennsylvania are greedy and guilty of political extortion against the masses of this good state? I certainly think not. However, if you still are convinced that doctors are out to get your hard

earned money, please read on.

According to a *Times Leader* article dealing with local surgeons restricting their practices, some doctors in this state are facing double- and triple-digit increases in liability insurance premiums. The Surgical Specialist group, which is located in Wilkes-Barre, is arguing that the excessive malpractice judgments have increased premiums and has even caused insurers to refuse insurance to Pennsylvania doctors. Two such companies are MIIX Healthcare and Princeton Insurance Co., both of which are based in New Jersey. This trend can eventually lead to a possible mo-

creased 70% in 2002 from their levels in 2001. This has caused many hospitals to reduce services or close doors. The effect of reduced services can even be felt very close to the Wilkes University campus. The Nesbitt Hospital in Kingston has been forced to close its obstetrics unit. However, the space is not going unused. The hospital is using the floor for another endeavor, a psychiatric ward. This situation has proved to be a sadly ironic evolution that is equivalent to the plight of health care in Pennsylvania. If these trends continue, instead of looking locally to find an obstetrician to properly deliver a baby, one will only see psych wards with a novel amenity, a baby room.

To resolve this issue many states have imposed limits on how much money can be awarded in a malpractice case, while others limit how much of the award is granted to the attorneys. Also, some states have implemented a review panel for each case that includes medical and legal experts who look over the cases before they can go to trial.

In order to stop the exodus of physicians from this state, lawmakers must implement versions of these reforms, which will lower the premiums the insurers charge. If these changes are not made, we, as Pennsylvania residents, will have to travel to out of state to keep appointments with our "local" doctors.

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Not only are doctors affected by this trend, but also hospitals are facing the same issues. Some hospitals face a \$4 million to \$5 million per year bill to cover malpractice costs for its physicians. According to Evelyn Brady of the *Times Leader*, insurance rates have in-



Dr. Valerie Kalter

Dr. Valerie Kalter, Associate Professor of Biology and advisor of Tri Beta, specializes in teaching anatomy and physiology to biology, pre-med, and nursing students. Kalter, who began teaching at Wilkes in 1991, talks to *The Beacon* about her latest research and why she feels Wilkes is a great place to teach.



Beacon: What research are you working on right now?

Kalter: I look at the effects of particulates on the growth cell culture from the lung, pulmonary fibroblasts to be specific, looking at the effects of nicotine, more specifically, on them and how nicotine alters cell growth and function. You might be surprised to know that according to the *Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*, nicotine is the second most toxic substance after cyanide. When you think of the number of people that are ingesting it through smoking and various tobacco products, they are ingesting an extremely toxic substance.

Beacon: What is your favorite thing about Wilkes University?

Kalter: I think the ability to interact with students on a regular basis because when you have really large classes at a large school, you're just a number to your professor, and here we in most cases get to know them by name. I try to do that in all my classes. I try to know all the students by name and get to know them a little bit outside of class, too, about their interests. Working with students, and the enthusiasm the students have... at a bigger institution, you just don't get that kind of give and take interaction.

Beacon: What kinds of classes do you teach?

Kalter: The only course that I actually teach is for the nursing students: Human Anatomy and Physiology. I teach upper level courses for biology majors. I don't teach any required course. All of my courses are electives for bio majors. I teach Histology, which is microscopic anatomy. I teach Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy, Mammalian Physiology and Endocrinology... Those are all subtopics within Anatomy and Physiology.

Beacon: What else have you done while at Wilkes?

Kalter: I've also been involved in the Women's Studies Program in the past. I have mentored several capstone projects. I was on the Women's Studies Committee for several years, but I am not now due to other commitments... Most of the people on the committee are in the social sciences. I was the only one representing the sciences, so I mentored those projects [capstones done by biology majors].

Beta Beta Beta

Beta Beta Beta (Tri Beta) is a national biology honor society. The Wilkes chapter of Tri Beta holds various socials and performs community service. Mike Brown, senior biology major and Secretary/Acting President of Tri Beta, tells *The Beacon* why Tri Beta is important to Wilkes.



Beacon: What is Tri Beta's mission?

Brown: According to the constitution, the purpose of Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society shall be to function as an honor and professional society for students of the biological sciences. Its activities shall be designed to stimulate interest, scholarly attainment, and investigation in the biological sciences, and to promote the dissemination of information and new interpretations among students of the life sciences.

Beacon: Why is Tri Beta important to Wilkes University?

Brown: Tri Beta is important not only because it promotes scholarly activities among biology majors on campus, but it also promotes community service within the membership base. This dedication to academia and the community is an ideal that is strongly promoted by Wilkes for all of its students.

Beacon: What are some of the major activities that Tri Beta does?

Brown: We recently held a movie/pizza social in the TV lounge. Our induction ceremony for new members is being held on November 16. Also, we are planning various community service activities.

Beacon: How often do you meet as a group?

Brown: We meet nearly every Thursday in the Bio Club room at 12:30 p.m.

Beacon: Why should students become involved in Tri Beta?

Brown: Students should become members of Tri Beta because it helps provide an environment that builds character and promotes knowledge. Through membership, students can have mind-opening experiences that will influence them for the rest of their lives.

Beacon: How do students become involved in Tri Beta?

Brown: Beta Beta Beta is an honor society. The requirements for full membership are a 3.0 Biology GPA and a 2.5 overall GPA. For associate membership, the requirements are a 2.5 Biology GPA and a 2.5 overall GPA.

Simon Says Strike Up The Band

Wilkes' civic band is under new direction

BY ADAM SKUBA
Beacon Correspondent

There's a new face in the crowd at the Wilkes University football games, but you won't spot him on the field. He is in the stands with the Civic Band.

Philip Simon, Director of Music Education and Instrumental Studies has taken on many tasks since he landed his position in early July, one of those being the director of the Wilkes University Civic Band. Contrary to popular belief, there is a difference between a pep band and a marching band.

"A pep band and a marching band are sort of the same, only difference being that a pep band is in the stands and a marching band is

brass instruments as well as string bass and the bass guitar. For nearly thirty years, he lived in Washington D.C. and played professionally with the First Army Band. After that, he then decided to return to school and pursue his doctorate.

In the meantime, a position opened at Wilkes University and Simon was chosen to lead the department's efforts in instrumental music. Along with the duties associated with the director's position came the responsibility of leading the Civic Band. Until Simon came, the band was makeshift at best. "Sometimes there would be all the members in attendance at the games. Other times only one and sometimes none," said Simon.

Simon is not sure how much of



The Beacon/T. Mick Jenkins

The Wilkes University Civic Band entertains the crowd at Saturday's Football game against Delaware Valley

on the field," said Simon. Simon, who comes to Wilkes from Thomas Jefferson High School in Fairfax County, Virginia, holds a B.M. in music education from Boston University, and an M.E. from the University of Maryland. Simon is currently enrolled in the D.M.A. program at the University of North Texas.

Prior to his elementary education, Simon had not yet been exposed to the true enrichment music has to offer. No one in Simon's family pursued a musical career. He was encouraged greatly by a number of fine teachers. "They encouraged me a great deal and gave me all the tools I needed to become successful in music," said Simon.

He studied under the direction of a member of the Harry James and Benny Goodman bands during his elementary years. During his middle school years, he met the most influential person in his musical career. Donald Burke, the first African American he knew personally, acted as his accompanist throughout his school years while providing him a wealth of knowledge.

Simon specializes in playing the tuba. His is also skilled in all of the

an impact the band has on the football team's performance but he did say the coach enjoys the effort the band puts forth.

Jason Nickle, a sophomore football player at Wilkes University, believes the band plays an important role in creating atmosphere of the game. "I don't know how much of an impact it has on us [football team] directly, but it really sets the stage for the entire event," said Nickle. Nickle believes the band is doing a terrific job and should continue to keep up the hard work.

Hard work it's going to be. Simon has set a number of goals set for both the Civic Band and the music program in general.

"I would hope to see the band become a club. That way, we can have at least one or two scheduled practices a week," Simon said.

Simon also hope the Wilkes Music Education Program will become a leader and a model for other small universities to follow. By implementing new teaching techniques, he hopes the future music educators will greatly benefit from the aspects of the music program already in place and those, which still need to be added.

Advisory Team Focuses on Holistic 1st-year Experience

BY JOSEPH DeANGELIS
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Being the new kid on campus can be confusing, to say the least. Many freshmen don't know even the most basic of survival information: where to go grocery shopping, the names of the classroom buildings, how to count credit hours, and this is just the beginning...

However, Wilkes is working on a solution to help all freshmen get the guidance they need. The new pilot Freshman Faculty Advisory Team is the latest upgrade to student advising and is designed to give students not one advisor, but a whole team.

"Freshman year is a very difficult time to adjust because it's the first time a lot of people are experiencing different types of independence that they didn't have in high school," said Jim Harrington, Professor of music and Coordinator of the new advising program here at Wilkes.

But Wilkes has found a new way to help students deal with the pressures of the freshman year. The project, based on a team model used at other universities, began by assembling a Freshman Faculty Advisory Team at the beginning of the fall semester to help freshmen students in the College of the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS) to achieve greater success in their first semester of college.

President Dr. Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour, Provost Dr. Maravene Loeschke, and Vice President of Student Affairs Paul Adams proposed the original plan. They then offered Harrington the position of Coordinator, which he accepted with enthusiasm. Harrington has a noteworthy reputation on campus as an advocate for students' academic achievement and seemed like a logical choice as coordinator. "I knew he was somebody who was deeply dedicated to individual students," Loeschke said. "I just knew he was a natural for this decision."

Once appointed, Harrington then went in

search of the right faculty and staff to create Freshman Faculty Advisory Team. As of today, the team consists of six members: four professors and two staff members.

In the past, faculty members would recommend students to see their individual advisors if they were falling behind. Sometimes, though, students would not feel comfortable going to their advisors for help, a fact driven by many realities such as insecurity, poor matches in personality, and a student's desire to possibly change majors, to name just a few reasons. So the team wanted to create a more personal advising system that ensured students wouldn't fall through the cracks.

"We wanted students to have more personal advising," Loeschke explained. "Students have so many questions and so much confusion when they first come to college, and we wanted to make sure we were as proactive and helpful as we possibly can be."

The advisory team can also help undecided majors who don't have a set academic "home." Through this program, first-year students have the opportunity to talk with any of the seven advisors on the team as well as Harrington and their own assigned major advisor. Any and all of these Wilkes representatives are prepared and available to help students with whatever decision-making processes lay ahead.

The current focus of the team is to identify students who seem to be falling behind in their studies. "We're trying to work with students who are showing difficulty with their academic achievement right now and trying to help those who are having difficulty [to] improve," Harrington said. The team meets regularly to discuss issues and brainstorm solutions.

Professors can tell Harrington if they no-

tice any students who might be having trouble in their classes and can recommend them to either Harrington or one of the six advisors. Then, the advisors will get to know the students a little better by just talking to them. For Harrington, this is a very important step in the process. At the beginning of the semester, he set up meetings for the freshmen within each major to introduce himself.



The Beacon/Dena Rickard

Faculty advising coordinator, Jim Harrington joins two of his advisees: freshman Ashley Gibson and junior transfer student, Jay Price.

"My goal would be to meet everyone in a one-to-one meeting," Harrington said. But whether the student meets with Harrington or another member of the team, the goal is to address potential problems and work out solutions using the resources both on and off campus such as the Learning Center, Writing Center, campus counseling, or Student Affairs.

Dr. Mark Sowcik, the Wilkes University Psychologist, has met with a few new students whom the Advisory Team or Harrington directed to his office. But many outside of the Advisory Team, such as Resident Assistants, are also aware of counseling services and make referrals regularly. "Some of the folks who are on that committee have referred to me in the past, so I think they're kind of aware of my services," Sowcik said.

Harrington enjoys working with students

who come to see him. He'll advise them in simple ways, even if that means reading over a paper for a student or helping a student manage their time so that they can get all their work done and still have down time.

Over the past two weeks, though, Harrington said that he had at least 70 students come see him. He believes that this is because it's one of the hardest points of the

semester due to the workload and midterms. "Right now, with the middle of the semester and heading towards the end of the semester, that tends to be the time is when students' problems are coming to a peak, because if they are having difficulty, they need a real boost to kind of plug through it and get ahead of it," said Harrington.

Harrington believes that all the students have the capability of getting through the school year, but they sometimes just need an extra push. This is why Harrington believes this is the best job he has had in his

career at Wilkes. Harrington has worked in many important positions on campus, including being the first director of the Wilkes Community Conservatory.

"It's the best job that I had since I've been at Wilkes," he said. "I really like to work with the students here."

If this pilot is successful, the program may spread to other schools including the new Sidhu School of Business and Leadership and the School of Science and Engineering by next fall. As for this year's freshman class, two advisors will stay with the class next year and the other two will advise the 2008 freshman class.

In the end, the Provost notes, "We want the people here at Wilkes to provide eventually a real state-of-the-art advising system," Loeschke said. "We are really serious about good advising here."

Manuscript Tradition Expands

BY JESS NEIMEIC
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In a day and age where technology and gadgets come out almost faster than we can think of them, "tradition" isn't a word that's heard much. But the Wilkes University literary magazine, *The Manuscript*, has a tradition it's proud of.

Now entering its 56th year, *The Manuscript* has weathered the test of time and even predates the name "Wilkes University."

In the days when Wilkes University was Bucknell College, a few students got together and decided to create something that would display the many talents of their colleagues, and peers. Thus, *The Manuscript* was born.

This year, however, while still maintaining a tradition in terms of offering a creative outlet for campus members, there are a few new things to be added to the usual contributions of artwork, poetry, and prose.

Editors of *The Manuscript* have decided to update delivery methods by releasing a CD-ROM version this year as well as the conventional print version that has been its tradition.

"There are already flyers around campus

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-Becky Goodman
Manuscript Staff Member

asking for original music," said Becky Goodman, sophomore English major, and second year *Manuscript* staff member.

The addition of original music creates one more facet to the magazine and brings new challenges to existing staff.

"I love it. It's a lot like a class. The way we think critically about all the different pieces, and decide if it's something we want to publish," said Monica Cardenas, senior English major, and *Manuscript* staff member.

There is yet another new idea coming to fruition in the world of *The Manuscript* this year. For the first time in its history there will be more than one magazine released within the confines of a single year. Rather than just having one version come out in the spring, there will be a magazine coming out to end both the fall and spring semesters.

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especially students," said Goodman.

The literary merits of the publication are quite high as well. There are a wide variety of people that work together, trying to create something great, and it seems they all contribute in different ways to come up with something they all can be proud of.

"I look for meaning, word choice, and form. Everyone in the group looks for something different. There are so many different personalities, it really makes for a diverse selection," said Cardenas.

The Manuscript is still accepting entries, so anyone looking to get some original work published, the spring edition hasn't even entered the editing stages yet.

"We always get a lot of great stuff," said Goodman. "It's hard to believe sometimes that the people sending this stuff in are the same age as I am. They're so good. I feel like I'm helping out the campus, getting this wonderful stuff out there for all to read."

Local Church Choir Seeks Student Director

BY KEVIN FITZSIMMONS
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"Don't call us. We'll call you," is the attitude many college students face when searching for that pre-professional experience that may garner them a second glance from future employers. It's tough to find opportunities with organizations willing to take a chance on a previously untested college-aged student. However, for one local group, a college student is just what they are looking for.

The Plains Community Church Choir is one group that has recently sought volunteers to direct with little luck. Composed of members from various churches in the Plains and Wilkes-Barre community, the choir is in search of a volunteer, possibly a music major, to help direct the choral group comprised of approximately 30 members.

Assembled in the spring of 2002, the Plains Community Church Choir has been singing its way to steadily growing numbers, and now seeks a committed individual to offer guidance to the group. Plains United Presbyterian members, Nancy Baker and Elaine Perta founded it.

Working together to get the idea off the ground was no easy task. The group relied on numerous fundraisers, such as selling t-shirts, to help them achieve their goal. The group is composed strictly of dedicated volunteers, from the singers to the piano player, and therefore, the director position will also be unpaid.

The pre-professional opportunity for a Wilkes student offers potential for a lot of non-monetary rewards, however. Gail Minichiello, Coordinator of Community Service at Wilkes University said, "Students [who volunteer] will be productive, feel good about what they do, and make a difference."

It would also be significantly appreciated. Choir member Ann Hewitt said that since the beginning, there seemed to have been a constant hunt for a director to help the singers

ways do it. So we have kind of been fishing around to find someone that is not singing to say, 'Wait, let's try that one again,' Hewitt said.

The individual who takes on the role will find a comfortable environment to work on communication and leadership skills, offer guidance, and take part in an unparalleled learning experience. Hewitt adds that the individual will have to be dedicated and meet with the group once a week for re-

having a break, so it's hard for students to get involved." Gaughenbaugh also noted that with the holidays approaching, "Some churches look for volunteers to help out with readings, music, and guest speakers."

But through volunteerism students also have chance to put their talents to use, gain good experience, and possibly even make a new friend. "It's a great way to meet people in the community," said Gaughenbaugh. It also encourages students to get more involved in the Wilkes-Barre area while they attend college.

Though area churches and groups like the one in Plains have specific needs, there may well be volunteerism opportunities in different, though related, community organizations. "A lot of organizations have roots in religion, with the belief in helping others, but don't push any religion," Minichiello said.

The choir group in Plains has participated in six engagements since August, most of which occurred on the weekend. Although Hewitt seeks a dedicated individual, she also said anyone of any religion, or no religion, is welcome.

"I definitely think it is a good way for college students to get experience in their field. It will be very beneficial," said Hewitt.

Any interested individuals should contact Elaine Perta at (570) 823-4622 or secondary contact Ann Hewitt at (570) 825-3760 and leave a message with all contact information.



Courtesy of Ann Hewitt

The Plains Community Church Choir performed recently at a local Lion's Club event. The Choir is currently seeking a volunteer director.

improve.

"We never really had a formal director since this was started. A minister, Pastor Barb Roberts from Plains United Methodist Church, used to direct us, but she has so many responsibilities because of her congregation and the community that she can't al-

hearsal and attend all the concert events.

Churches located throughout the community have been undergoing similar constraints due to lack of volunteerism. Kevin Gaughenbaugh, Campus Interfaith Coordinator at Wilkes said, "Sometimes what they [church groups] do falls when we are

CAHSS Dean Initiates Faculty Recognition Project

BY ELVIRAILLIANO
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Most who know of Wilkes University, know it to be an institute of higher education offering a wide range of majors to a varied student body. But some campus leaders hope to deepen this definition to include recognition of another essential component of the campus: the faculty.

Dr. Darin Fields, Dean of College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, has a new project on the table that he is calling the Faculty Recognition Initiative, which is designed to acknowledge and celebrate faculty scholarship among other things. "Since becoming Dean of the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences in June, I have been talking informally with all of the faculty in the college. A consistent refrain in those conversations was that many of our faculty accomplishments are not fully recognized. I started to formulate ways we might work to correct that problem. Concurrently, Anne Lin, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Council, and Dr. Loeschke, Provost, were also looking for

ways to better recognize all faculty accomplishments," said Fields.

The Faculty Recognition Initiative works to recognize faculty members part of the Wilkes community who have been successful inside and outside the classroom walls. "We need to let ourselves and the world know how much our faculty does in these areas of professional life," added Fields.

Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Wilkes University Provost, expanded upon the goals of the initiative. "Publishing a book is a major accomplishment and should be recognized by peers and students. Meaningful scholarship comes in other forms as well.... The Deans and I are committed to assuring a supportive environment in which outstanding work can be recognized. This should help contribute to the health of the campus community for everyone."

In collaboration with other higher education institutes, Wilkes University officials are working to create a unique publication to be placed on the Wilkes University website sometime during the Spring semester, 2003. "We are gathering information to create fac-

ulty publication and scholarship pages on the Wilkes website so that people can learn about our faculty expertise and achievements. One aspect of that will be a page that highlights all faculty who have published books with information about the books and the faculty author. Eventually we would like to have full listings of research and scholarship for all faculty, but that will take a bit longer," said Fields.

Although this may seem like a giant step for the University, officials are definitely not ready to stop. "I have planned to host a reception for each faculty member in my college who publishes a book.... In February the Deans and the Provost will host a campus-wide celebration for all Wilkes faculty who have published books in the last ten years. That is going to be a really wonderful celebration of our people," said Fields.

He also added that the Wilkes University Library and *Wilkes Today* will help to recognize university faculty.

Dr. John Hepp, Wilkes University Assistant Professor of History, was the first to be recognized under the new initiative for his

book, *The Middle Class City: Transforming Space and Time in Philadelphia, 1876-1926*. "I feel greatly honored [to have been recognized]. This initiative is long overdue because I feel that there are other people who should have been recognized before me," said Hepp.

Loeschke was enthusiastic, as many are at this point, about this initiative for several reasons. "I think that recognizing outstanding faculty scholarly and creative work is extremely important and a major component of a healthy campus environment. It is remarkable that so many of our faculty publish books, produce plays and present scholarship at national conferences in light of the fact that they have heavy teaching and advising loads and spend a great amount of time in student mentorship," said Loeschke.

Fields encouraged students, staff and faculty alike to keep their eyes open and attend the faculty recognition events. "I assure you that you will be very impressed at the quality and quantity of work our faculty do."

From the Cutting Room:

Freddy vs. Jason

BY ALISON SHERRY
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Hell is raised on earth when the winner kills all in *Freddy vs. Jason*, an all-out gruesome horror flick that will leave you thinking that it's a movie that was purely made for money purposes. We have seen

the terror back in the original movie. Jason obediently listens to his mother, and goes to Elm St. and begins to kill again. Gore, blood, and bodies pile up quickly and Freddy will soon be able to claim his rightful place slaying the young children. However, once Jason starts killing, he cannot stop! Freddy realizes he must start murdering the teenagers to stay alive, and also he must get Jason out of the picture to feed his own obsession.

What follows is basically a long, drawn-out war of two people already dead, trying to kill each other. Sound impossible? You'd have to see it to believe it! Also starring in the movie are Monica Keena (Abby from *Dawson's Creek*), Kelly Rowland (from *Destiny's Child*), Jason Ritter

(John Ritter's son), Chris Marquette, and Katharine Isabelle.

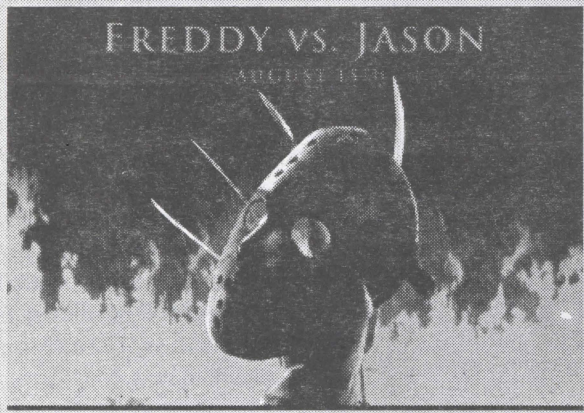
If you are a die-hard fan of the Freddy Krueger movies and *Jason Goes to Hell* then you will probably enjoy all the throat slashings and decapitations in *Freddy vs. Jason*. However, if teens being naked, high, drunk, and partying in corn fields do not float your boat, then you are better off saving yourself the money. *Freddy vs. Jason* is an ill-conceived attempt to relive the past and bring in box office money. Otherwise, these two should just die for good and simply get it over and done with.

This movie is rated R and receives 1 flying W.

Freddy Krueger roam Elm St. about seven times, and we all know why Jason went to hell. So the question remains...can't these two just die and go away already?

Everyone knows the stories, even those who could care less about these "people." Freddy (Robert Englund) Krueger is in hell for good, or so we think. But he is ready yet again for another killing-spree. And the former children of Elm Street are now teenagers who have totally forgotten about their nightmares. A new generation is now alive and well. Jason (Ken Kirzinger) is still roaming the earth killing people who have a need to swim at Camp Crystal Lake where he drowned.

Freddy comes to Jason as his long-deceased mother (Paula Shaw), who started



This Week in History...

The week of November 10 through 16 in retrospect:

10th--CBS News anchor Dan Rather claimed he had been kidnapped in a cab. It turned out that Rather had refused to pay the cab fare, (1980)

11th--Actor Leonardo DiCaprio was born (1974)

12th--Walt Disney released *Fantasia*, (1940)

13th--The Holland Tunnel opened to the public, providing access between New York City and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River, (1927)

14th--In Chicago, IL, on KYW Radio, the first opera by a professional company was broadcast, (1921)

15th--The National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) debuted with a radio network of 24 stations. The first network radio broadcast was a four-hour "spectacular," (1926)

16th--In the "Peanuts" comic strip, Lucy first held a football for Charlie Brown, (1952)

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CD Review: Ashanti Chapter II

BY MELISSA JURGENSEN
Beacon A&E Editor

As the CD starts to spin the listener immediately realizes that Ashanti a.k.a. the "Princess of Hip Hop" has officially done her thing. Her second album titled *Ashanti Chapter II*, finally gives Ashanti her own signature sound. Although she made her name with

reaches notes and sings songs in ways we haven't heard before. I was shocked by the song "Break up 2 Make Up," a cool, slow groove that has the singer belting it out.

The single entitled "Rock Wit U (Ahhh Baby)" is a cool, driving-home-after-the-beach, cruising-down-the-highway melody that kicked off the summer songs for 2003. Tracks from the album are largely mellow and groovy, something to which anyone can catch a boogie. Yet most are also combined with catchy hooks, and soft-funky beats have a very sensual quality.

Ashanti's youth shows through her treatment of the usual R&B-girl subject matter including love standing strong, love gone bad, and the search for love of self. Songs like "Foolish," "Happy," and "Baby" are as simple and agreeable as their one-word titles suggest, while "Call," "Movies," and "Over" take a slightly more earthy approach.

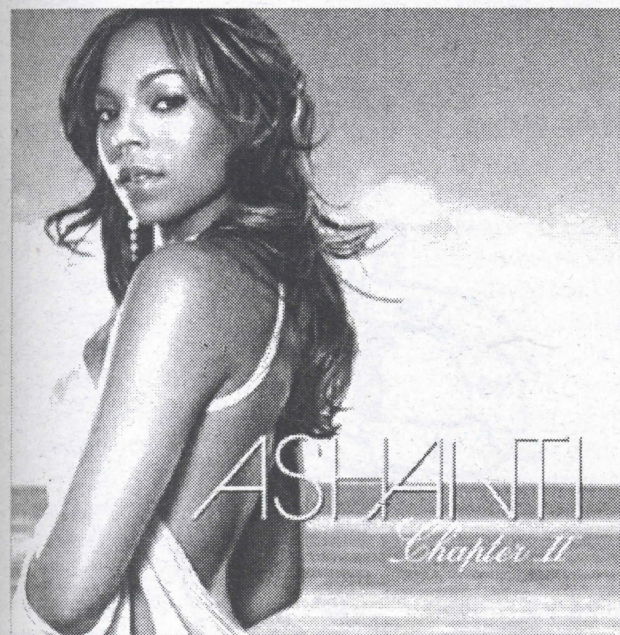
A few old school tracks are used to capture the feel of the song titles, but for the most part her baselines,

hooks, and overall composition of the album is perfect for a sunny day or a crisp night.

She has worked with some of the biggest names in pop: Ja Rule, Big Pun, J-Lo, Fat Joe... Now, she is the first R&B signing of the Infamous Murder Inc. record label. Ja Rule has helped position her for multi-platinum success.

Ashanti adheres to the simple formula that worked so successfully on her debut, combining fluid, mid-tempo grooves with infectious vocal hooks.

Thanks to Ashanti this album brings the summer time mood back. As a matter of fact, I wouldn't hesitate to call this one of the best female R&B albums of the year.



radio-ready duets featuring Ja Rule and Fat Joe, *Chapter II* goes light on the rap, opting for only a handful of cameos by co-producer Chink Santana.

These days, R&B singers are a dime a dozen, but Ashanti is a step ahead of the pack. Youthful appeal and a pleasant, dreamy voice complement the 21-year-old singer and songwriter's ability to create her own radio-friendly verses. In 2003, Ashanti received five Grammy nominations, and received the Grammy for Best Contemporary R&B Album.

This CD is more of a showcase for what she can do vocally. Apparently, she held back on her first CD to showcase the hip hop beats that provided the soundtrack to last summer. For anyone who thought Ashanti could not sing, they should listen to this CD. She

File Swappers Mourn the Day the Music Died

BY KRISTIN DERLUNAS
Beacon Correspondent

Though Don McLean's famous song about "the day that music died" paid homage to the late, great Buddy Holly, many users such as punkgurr!@kazaa.com or soccerdude@kazaa.com found that the day music died happened for them when the RIAA pulled the plug.

In June of 2003, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) issued 261 subpoenas to file swappers using peer-to-peer programs like Kazaa or Morpheus.

According to a September 18 article in the *New York Times*, this wasn't the first time the recording industry took legal actions against such programs. In 1999, the file sharing program, Napster, was ordered to shut down.

The difference between the current programs, and the one Napster was running is that the newer programs do not use a central server. Instead, the peer-to-peer programs use a network that allows users to share information between computers; thus, it is difficult to say whose computer is behind the file swapping.

Programs such as Kazaa also encrypt their files. This means, according to Matthew J. Zukoski, a Visiting Assistant Professor of Computer Science, "Encryption is used when data is converted into a form such that it cannot be recognized by anyone (other than the party it was intended for)."

It is for this very reason that the RIAA decided to take legal action against the indi-

vidual user. The RIAA's claim is that the users who shared files did so illegally because it is the choice of the artist to produce or distribute their work.

Geraldine L. Ojeil, a sophomore international studies major who downloaded music in the past two years said, "It's not fair. They should sue Kazaa for providing the illegal products. It can be compared to drug dealing. They could stop the illegal activity with more force by getting to the source--the drug dealer. The same should be done with downloading music--get to the source."

Zukoski said, "The big problem with Kazaa on the Wilkes campus is that it places a huge burden on the campus network because of the huge traffic generated by students downloading MP3 sound files and MPEG movie files. A typical MP3 song takes up to four megabytes of storage. A typical two hour movie can easily take over two gigabytes of storage!" These programs then can slow down the Internet superhighway.

Slowly, students are turning away from peer-to-peer sharing programs. Students, who still want to download music, can do so for a price. There are programs such as Apple's iTunes, which allows users to download a song for 99 cents. A new version of Napster was also released on October 29. Users can purchase a song for 99 cents, or the entire CD for \$9.95.

Ojeil said, "If I couldn't download songs for free anymore, I would consider paying for them."

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PERFORMING ARTS AT WILKES UNIVERSITY

BY BRIDGET GIUNTA
Beacon Staff Writer

Wednesday, November 12, 2003 performing hour will be held at 1 PM in Geis Hall.

On November 14-16 and 21-23 the Wilkes University Theatre Program will present performances of the musical *She Loves Me*. Friday November 14, at 8 p.m., Saturday November 15, at 8 p.m., and Sunday November 16, at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 for general admission, \$5 for senior citizens and students, and free for Wilkes students with ID. For more information or ticket reservations, please call the box office at (570) 408-4540.

Today's Recipe: Decked Out Pancakes

Incredible and delicious! Take everyday, anyday pancakes and turn them into a breakfast or brunch to "wow" your room-mates!

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Cook Time: 10 minutes per batch
Total Time: 20 minutes

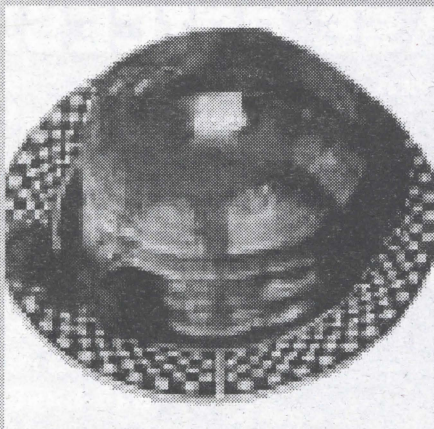
Ingredients:

1 1/2 c. maple syrup
2 tbs. butter
2 c. all-purpose baking mix
1 c. club soda
2 eggs
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 large banana, peeled and chopped

Directions:

1. In a small saucepan, combine the syrup, butter, and 1/4 cup walnuts over low heat; mix well and simmer until warmed through and the pancakes are ready.
2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the baking mix, club soda, and eggs; whisk until smooth. Stir in the vanilla and banana.
3. Pour 1/4-cupfuls onto a hot, greased griddle or skillet and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, until the edges are dry and the pancakes start to bubble. Turn and cook for 2 to 3 more minutes, or until golden.
4. Serve topped with the warm sauce.

Note: To really deck out these pancakes, top them with banana slices, blueberries, and raspberries before drizzling with the sauce.



Dorm Room Dining

Every week you will find a new recipe that is simple enough to make in your dorm room yet scrumptious enough to satisfy any tastebud. So get out your pots and pans and start cooking!

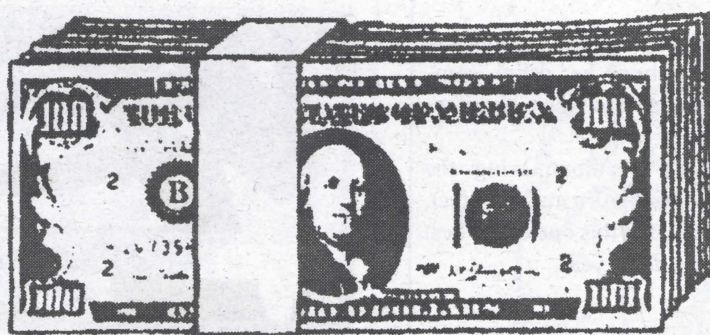
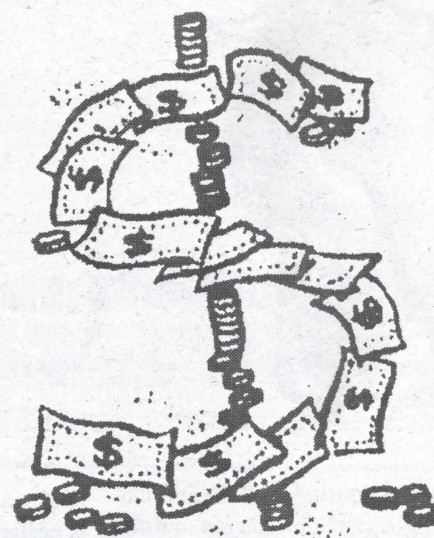
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Monday Night Match-up

BY STEVE KEMBLE & WILL MIDGETT
Beacon Sports Editor & Asst. Sports Editor



Philadelphia Eagles vs. Green Bay Packers

Will:

I am coming into this week's game with a 5-1 record, and I am excited because my boys, the Philadelphia Eagles, are playing tonight. The Birds are going to be playing up at the frozen tundra of Lambeau field when they face the Green Bay Packers tonight.

Most critics are going to say that Philly won't have a chance because of several reasons. First of all there's this whole thing about McNabb being in a funk and not performing well. Are you serious? The guy just had a great game against Atlanta in which he went 21-33 for 312 yards and a touchdown pass, averaging 9.45 yards per game. I admit that I was worried about him for the first couple weeks of the season, but he has started to come around again.

Secondly, there are these people who say that Philly doesn't have any decent receivers. Again this is false. Rookie tight end L.J. Smith had a breakout game last week, catching 6 balls for 97 yards. Also, it looks as though second year receiver Freddie

Mitchell is finally coming out of his shell and has made some great plays so far this season.

Third, the Eagles have to play at Lambeau Field and it will be cold. They say that Brett Favre thrives on the cold, but so do the Eagles. The Eagles have always played better when the temperature is below 40 degrees. Philly is also a good road team, being 3-1 away from home so far this season.

Philadelphia lost running back Brian Westbrook two weeks ago, but still have Duce Staley and Correll Buckhalter. Buckhalter had his biggest game of the season last week, rushing for 92 yards on 23 carries.

My instincts tell me that the Eagles will win tonight, but it will be a hard fought game. The game will be close, but Philly will win 24-21.

Steve:

Tonight the Philadelphia Eagles will soar into Lambeau Field to take on the Green Bay Packers and will not be able to fly away with a win.

Green Bay is coming off a huge win against conference rival Minnesota. It was a game in which everybody on the Packers side of the ball looked focused and sharp, and I don't see them letting down in this game.

The game features two great quarterbacks in Brett Favre, who has the second highest quarterback rating in NFC, and Donovan McNabb. However, the final outcome will not be determined solely on their shoulders. The Packers will come away with the win, because they have the more complete team. They have a stronger running back in Ahman Green and a go-to receiver in Donald Driver.

The Eagles lack too many consistent ingredients. They don't have a go-to receiver; I don't want to hear anybody ever say that James Thrash is a go-to guy. It also seems like Philly is still unsure whom to feature in the backfield as both Correll Buckhalter and Duce Staley share time.

And one final note on the Eagles is that their defense is still fairly banged up with safety Brian Dawkins listed as out of the game and corner back Bobby Taylor listed as doubtful.

Packers win 27-17.

Lady Colonels Defeated In Playoffs

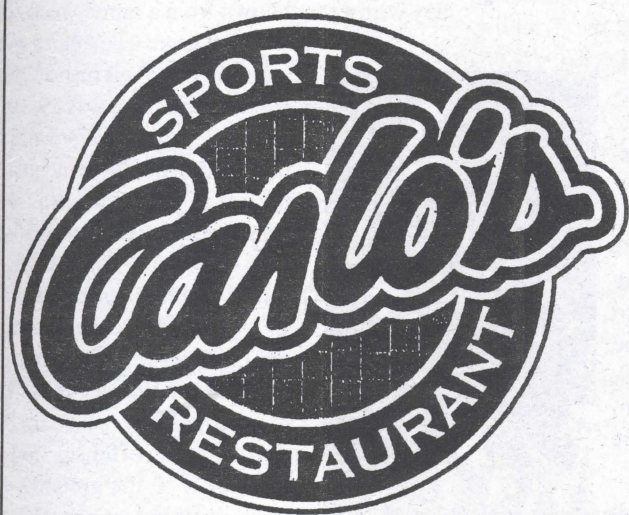
COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

The University of Scranton scored twice in the second half to post a 2-0 win over Wilkes University in a Freedom Conference semi-final match on Tuesday night. The victory improves the Lady Royals, who are ranked sixth in Division III, to 19-0-1 overall, while Wilkes sees its record slip to 9-9-2.

The two teams battled on even terms throughout the first half and headed into halftime knotted at 0-0. Scranton would put the first goal on the board at the 50:52 mark of the second stanza when Sara Suchoski scored on a direct kick to give the Lady Royals a 1-0 lead.

Scranton would gain some breathing room with only 5:26 remaining in the contest when they netted their second tally. This time Wilkes was called for a foul in the box and Scranton was awarded a penalty kick. Meghan Calpin was able to find the back of the net with the shot and Scranton had a 2-0 lead.

The Lady Royals held a 27-2 shots on goal advantage and an 8-1 edge in penalty corners. Scranton goalkeeper Kim McCormick had one save in net, while Wilkes goalkeeper Katie Greene ended the night with ten saves.



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Porrino Rises to the Call, Leads Colonels' End-run

BY KYLA CAMPBELL
Beacon Staff Writer

Just one play away.

Coaches instill that message into their second string players to constantly remind them that they could be called upon at any moment.

For sophomore backup quarterback Duran Porrino, those words unexpectedly rang true in the middle of the football team's home contest against Widener. Starting junior quarterback Matt Kaskie suffered a knee injury, sending him out of the game. In came Porrino.

"Obviously, when he first got thrown in there against Widener, it was unexpected," said head coach Frank Sheptock. "But, then he played really well and made some key throws in the fourth quarter." And Wilkes defeated Widener 16-14 in the homecoming game.

At that point, Porrino didn't realize that he would be starting the Colonels' next five contests. "When I went into the game, I thought I might be in for a couple series or maybe the rest of the game," said Porrino. "I didn't know the extent of Matt's injury until coach called me into his office the following week."

It was in that meeting that Sheptock informed Porrino that he would be making his first collegiate start against Moravian. "I was really excited about the opportunity," said Porrino.

"He's made the most of this opportunity," commented Sheptock. "There's no doubt about that."

Although Porrino played well against the Greyhounds in his first start, completing 15 of 23 pass attempts for 132 yards and no interceptions, Moravian was able to capitalize on Wilkes miscues to come away with a 22-20 win.

But, since week five ended, the Colonels have been riding a four-game winning streak behind an offense that is averaging 294 rushing yards and 130 passing yards per game.

The Colonels handled Susquehanna with a convincing 59-20 win, a game in which Porrino completed sixty percent of his passes for 100 yards and a score.

The following week, Wilkes traveled to Juniata College, romping the Eagles 44-7. Porrino completed 16 of 25 passes for a career-best 213 yards to balance the Colonels' offensive attack.

In week eight, Wilkes traveled to Lebanon Valley, recording a 49-7 blowout of the Flying Dutchmen. Porrino completed 12 of 17 pass attempts for a seventy percent completion rating

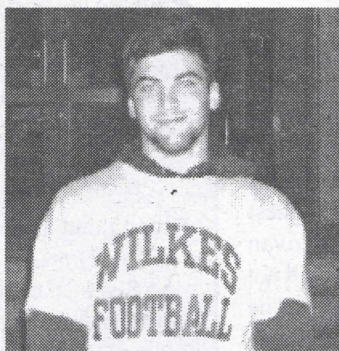
and 137 yards.

This past Saturday, the Colonels hosted the MAC's number one rated team, Delaware Valley College, and defeated the Aggies 36-19. Porrino proved himself yet again, completing 11 of 18 tosses for 116 yards and a touchdown.

In the Colonels' first four games, they focused more on their running game, as Kaskie could run the option and pitch the ball. "Kaskie is a better runner than I am," said Porrino. Perhaps that is why the Colonels have allowed Porrino to use his passing skills and help provide a balanced offensive attack.

"Since he took over as a starter against Moravian, he's taken over the offense and has become a leader in the huddle," said Sheptock. "He's studious and doing what we expect of him. He's a very efficient thrower, with almost a 65% completion rate."

"He has a tremendous amount of poise and football intelligence, intangible things adding to his ability," concluded Sheptock. "We are very, very pleased with his performance."



Duran Porrino, Wilkes Football Quarterback

A View From The Sidelines

BY STEVE KEMBLE
Beacon Sports Editor

There needs to be something done about all of the blown calls by referees in college football that can clearly determine the outcome of the event. Is it just me, or does it seem like everyone keeps ignoring this issue?

After watching college football the past couple of years, blown calls by referees just seem to be getting more and more frequent, and one team in particular is definitely getting the short end of the stick. That team is the Penn State Nittany Lions.

Here are three big division games over their past two seasons in which the referees definitely blew the shot for the Lions to come away with a win or at least tie the game:

The first controversial game over the past two years occurred on September 29, 2002 when Penn State took its undefeated record to Iowa. The Lions were driving in overtime when a pass that appeared to be complete along the sidelines was called incomplete by a referee, ending any chance the Lions had to extend the game.

The replay confirmed that it was a completed pass, but there couldn't be anything done about it, and Iowa came away with a 42-35 win in overtime.

The second controversial game occurred on October 12, 2002 when the Lions took on the Michigan Wolverines. This time it was the Lions driving down the field trying to get

within field goal range to tie up the score, when another incomplete pass ruling kept them from an attempt at a field goal.

Once again the replay revealed that the pass was complete. Penn State lost 27-24 in another overtime game.

And the final controversial game occurred just two weeks ago when Penn State, looking for its first conference win of the season, took on Ohio State, ranked sixth in the nation at the time. The Lions clearly dominated the game and were defending their lead into the final minutes of regulation when an Ohio State pass for a first down bounced off the ground and up into the hands of the intended receiver.

Incomplete, right? Wrong! The referee who made the call clearly did not see what really happened, and that play extended the Buckeyes drive, which resulted in a game-winning touchdown 21-20.

This issue goes way beyond just the Penn State football program; all teams in college football are affected by blown calls that determine the outcome of a game at some point or another. The Lions are simply a good team to use as an example.

There is no question about it. NCAA football needs to have a way that instant replay can be used as a back up to check questionable calls that have a direct affect on the outcome of the game.

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the kick was no good.

On the next possession, Wilkes drove the ball 76 yards in 13 plays before again reaching pay dirt. Trichilo ran for 31 more yards plus a 3-yard touchdown run. A facemask penalty against Del Val set up the Trichilo touchdown on 2nd and goal. The extra point attempt was successful and the score was 26-7.

Sophomore Will Wilson intercepted a Knoblauch pass early in the fourth quarter to thwart a 24-yard drive. This was Wilson's third interception of the season and it put Wilkes in position to kick a field goal. At 9:30 in the 4th quarter, Kyle Devlin's kick was good on 4th and goal from the 6-yard line, advancing the score to 29-7.

The 4th quarter was the most exciting period of the game. Delaware Valley, frustrated and tired, made a valiant attempt at a comeback scoring 12 more points. The last quarter had everything a good football game requires. There were big hits, big plays, and on the field whole lot of chitchat occurred between opposing players.

"There was a lot trash talking," said sophomore linebacker Thaddeus Shockley. "They talked a lot."

After Knoblauch scored on a 16-yard touchdown pass at 7:47 in the 4th, Shockley would take the wind out of the Aggies' sails. The score was then 29-13 and Porrino had just thrown an interception on 3rd and ten.

On 3rd and fourth, Knoblauch threw a pass that Shockley intercepted at the Wilkes 47-yard line. Shockley was all over the Knoblauch pass, and picked the ball out of the air with a tremendous one-handed catch.

Delaware Valley scored its last points of the day with a touchdown from a fumble recovery at 4:41 left to go. The Aggies went for 2 points but their rush attempt failed and the score was 29-19.

Trichilo scored his 3rd and final touchdown of the day on a 9-yard run at 1:06 in the 4th. The final score of the game was 36-19 with a successful extra point from Devlin. Trichilo rushed for a career high 41 times and Porrino went 11-18 for 116 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. The Colonels' offense racked up 380 yards of total offense, 264 of those yards on the ground.

Junior Jon Jamison led the Colonel defense with 8 total tackles on the day. The defense earned two interceptions and recovered three fumbles as well. Defensive ends Nick Rollman and Jared Meckler, as well as freshman

linebacker Jason Mitkowski all contributed a sack as well.

This win advances Wilkes to a 7-2 overall record, and drops Delaware Valley to 7-2, and out of a definitive first place.

The Colonels will face cross-town rival King's College on Saturday for the final game of the season. King's is 7-2 as well and have the MAC's second leading rusher behind Trichilo.



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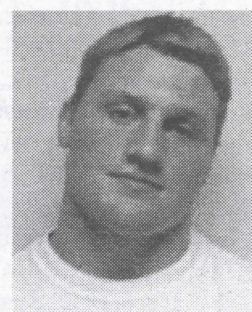
Freedom Conference Standings as of 11/09/03

Football			Men's Soccer*			Women's Volleyball*		
Lycoming	7 1 0	7 1 0	Drew	6-0-1	17-1-2	Lycoming	6-0	24-11
King's	6 2 0	7 2 0	Lycoming	4-3-0	15-5-0	FDU-Florham	4-2	28-9
Wilkes	6 2 0	7 2 0	DeSales	4-3-0	12-8-0	Scranton	4-2	21-13
Delaware Valley	6 2 0	7 2 0	FDU-Florham	3-4-0	9-9-0	King's	4-2	19-11
Albright	5 3 0	6 3 0	King's	3-4-0	10-9-0	DeSales	2-4	15-14
Susquehanna	4 4 0	4 5 0	Scranton	3-4-0	4-12-3	Wilkes	1-5	10-16
Widener	4 4 0	5 4 0	Wilkes	2-4-1	6-12-1	Delaware Valley	0-6	1-12
Moravian	3 6 0	3 6 0	Delaware Valley	2-5-0	7-11-2			
Juniata	2 6 0	2 7 0						
Lebanon Valley	1 7 0	1 8 0						
FDU-Florham	0 8 0	1 8 0						
Field Hockey*			Women's Soccer*					
Manhattanville	6-0-0	11-8-0	Scranton	7-0-0	20-0-1			
Drew	5-1-0	13-7-0	Drew	6-1-0	12-5-3			
Delaware Valley	4-2-0	8-12-0	FDU-Florham	5-2-0	10-6-2			
King's	2-4-0	10-11-0	Wilkes	4-3-0	9-9-2			
FDU-Florham	2-4-0	9-10-0	Delaware Valley	3-4-0	6-8-2			
Wilkes	1-5-0	7-11-0	Lycoming	2-5-0	7-8-1			
Scranton	1-5-0	6-12-0	DeSales	1-6-0	3-14-2			
			King's	0-7-0	2-17-0			

* denotes Final Standings

Athlete of the Week

Brett Trichilo Football



Brett Trichilo rushed 41 times for 207 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Colonels to victory over Delaware Valley on Saturday afternoon at Ralston Field.

Trichilo established a new MAC

single-season rushing mark with 1,818 yards this season after rushing for over 200 yards four weeks in a row. Trichilo also tied the MAC record for touchdowns in a season with 23.

Weekly Recap

Numbers Of the Week

- 2 Number of forced turnovers by the Colonel's Thaddeus Shockley during Saturday's Football Game
- 4 Number of wins combined by Mike Ferrara and Joe Diliberto during Saturday's Wrestling tri-match at Johns Hopkins University
- 11 Number of Wilkes University athletes named to first and second teams all conference
- 25 Shots on goal advantage University of Scranton had over Wilkes at the end of the women's soccer game Tuesday

Football
(11/8) Wilkes 36 Delaware Valley 19

Women's Soccer
(11/4) Freedom Semi-Final Match
Scranton 2 Wilkes 0

Wrestling
Wilkes 24 Johns Hopkins 18
York 21 Wilkes 15

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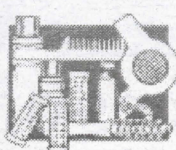
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Wilkes Shuts Down Top-ranked Delaware Valley

BY WILL MIDGETT

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Wilkes University Junior Brett Trichilo set a new MAC single-season rushing record on the way to a 36-19 Colonels victory over top ranked Delaware Valley College on Saturday.

The Delaware Valley Aggies came into Ralston Field on Saturday with a 7-1 record and a first place spot in the MAC. Wilkes and Del Val have the two highest scoring offenses in the conference, but Del Val's defense couldn't stop Trichilo and the Wilkes ground game.

The first half of Saturday's game was a tense struggle as both teams tried to feel each other out. The first score of the game came at 12:08 in the first quarter. On first and ten from the 42-yard line, Del Val running back Taylor Ramos took the handoff and was met at the line of scrimmage by sophomore Thaddeus Shockley. Shockley forced a fumble that was picked up by defensive tackle Julian Morales who then returned it 42 yards for his third defensive touchdown of the year. The extra point was no good and Wilkes took the lead 6-0.

Delaware Valley would answer back on the very next drive. The drive started on the 8-yard line after a booming kickoff from Kyle

Devlin. With a combination of runs from Steve Cook and passes from quarterback Adam Knoblauch, Del Val marched all the way down the 1-yard line.

The drive started at 11:58 in the first, and at 8:23 Cook bulled his way into the endzone from the 1-yard line. With the extra point good, Del Val was up 7-6 for its only lead of the day.

Wilkes would score next in the second quarter on a touchdown set up by a fumble from Knoblauch. In the very first play of the second quarter Knoblauch fumbled on the 42-yard line and Wilkes' Mike Fox recovered the ball.

After the fumble, Wilkes put together an 8-play, 40-yard drive. The drive consisted mainly of runs from junior Kyle Gallagher and Trichilo, and ended with a 1-yard touchdown run from Trichilo. "I look for the guy who is going to square up on me," says Trichilo. "And I want to embarrass him."

With the extra point good, Wilkes regained the lead 13-7, and the score remained the same for the rest of the half.

Trichilo entered the game with 1,611 total rushing yards, the most rushing yards in Division III. He passed the single-season rushing record on Saturday by rushing for 207 yards and moving his season total up to 1,818

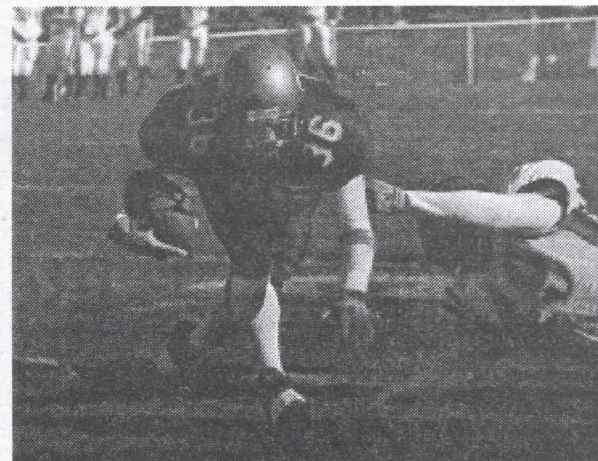
yards. The previous MAC single-season rushing record was 1,744 yards set by King's Damon Saxon in 2000.

"He just looked so quick and so dominating," recalls Trichilo about Saxon. "To be in the same category as him is amazing."

Trichilo also tied the MAC record for touchdowns in a season with 23. He now shares this record with NFL Hall of Famer and Widener Alumnus Billy "White Shoes" Johnson.

The first half ended with both teams fighting desperately to come away with the win, but Wilkes would dominate the second half, scoring 17 points in the 4th quarter. Wilkes scored the only points of the 3rd quarter at the end of a 66-yard drive.

Trichilo rushed five times for 38 yards in this drive and quarterback Duran Porrino completed a key 12-yard pass to freshman Jim Jordan on a 3rd and 7 play. The drive was capped off by a 15-yard touchdown pass from Porrino to Gallagher. Wilkes chose to go for the 2-point conversion because of the missed extra point earlier in the game, but the attempt

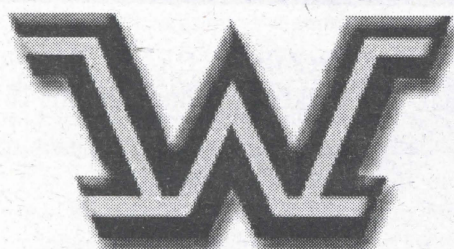


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Jim Jordan, freshman wide receiver, attempts to stay on his feet.

failed. The score put Wilkes further ahead 19-7.

On Delaware Valley's next possession the Aggies took the ball 89 yards in 11 plays. Knoblauch was able to show off his skills at the quarterback spot while marching his team down to the Wilkes 7-yard line. Del Val was forced to kick a field goal on 4th and goal, but the ball hit the crossbar on the uprights and

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TODAY(11/10)

Wilkes-Barre Public Input Session sponsored by The Diamond City Partnership @ F.M. Kirby Center 7:30 PM

TUESDAY(11/11)

Caricature Artist @ Roth Concourse, Henry Student Center 11 AM-2 PM
Jennifer Daniels Concert @ Rifkin Cafe 11:30 AM
Commuter Council Meeting @ MSC TV Lounge 11:30 AM

WEDNESDAY(11/12)

Student Government Meeting @ Hiscox Student Organization Suite, Henry Student Center 6 PM

THURSDAY(11/13)

MSC Meeting @ Savitz TV Lounge, Henry Student Center 11 AM
Programming Board Meeting @ Hiscox Suite, Henry Student Center 11:30 AM
Old Time Photos @ Henry Student Center 11 AM-2 PM
Dr. Cue Exhibition @ Roth Concourse Pool Tables 11 AM-6 PM
Open Mic Night @ Rifkin Cafe 8 PM

FRIDAY(11/14)

VPA presents "She Loves Me" @ Dorothy Dickson Darte Center 8 PM
University Archive Dedication @ Farley Library 2 PM

SATURDAY(11/15)

Wrestling Tournament @ Kings 11 AM
Football vs. Kings @ Ralston Field 1 PM
VPA presents "She Loves Me" @ Dorothy Dickson Darte Center 8 PM

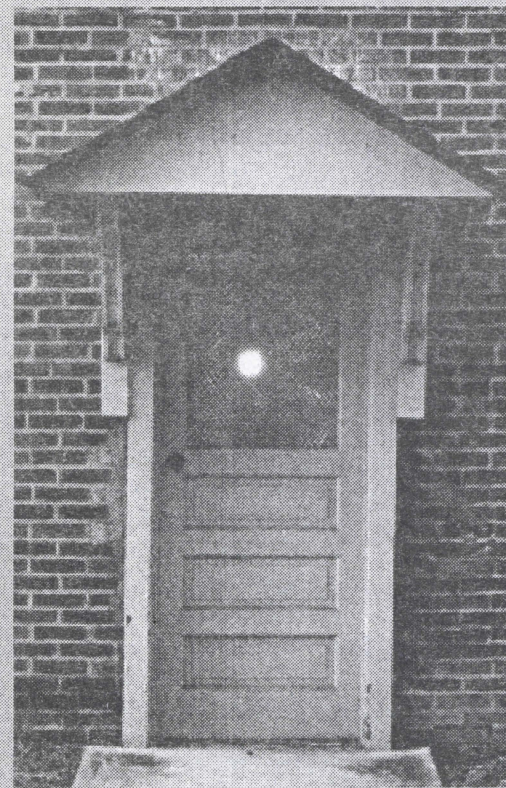
SUNDAY(11/16)

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