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## Riverfront development plans launched *Wilkes-Barre corridor, levee changes to begin later this month*

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Beacon News Editor

Not long ago, the Connecticut River was considered one of the most polluted rivers in the United States. Now it has become home to a million dollar bass fishing tournament.

County Engineer Jim Brozena communicated his hope that the Susquehanna River will have similar success when he addressed a four-step riverfront project to the Downtown Wilkes-Barre Business Association last Friday. The development initiative is the final piece of a \$145,000,000 Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project begun in 1997.

"Since 1972, people have lived in fear of the Susquehanna River, and the river levee project has changed that dramatically. It has brought people back to the water's edge," Brozena said.

Scheduled to begin shortly after Thanks-

giving, the \$22.6 million dollar effort will revive the botanical gardens and bustling river common that has devolved into a neglected, weedy eyesore since the Agnes flood of 1972.

"This community has not done any grand public works in a long, long time," Brozena said. "If we're going to do it, we're going to do it right."

The initial phase will include drilling two 60 x 12 foot high portals into the levees; one located on River Street at Northampton Street and another across from the Irem Temple. The lighting on the portals will oscillate between blue and cyan, giving them the appearance moving water, straight out of the movie *Stargate*.

While those who pass through won't necessarily be transported to another world, the River Street entrance would allow for easy

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The Beacon/NickZmijewski

**The Susquehanna River has been a source of fear since the devastating flood of 1972. After years of neglect, the muddy river was recently named the Most Endangered River in America according to American Rivers magazine. The recently unveiled river front project aims to reclaim the river and restore its rich history.**

## Giuliani makes two stops in as many weeks to area *Republican leader stumped for Santorum, will serve as OLF keynote*

BY MARK CONGDON  
Beacon Correspondent

There's something to be said for the end of the campaign trail—it often brings the shining stars of both major parties to cities the size of Wilkes-Barre to press the flesh with the people. The latest politician with star-power is making two important public appearances in Wilkes-Barre within a little over a week of each other.

Friday, November 3, former Mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani, took the mi-

cophone at a Wilkes-Barre Township fire hall to support the re-election of Republican Senator Rick Santorum before an enthusiastic crowd.

Giuliani will return to the area again this week when he offers the keynote speech at the F.M. Kirby Center on Sunday, November 12 at 8 p.m. for Wilkes University's Outstanding Leaders Forum.

The two events are unrelated except for the fact that Giuliani often draws big, boisterous crowds wherever he goes, and evidence suggests that Wilkes-Barre is no

different. Pundits have speculated whether Giuliani will run for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008.

Over 400 people attended the event on Friday, among them Julie Wetherbee, Wilkes University senior psychology major. She noted she was excited to see Giuliani support Santorum for re-election.

"I am thrilled that Giuliani came to the Wilkes-Barre Township fire hall to support Santorum. They both are great leaders in the Republican party and in the U.S. There was much energy at the fire hall, and I'm

sure there will be just as much when Giuliani comes to the Kirby Center on Sunday," Wetherbee said.

In his address, Giuliani stated that Santorum is not just a politician but a great leader who knows what's best for Pennsylvania and the nation and must be re-elected. And Giuliani did not skirt the major sticking-point in this election for Republicans: support of the war. Instead, he praised Santorum's leadership and vision.

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## Wilkes-Barre considers sex offender ordinance

### *Megan's law to assist with the crackdown*

BY ANDREW SEAMAN  
*Beacon Asst. News Editor*

According to the Pennsylvania Megan's Law website, there are 42 registered sex offenders within the city limits of Wilkes-Barre, and if Wilkes-Barre City Councilman Jim McCarthy has his way, they will have to watch their steps even more than they usually do.

McCarthy served as the champion to the ordinance Wilkes-Barre passed on its first reading during a meeting held on Thursday, October 26.

The ordinance dictates that sex offenders are "not allowed to live within 1,500 feet of places where children congregate." This ordinance follows the lead of many across the country.

One piece of legislation McCarthy said he paid special attention to came out of Seminole, Florida. This particular piece of legislation requires sex offenders to live outside of a 2,500 foot radius of schools, playgrounds and other

recreational areas where children are known to congregate. Other legislation across the country is even more restrictive than that.

But some residents have raised concern that many of the sex offenders will filter into other less restrictive residential areas.

Dr. Ebonie Stringer, a Wilkes University assistant professor of sociology and anthropology said, "It does create a problem of displacement. You do not have crime deterrent. You have crime displacement."

The theory is that such an ordinance may not prevent future offenses, but rather will funnel offenders to the same general area. According to <http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk>, "Seeking to prevent a crime by changing the situation in which it occurs does not actually prevent crime but merely moves it around."

Stringer also noted that offenders are already at a disadvantage, saying, "These are not the type of people who can just get up and go

and move someplace else...The responsible thing to do would be to have some follow through on the behavior of these legislators to make sure that these people have a place to go, that they are not just cast out onto the streets."

But McCarthy said, "It comes down to the safety of our children." The council member also noted that about two years ago, there was an incident in his neighborhood where there was an attempted abduction. "This is not a class of people want," he said.

As for the constitutionality of the ordinance, McCarthy did not seem worried. He said he has researched similar ordinances and surrounding communities have contacted him to help with similar legislation in their municipalities.

The language of the ordinance must still be worked on, and will go through a second and final reading in the coming weeks, with a vote following.



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**With the passing of this a new Wilkes-Barre ordinance, registered sex offenders will not be allowed to live within 1,500 feet of playgrounds, daycares and other places where children congregate.**

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## GIULIANI from FRONT PAGE

"Rick understands what's at stake and he's able to explain it in a way that very few others can...I don't like to assign blame before September 11th, because I'm not sure that people could adequately see the threat, but after September 11th there is no excuse for not adequately seeing the threat. No excuse to turn back to where we were before September 11th...If Rick Santorum isn't elected and his opponent and people like his opponent are elected, they are going to push us to go back on defense against terrorist rather than being on the offense the way we are now," Giuliani said.

Dr. Paul Browne, Dean, Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership, explained the reason for choosing Giuliani to speak at the Outstanding Leaders Forum was the leadership he demonstrated before and after 9/11.

"Mayor Giuliani is known the world over as one of the world's most admired leaders. Elected the 107th Mayor of the City of New York in 1993, after a campaign focusing on quality of life, crime, business and

education, he provided strong and effective leadership for the city and was re-elected by a wide margin in 1997. The leadership he showed during the World Trade Center disaster was an inspiration to the entire country. His integrity, bravery and leadership effectiveness make him a sterling example for the students in the Sidhu School, where we emphasize leadership along with business acumen as traits required for a successful career," Browne said.

Browne added that the Outstanding Leaders Forum's purpose is to raise money for scholarships for undergraduate students in the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business who demonstrate great leadership.

Browne said, "The Outstanding Leaders Forum is a fundraising event for the Outstanding Leadership Scholars Program. Donations to the OLS and ticket sales generate the resources used to cover the costs of staging the event. Net proceeds are used to provide scholarship support to undergraduate students in the Sidhu School who have demonstrated significant leadership potential.

Santorum agreed that Giuliani is an inspiring leader.

## Safety team begins off-campus apartment inspections

BY ALLISON KULIK  
*Beacon Correspondent*

Parents face many challenges when it is time to let their offspring leave the nest.

So when parents send their sons and daughters off to college, they have to trust that their children's safety is being addressed. However, as fires at Seton Hall, Bloomsburg, Chapel Hill and other college communities have illustrated, fire can challenge that sense of security.

Locally, in order to ensure a safe environment without stifling students' sense of independence, city and university officials have put together a team to update and examine off campus students' housing safety regulations.

The team's purpose is to ensure that there are no safety violations by performing random and scheduled inspections of fire detection equipment. Members of the team are looking for congested outlets, functional sprinkler systems, working and appropriately placed smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.

While team members do make some unannounced visits, they mostly only answer calls in which people reported safety violations.

Also, the team can be contacted if a student has a problem regarding safety that they cannot take care of themselves or get the landlord to fix. Landlords are encouraged to rein-

force proper safety regulations. The team is hoping to prompt some of the more negligent landlords to do all they can to cooperate with the University and city to maintain a safe living environment for the students as well as other Wilkes-Barre residents.

Wilkes University Public Safety supports the program and feels it is an improvement to be able to ensure safer living conditions for the students. Gerald Rebo, manager of Wilkes University Public Safety, stated, "This is a positive step for the city in its relationship with the students. Anything, for that matter, which safeguards the residents of Wilkes-Barre, students and non-students, would be considered a positive step."

This program is new to Wilkes students, but it has actually been already implemented at King's College.

Wilkes Off-Campus Council supports the concern and emphasis on appropriate safety regulations. But while OCC representatives understand the whole program is in the best interest of the students, they don't agree with the random inspections. Andrew Steinberg, president of the Wilkes OCC, said, "Nobody wants to see tragedies like the ones at Bloomsburg, but the safety inspections still need to be done in a more professional manner, like by scheduling appointments."

Rebo noted, "Our intentions are not to be nosy. This is only being done in the best interests of the students."



The Beacon/Mark Congdon

**Senator Rick Santorum, left, looks on as former New York City Mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, speaks on his behalf last week at the Wilkes-Barre Township fire hall. Giuliani will return this week to serve as keynote for the Outstanding Leaders Forum.**

"There is one man who I know who understands this enemy, who understands this threat of terrorism, and lived it on a personal scale fighting back from terrorism and has rallied a nation as a result of that and that is former mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani," Santorum declared to the crowd Friday evening.

"[Giuliani] is a great choice for this lecture and I'm really looking forward to see

Giuliani speak and encourage many other students, faculty and others to attend," said Wetherbee.

"We are expecting a sell-out crowd. There has been a great deal of interest already in this event. Ticket sales at the F.M. Kirby center have been brisk...This is not surprising given Mayor Giuliani's reputation and the national and international recognition he has received," said Browne.

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# Barnes and Noble to hold grand opening of college bookstore

## North Main Street to be blocked off for event

BY SARAH DOMAN  
Beacon Staff Writer

On October 17, 2006 the doors opened to the new Barnes and Noble in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Though community members immediately began shopping and enjoying refreshments from the Starbucks Café, the bookstore had not yet clearly defined its college presence.

But all of that will change this week.

On Wednesday, November 8, Barnes and Noble will host its grand opening of the joint college bookstore for King's College and Wilkes University. The event will take place between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. This block party style opening will feature live music by the Five Percent as well as King's College and Wilkes University's chamber singers. The Wilkes University chamber singers will sing at 6 p.m. under the direction of Steven Thomas.

Marianne Ferrantino, senior English and secondary education major and employee of Barnes and Noble, is singing at the event. "I think [the bookstore opening] is one of many great steps towards the realization that

Wilkes-Barre is a college town," she said.

Free food and refreshments will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Because the event will trickle into the street, there will be some traffic changes in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

According to Christine Seitzinger, associate director of marketing and communications, Main Street between Public Square and Northhampton Street will be closed to all traffic.

The joint college bookstore portion of Barnes and Noble, located in the lower level of the building will also be open for the event. "It will give faculty and students a first look at the lower level that was previously unopened," said Seitzinger.

Many campus organizations and teams are on the agenda to help officially open the college bookstore. Seitzinger said, "The cheerleaders from both King's and Wilkes will be there for a spirit rally prior to the Wilkes and King's football game. We hope the Wilkes campus will attend and help us celebrate the opening of the bookstore," said Seitzinger.



The Beacon/Cara Koster

**Workers at the newly opened Barnes & Noble will have their grand opening on Wednesday, November 8. The event will feature live music and refreshments.**

# Kappa Psi named 2006 Outstanding Chapter of the Year

BY KATHY DALTON  
Beacon Correspondent

*The Mask*, Kappa Psi's Pharmaceutical Fraternity national publication, recently named Wilkes University's Kappa Psi Chapter, Delta Omicron, the 2006 Outstanding Chapter of the Year.

Kappa Psi, the largest and oldest pharmaceutical fraternity in the country, dates back to 1879 and currently has 46,000 members in 72 collegiate and 43 graduate chapters in the United States and Canada.

The Outstanding Chapter of the Year award is presented to the top 10 out of 72 collegiate chapters of the fraternity. According to Dr. Adam Welch, Grand Council Deputy of Delta Omicron and assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Wilkes, "In the in-depth application, you had to outline the chapter's community service, grade point average, scholarships, how many members hold leadership roles in other organizations, your involvement in regional and national meetings, and the number of faculty members of your Kappa Psi. The chapters are awarded points for each section."

Delta Omicron had the most points, making it the national winner. Along with this award, the chapters are presented with a cer-

tificate of accomplishment and recognition in *The Mask*.

"It is a great honor to be nationally recognized. It's the first time we were ever number 1. We have been in the top 5 six years in a row and been number 1 in our region, but never number 1," noted Welch.

Lara Judson, P3 pharmacy student at Wilkes, vice regent and pledge master of Delta Omicron, added, "In 2004 we were the second best in the nation. It's been a goal of ours for a while, and we've always just missed it, so to actually have achieved it is very exciting for us."

The newly installed officers at Wilkes who led Delta Omicron to the first rating are regent, Megan Walters; vice regent, Lara Judson; corresponding secretary, Marilyn Hill; recording secretary, Jill Olson; treasurer, Monica Gehret; ritualist, Young Zhang; historian, Laura Hanna; sergeant at arms, Andreas Chandra; immediate past regent, Kim Metka; and Grand Council Deputy, Dr. Adam Welch.

The value of involvement in the national fraternity is important to professional growth, members contend. "It's a way to become closer to your pharmacy classmates, it's a professional organization, and we are very active on campus," noted Judson.



**RIVER**

from FRONT PAGE

access to a 750-seat amphitheatre while its cross-town cousin will lead to a 1.2 acre river landing which will include a fishing pier, boat dock, horse drawn carriage rides, and a cross country skiing outfit.

"If done right, it should have the look and feel of Inner Harbor in Baltimore," Wilkes University President Tim Gilmour said. "The fact of the matter is that it is really, really something."

Also in the works are the restoration of the Courthouse botanical gardens, a Native American museum on the West Side, solar powered emergency call phones on the dike and the conversion of River Street into a "Grand Boulevard" consisting of two lanes of traffic going in each direction separated by a raised median with vibrant cherry blossom trees and shrubbery.

"We don't want people to have to play Frogger while crossing over from the city to the river common," County Commissioner Todd Vonderheid joked.

However, the development of a river landing next to the flood-prone Susquehanna has drawn some concern. This summer, the swollen river came within 18 inches of spilling over the dike in Wilkes-Barre, reminiscent of the Agnes flood which is considered

to be the second largest natural disaster in United States history.

"We're going to get wet," Brozena said when asked about flooding. But rest assured "not only is [the common] being built to withstand floods, it's designed to stand up to the ice that flows down every spring."

Flood gates will also be installed within the portals, sliding out like giant pocket doors when the river level rises above 30 feet.

Still, there is one more thing that the residents look upon with trepidation...the water contamination of a river that has a combined sewer system.

"The water quality is not all that bad," Brozena said. "I think that's a misconception people have. When you put your foot in, you do get it back."

The Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority has allocated \$4 million to begin a comprehensive cleaning effort, though Brozena estimated that it would cost somewhere between \$50 and \$100 million to completely separate the systems.

"The Environmental Protection Agency is certainly not going to let this go on forever, but until then there is no reason that we cannot take advantage of this river as it sits now," Brozena said.

Hopefully, when the courthouse turns 100 years old in 2009, the celebration will be accompanied by the ribbon cutting of the river front project.

"My hope is that it becomes a place where people come and gather, that we actually begin to see the river as a real positive in our community," Gilmour said. "If we put it in about the same time we get the new Sterling Hotel put up, that part of town is going to look so different. It will be just as dramatic as the theatre," he said.

**BUSTED DRINKING MYTH:**

**"Everyone drinks heavily at parties so they can relax and hang out"**

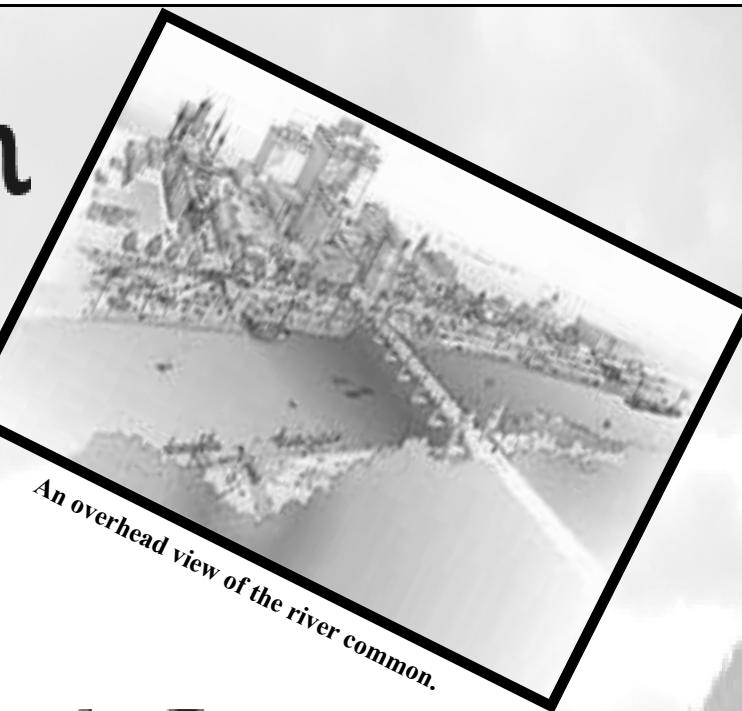
**Reality:**

Though many people use alcohol to help themselves loosen up in social situations, if you'd stop drinking for a sec to take a closer look, you'd realize that most people aren't drinking heavily. There are only a few people who really get trashed at parties, lose control, embarrass themselves, or endanger their lives.

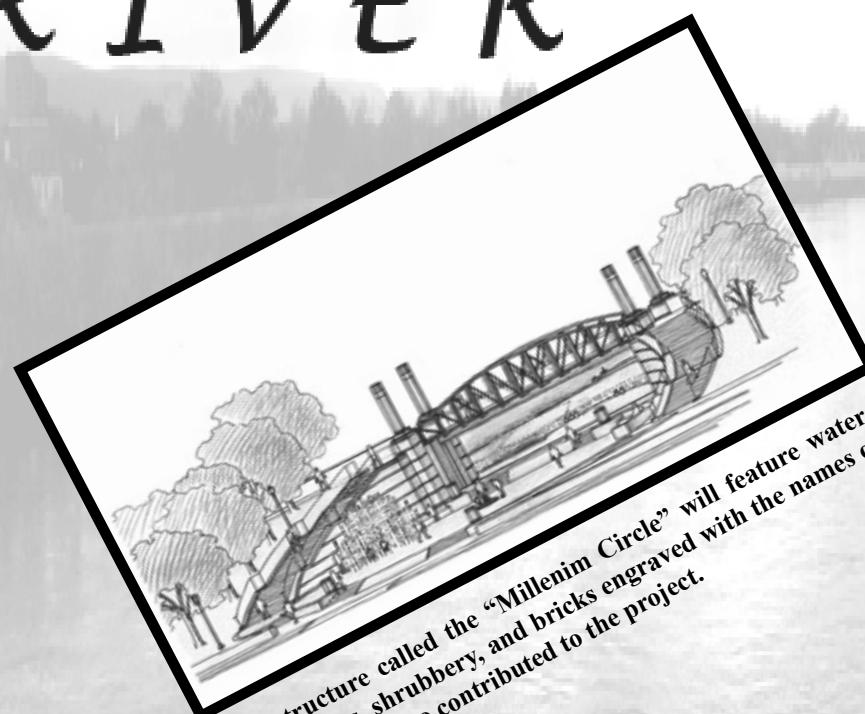


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# Down by the RIVER



*An overhead view of the river common.*



A structure called the "Millenium Circle" will feature water fountains, shrubbery, and bricks engraved with the names of the people who contributed to the project.



The new 1.2 river landing will include a fishing pier, a boat launch, ample lighting, and a 750-seat amphitheatre. Work on the project will begin after Thanksgiving and should be completed in time for the Luzerne County Community courthouse's 100th birthday in 2009.

## Advancement dependent on risk taking and vision

BY THE BEACON  
EDITORIAL BOARD

Wilkes-Barre--and Wilkes University--need to take a cue from Scranton.

Just last week, Governor Ed Rendell, flanked by University of Scranton and city officials, announced the largest economic development grant to come from his office during his tenure as governor. The \$35 million state grant will go to support the University of Scranton's effort to build the area's first medical school, tentatively titled the Medical College of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

We imagine that when the medical school idea was first proposed, there were some naysayers in Scranton. "It'll be too expensive." "It will never compare with Penn, Pitt or even Hershey." "It's in Scranton, for goodness sake."

Skepticism, especially with a bold plan, is natural. People resist real risk-taking because they fear the consequences if something goes askew. It's far easier to maintain status quo because at least we know what that will get us.

But without genuine vision and risk-taking, NEPA has no chance to rise above its perpetual existence of treading water--economically, culturally, and socially.

And that leads us to the Wilkes University/Wilkes-Barre chal-

lenge.

As *The Beacon* has previously reported, Wilkes University is currently considering its options in terms of establishing the area's first law school.

Opinions on the subject are fairly mixed; in fact, Wilkes faculty have been heard to say: "If Wilkes gets a law school, I plan to enroll," "I may even go myself if I don't have to pay," and "The last thing

knowledge. Students will be of a different breed in terms of interests, and many undeclared majors with an interest in law can better find their niche. Faculty will increase with knowledgeable professors who can offer many opinions and insight into different issues. Not to mention, new faculty with law expertise can help with faculty decisions, and possibly help influence administrative decisions

it a success. The pharmacy school is the prime example of a project that has been extremely successful.

We also feel Wilkes-Barre would greatly benefit from the law school. Many local students will stay in the area upon commencement, and therefore add to this area's pool of professionals. Lawyers bring a sense of class and dignity to the area.

There would be drawbacks initially, such as attracting appropriate faculty. Naturally, Wilkes would be challenged to employ the "best of the best" law professionals to teach in the new school. However, this is true for many programs. We are not an Ivy League school, but such status does not come overnight. Projects like this one must run for a while before they blossom into something worthwhile.

Despite the riskiness and potential drawbacks of this plan, the construction and initiation of a law school at Wilkes University would be greatly beneficial to all of the Wilkes community and the surrounding areas of Wilkes.

Such a move will tell the rest of the world that Wilkes-Barre and Wilkes University are not satisfied with treading water. We're interested in swimming to shore.



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we need is one more mediocre law school."

True as it may be that the law school will be small and will pale in comparison to Harvard, Harvard itself started small. There is no reason to not embark on a project simply out of fear of failure. Our region of Northeastern Pennsylvania doesn't have a law school, and we feel it offers great potential to this area.

A law school at Wilkes will help enhance our student body and faculty, by expanding diversity and

to better serve the Wilkes community.

As with any track at Wilkes, our small school atmosphere makes successful mentoring relationships possible, and allows for students to gain information and skills from their professors both inside and out of the classroom. Students will be able to get a better understanding of material in a smaller class, than in a class of 400 students at Harvard.

Wilkes has also proven to be able to develop a school and make

## Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 59 responses.

### **The Beacon asked:**

*What University renovation or addition are you most excited about?*

- Law School -20%
- New science center -19%
- Stark Learning Center becoming a dorm -15%
- Ralston field athletic center -15%
- Einstein Bagels -14%
- Library basement -9%
- Darte center sound system -3%
- Greenway addition -3%
- Other -2%
- One-stop shop -0%

### **Next Week's Poll Question:**

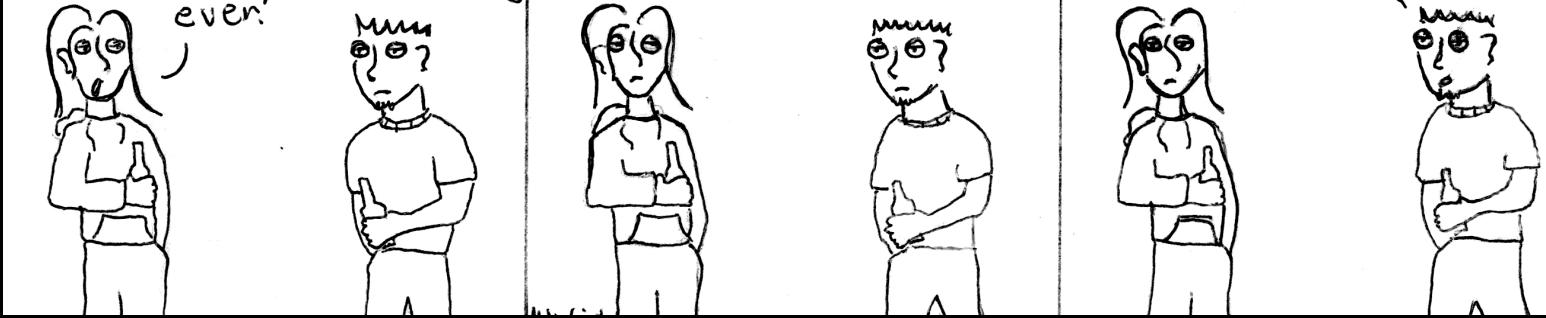
*What is your biggest relationship phobia?*

- Commitment
- Meeting the family
- Sex
- Being cheated on
- Clingy partner
- Losing own identity
- Living together
- The break up
- Diseases/STDs
- Other

## A Sight for Sore Eyes

Aleksander Lapinski

I heard that a Jackson Pollock painting recently sold for \$140 million, making it the most expensive painting ever.



Visit [www.wilkesbeacon.com](http://www.wilkesbeacon.com) to vote. Results will be published in next week's issue of *The Beacon*.

# Democrats better qualified in midterm elections

BY CURRAN DOBSON  
*Beacon Editor-in-Chief*

Being a registered Republican, and having voted the Republican ticket in the 2004 presidential election, you may wonder why I intend to vote the straight Democratic ticket in this year's midterm elections.

The cast of Republican politicians striving for election (or reelection) this year have disgusted me and let me down enough that I have decided against voting for them. What, you may ask, could they have done bad enough to change my opinion of the entire party?

The race for Pennsylvania Representative in the 10th District is a hands-down no brainer for me. Sherwood or Carney? A man willing to risk his family for an extramarital affair or a family man dedicated to his children. The allegations against Don Sherwood would sicken someone with an even stronger stomach than my own when it comes to infidelity, and I just flat out can't stand the idea of this man continuing to represent our district in office. It's Carney for me.

In the race for the United States Senate, neither Rick Santorum nor Bob Casey have had flagrant affairs where they attempted to strangle their mistresses (at least not that we know about). However, Santorum has a 98% voting record with George Bush (thank you, incessant attack ads on *every* commercial in prime-time for the last two weeks). At this stage in Bush's presidency, when Iraq is slowly coming to resemble civil war and his approval rating has plummeted, the last thing the state of Pennsylvania or the country needs is another Bush. A fresh mind and someone who can think for themselves

would do us all some good, and Casey can give our state that. Plus, he's a pro-life Dem, which doesn't come around all that often and is important to me. Casey's got my vote.

The race for governor is just not even worth analyzing. Even Republicans don't support Lynn Swann.

Well, some do, I'm sure, but few people can honestly say that Rendell hasn't done great things for this state. In Wilkes-Barre alone, he's given six-figure sums of money toward revitalization and redevelopment. Philadelphians sing his praises, as do voters in Erie, Allentown, and Pittsburgh. Clearly, he hasn't left a corner of the state untouched during his term. We can expect nothing less from him next time around if he's reelected. I'm voting for Rendell on Tuesday.

Even if you're not a Democrat, these choices seem obvious to me. Those politicians who have behaved appropriately, those politicians who can make decisions for themselves, and those politicians who have done amazing things for this state would be the ones we should continue to want in office making tough decisions for our communities.

Plus, who isn't eager to see what will happen if the Democrats take back control of Congress? We can expect far more of Bush's laws to be questioned and his administration to be held accountable for Iraq and atrocities like the Abu Ghraib prison. Perhaps laws like No Child Left Behind and the CIA's right to use some forms of torture with suspected terrorists will be genuinely questioned.

It's always good for a President to be made accountable for his actions and decisions. If the majority of people in the Congress are his friends and supporters, he won't stay on his toes. We need Democrats in office to best protect the American people from the decisions and motivations of George Bush. Plus, they're just better qualified this time around.

# Acknowledging party affiliation only the first step

BY ANDREW SEAMAN  
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"I am a Republican."  
"How can you support George Bush?"  
"Well, I never said I wa..."  
"How can you be in favor of Don Sherwood? He is a disgustingly dirty man!"

"But I didn't sa-"  
"Why don't you look at the issues?"  
This is how a conversation will usually go when I bring up the fact I am a registered Republican, to one of my liberal friends. People instinctively believe I am in favor of George Bush, Don Sherwood, Lynn Swann and any other Republican nominee. This is simply not the case.

Yes, I do fit the mold of a classic Republican-- you know, a conservative. But I really cannot say I agree with everything the Republican Party throws in front of me. That is why everyone, including Democrats, need to ask themselves why they are what they are.

If I went around and asked people why they affiliate with a specific party, they would probably give me answers such as: "They are doing a good job," or "I hate George Bush," or "The other one has to go!"

But here is the rude awakening: this is not how you choose a party. You choose a party by researching it and finding out what it stands for. I did not pick the Republican Party because they are against abortion, nor because I dislike John Kerry. I looked into the history of the parties and found out the basic ideals for the Democrat and Republican Party. I think everyone should

be required to do this.

Think about it. A person chooses party affiliation by simply checking a box on a form and sending it away to the courthouse or capitol. In a perfect world a person would be required to write an essay about why they chose the party they did. Of course, this is not a possibility because nobody would vote.

Getting back to the midterm elections, I will not tell you who I am voting for, but I assure you I am not voting for all Republicans. Why? Because we have the choice to elect who we want. Many people do not understand this. They believe just because they are Democrat or Republican they must vote for their party. This is true in the primary election, but not the general, and people are apparently confused by this.

A person should vote for the person who they believe will do the best job representing them. This involves looking at the issues and determining which ones you agree with and which ones you do not. This way when you go into the voting booth you will be an informed voter.

I probably should have spent this time talking to you about issues and why you should vote for the Republican Party, but in all good conscience I couldn't do that. I feel what I have discussed here is far more important. Also, if you will note, I mentioned how you should look at the basic ideals and issues, but I did not discuss them. I did not want to make it easy for you, I took the time to do the research and you should, too. To those of you who have done this, I applaud and respect you. Just remember to be informed when you walk into that voting booth know who you are going to vote for, before you go behind the curtain.

What do you call someone who will never be President?



It's not that the troops are stupid... they're just not smart.



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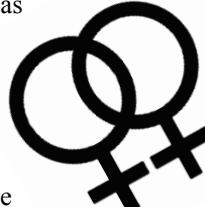
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# New Jersey, please stop trying to save face with God

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO  
Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

It was October 25, 2006. I remember it clearly; logging in to my e-mail account and finding the CNN breaking news alert that stated "Gay couples have the same marriage rights as heterosexual couples under the New Jersey state constitution, the state Supreme Court rules."



I beamed with joy; we were one step closer to equality.

I am an advocate for equality; not exclusively gay marriage, but equality for all. I believe that marriage is a legal union; one in which a union by the state occurs with a contractual agreement. Why the sex of the participants is an issue, I don't know.

What I do know is that gay couples are hindered each day in this free America because of their sexuality. I'll offer my personal opinion, which is that they do not chose to be this way, but rather this is who they are and we all need to offer acceptance. Not all will agree, but even if sexuality *were* a choice, restricting someone's freedom is simply un-American.

Those who oppose note that gays can live together without being married, but many cases have arisen in which this presents a problem. Last year, a group of my peers and I did research on homosexuality in NEPA, in which we met a gentleman who was denied permission to see his partner in the hospital because he didn't have power of attorney.

In addition: there is a misconception out there that gay couples will "spawn gay children." My defense: This must be true because all heterosexual couples certainly give birth to straight children. Homosexuals came from eggs.

Our constitution of this free country guarantees us separation of church and state. We question the gender of couples because we're very biblical, and since the oldest of couples were documented to be a man and a woman, we feel life must continue that way. We don't examine that perhaps homosexuality existed in biblical times, and simply was not documented. We don't consider that Adam and Eve may well have been fictitious, or perhaps did not even remotely resemble what the modern man and woman look like today. Instead we're trying to carry out this utopia of perfect men

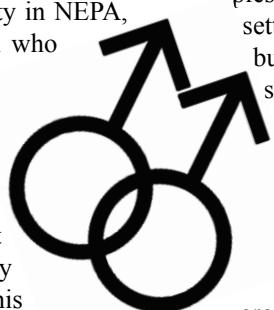
and women giving birth to cherubic babies who will repeat the cycle.

What about love?

What about it? What about a couple that feels so strongly about one another that they want to share their lives? It's wrong on so many levels to deny them that, but because so many people cannot release their religious inhibitions, only the most liberal states have been able to collect enough of a vote to grant homosexuals equal rights.

If you read the text of my first paragraph carefully, you'll see that New Jersey did not, in fact, legalize gay marriage; they only passed a law of equality. Homosexual couples are allowed the same marriage rights of heterosexual couples, but they are not allowed to be "married."

If legal issues aren't an issue anymore, why can't gay couples simply have the title? It isn't the benefits. It isn't financial. The only possible reason is that members of the higher courts cannot abandon their biases long enough to say "homosexuals can be married." There is no logical reason why they can't be, only that they feel they can somehow save face with God by allowing something that is exactly like a marriage, but not actually allowing them to call it that. It's all about the loophole, Christian cowards that they are.



This also doesn't help anyone outside of New Jersey. Gay couples can go to Massachusetts and get married, but somehow other states don't have to recognize those unions.

Clearly, they have to recognize heterosexual marriage licenses.

I'd certainly hope the lawmakers in New Jersey will legalize the actual binding legal union of homosexual couples, for we are a diverse society, and we must be accepting to all.

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## Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to an article written by Andee Scarantino titled, "Double Take: Andee Examines the Stats that Truly Matter." It was published in the October 30, 2006 Beacon and she wrote it as a response to the game of the week article.

I must say that this is one of the most uneducated articles I have ever read, and probably one of the most offensive. First of all, I would really like to ask what the word libidinous means because after searching various internet dictionaries such as Merriam-Webster, and Oxford, there were no results, just errors.

Secondly, how can you just criticize a city that you've never even been to? I wonder if you've ever heard of Baltimore Inner Harbor, you know, the place where everything is? Things such as the Baltimore Aquarium, the Maryland Science Center, a two story Barnes & Noble, and other such things.

Baltimore is a very developed city and I love it. You have no right to call all those people incompetent, there's no sense in it and you don't even have valid points to back it up.

Third, if you knew anything about professional football, you would know that most of the players don't even come from the city they play for, or often times the state. So for you to sit there and write that the whole team is a waste and they are a bunch of "wasteful belligerent fools," is erroneous. Also, you say that you always side with a female's opinion when it comes to sports because they know the facts and don't spout incessant bull, while really you are the one spouting the bull.

When guys talk about football, they do talk a lot of crap because they all believe their team is better, but they know what they are talking about when it comes to the facts. You are right that women do know what they are talking about, but don't leave the guys out. They have legitimate reasons as to why another team may win over their team.

Don't get me wrong, Curran knows what she's talking about. So you side with her, that's okay. But your only reason to side with her is because you hate Baltimore and really, that's not a valid reason. That's just you being stubborn and close-minded. I am in no way a Ravens fan, but I do stick up for them in the sense that you totally bash them with no valid explanation. So next time you feel the need to bash a city, its state, and its football, make sure you have the facts.

Sarah Duncan, Freshman  
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## Those aren't just lines on the paper anymore

### *Analysts can tell a lot about a person by looking at their writing*

BY NORA JURASITS

*Beacon Features Editor*

Jotting down a to-do list, writing a quick note to a friend or family member: these activities are done nonchalantly, but Dennis Duez can look at these documents and tell if a person is outgoing, depressed or even if they have had or are suffering from injuries.

Duez is a handwriting analyst based out of Greensburg, Pennsylvania who travels around analyzing handwriting for a variety of reasons listed on his web site, [www.handwritinganalyst.com](http://www.handwritinganalyst.com), including personality profiles, corporate events, as well as individual consultations.

Recently, *The Beacon* spoke with Duez about how he analyzes handwriting, and what can be done with this skill.

**The Beacon:** How did you get started doing handwriting analysis?

**Dennis Duez:** A number of years back, I met a handwriting analyst at the beach, and we went out, but she wanted to see my handwriting before we went out. She was a psychologist. That got me interested in it.

**The Beacon:** Was there any training involved?

**Duez:** Basically it has all been self-taught through publications I'd read and practice. I taught at community college, participated in testimony, then entertainment areas.

**The Beacon:** What kinds of things found in the writing give readings of the personality of the writer?

**Duez:** There are hundreds of elements I look for. The slant of writing is one that I look at... right means friendly, gregarious, out-

going. Straight means independent, and backwards means my way or the highway. Slants may not apply exactly to lefthanders because they've grown up with different permutations of how to hold the pen and paper. Shapes of loops, upper and lower loops, variants on how they flatten and fold up, height and size of loops, slants of lines...

sponse to symbols. Symbolism comes out in handwriting...if there's a slight back pain, I can tell. A lady had back issue left hip... Variations in line show impact; scars, sinus issues all come out spontaneously. Once you get used to seeing these, a complete analysis can be done by looking at a simple sentence.

about litigation... If the employer is screening, the employee has to give permission and be aware it's being analyzed.

**The Beacon:** How did you get involved with analyzing [convicted murderer] Scott Peterson's handwriting?

**Duez:** Because I was home... Memorial Day weekend, I got a



The Beacon/Cara Koster

**Dennis Duez, the handwriting analyst, visited the Wilkes campus last week and gave personality profiles to those who visited his table in the Henry Student Center**

Cursive handwriting is best because it gets full expansion on loops. With print, I can look at intensity. If they write through, dark handwriting usually means they're very intense or they have a lot of caffeine. If it's lighter, they're a little more relaxed and sensitive.

**The Beacon:** How can writing give an insight on personality?

**Duez:** I refer to it as a seismograph of hand and body, a re-

Accuracy is at about 95-99% because of commonalities that people share despite different, varying handwriting samples. These have been verified over 30 years of experience; I've really been able to benchmark all elements.

**The Beacon:** Do employers often get the handwriting of current or potential employees analyzed?

**Duez:** Well, it's very popular in Europe. Here, there are issues

call from Fox News asking if I'd like to appear on Saturday evening news analyze letters from Scott Peterson.

I asked if they could send scanned art files, most likely jpeg files, they said the only sample was from *People Magazine*.

I picked up a copy and it had about two and a half sentences cut off. I had to blow it up with the scanner and manipulate it since it was also at an angle, but

I produced a four page report for Fox, even though I had very little to work with.

The funny part about Scott's handwriting was that it didn't really show up in handwriting that he was guilty. With Scott he was getting over bad self-image, which was understandable, his sex drive diminished...he was on death row...

Two strange things that showed up were that he was still looking for romance, and he was on his way to a deal he trusted in.

**The Beacon:** Since people know they are having their handwriting analyzed, they often change aspects of the writing. Can you still get an accurate reading?

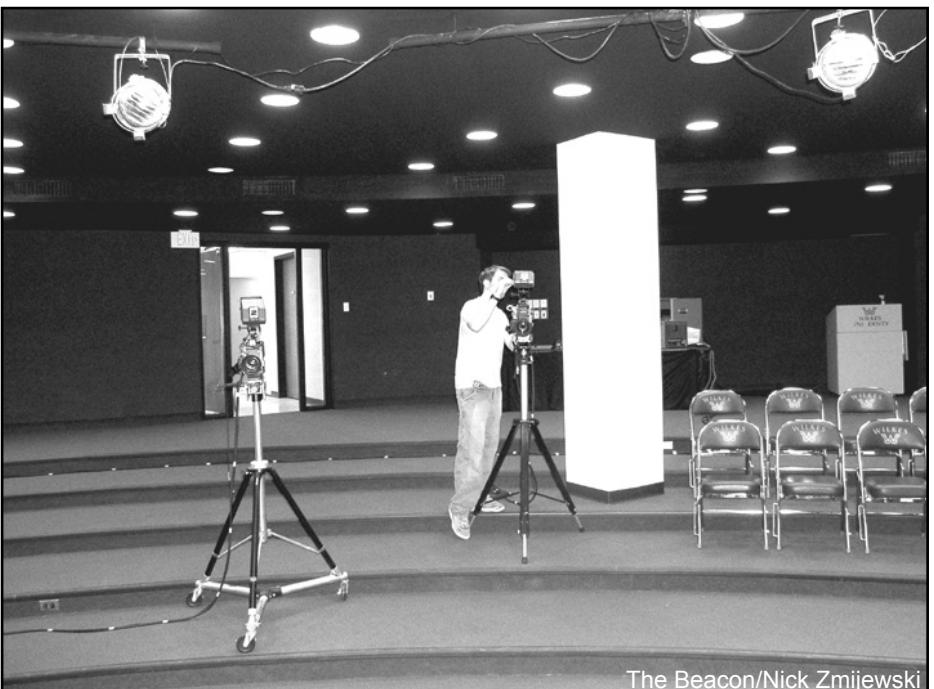
**Duez:** Idiosyncrasies show up, even if they're careful. There are still elements that show up, still some basis to get fresh sample if I could. Even if they attempt fake handwriting, there are still elements that show up. People who have had issues with shoulder, collarbone, or shoulder blade, these really show up. These are standard and can't really change that. Biggest complaint people have is that they can't write cursive, but they finally break loose and do cursive. It doesn't matter haven't done for a while. There are things in there you can't change, the subconscious says we're going to do it this way.

**The Beacon:** Do you ever analyze your own handwriting? What does it say about you?

**Duez:** I try to stay away from that... but I have a big ego in what I do, worried about hair thinning out. Just looked today at my check for rent, and it showed up some sort of injury in the right kneecap, left ankle...I didn't feel any pain, but then I got out of car stepped on curb and I did feel some pain.

# Wilkes Funniest Videos contest open to students until November 14

*Students given chance to use existing footage or play director and create new film*



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

The Thomas P. Shelburne Telecommunications Center is one location students film their videos, but no formal setting is needed to film an entry for the Wilkes Funniest Videos contest, just a camera and a sense of humor.



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BY RYAN BROGHAMER

*Beacon Staff Writer*

"We've got laughs from coast to coast, to make you smile; a real life look at each of you, to capture all your style..." Go ahead, finish it off—we'll wait.

Any child of the 90's can probably name that tune in five notes, as it played when millions of viewers welcomed Bob Saget into their homes every Sunday night while he hosted America's Funniest Home Videos. Now, Wilkes University is giving students a chance to get in on the action.

Sponsored by the sophomore class Student Government (SG) representatives, Wilkes Funniest Videos will be held on Monday, November 27 at 7 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom on the second floor of the Henry Student Center. The contest is searching for the most amusing and outrageous videos of Wilkes University.

"We're looking for anything that's funny. If you have a funny skit or a dance or anything that you think is hilarious, send it in," sophomore class vice president Jef Bauman said. "We all have videos from when we were younger - or even now - doing funny or stupid things that we sit back and laugh at now, and hey, it could win you something."

The contest is open for submissions until November 14, and is not limited to the

afternoon your trampoline gave way or the time when dad decided to knock out that wall with his bowling ball.

"If people decide to make up skits, great. If they want to do something funny with a friend, we're for that. The chance to just produce a video, or be like, 'Hey, Mom, do I have any dumb videos of when I was young?' and win this prize is a pretty big deal," Bauman said.

That prize is a digital DVD camcorder, valued around \$400. Surprisingly, Bauman says the grand prize has not yet garnered much interest.

"We printed about 500 flyers, we had 'look-up' signs, we had letters sent to the R.A.'s, but we've really had a limited response. It's a little shocking because it's a really great prize."

Event co-chair John Botch mentioned that the group also ran into some red tape in planning the event.

"We had to get the contest, rules, and a custom waiver form from the school approved by the Student Affairs Committee," said Botch, citing numerous revisions the group had to make on its rules.

While they are concerned with some of the problems they've faced thus far, Bauman and Botch are sure that Wilkes Funniest Videos will go off without a hitch.

"I am expecting a pretty good sized turnout for the event," said Botch.

Bauman added that he's

anticipating an enjoyable evening.

"We're not looking for an entry-fee to the contest or admission to the event, we just want students to come up and have a good time. We'll have free pizza and soda, and a great prize. It's going to be a really good time."

And how about a special guest?

"No, we're not gonna have Bob Saget," joked Bauman, "but it's still gonna be a really fun night."

Interested students can pick up an entry form at the SG office located on the first floor of the Henry Student Center or contact [wuclassof2009@yahoo.com](mailto:wuclassof2009@yahoo.com) for more information.

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# Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week offers insight into world of poor

**BYMEGAN KRISANDA  
& NORA JURASITS**  
Beacon Correspondent &  
Beacon Features Editor

Many students go through struggles due to impending projects, papers, and exams but being homeless or not having enough food each day seems like a concept too far removed to understand.

This week, the Campus Interfaith office is hosting a number of events for the campus and community to increase awareness about hunger and homelessness. These programs offer those who stop by the Henry Student Center a chance to learn about the challenges of being homeless and poor, and do something to help ease their effects on members of the community.

Each day between November 5 and 11 offers different activities ranging from a panel discussion

to an auction.

"Not only do we want to serve the hungry and homeless of the area, but we want to learn about what it's like to be homeless and raise awareness so we could do something about it...not just this week but in the future," said Inter-faith Coordinator of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Angela Hermes.

On Monday, November 6, a slideshow entitled "Faces of Homelessness: Essential in History" is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Henry Student Center. Gary Clark, a professor at Bloomsburg University, will present the slideshow. Clark does photodocumentaries of the homeless while he is working with them. He documents their stories and their plights in order to raise awareness and hopefully encourage others to help.

A panel discussion featuring local homeless and representatives

from local shelters will follow the slideshow.

There will be a Hunger Banquet on Tuesday, November 7 in the Alumni House at 5p.m. This is a unique event because it calls for the guests to draw tickets at random that assign them to a high, middle, or low income tier and receive a corresponding meal.

There will be an opportunity to serve local families a meal on Wednesday, November 8 at the First United Methodist Coffee House. Those interested in lending a hand should meet at the Interfaith office (2nd floor of the Henry Student Center) at 5:30 p.m.

On Thursday, November 9, the Empty Bowls Auction will be held. The auction, which is one of the bigger events during the week, will take place at 6 p.m. in the Henry Student Center. The event will feature handmade ceramic bowls that were created by Wilkes

students and faculty. The bidding starts at \$5 and all the proceeds will go to the hungry and homeless of Wilkes-Barre.

Associate dean of student affairs, Barbara King, along with Sharon Castano, who serves as internship and mentoring coordinator, painted the inside of one of the bowls that will be auctioned.

"It's not about buying anyone's talented artwork," King said. "It's something that's fun to do and it's going to provide help and food to a lot of people, and we certainly hope a lot of people turn out to bid on them."

Hermes added that the auction has been a team project, with linen donations from the catering services, assistance in creating the ceramic bowls from professor Jean Adams and homemade soups being brought in for the event.

There will be another opportunity to prepare, serve or clean up at St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen on

Friday, November 10 from 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., or 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Finally, on Saturday November 11, there will be a fundraiser/burger burn for Habitat for Humanity at Sam's Club in Wilkes-Barre Township. This event is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Those interested can sign up in the Student Center or the Inter-faith office.

"I would hope that people come and participate. If you don't participate, you can't really learn. Especially Monday's event, hearing from the homeless and the people they work with will have an impact," Hermes said. "For me, it's enlivening to talk to these people and it raises my own awareness. It's been a really great experience organizing it and I'm sure all the events will be even greater."

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# Theater Preview: Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella"

BY SHANNON CURTIN

*Beacon Staff Writer*

As the dreaded November deadlines creep up on the members of Wilkes University causing stress and exhaustion for both students and faculty, the theater department is kindly offering relief in the form of entertainment as it prepares a classic and beloved musical production, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella."

The story of Cinderella is both familiar and comfortable, and the Rodgers and Hammerstein version has been in existence since the 1950's when it was produced for television.

Most people know the plot by heart; a young woman mistreated by her family finds a way to get what she wants (the Prince, self-respect, love, out of the cinders) and does so herself (with or without the aid of a Fairy Godmother and woodland creatures).

Usually there is a dance involved and the loss of a personal belonging--more often than not, a glass slipper. Though the basics of the plot generally stay the same, audiences' familiarity with the story allow for numerous possibilities for new and creative approaches.

Senior theater major Christopher Lucas explained, "Even though the show is a classic fairy tale, we are performing it differently than how it is normally done."

The director of "Cinderella," Gregory Fletcher, described the different approach to the musical aspect of the performance, "Instead of the typical pit orchestra, we'll have two grand pianos playing this lovely romantic classic musical."

Aside from the variation from the traditional performance in the music arena sophomore musical theater ma-

jor Jennifer Smeraldo explained that there will also be differences in the traditional plot. Smeraldo, who plays the title role of "Cinderella" said, "This show is less about the magic," such as the events that occur in the popular Disney version of the story, and is instead "more about finding the courage within yourself to take control of your

others to give her what she wants."

Fletcher noted that theater is harder at the university level than it would be on a professional level because "everyone involved here at Wilkes has a full class load, not to mention study time and jobs."

Due to the amount of other commitments the students have, their rehearsal time is brief, but Lucas assured that this has no bearing on the quality of the performance, "We always seem to pull a show together no matter what the trials and tribulations are during the rehearsals. We work hard and do what we can to make a performance as good as we can make it."

Fletcher also acknowledged that a limited budget poses a challenge with a production such as this. "Corners have to be cut and reconsidered," said Fletcher.

The musical was chosen because it is a "well-known title that could attract a larger audience," said Fletcher.

Attracting an audience is a primary concern for the theater department; the first production of the season had a very low turnout despite being "a very strong production," said Fletcher.

As always, Wilkes students with ID will be admitted for free and there are numerous opportunities to see this performance of "Cinderella," since the show will run for two weekends. The performance, that runs approximately an hour and half, will be set in the 1800s and is expected to be a "really entertaining, romantic production," according to Fletcher.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" will be performed at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center on November 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8:00 p.m. and November 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. All Wilkes students are admitted free with ID.



Courtesy of Curtis Salonic

**The theater department will offer performances of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" November 10-12 and 17-19. The musical production will take a different approach to the traditional fairy tale not only in the way the music is performed but also in the plot itself. According to director Gregory Fletcher, the production should be an interesting and romantic experience.**

own life."

Smeraldo pointed out that while there may not be any talking mice in the Wilkes University production, "The audience will still get the story of Cinderella, just with more of Cinderella helping herself, rather than relying on

## Schedule of Events

### Monday, November 6

-Scout's Honor, Losing Caufield, Her Officer and Gentlemen and Held at Gunpoint performing at Cafe Metropolis at 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 7

-Personacards at the SUB at 11 a.m.  
-The Let Go performing at Slainte  
-Pleaseesaur, Joe Jack Talcum, The Washer-Dryer Combo plus TBA at Cafe Metropolis at 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 8

-Film: *Keeping Mum* playing at the FM Kirby Center at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, November 9

-The Incredible Boris Hypnotist in the HSC Ballroom at 9 p.m.

### Friday, November 10

-Northeastern PA Philharmonic performing at the FM Kirby Center at 8 p.m.  
-Stuck in Kaos, Phoenix and Crutial Violence performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.  
-Bootleg Slumber Party 3: Return of the Cotton Avenue Satellites at Cafe Metropolis at 9 p.m.

### Saturday, November 11

-Moscow Ballet's Great Russian *Swan Lake* at the FM Kirby Center at 8 p.m.

-Common Enemy and False Allies performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

-Bigger Thomas, The Menzingers, No Service Project and The Antibodies performing at Cafe Metropolis at 8 p.m.

-Roger's and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" in the Darte Center at 8 p.m.

### Sunday, November 12

-Music, theater, and dance Conservatory Recital in the DDD Center throughout the day.  
-Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani will be speaking at the FM Kirby Center at 8 p.m.

# Trendspotter: Knits

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO

*Beacon A&E Editor*

Hot chocolate, pumpkin pie, apple crisp, cable knit sweaters. All of these things mix a little sugar with spice and, while not all are technically edible, they all can provide a warm haven in the cold months.

There's nothing better than the comforts this season has to offer, and thanks to the new knits in cashmere, wool and boucle, it's possible to sport a trend-conscious look while digging into those comfort foods we're all looking forward to.

And knits are not just for sweaters anymore, as accessories such as bags and boots in the

cozy material have shown up this season.

We've seen it time and time again since the stores started stocking fall clothing, but the boyfriend sweater, which is basically a long

cardigan, is a staple in this season of skinny jeans and leggings. Extra-long and oversized, this style can be belted to provide a defined waist and an effortlessly chic look.

One step up from the boyfriend cardigan, the sweater dress is an easy way to pull off a sophisticated and stylish look while secretly being incredibly comfortable. Again, a belt can add more definition to this style, and tights and heels are a great way to stay warm in the plummeting temperatures.

The dolman sweater, with its wide, loose-fitting sleeves, is arguably the hippest shape for knits this time around, not only because it plays on the

movement in fashion toward a new defini-

tion of volume but also because it can be the perfect way to conceal any imperfections on a day when one is feeling less than fabulous. What some may see as a throwback to the 70s in a fashion era laden with 80s-inspired shapes, the dolman sweater is an ideal piece that can be dressed up or down with practically no effort.

Along the same lines as the dolman is the kimono sweater. When accompanied by a tie-waist, this knit combines two of the hottest looks of the season. Pair this delicate sweater with a dress and tights for a sweet but sexy winter-ready outfit.

The trapeze sweater, which falls away from the body in an A-line shape, pairs perfectly with skinny jeans. A more fitted bottom is necessary to balance out the proportion of this wide top, but if the skinny jean is a trend that seems a bit overdone, fitted trousers and pointy-toed shoes can achieve an equally alluring look.



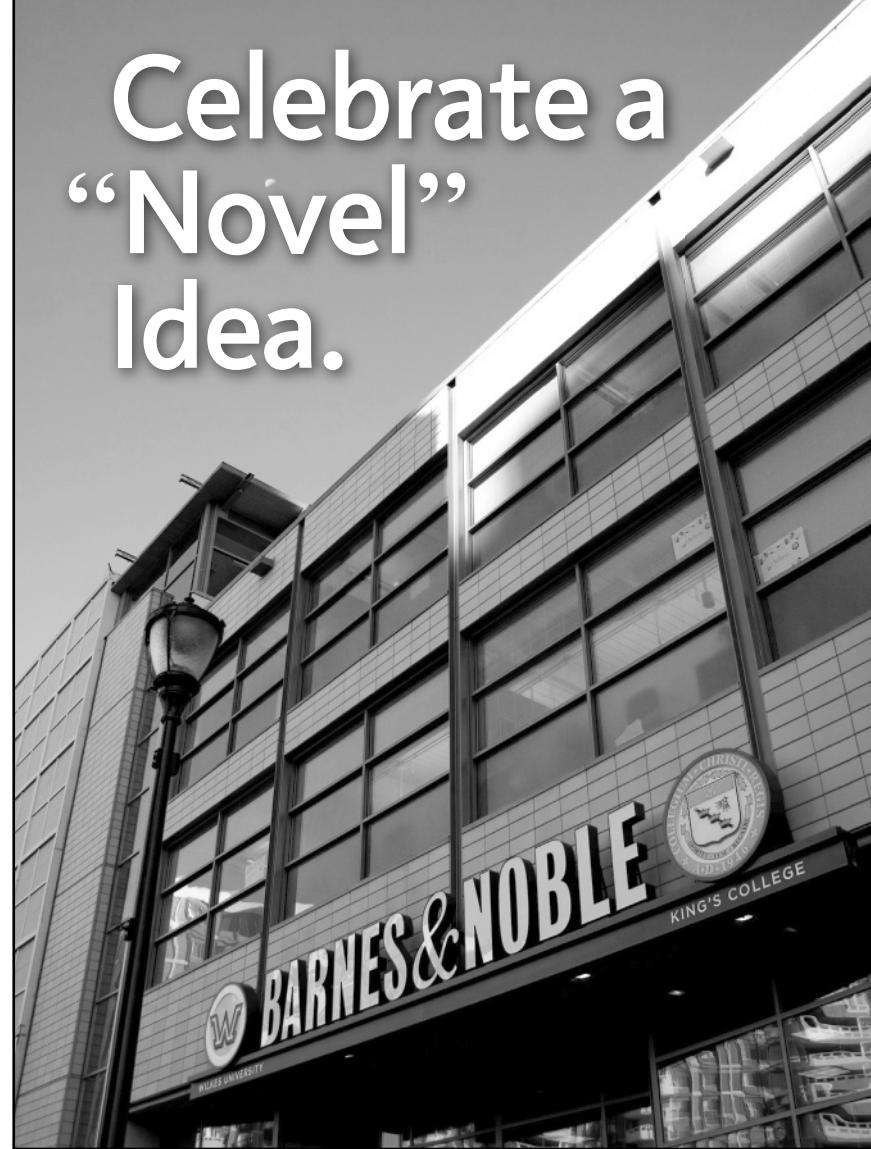
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Cable-knit is one textured knit that has been appearing on accessories from both high and low end designers. The cable-knit bag has appeared in a multitude of new lines, including in a Burberry collection. Even cable-knit boots that mix the texture with wooden heels and metal accents have

shown up for the season, and pair well with tucked in jeans that really show off the adornment.

All of these styles are the perfect way to stay warm without sacrificing comfort this winter. The most important thing to keep in mind when preparing to suit up in the newest knits is that, as with the afore-mentioned comfort foods, everything is better in moderation.

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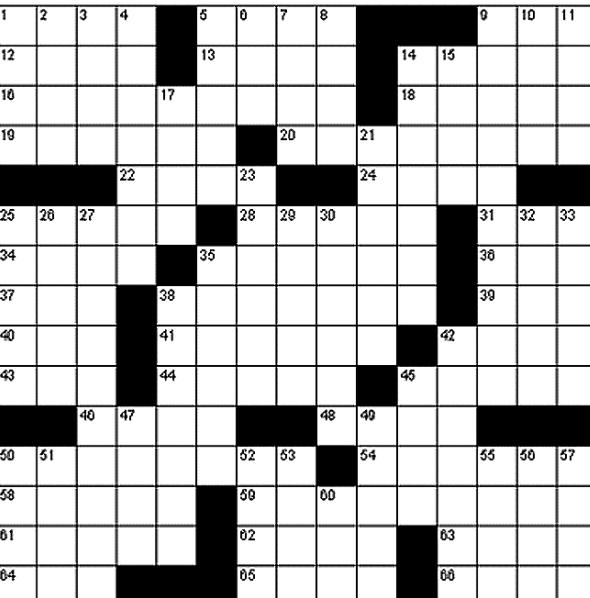
BY CHRISTOPHER KUDRAK

*Beacon Correspondent*

## ACROSS

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| 1  | A H.S. math course            | 46 | Carried along on                             | 17 | Hairless                          |
| 5  | One of two NYC baseball teams | 48 | Tropical tree                                | 21 | Starts over, in a video game      |
| 9  | Toward the stern              | 50 | Capital of Australia                         | 23 | Delivered a speech                |
| 12 | Without covering              | 54 | Leather covering for the ankle and lower leg | 25 | Support people                    |
| 13 | Hydrox competitor             | 58 | Contains Betelgeuse and Rigel                | 26 | Lubricated                        |
| 14 | A means of location           | 59 | Disguised                                    | 27 | Opposite of what occurs in school |
| 16 | Right-hand side of a ship     | 61 | Physical units of heredity                   | 29 | Upright                           |
| 18 | _____ the Giant               | 62 | Shock  | 30 | To free from obstruction          |
| 19 | A writer or author            | 63 | Uttered by the mouth                         | 32 | Nonresonant sound                 |
| 20 | Pertaining to the sea         | 64 | Hang down unevenly                           | 33 | Borders                           |
| 22 | Along with                    | 65 | See at a distance                            | 35 | Metal worker                      |
| 24 | Revise                        | 66 | Exchange for money                           | 38 | Desensitizes                      |
| 25 | Noise                         | 1  | DOWN   | 42 | Popular pizza chain               |
| 28 | Apply again                   | 2  | Cooking measurement                          | 45 | Symbol of a country               |
| 31 | Frosty substance              | 3  | Fixed charge per unit                        | 47 | Slender double-reed instrument    |
| 34 | Minuscule                     | 4  | Teheran's Country                            | 49 | Anguish                           |
| 35 | Time _____ Inc.               | 5  | Country between The Netherlands and Poland   | 50 | Gears                             |
| 36 | Ancient                       | 6  | Large orbiting bodies                        | 51 | Length x width                    |
| 37 | Total                         | 7  | Period                                       | 52 | Move upward                       |
| 38 | Abhors                        | 8  | Presidential time period                     | 53 | Small social insects              |
| 39 | Harass                        | 9  | Bubbly beverage                              | 55 | Become exhausted                  |
| 40 | Payment for services          | 10 | More   | 56 | And others                        |
| 41 | Chooses by votes              | 11 | Land devoted to agriculture                  | 57 | Move by revolving                 |
| 42 | Native of Denmark             | 14 | Oak, for example                             | 58 | Equal to 8 fluid ounces           |
| 43 | Food and drug org.            | 15 | _____ of the Lost Arc                        |    |                                   |
| 44 | Increase the amount           |    | Opposed to                                   |    |                                   |
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# LOCAL BAND SPOTLIGHT: GO GO GADGET

**BY MARISSA PHILLIPS**

*Beacon Asst. A&E Editor*

With a list of songs including Madonna's "Like a Virgin," "OPP" by Naughty by Nature, and "Sugar, We're Going Down" by Fall Out Boy, Go Go Gadget is a band that clearly embraces variety.

Go Go Gadget is a five-piece cover band from Reading, PA. Jeff Tomrell covers lead vocals and trumpet, Tim Duncan is on bass, Mike Intelisano covers drums, Tony Mancuso covers keyboard and vocals and Chris Schwartz plays lead guitar. *The Beacon* recently had a chance to talk to the band about the cover band scene, music choices, and their reluctance to perform Gregorian chants.

**The Beacon:** Is there any story behind your band's name choice?

**Go Go Gadget:** We were kicking around a few ideas when Chris (our guitarist) suggested Go Go Gadget. We all laughed at the idea, but realized it was something catchy that would probably stick in people's minds. Sorry, no great story here.

**The Beacon:** How long have you been a band?

**Go Go Gadget:** We've been performing as Go Go Gadget for 19 months, but all five members have been in various combinations of bands for the past seven years.

**The Beacon:** Do you simply perform locally, or do you perform out of this state at all?

**Go Go Gadget:** We've been as far north as Killington, VT (where we have discovered the best pizza in the nation) and as far south as Key West, FL, where everyone is drunk all day, every day...it's glorious.

**The Beacon:** What is the type of crowd you primarily appeal to?

**Go Go Gadget:** Typically we play for college aged audiences, but we do perform for crowds of all ages. In a place like Key West, there are people from ages 21 to 65 looking to party. Whatever the age or place, we aim to get everyone's a\*\* a' movin'.

**The Beacon:** Do you perform entirely covers, or do you create original music as well?

**Go Go Gadget:** For the time being, we're playing all covers. We try to put our own spin on the songs though, in order to make them our own and keep listeners interested. Do keep your ears open for some GGG

originals in the near future.

**The Beacon:** Since you are playing mostly (or only?) covers, it must be hard to put your band under any specific type of genre. What types of bands do you usually end up playing alongside?

**Go Go Gadget:** We rarely get to play with other groups due to the way the cover band scene is run. Typically clubs book one band per night- the opportunity to play with other bands is uncommon. On those

you depend more on the preferences of the crowd?

**Go Go Gadget:** A little of both. We try to keep in mind the songs we played at a venue the last time we were there, and change the set list up enough to make it as different a show as possible. If people have requests or the crowd is feeling a certain vibe, we definitely try to adjust the song list to keep the energy flowing.

**The Beacon:** I was looking at the list of



Courtesy Go Go Gadget

**Go Go Gadget is, from left, Tony Mancuso, Chris Schwartz, Jeff Tomrell, Mike Intelisano and Tim Duncan. The band covers songs from such diverse artists as Madonna and Fall Out Boy and is planning on releasing some originals in the near future. To check out their music, visit [www.myspace.com/gogogadget](http://www.myspace.com/gogogadget).**

special occasions that there are multiple bands on a bill...a type of band? I think we're usually happy to play with a good, established group from which we can learn a lot. One of our favorite groups we've had the pleasure of sharing a stage with is Mr. Greengenes. They've been on the scene for quite some time, and are still killing it.

**The Beacon:** Do you have any albums released?

**Go Go Gadget:** Not with Go Go Gadget, but we've all released albums with previous bands.

**The Beacon:** When you play a show, do you go with a pre-determined set-list, or do

songs you play, and it's quite diverse. Is the list made up of songs you guys prefer, or is it mostly made up of fan requests?

**Go Go Gadget:** Though we started out with a list of just songs we wanted to play, most of the fan favorites are finding their way into our repertoire. We did originally have a list of songs we refused to play, but we're not rock stars here. We're here to play music and entertain people. Who knows, maybe we'll even play "Jessie's Girl" someday...

**The Beacon:** What type of music do you enjoy performing the most?

**Go Go Gadget:** Certain songs just click when we play them. None of them are in

any particular style, but when you hear them you'll know. Also, whenever the crowd is really feeling a song, we enjoy it a lot more (even if it's Jessie's Girl).

**The Beacon:** Describe what can be expected from your live performances for someone who hasn't seen you play yet.

**Go Go Gadget:** Lots of energy. Seeing many bands perform over the years, it's obvious what works and what doesn't. We've seen too many bands that look worn out and tired, and we don't want to give that to people. So if you come out, expect to dance...or at least watch some attractive girls dance.

**The Beacon:** What's the most bizarre song you've ever been asked to cover?

**Go Go Gadget:** I'm not sure about a song specifically, but we've had some bizarre responses at shows. Like, we'll just finish playing a Shakira or Beyonce song, and we'll hear someone yell, "SLAYER!!" The two genres couldn't be further apart. I always find that pretty bizarre.

**The Beacon:** Is there any song that you refuse to cover?

**Go Go Gadget:** We try to avoid Gregorian Chant at all costs, otherwise the book's open.

**The Beacon:** Are there any really bizarre or embarrassing show experiences you can share?

**Go Go Gadget:** We'll keep this clean here, but let's just point out the fact that you can't call off sick or run off in the middle of a set. We've heard these stories from most bands established on the cover scene. In addition, we perform in bars where alcohol is plenty, and plenty of people buy it for us. So yes, bizarre and embarrassing things have happened. If you really wanna know, buy us some Miller Lite and french fries and we might tell you.

**The Beacon:** On an end note - in three words, sum up your band and why people should come and see you guys perform.

**Go Go Gadget:** Chicks dig us.

*Check out Go Go Gadget's music as [www.myspace.com/gogogadget](http://www.myspace.com/gogogadget).*

# Wilkes wrestlers upset York Spartans to start season

## *Brandon Kelly's technical fall key to win*

BY ALISSA LINDNER  
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University wrestling team, ranked 18th in the nation, opened its season with 17-16 upset over 14th-ranked York College on Saturday, November 4 in the Martz Gym.

The evening started out at the 125 pound weight class. Colonel sophomore Felipe Queiroz won an 8-3 decision over Kyle Flickinger. Wilkes went on to win the match at 133 pounds when sophomore Josh Pauling won a close 4-3 decision with an escape late in the third period to beat Zach Tolbert.

Queiroz, who is ranked second in the nation at 125 pounds, explained, "It felt good to start off [the match] with a win. It broke the ice."

The Spartans took the next three bouts. Junior Adam Penberthy lost a 12-6 decision over Alex Binder at the 141 pound weight class. The 149 pound weight class brought another close bout when sophomore Erik Smith lost a close 4-2 decision to Tim Bohlmann, who is ranked sixth in the nation. In

the 157 pound weight class, freshman Frank Heffernan lost an 8-2 decision against John Niedrich.

Sophomore Justin Barowski got the Colonel wrestlers back on track with a 5-1 decision over Brian Alwine in the 165 pound weight class. Barowski's bout tied the overall match at 9 with four weight classes remaining.

Colonel wrestler Kyle Lenio excited the crowd with a 5-4 upset decision in the 174 pound weight class over Jerry Bowne, who is currently ranked second in the nation at 165 pounds. Lenio scored a takedown and earned two back points to end the first period with a 4-0 lead. In the second period, Bowne earned a reversal to bring the score within 2 but Lenio earned a point for unsportsmanlike conduct on his opponent's behalf to send the match to the third period with a score of 5-2. Bowne took Lenio down in the third period; however, it would prove not enough as Lenio finished the bout with a 5-4 decision.

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Eighteen ranked Wilkes University Colonels pulled off a surprise 17-16 win over 14th ranked York College Spartans.

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# Colonels football team wins Mid-Atlantic Conference title

*A look back on the highlights of a season to never be forgotten*

BY ARIEL COHEN &

TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Sports Editor &

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

For the Wilkes Colonels, this has been a season of great accomplishments, dreams come true and goals that have gone beyond what anyone could have expected.

The feats that the 2006 Colonels football team has accomplished included an exhilarating 9-0 start.

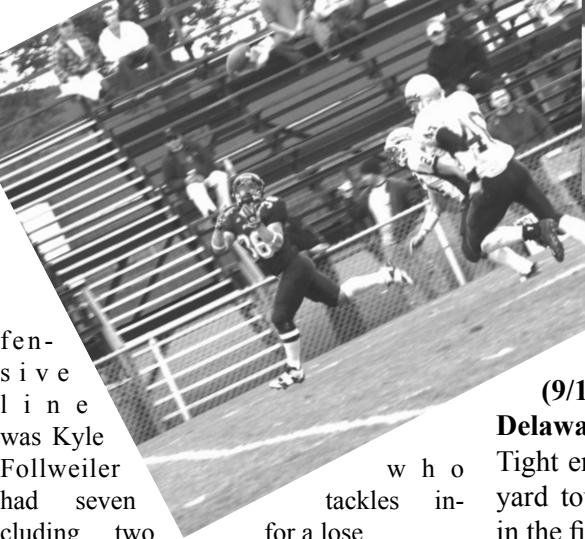
On Saturday the Colonels achieved that golden 9th win in true Wilkes fashion, clinching the MAC title and ensuring an NCAA post-season berth.

The big offensive talk of the Colonels 35-7 win was Tom Andreopoulos who finished with 21 of the Colonels' points. Andreopoulos raked in a total of 30 rushes and

two catches through the air for a total of 252 offensive yards. Quarterback Al Karaffa threw or 166 yards to round out the offensive attack.

On the other side of the coin the defense held Susquehanna to only 7 points and only a total 160 yards in offense.

Leading the way for the Colonels de-



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The Colonels will travel up to cross-

## WRESTLING from PAGE 16

Freshman Josh Ballan lost a 6-2 decision to the Spartan's Steve Johnston in the 184 pound weight class. The teams went into the final two bouts tied at 12.

In the 197 pound weight class, senior Brandon Kelly, ranked first in the nation, won a crucial match over Kevin Ruff by technical fall with 1:20 left in the third. Kelly's match gave the Colonel wrestlers a 17-12 lead over the Spartans.

town rival King's College this Saturday in the annual Mayor's Cup game beginning at 12:30.

The postseason begins for the Colonels on November 18 unless they receive a bye for the first round. Next Sunday, November 12, ESPN will announce all NCAA postseason match ups beginning at 2 p.m.

## Highlights of Colonels Football

2006

### (9/9) Wilkes 23 Widener 20

Ryan Yurewicz booted a 23-yard field goal with 19 seconds remaining to lead 23rd-ranked Wilkes University to a thrilling 23-20 come-from-



behind win  
over Widener  
University.

### (9/16) Wilkes 14 Delaware Valley 7 (OT)

Tight end Matt Pizarro hauled in a 25-yard touchdown toss from Al Karaffa in the first overtime, and the Wilkes defense held Delaware Valley College on

Senior Keith Altieri lost a 12-2 major decision to Luke Panizzi in the 285 pound weight class. Despite a loss in the final bout, the Colonel wrestling team proved victorious with a 17-16 win over York College.

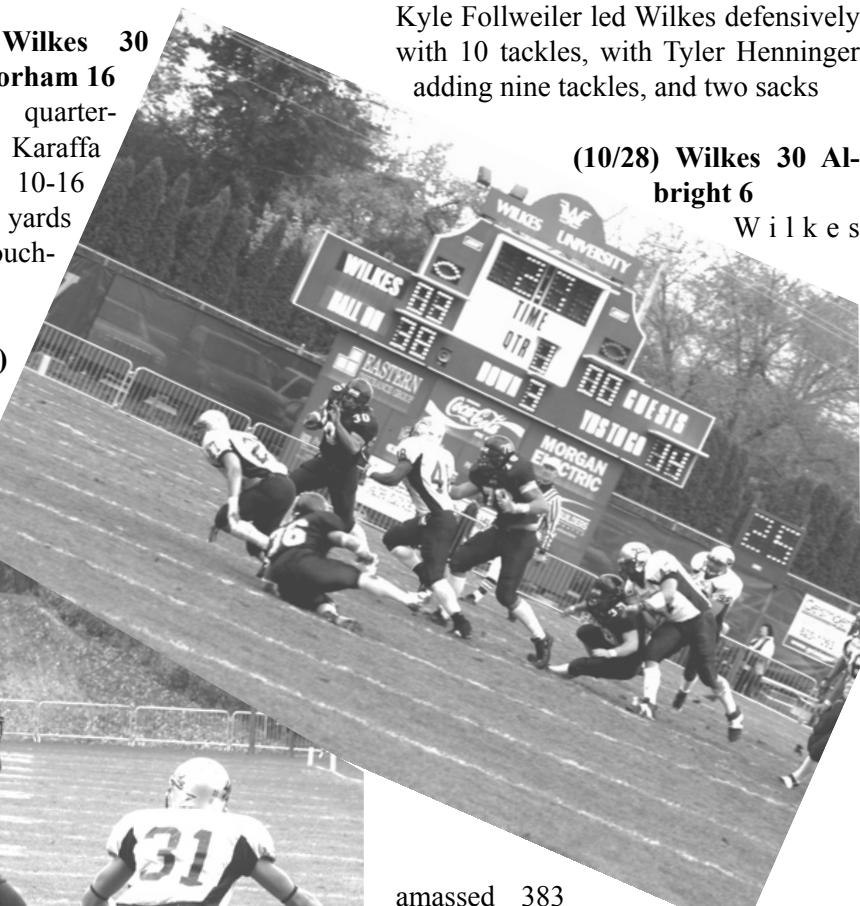
Head wrestling coach Jon Laudenslager was happy with the performance of the Colonel wrestlers, who responded well under pressure in their first match of the season. He explained, "It [the match] was back and forth. It was very intense." Laudenslager added the win by Lenio in the 174 pound weight class and the technical fall by Kelly

downs to secure the victory.

### (9/23) Wilkes 30 FDU-Florham 16

Wilkes quarterback Al Karaffa went 10-16 for 129 yards and 3 touch-downs.

### (10/7) Wilkes 37 Ly- com- ing



amassed 383 yards in total offense, rushing for 192 yards and throwing for 191 yards.

### (11/4) Wilkes 35 Susquehanna 7

Senior Tom Andreopoulos rushed for 186 yards and three touchdowns.



Photos taken by Todd Weibel

## BASKETBALL from PAGE 20

14 straight winning seasons and with six MAC championships under his belt. Alongside Rickrode is Mike Farrelly who is a Saint Joseph graduate, and will look to make a positive contribution as he starts his first season as the Colonels assistant coach. Dave Mullaney finalizes the coaching staff, and will return for his second year as an assistant coach.

Rider University finished last season with a record of 8-20, which includes losses to NCAA tournament teams such as Villanova University, and placed an awful 4-14 con-

ference record in the MAAC. The Rider Broncs averaged a total of 70 points last season, while the Colonels tallied 72 points per contest. Thus, the exhibition game should prove interesting, because the newest member of Rider's coaching staff is a former member of the Colonels coaching staff, Mike Witcoskie.

"I'm excited about this season, because I enjoy working with the guys, and they have pretty good camaraderie," said Rickrode.

The Colonels march into exhibition this Saturday and whether they win or lose it doesn't count. So in that case, "It's all good."

## Commentary

# GAME OF THE WEEK

## New Orleans Saints vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

### Resurgent Saints march into Steeltown

BY TIM SEIGFRIED  
*Beacon Asst. Sports Editor*

It's been a rough year for Ben Roethlisberger.

It started off with a bang, as Big Ben, in his second full season, became the youngest quarterback in NFL history to win a Super Bowl.

Then things went downhill.

On June 12, Roethlisberger was involved in an accident in Pittsburgh, when his motorcycle collided with a moving vehicle, sending him over the handlebars and headfirst into the windshield of the car.

Despite the fact that he wasn't wearing a helmet, Roethlisberger only sustained a broken jaw and several facial lacerations.

Roethlisberger healed, and was set to start the season for the Steelers, but suffered another setback when he was had to undergo an emergency appendectomy on September 3, just four days prior to the season opener.

Big Ben once again returned to duty on September 18, but was less than stellar. Over his next three games he would throw seven interceptions and no touchdowns, resulting in a 1-3 record for the defending champs. He would return to form over the next two weeks, throwing for a combined 476 yards and 5 touchdowns.

However, he would suffer a concussion at the hands of the Atlanta Falcons on October 22, and despite still being injured, was suited up to play in week 8 against Oakland; a game that resulted in a 20-13 loss that had only 1 touchdown and 4 interceptions for Roethlisberger.

Needless to say, it's been a rough few weeks.

Ben and company look to change all that in week 10, as they take on the visiting New Orleans Saints, a team that is continuing to surprise everyone nearly halfway through the season.

The Saints have not been without their troubles too, as they spent the entire last season without a home field; the Superdome

having been closed down due to the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina.

But it's a new year, and the Superdome is up and running, and full of life (and fans), due in part to the signing of Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush, who was arguably the most sought after player in this year's draft.

Bush, in his first season in the NFL, has shown some success so far by rushing just over 30 yards per game. He hasn't blossomed into the offensive weapon that he was in college, but it's only a matter of time before the opposing teams find out what they missed out on.

Ultimately, the deciding factor of this contest might just come down to the starting quarterbacks.

Saint's QB Drew Brees is having a good year, having already thrown for 11 touchdowns and nearly 2000 yards in only seven games.

He has been helped out by veteran running back Deuce McAlister,

who is averaging over 60 yards per game on the ground, while still proving to be a target out of the backfield for Brees' assault through the air.

The real star receiver, however, is Joe Horn, whose 16.9 yards per reception is among the leaders in the NFC.

On the other side of the ball, New Orleans will look to its defense to shut down the sluggish offense of the Steelers.

The Saints' defense, while not spectacular, is second in the NFC in passing yards per game, holding teams to only 184.7 yards through the air so far in the season.

If Pittsburgh is going to win this game, several things are going to have to fall into place. The first, and most important of which is Roethlisberger, who needs to snap out of the funk he has been in since week two.

He needs to rely on his receivers, specifically Hines Ward to come up with the big

plays.

Pittsburgh's running game, led by Willie Parker, will need to take the pressure off of the passing game and get those important yards on the ground so as to establish the running game early on. Parker has been successful in doing so thus far, averaging just over 80 yards per game while taking it to the end zone 5 times.

Regardless of how good the offense is, the Steelers still need to shut down the offense of the Saints, which is 5th in the NFC in yards per game.

Pittsburgh will look to linebacker Joey Porter, best known for his aggressive off-field demeanor and safety Troy Polamalu, best known for his hair, to shut down the prolific passing game of the Saints, which so far has lit up teams for over 250 yards per game through the air.

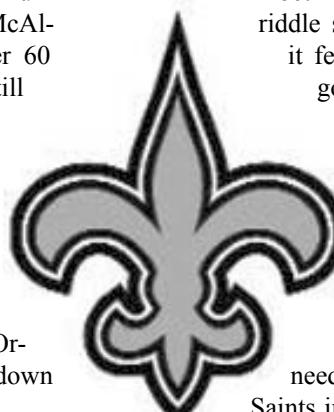
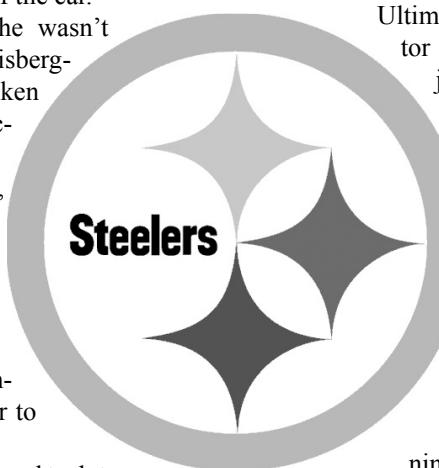
When it comes down to it, however, this game will be a match up between two young and talented quarterbacks, who are both having vastly different years.

Brees has been the better of the two so far, using his talented offense of young players and veteran experience to lead the Saints to one of the best records in the NFC South.

Roethlisberger has been a riddle so far, and at times it feels like he has forgotten his last two memorable seasons. His key to victory comes in relying on his instinct and talent to guide the offense.

The Steelers will need a win against the Saints in order to stay alive in the playoff hunt, and a loss this week could cost Roethlisberger his job as starting quarterback, but more importantly, it could cost the Steelers a shot at repeating.

**The pick:**  
**New Orleans: 37**  
**Pittsburgh: 20**



**Double Take**  
*Andee examines the stats that truly matter...*

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO  
*Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor*

Normally, I'd never chose New Orleans for anything, but I have to say they have my vote for the "Game of the Week." I just think that those who are routing for Pittsburgh are of another planet.

I really don't know anything about football. I don't know a thing about baseball, soccer, or hockey either, but I do know a few things about class.

I am one classy individual. My version of "dressing down" is putting on a pair of jeans and flats. Never would I leave the house in any type of "team" attire and sweat pants, because I, while I am not racist or prejudiced, am extremely classist. Yes, classist. If you look like a hobo, I hate you.

I remember back to my days of living in the small town of Old Forge Pennsylvania. Every trash basket I saw wore Pittsburgh Steelers catour. I'm talking ugly black jackets with that terrible trashy logo, and dirty, dirty disgusting filth covered jackets they'd prance around proudly displaying. Normally, they'd be compensating for their lack of teeth with their heavy NFL Pittsburgh Steelers jackets, and that made matters worse.

Clearly we admire those most like us, and if the Steelers are anything like those who display their merchandise, they're trashy, unprofessional hobos, and they're not worthy of winning the Game of the Week.



# Athlete of the Week: Al Karaffa

BY ARIEL COHEN  
*Beacon Sports Editor*

It is a shotgun formation for Karaffa and his offensive line. He has one receiver to either side. He takes the snap, steps back, looks way down field, throws, and it is caught for a 30 yard pass play.

If you haven't been to Wilkes football anytime during the past two seasons, you might not be familiar with a call like that, but junior starting quarterback Al Karaffa is right in the middle of those heart pounding plays that proves why Karaffa has rightfully earned the title of *The Beacon's Athlete of the Week*.

Since he assumed the starting quarterback position, Karaffa has raked in a regular season record of 21-3, which includes a winning streak dating back to last season of 16 straight wins.

"He [Karaffa] has helped us to win football games by raising the level of his game," said head football coach Frank Sheptock.

Karaffa's tremendous athletic and offensive abilities have been evident throughout the season, including Saturday's 35-7 win

over the visiting Susquehanna Crusader's. Karaffa went 12-22 for 166 yards. This though is not the only skill that Karaffa has.

"The biggest thing for me is the leadership. Keeping my head up throughout the game and trying to fight through even the tough times is what keeps the rest of the team playing hard," said junior Karaffa about his performance and importance to the team.

Sheptock also added that "Karaffa is very versatile and handles his position of leadership well."

This versatility that Sheptock mentioned was clear to the crowd at Ralston Field when Karaffa ran 13 yards for a key first down and then took the ball another three yards into the endzone for a touchdown last Saturday.

Karaffa will have his final 2006 regular season appearance this coming Saturday as he and the rest of the Colonels football team take on the King's College Monarchs at King's for the annual Mayor's Cup beginning at 12:30 p.m.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Junior quarterback Al Karaffa gets ready to make a pass downfield.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

**Junior goalkeeper, TJ Baloga saves a shot on goal in the Colonels Freedom Conference semi-final matchup against DeSales. Baloga finished with two saves in the game.**

## WEEKEND RECAPS

### Wrestling

The 18th-ranked Wilkes University wrestling team opened their 2006-07 season by squeezing out a 17-16 win over 14th-ranked York College on Saturday night in the Marts Center. The Colonels jumped out to a 6-0 lead by winning each of the first two matches. Felipe Queiroz, ranked second in the nation at 125 pounds, opened the match with an 8-3 decision over Kyle Flickinger to give Wilkes a 3-0 advantage.

### Football

Senior Tom Andreopoulos rushed for 186 yards and three touchdowns to lead 8th-ranked Wilkes University to their first Middle Atlantic Conference championship since 1993 with a 35-7 win over Susquehanna University on Saturday afternoon at Ralston Field. The Colonels improve to an overall record of 9-0, and 8-0 in the conference. Quarterback Al Karaffa put on a great performance by burning the Crusaders for 166 passing yards and a touchdown on the side.

# 12

*Number of wins by the Colonels men's soccer team.*

*The Colonels ended their season with a heartbreaking playoff loss to DeSales.*

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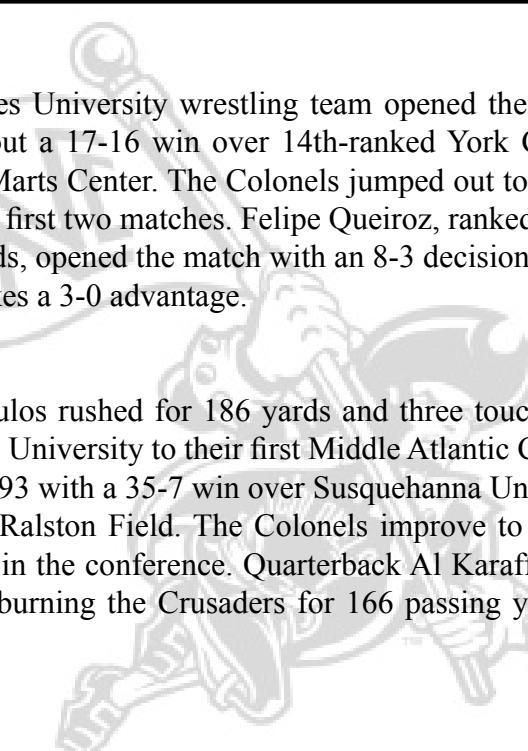
*Points scored by the Colonels wrestling team as they sneak out a win against 14th ranked York College.*

# 392

*Total offensive yards by the Colonels football team on Saturday, crushing the Susquehanna Crusaders 35-7.*

# 9

*Number of saves by Liz Pauly in the Lady Colonel's Freedom Conference playoff lost to University of Scranton.*



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## Preview of the Week: Men's Basketball vs. Rider

### *The Colonels will start the season with a huge exhibition game*

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

As the seasons change, so, too, do the sports.

With the approaching winter season, the men shooting for hoops will be back on the court.

Basketball has returned and the Colonels begin this season with a huge exhibition game against Rider University on Saturday November 11.

Junior shooting guard Jeremy "the cable guy" Kable from Harrisburg, PA believes, "Playing Rider will benefit us because they are a bigger and stronger team. Anytime you get the chance to play a bigger and stronger team it prepares you for conference play, because no one in our conference will be as good as Rider."

Last season the Colonels made it all the way to the MAC cham-

pionship after beating the rivals from down the street at their own King's College gym. The Colonels were one game away from the big ring that all players want on their finger, but Scranton University had other plans, sneaking by the Colonels in a nail-biter 64-63 outing. Scranton's gym was filled to capacity, rowdy fans screaming, and the third seeded Colonels still managed to offer a valiant effort in the game.

But all of that was last season, and as the legendary MC Hammer would say, "It's all good." Why? Because it's a new season, new team, new attitude and the Colonels are back with a team that everybody around the league should watch out for.

The Colonels come into the game with seven returning players and seven new faces, and are making strides to a better team by

playing Rider University, a division I program. The difference between the athleticism, talent and size just does not add up.

But this plays to the Colonels favor, because after playing the beast from a higher division, teams from the MAC conference should pose far less of a challenge. "I think this would be a good experience for the guys to play against a division I team, and it should be a good atmosphere. I don't think we will play anybody during the season that will be of their athleticism and size, which will benefit us," said head men's basketball coach Jerry Rickrode.

Rickrode is returning for his fifteenth season as the Colonels head coach, and has an impressive resume with 278 wins and only 96 loses. He has led the Colonels to

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Senior captain Dan Adams will look to help guide his team to victory against Rider University.

## **Campus Calendar**

### All Week

\*Beyond Recognition, Sordoni Art Gallery

### Monday 11/6

\*Women's Health Night, Health Services Evans Hall - 4:00 p.m.

### Tuesday 11/7

\*Personarcards, HSC Roth Concourse - 11:00 a.m.

\*Guest speaker Peter D. Shelp, Old bookstore HSC - 11:00 a.m.

### Wednesday 11/8

\*No events scheduled.

### Thursday 11/9

\*The Incredible Boris Hypnotist, HSC Ballroom - 9:00 p.m.

### Friday 11/10

\*53rd Annual Tax Clinic, HSC - 8:00 a.m.  
\*Cinderella, DDD - 8:00 p.m.

### Saturday 11/11

\*Open House for Future Students, Entire campus - 9:00 a.m.

\*Wrestling @ King's

Tournament - 11:00 a.m.

\*Football @ King's - 12:30 p.m.

\*Men's basketball @ Rider - 7:00 p.m.

\*Cinderella, DDD - 8:00 p.m.

### Sunday 11/12

\*Cinderella, DDD - 2:00 p.m.

\*Sidhu School Outstanding Leaders Forum Presents Rudy Giuliani, F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts - 8:00 p.m.

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*Congratulations to Paran Mukhija who correctly identified last week's secret shot which was of the back door of Weckesser.*