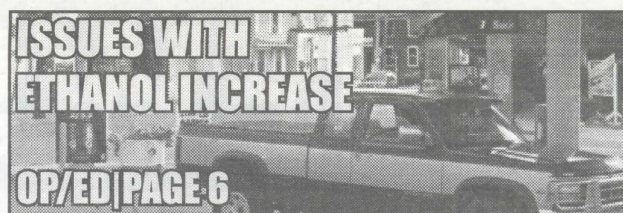


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## Students can find ways to be safer around campus

BY CATHRYN FREAR  
News Editor  
& EMMA ZIMMERMAN  
Staff Writer

Crime across campus is going down for the most part, according to Public Safety. However, there are still different things that students can do to further protect themselves from these incidents.

"Violent crimes — rapes, assaults, things of that nature — are going down," Public Safety Manager Jerry Rebo said. "The only thing that has gone up is theft. Taking other people's property from their vehicles, that is, and damaging property."

Rebo said that this increase in car break-ins is a fluke and that theft in campus dorms has gone down. He also said that dorm break-ins have

never been a major issue at Wilkes in the years that he has been working at the Wilkes Public Safety offices.

Public Safety provides different services for students and Rebo made clear that those services are extended to those who live off-campus, as well.

"If it's off the (campus) property, then that is Wilkes-Barre City (Police Department), but the thing is, if they call us, we will respond," Rebo said. "We will provide them with any assistance and any services that they need, even if there is an active crime going on at that time."

Rebo also said that if a student ends up in a situation where they are being robbed, they should not interfere.

"My advice is always don't confront the person," Rebo said. "If

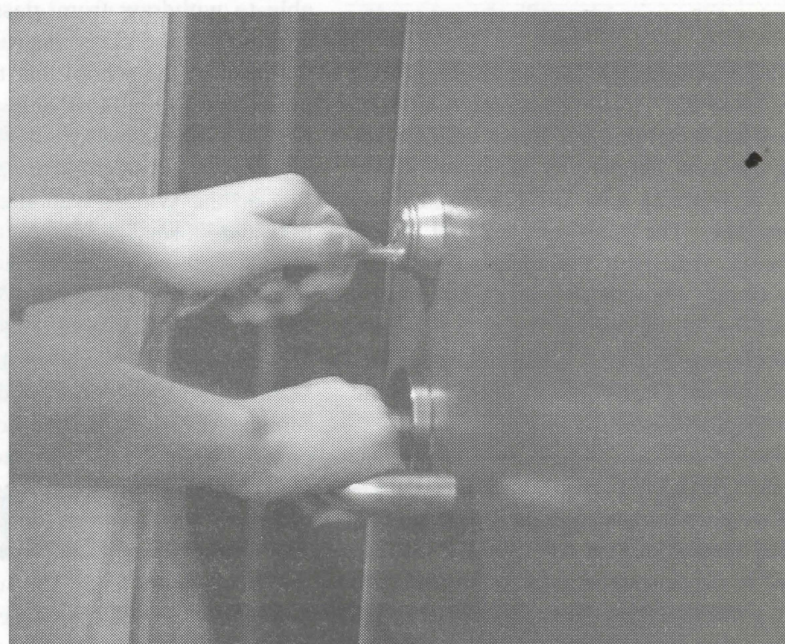
you see someone coming into your home or breaking into your car, it's too risky to confront them."

Rebo said that Public Safety works very closely with the Wilkes-Barre Police Department in matters regarding safety.

"I was a Wilkes-Barre police officer for 20 years," Rebo said. "The chief and I came on the force together and I know all of the detectives and most of the patrol officers, so that relationship works very well."

Sergeant Kenneth Lukasavage of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department said that no matter how many precautions are taken, robberies may still occur on campus.

Lukasavage agreed with Rebo in that it is best that students do not



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One suggestion that Public Safety gives to students is to always lock doors to protect possessions from being stolen.

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## Forum aims to decrease misinformation about Islamic culture

BY KIRSTIN COOK  
Assistant News Editor

A forum to teach about Muslim culture will be held by the Luzerne County Diversity Commission at 7 p.m. on Nov. 7 in the Henry Student Center ballroom.

Dr. Linda Trompetter, vice chair of Luzerne County Diversity Commission and forum moderator said that the forum, titled "Islam in Northeastern Pennsylvania," is free to attend and was organized in response to difficulties that Muslim commission members have faced in the community.

"It's just to gain more competency in understanding Muslim

religion and our neighbors who live in this community," Trompetter said. "It's a religion that is very misunderstood, that there isn't a lot of information about and the information that there is, much of it is not true."

The forum will be in question and answer format. A panel of Muslim community leaders will answer questions from Trompetter and the audience on Islamic beliefs and culture. After the forum, there will be a reception where attendees can meet panelists.

Trompetter said that discrimination and hatred against the Muslim population has grown in recent years due in part to the 9/11 attacks

and the New York City prayer center controversy. She said the forum aims to decrease prejudice against Muslims in the Luzerne County area.

"Our goal is to make everybody — all cultural groups — feel like this is a welcoming, inclusive community," Trompetter said.

The LCDC includes representation of six minority groups from the area, one of them being the Muslim community, Trompetter said. She said that the Muslim community is very prominent in the area, and maintains an active mosque.

Dr. Ebonie Stringer, associate professor of sociology and anthropology and a member of LCDC,

said that hearing Muslims speak personally on their beliefs will be effective for attendees.

"To hear (people) to say this is not what we stand for, we stand for peace, we are against violence, we are against terrorism, all of the words that you'll hear directly from the mouths of (Islamic) people in our community," Stringer said.

Monih Alshehri, a Muslim psychology student, who has lived in the area for three months, agrees with this angle.

"It's a good idea because we learn more things in a conversation," Alshehri said, "In television and the news they focus on bad things about Muslims more than

when you're having a conversation with a person."

Alshehri suggests that people talk to Muslim community members because they would get a different image than what is presented in the media.

"They take bad things of one bad person and they make it general about all Muslims," Alshehri said. "In all cultures we have a bad person. I think in the news they make it more general."

Alshehri said that she has not yet experienced any negative treatment while living in the Wilkes-Barre area. She said that everyone has been friendly to her, though,

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## Beacon Briefs

BY CATHRYN FREAR  
News Editor**GETTING INNOCENT PEOPLE OUT OF PRISON**

The Sociology/Criminology Club is holding an event called "Getting Innocent People Out of Prison" today, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. in Marts room 214. The guest speaker will be Bill Babcock from the Philadelphia Community Court. He will be sharing information about the PA Innocence Project. For more information, contact Sociology/criminology Club adviser Dr. Ebonie Stringer at ebonie.stringer@wilkes.edu.

**MSC TALENT SHOW SIGN-UPS** – Wilkes Got Talent sign-ups are being held in the Henry Student Center. Those interested in signing up can do so from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The show will be held Nov. 4 on the second floor of HSC in the ballroom.

**ANNUAL BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SIGN-UPS** – Now through Nov. 5, sign-ups for the Fourth Annual Billiards Tournament are being held at the front desk on the first floor of the Henry Student Center. The tournament will start Nov. 9. Those interested can also sign up by e-mailing Neal Biscaldi of the intramural office at neal.biscaldi@wilkes.edu. Biscaldi can also be contacted regarding any questions, comments or concerns having to do with the tournament.

**TENTH WEEK ANNOUNCEMENT** – Friday, Nov. 5 is the end of the tenth week of the semester, which is also the end of the withdrawal period for classes. Currently, students must get permission from the course's instructor as well as their adviser in order to withdraw themselves from a class. Permission requires a signature from

both the adviser and the instructor. Starting Monday, Nov. 9, students will only be able to withdraw from classes by gaining approval of the class' instructor as well as the dean of the school that the course falls under the umbrella of only after there has been a consultation with the dean of student affairs. Withdrawal forms can be found online on the Wilkes Web site or by visiting that student services center.

**BENEFIT CONCERT** – The Wilkes Office of Campus Interfaith, King's College, Misericordia University, the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Navigators and Making a Difference Ministries will be holding a benefit concert is for Erin Redmond, a 3-year-old Dallas girl. She has a coloboma/retinal detachment that requires corrective surgery. The affliction limits the growth of the left side of the girl's face. The surgery will cost her family \$20,000 because her insurance company has deemed her surgery cosmetic, the company will not pay for it. The concert is being held Saturday, Nov. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Ballroom on the second floor. Bands currently slated to play include Velvetten and X-terra. Those interested in purchasing tickets to the benefit should do so by contacting Caitlin Czech of the Interfaith Office at caitlin.czech@wilkes.edu or by calling 408-5904. Tickets cost \$2.50 before the event and \$5.00 at the door.

**TASTE OF WILKES** – Taste of Wilkes is holding its 18th Annual Taste of Wilkes "Thanks-for-Giving" luncheon Thursday, Nov. 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission for faculty and staff members is \$6 and \$3 for students and guests. Any chefs in attendance receive complimentary admission. All proceeds benefit the United Way of the Wyoming Valley. Dishes served at "Thanks-for-Giving" will be homemade. At the event, there will also be a silent auc-

tion for attendees to participate in. Attendees will be able to vote for their favorite dish. The winner will be given a trophy and small gift. Those interested in being chefs or anyone with questions, comments or concerns should contact Megan Boone at megan.boone@wilkes.edu.

**CONFESSIONS OF A BARGAIN HUNTER**

Monday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Henry Student Center in the ballroom, Marketing Club will be holding an event called "Confessions of a Bargain Hunter." The event will provide attendees with information on how to save and where they can find deals. There will also be a runway show put on by Twenty Something Consignment and Boutique.

**SALVATION ARMY KETTLE KICK-OFF CLASSIC**

– Zebra Communications and the Salvation Army will be hosting the annual Kettle Kick-off Classic Relay Race Saturday, Nov. 13 at noon in Nesbitt Park in Kingston. The race is meant to benefit the 2010 Kettle Campaign. Teams will consist of four people per team and the teams are asked to come up with a theme. The most creative team will be given a prize. The first three teams to finish as well as the team with the most sponsorship will also receive a prize. Sign-ups are being held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a registration fee of \$10 for those who sign up in advance and \$12 for those who sign up the day of the event. All proceeds benefit the Salvation Army of Wilkes-Barre.

**LIBRARY REFERENCE BOOK SALE**

– Now through Dec. 10, the Farley Library will be holding a reference book sale. The books that are for sale are available on the bookshelves in the basement of the library. Also on the shelves are bags that buyers can fill with books. The cost for a bag of books is \$1.

**PHARMACY STUDENTS** – Order forms for caps and gowns as well as those for diplomas should be completed as soon as possible for those planning on graduating in the May 2011 commencement. Forms can be found at the Student Services desk in UCOM or within the Registrar Forms on the Wilkes Web site. Other paperwork necessary includes an updated copy of each student's degree audit. Those who are doctor of pharmacy, master's degree candidates and bachelor's degree candidates should all also meet with their advisor and that they should run the audit only after they have been registered for the graduation audit class. For more information on registration and forms, contact Susan Hritzak at susan.hritzak@wilkes.edu.

**WEEKLY MEDITATION**

– Meditation is held on campus every Wednesday from 5 to 5:30 p.m. in the Kirby Salon in the first floor of Kirby Hall. Those with questions or concerns as well as first-time meditators are also invited to attend a question and answer session before the actual meditation session at 4:45 p.m. Interested parties can also contact Dr. Linda Paul at linda.paul@wilkes.edu or Dr. Mischelle Anthony at mischelle.anthony@wilkes.edu

**LIFE EMPOWERMENT CLASSES**

– Life empowerment classes are being held by Dr. Ed Schicatano every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Arts YOUiverse. The classes are meant to help rid oneself of negative emotions, stress, anxiety, fear and phobias. The cost is \$10 per person. More information can be found by calling 417-3309 or by visiting www.artsyouniverse.com or www.ahealthymind.webs.com.

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Molly Kurlandski  
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# SG budget significantly higher than anticipated

BY CATHRYN FREAR  
News Editor

**Meeting Notebook:**  
**Treasurer's Report:**  
**All College: \$2,753.65**  
**Conferences: \$4,100**  
**General Funds: \$2,000**  
**Leadership: \$2,941.20**  
**Special Projects: \$3,000**  
**Special Projects: \$0**  
**Start Up: \$1,500**  
**Total: \$16,294.85**

Student Government's budget this year currently stands at \$440,000. However, SG President Ben Beidel estimates that it will end up being \$510,000, due to a \$70,000 difference that Beidel said was not expected to be in the budget at all.

There are a few places from where the money came.

"This money comes (partially) from the increase in student population," Beidel said.

Dean Mark Allen, dean of student affairs and SG adviser, said that there has also been an increase in student activity fees that has added to the extra funding.

Willie Eggleston, SG treasurer, said that the budget is established in May of the previous year based on how many students are projected to enroll for the current year.

"It's always based in the trend of student population increase," Eggleston said. "From that, we take a conservative estimate (of the number of students) just in case there's a hit to our amount of students or something we don't expect that would change our total income as far as the budget is concerned."

What set off this difference is that the buffer fund generally comes from student activities fees and the student population is estimated by Eggleston to be around 2,100 students. That would bring the total to \$40,000 that would be put toward the buffer fund.

However, last year's SG board was not informed that there was an increase in student activities fees by \$7 per student per semester. Though that isn't a lot on the individual level, that brought in an extra estimated \$30,000.

"That brings the total to about \$70,000," Eggleston said. "So that money is there but isn't reflected in the current SG budget."

Eggleston said that the buffer fund money is there for two reasons. The first is that the

UCOM prioritizes their payment plan for what students are paying on within their bill. Activities fees, which are what fund SG, are one of the last things that are paid for on students' bills.

"Let's say you pay almost everything and your tuition is all taken care of and whatnot but you still owe (a few hundred) dollars, chances are, \$122 of that is activities fees for that semester," Eggleston said.

Therefore, SG doesn't get any money for the first few weeks of the semester. When that comes around, they dig into the buffer fund to continue functioning as they normally would.

"We aren't the government and can't print our own money, so we have to have some money actually there so we can back our budget up with physical money," Eggleston said.

SG uses the buffer fund to back up the budget. The buffer fund is extra money that SG accumulates and sets aside for a few years until they have enough to spend it on something significant on campus.

"What we've always done is we've always been very fiscally conservative with our estimate," Eggleston said. "Because of that, we are able to fund things like Programming Board and different activities, so we have stuff like that and then we have this leftover money in the buffer fund and what that allows us to do is to them operate like a larger campus would."

Eggleston said that one of the major purchases that the buffer fund has made possible is the student government vans that clubs and organizations around campus can use for various trips throughout every year.

Another way SG has spent this extra money is to help with the basement of the library during renovations.

"We donated something like \$10,000 because the basement wasn't going to get done in time," Eggleston said. "The University ran out of funds, so we supplemented that."

To figure out what to spend the money on, there is a buffer fund committee that goes around every year to other campuses and sees what Wilkes is lacking in comparison to those schools.

This budget fund, however, does not reflect the total of future buffer funds.

"Now knowing that there is this increase in activities fees, our budget will be consistent with that \$14 increase," said Eggleston. "So, you're most likely to see an increase in our budgeted amount of money because we have this extra funding that will be reflected in next year's budget."

For this year, Beidel is still trying to figure out how the buffer fund will be spent and he also said that he isn't revealing the project that the money is going toward until he's sure what that project will actually be.

"I haven't completed the project and don't want it running wild yet," Beidel said. "I'm

making sure that it's what the student body wants and trying to put together a solid presentation."

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## Beacon Correction

In Issue 6, *The Beacon* reported that Casino Night was going to be in the Marts Gym. The event is being held in the second floor of the Henry Student Center in the ballroom. It was also reported that the event was being held on Nov. 2. It is being held Friday, Nov. 5. *The Beacon* regrets this error.



## High school leadership



The Beacon/Allison Roth

On Thursday, Oct. 28, high school leadership brought in students from local area high schools to have them participate in activities to develop team-building and leadership skills. Because the students must work together throughout the day, they learn better communication skills, as well. For more information or to find ways to get involved, contact Kristofer Rivers at [kristopher.rivers@wilkes.edu](mailto:kristopher.rivers@wilkes.edu).



# University Towers to be smoke-free by June 2011

BY CHRISTINE LEE  
Staff Writer

A smoking ban has been issued for eight non-student leaseholders of University Towers due to complaints of smoke smells coming from certain rooms. It will go into effect starting in May of 2011, making the building a completely smoke-free residence hall.

The ban was initiated by Procurement and Finance Director Justin Kraynack, after Residence Life heard complaints from students living in Towers towards the end of September about the smell of smoke in the hallways and near certain rooms.

"Talking to Residence Life, it was decided that a whole notice should go out to the rental-paying tenants. The students were complaining to their RA's and the RA's were bringing it back to Residence Life," Kraynack said. "(Towers) is trying to get consistent with all the other buildings that (Wilkes) has on campus, which (means) everything (on campus is) smoke-free."

These leaseholders lived in the complex prior to Wilkes purchasing it and the consequences for all occupants of Towers that violate the policy will be dealt with in the same manner that the other residence halls are currently enforced.

Director of Residence Life Elizabeth Swantek said that any and all of these disciplinary actions depend on the specific situa-

tion and thus will be dealt with on an individual basis.

"For instance, over breaks part of our process is to make sure that all the students are abiding (to our rules) and to make sure that everyone left the building," Swantek said. "The RA and an area coordinator will go into the room(s) just check (them) out."

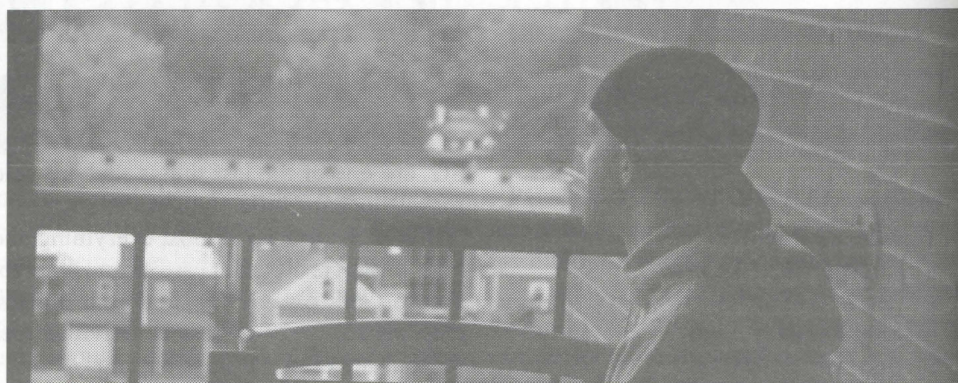
The RAs also go onto any campus dorms' balcony and check for remnants of cigarettes.

"Then they'll check the balcony and if there's cigarette butts then (the student) will receive (a notice) of a violation of the handbook as a warning and if it continues it would be a fine," Swantek said.

Currently, the leaseholders are the only exception to the ban on smoking for all residence halls, including Towers. There are approximately eight apartments in Towers are being leased by non-University tenants that lived in the apartments at the time the building was purchased.

According to Kraynack, the leaseholders have been informed earlier this month that all of the facilities will become smoke-free, maintaining consistency with all the other University-owned building being smoke-free.

"There are approximately eight apartments that are leased by non-University students, faculty and staff that are in that building. I don't really (know) the number that actually



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**University Towers' balconies have been smoke-free for years. However, the tenants who lived in the building before Wilkes bought it were previously not subject to the rule. Starting in June 2011, these tenants will no longer be allowed to smoke, either.**

smokes because I haven't had many complaints to date," he said.

There have been no further complaints from students that are living in Towers in regards to smoking by leaseholders. Those students living in Towers will not be affected because the ban already applies to them and no rules are being changed in regards to students.

Sophomore political science and theatre arts major Tony Goreczny said that the ban seems to be an inconvenience for the tenants rather than an improvement.

"I'm not entirely sure what the purpose (of the ban) is other than to have it clean for students, other than that if they really want

to smoke, (the tenants) will have to take the elevator downstairs," said Goreczny.

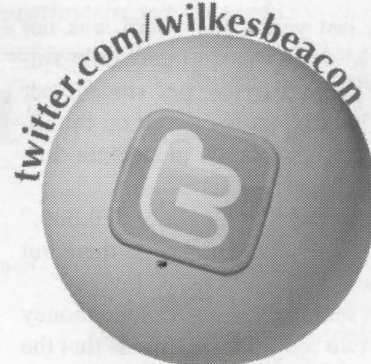
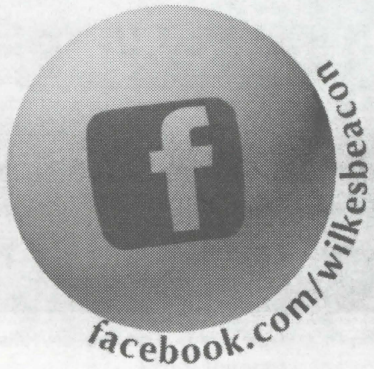
"I think it's for a good reason and that is for the safety of everyone that lives (in Towers) including the tenants, which would be only one or two of them," said Jerry Rebo, public safety manager.

On the topic of being able to smoke, Swantek also said, "If anyone wants to smoke on campus, do that where there are smoke depots. If there is no smoke depot, like on a Towers balcony, then you're not allowed to smoke there."

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## SAFER

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try to stop a robbery if there is a one already in progress.

"They should retreat to a safe place and call 911," Lukasavage said.

"First of all, you should make two phone calls," Rebo said. "One should be to 911 and one should be to Wilkes University Public Safety."

Safety is not just a matter of the campus security and the students. Even if a student doesn't call the police, Public Safety does if items are stolen from students. The police are notified as soon as possible.

Lukasavage said that students need to take caution when it comes to storing their items in their cars or in their dorms away from public view. To keep dormitories safe, Lukasavage encourages students to keep their doors locked and to have belongings hidden.

"(Students) should keep belongings in a secure place," Lukasavage said.

Students are especially encouraged to keep expensive items out of plain sight in case someone where to see them while visiting.

"Try not to advertise what you have such as laptop computers, cell phones or iPods," Lukasavage said.

Rebo suggested students keep their valuables hidden from view.

"Just don't let it anywhere where people can see it," Rebo said. "If it's in the home, store it in the closet, underneath a bed or in a drawer."

The Annual Crime and Fire Statistics report details information on occurrences relating to crimes and fire around campus.

The report also gives information on what to do in instances of crime and what has occurred over the last three years.

One specific service that the report provides is information on protecting oneself from sex offenders.

The report also provides information about Public Safety itself such as how many officers are on duty and what services they can provide.

While Rebo emphasizes that crime has gone down, he said that there is no way of preventing it from happening all together. He said that while students should avoid being paranoid about potentially being the victims of crimes, they should be cautious.

For more information or to report an incident, call Public Safety at 408-4999.

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## FORUM

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adding that she has only spent a short time in the region.

Stringer also said that the image of Muslims is often inaccurate in the media.

"They really are not what the media has painted them to be," Stringer said.

Stringer expects that those who disagree on the topic will attend the event, but she said it is important to hear all sides.

"We've had some information that suggests to us that nay-sayers, they'll be there, and I'm sure they'll be there to voice their opinions," Stringer said. "But we need hear all of the voices and we have to work together to resolve our differences and that's what we're hoping to do."

Some of the difficulties that Muslims have faced living in this region have made some of them uncomfortable to leave the house at night, Stringer said. She added that they have experienced direct threats and Muslim children have even experienced stereotypes at schools.

"Can you imagine a space in which your children are being antagonized in their schools?" Stringer said. "Children are hearing negative messages not just from their peers, but from their teachers."

Trompetter said she has been working on promoting this event to the entire community, and welcomes anyone to attend.

"We're really hoping to get as much people as possible, because you walk away from these things with a much better understanding," she said.

There is a direct advantage to students to attend this forum, Trompetter said. She said being open-minded and expanding knowledge of cultures will help job performance in future careers.

"Certainly a large part of your education ought to be to glean cultural competency so you can interact effectively with all kinds of differences," Trompetter said.

Trompetter said that Wilkes University is an ideal location for the forum because of the ability to hold many people and the educational context of the forum. She said that it made sense to hold this type of event at an education institution.

Trompetter said that she hopes the forum has a positive effect on the thinking towards Muslims in this area.

"Ultimately, the reason to do any of these things is to reduce prejudice and discrimination," Trompetter said.

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# Ethanol boost will do more harm than good

EPA agrees to raise ethanol content in gasoline from 10 to 15 percent

BY THE BEACON

Editorial Board

Anyone who has ever driven an automobile recognizes the importance of gasoline in a vehicle's operation. Drivers also know that the fumes released from burning gasoline are harmful to the environment.

Rather than switching to cleaner alternatives, the Environmental Protection Agency plans to increase the amount of ethanol in gasoline from 10 to 15 percent.

*The Beacon* feels that rather than boosting the ethanol content in gasoline, the EPA should focus on cleaner alternatives to ethanol.

Despite being a renewable source of energy, ethanol is harmful to our environment. The burning ethanol released from tailpipes creates air pollution. During winter, ethanol reduces carbon monoxide; however, during summer, ethanol creates

large amounts of nitrogen oxide, which causes smog. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, ethanol evaporates more quickly in the hot summer weather, which causes higher levels of smog to be released.

Many environmentalists are against the increase in ethanol content. At a press conference held by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Kate McMahon, the biofuels campaign coordinator at Friends of the Earth, said, "The (EPA) has yet to conclude comprehensive scientific testing on the long-term engine safety and pollution impacts of increased ethanol in gasoline."

A higher ethanol content in gasoline would not only damage our environment, but would negatively impact vehicles. Gasoline containing 15 percent ethanol, also known as E15, can only be used by vehicles made in 2007 or later. If someone owning a vehicle built before 2007 was to

mistakenly use E15 instead of E10, his or her engine could become seriously damaged. Also, ethanol absorbs water, which causes rust to develop in one's fuel system.

Fuel with more ethanol may also reduce a vehicle's mileage. According to the EPA, ethanol has less energy than gasoline, which can cause a minor drop in mileage.

The EPA claims that E10 causes a 3 percent drop in mileage; therefore, we can deduce that E15 will only create a greater loss of mileage.

In an article written for *Boston Herald*, a man was interviewed and confirmed that his mileage was lower when he used E10 than when he used 100 percent gasoline. Using regular gasoline, his vehicle averaged 42 miles per gallon, whereas E10 reduced his mileage to 38 miles per gallon.

Burning ethanol is not only harmful to the environment and to vehicles themselves, but the production of ethanol can hurt clean water supplies, as producing more ethanol will require greater amounts of water.

According to Environment Defense, three to six gallons of water are needed to produce a single gallon of ethanol.

Making more corn ethanol may also drive up food costs, as land dedicated to crops for human consumption may be converted to land specifically used for producing corn ethanol.

Instead of increasing the amount of ethanol in gasoline, the EPA needs to shift its focus to the study of cleaner biofuels.

According to the EPA, the United States produces 12 billion gallons of biofuels per year, mostly from corn ethanol.

The United States plans to have 15 billion gallons of ethanol produced annually by 2015; however, cleaner alternatives to ethanol should be pursued instead.

*The Beacon* feels that the EPA is taking a step backward in raising the ethanol content in gasoline.

Ethanol has been proven to be harmful to the environment and to automobiles. We hope that the EPA will soon realize that boosting the amount of ethanol in gasoline will inevitably fail in its attempt to create a greener America.

## BEACON POLL

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- Yes 20%
- No 80%

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A truck, pictured above, sits at a local gas station. Gas stations across the United States may need to upgrade their gas pumps to include gasoline with 15 percent ethanol, as opposed to the current 10 percent.



## America's favorite pastime should institute a salary cap

BY AMANDA LEONARD  
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The NFL, NHL, and NBA offer something crucial to their franchises that the MLB does not: salary caps.

Putting a limit on players' salaries or on a team's payroll is used as a method to keep overall costs down and to ensure equality

between teams so a wealthy team cannot dominate by signing more talented players than their rivals.

Baseball is the only major sport where a franchise stack their teams up, making it nearly impossible for others to compete with star players because one team has essentially bought them all.

An effective salary cap prevents these wealthy teams from being greedy and hinders their rivals' access of talented players or prospects. It also does not give way to automatic victory to teams who have the economic power to purchase whomever they wish.

ESPN gives player salaries and the payroll of each MLB team. Though not a surprise, the New York Yankees have the highest payroll with \$206,738,389. The Boston Red Sox, the second highest paid team has a considerably lesser payroll of \$160,913,333.

With the gap between those two teams, one can only imagine what the lowest paid team is earning.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, the lowest paid team in the MLB, has a current team salary of \$34,933,000.

For a team as a whole, that is obviously less than average. However, the ridiculousness of this is that Alex Rodriguez, of the New York Yankees, makes \$33 million a year, a number extremely close to the entire Pirates' payroll.

How is this fair that one player can make the equivalent to an entire team's salary?

A team like the New York Yankees often brags about the amount of championships

they have won, which is partly due to their investment in talented players. A motto such as "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em," offers a false view of the American ideal of equality.

A more positive mentality to instill into baseball fans, as well as younger aspiring baseball players, would be the reverse of that motto.

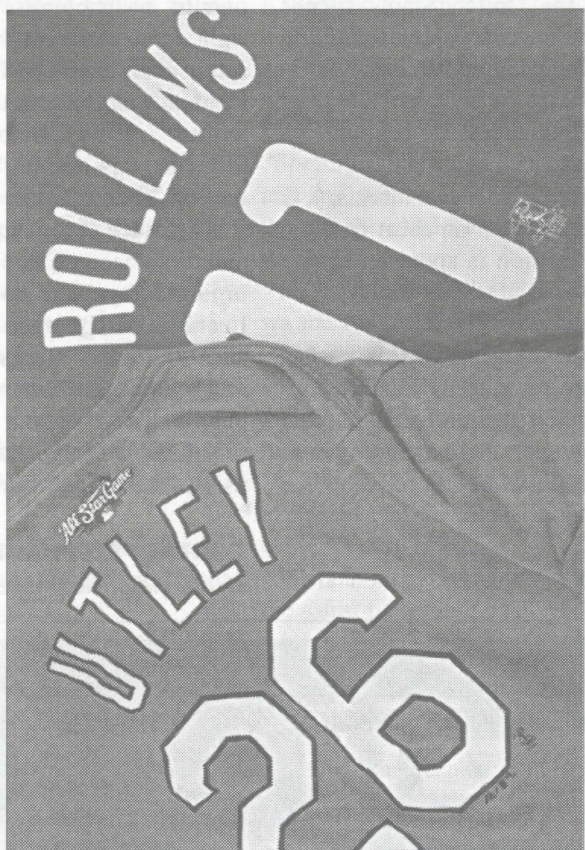
Salary caps are implemented for myriad reasons. Of course, the most argued reasons is due to teams spending large amounts of money on players and signing them to a long contract

so that no other team can have them.

Another reason is for the stripped-down entertainment value of the sport. If the same few teams are dominant and consistently winning, other teams begin to lose their appeal and games become less exciting.

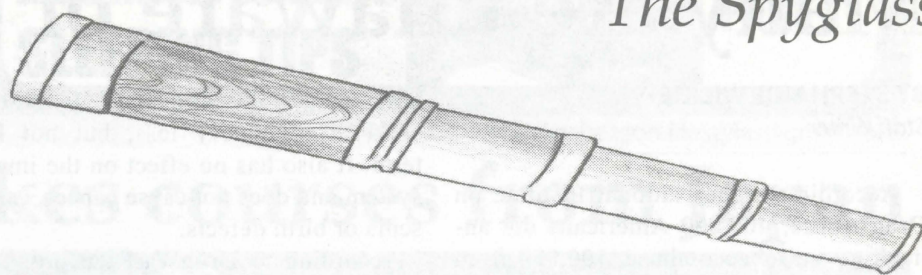
Not to view teams in a disparaging manner, but a Yankees vs. Red Sox game will get a lot more viewers as opposed to a Padres vs. Pirates game. Television revenue is just as important as selling seats in a stadium.

The more interesting a game is, due to the amount of talented players being spread out



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**Players, such as Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley, have extremely high salaries. Rollins made \$8.5 million and Utley made \$15 million this year. A salary cap will reduce these to realistic numbers.**

## The Spyglass



## The government should not be allowed to censor the Internet

BY ANTHONY TRUPPO  
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The Internet is a place where people around the globe can seek and share information and various forms of media. Although the government has a major presence on the Internet, the Internet is kept alive by the people.

The decision of what to seek out on the Internet should be in the hands of the individual, rather than the government; however, with the newly proposed Combating Online Infringement and Counterfeits Act, the United States government is attempting to gain the ability to censor the Internet based on their own standards.

The newly proposed Combating Online Infringement and Counterfeits Act (COICA), introduced by U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy on Sept. 20, 2010, is the greatest threat to online freedom in the history of the United States.

If passed, the bill would force all Internet service providers in the country to prevent users from accessing website that freely offer copyrighted materials. All websites with .com, .org, or .net suffixes have the potential to be blocked.

Blacklisted website will include those that offer streaming music and videos. It is scary to think that if this bill was passed five years ago, YouTube may not have been created.

The COICA will also have BitTorrent trackers and websites that allow users to upload files blacklisted. These websites, however, are not always used for illegal activity. If someone wishes to send a friend a document, he or she can easily send the file by uploading it on a website such as Rapidshare or Mediafire. Some professors even use these websites to upload assignment sheets.

The bill's biggest threat to Internet freedom is that the U.S. Attorney General can

command that certain Web sites be black-listed without trial. If the attorney general thinks that a website may have the slightest chance of misusing copyrighted content, he can demand that the website be blocked without any proof that the website is actually violating copyright.

According to the COICA, the attorney general will decide which websites are violating copyright laws "upon information and reasonable belief."

The attorney general does not even need to prove to a court that copyright infringement is present.

I do not necessarily promote Internet piracy, but I feel that the government is going about piracy prevention the wrong way. The organization or individual that owns the copyrighted content should have the ability to decide whether the content is shared on the Internet or not.

If a company owning the right to a movie does not wish for their movie to be freely shared, the company can contact the owner of the website and simply ask that the content be removed.

The only problem is that there are thousands of websites sharing copyrighted material; however, only a handful of those sites receive high amounts of traffic.

The decision of whether or not to allow online sharing of copyrighted content should be placed in the hands of the owner not only to prevent theft, but because many independent music artists, filmmakers and video game designers gain awareness from free online sharing.

Under the COICA, those who chose to share their own copyrighted material may suffer in terms of sales and popularity, as the government will block "wrongfully used" copyrighted content without prejudice.

Many public figures have voiced their



# Many are unaware of the benefits of marijuana

BY STEPHANIE WILKIE  
Staff Writer

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, 400,000 Americans die annually from tobacco abuse, 100,000 from alcohol, 2,000 from caffeine, 500 from aspirin and 350,000 from obesity, but zero have died directly from marijuana abuse.

The problem with marijuana is that many people are being misled that marijuana is a harmful drug. Many people are apprehensive about the study of marijuana, but there is a lot of information that people do not know about.

By legalizing marijuana, Americans can partake in benefits that include increased relaxation and improvements in health.

People are under the assumption that marijuana is a gateway drug and can lead one to using other drugs.

The truth is actually the opposite.

When marijuana was partially legalized in the 1970s, usage of cocaine and heroin decreased rapidly. This proves the theory that if marijuana was legalized, the abuse of other drugs that are actually harmful would lessen.

Many people also think that marijuana can lead to health problems. This is also false. Alcohol, nicotine and caffeine have all proven to have long-term effects on the brain whereas long-term marijuana users

have found no brain damage. It can cause short-term memory loss, but not long-term. It also has no effect on the immune system and does not cause cancer, emphysema or birth defects.

According to DrugWarFacts.org, to induce death by marijuana, the person would need to smoke 20,000 to 40,000 times the amount of marijuana present in one cigarette, or 1,500 pounds of marijuana, in 15 minutes.

Many people claim that marijuana is harmful, but there are actually many benefits. According to Medical Marijuana for Doctors, in a 1990 survey, 44 percent of oncologists said they had suggested that a patient smoke marijuana for relief of the nausea induced by chemotherapy.

According to a statement released by the American College of Physicians, the second largest group of doctors in the United States, marijuana will help decrease weight loss due to the AIDS virus and can successfully treat side effects from chemotherapy.

They say that additional research needs to be conducted, but has been hindered by a federal approval process.

The use of marijuana can reduce pain when used in small amounts. Studies show that it has in fact helped with cancer, multiple sclerosis, glaucoma and other illnesses. The element of unconscious pain can

be flushed out. Breath can be restored to fullness which can give strength to a weak system. More oxygenated blood can help cleanse poison levels. A broader viewpoint can decrease the negative feelings derived from illnesses such as cancer or depression. Marijuana also dilates the alveoli, or air sacs attached to our lungs, which eliminates toxins in the lungs. Nicotine, on the other hand, constricts the alveoli.

A lot of money that goes into the banning of marijuana. According to the California National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws report issued in October 2009, the United States spends nearly \$200 million every year enforcing the ban on marijuana.

1. State prisons spend \$73.5 million holding prisoners.
2. \$ 12.4 Million is spent on arrests.
3. \$6.1 million is spent on court cases.
4. And \$78.6 million is spent on felony prosecutions.

Rather than spending all of this money on the drug war, other areas such as education and medical research can gain from these funds. However, there are many benefits that the legalization can have on our revenue.

1. \$1.95 million can be gained from

Californians alone from consuming the product.

2. \$4.5 billion can be gained from the marijuana market.

3. And a taxation of \$1 dollar per marijuana cigarette can produce more than \$800 million per year.

Clearly, the legalization of marijuana can help our economy more than it is hurting it and Americans are beginning to see this positive effect.

Terrence McKenna, a philosopher, once said, "If the words 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' don't include the right to experiment with your own consciousness, then the Declaration of Independence isn't worth the hemp it was written on." If we cannot stop the drug war now, there is nothing that should prevent us from trying.

My advice is not to go out, get stoned and try to become Bob Marley. I am simply urging everyone to be more open-minded. Learn more about the benefits of this leaf and the false allegations many people make about it. The more we can educate people that marijuana is not a deadly drug, the closer we can come to legalizing it and using it for good reasons.

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## BASEBALL

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across the league as opposed to being nestled in the hands of one team, the more each MLB team will benefit in terms of fans and stadium revenue.

What happens to the entertaining value of watching sports when the same few teams keep signing players to large contracts and keep dominating the brackets?

Salary caps will ensure equality, as well as the quality of players. Instead of signing onto to a team for a few years with a \$30 million contract, players can earn a smaller salary, as they will constantly try to better themselves, just so they can be signed next year.

How many times have you said a certain player is not worth what he's playing for?

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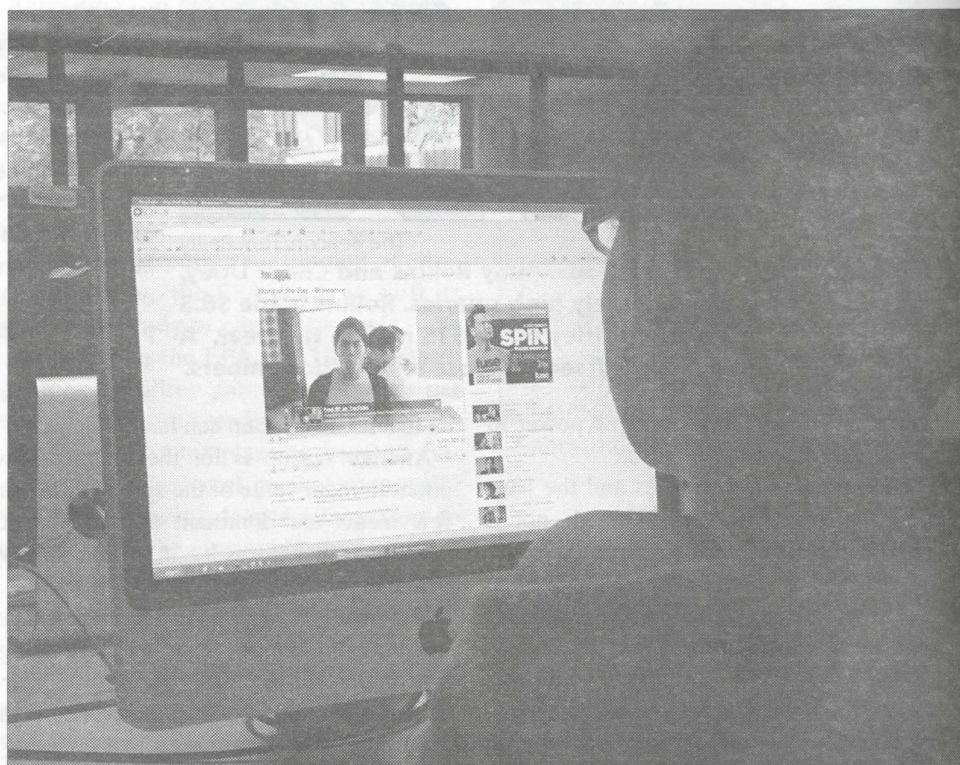
negative opinions on Internet censorship. President Barack Obama has even stated his disdain for censorship of the Internet, openly proclaiming that a free Internet creates a stronger society.

In a statement to Shanghai students during a visit to China in November 2009, Obama said, "The fact that we have free Internet or unrestricted Internet access is a source of strength."

If the COICA becomes a law, the Internet will become censored in a way that Americans have never seen before.

The Internet is the world's largest community in which anyone can seek and share materials and should be kept free of censorship.

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Katie Cirone, a sophomore environmental engineering major, is enjoying a video on YouTube. The newly proposed Combating Online Infringement and Counterfeits Act may force Youtube to block certain videos that violate copyright laws.



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## Wilkes graduate student takes courses from Japan

BY RUTH WHISPELL  
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It's no secret that Wilkes offers online courses, making it easier for students to go to school and get their degree from a location that suits their particular needs.

For Michael Ostrum, that location is more than 6,000 miles away in Namegawa, Japan. He is the first Wilkes student to take online courses from a location that far away.

Michael graduated from Wilkes in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and math. He and his wife, Gillian Ostrum, were married June 25, 2009.

It had always been one of their goals to live in Japan. So when the opportunity came about, the Ostrums jumped on it.

Before moving to Japan, the couple lived in Wilkes-Barre. On Thanksgiving 2009, Gillian received a phone call and was offered a position teaching English as an assistant language teacher in two Japanese elementary schools.

Gillian graduated from Penn State with bachelor's degrees in Japanese, Spanish and business.

"Gillian has been looking for work in her expertise, however it is hard to find work in the states," Michael Ostrum said.

Thus, toward the end of last March, Gillian Ostrum moved to Namegawa, Japan to begin her new teaching position. A few months after, in June, her husband joined her.

Michael is taking online classes for his master's degree in education. His courses include

ED 150, psychological foundations of education; ED 519, issues, laws and trends in education; ED 520, professional skills in education; and ED 522, curriculum and instruction.

He began taking online courses at Wilkes to receive his teaching certificate.

"What better time to do that when I have no real obligations," Michael Ostrum said.

Michael hasn't learned to speak Japanese, so it's difficult for him to communicate with others.

"I did learn katakana, one of the alphabets, so I can read a very small amount. I learn best when I see, relate and ask questions. I couldn't bring myself to sit and study," Michael said. "Specifically, I bought a Japanese video game, and my wife helped me translate and read the menus, which helped me pick it up pretty quickly."

He explained that the restaurants in Namegawa and Toyko are very accepting of foreigners.

"Most have pictured menus that make it very easy to order and often if the person waiting on you knows English, they will use it to help," Michael said.

Although it's hard to communicate, Michael explained that he enjoys living in Japan because it's very safe.

"People aren't lying when they say this is the safest place on earth," Michael said. "It's fantastic to be able to walk around practically carefree in Tokyo, or any big city, without the threat of any crime or violence."

The Ostrums have visited places such as Kyoto, Japan's capital; Mount Fuji, the highest mountain in Japan and a dormant volcano;



Photo courtesy of Michael Ostrum

**Michael and Gillian Ostrum moved to Namegawa, Japan, after Gillian was offered a job teaching students English in two Japanese elementary schools.**

Fuji-Q Highland, an amusement park; Tokyo Disneyland and Disney Sea; cities such as Akihabara, Ikebukuro and Harajuku; and the John Lennon Museum.

"Aside from the giant, life-size Gundam, I think I've seen everything I wanted to so far," Michael explained.

Summers in Japan, according to Michael, are hotter than those of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

"For about 30 or 40 days straight we had weather in above 95 degrees with very high humidity," he said.

However, one thing he isn't happy about is the pizza in Japan.

"Good pizza is hard to come by, whereas at home we have practically hundreds of choices. When we do find pizza, there is a chance that it has mayonnaise on it, so it's not always good," Michael said.

The couple will be moving home to Wilkes-Barre for good, toward the end of March 2011. Michael said he misses many things at home, but when they return he will miss the arcades that can be found in Ikebukuro and Akiba, two Japanese cities that are home to businesses based mainly in entertainment and electronics.

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Photo courtesy of Michael Ostrum

**Michael and Gillian Ostrum have been living together in Namegawa, Japan since last June. Above is a picture of the couple, which was taken on a visit to Mount Fuji.**



# Chatting with faculty: Dr. Mark Reid

BY JOHN CARROLL  
Staff writer

In college, Dr. Mark Reid, assistant professor of philosophy at Wilkes, was interested in psychology. However, psychology couldn't provide Reid with the answers to deeper questions he had about human nature and the mind. Therefore, when he went to The College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, Va., he majored in both psychology and philosophy.

After graduating from William and Mary, Reid went on to receive his master's and Ph.D. in Illinois, where he also held a teaching position as a graduate student. Next, Reid went on to a teaching position at Louisville for two years before coming to Wilkes.

Reid has been teaching philosophy at Wilkes for three years on a visiting basis. He said Dr. Linda Paul, associate professor of philosophy at Wilkes, was a major reason for his seeking employment at the university. He commented that he believes philosophy needs to be more practically applicable and less abstract.

**The Beacon:** Where did you grow up?

**Reid:** Virginia.

**The Beacon:** What is your greatest accomplishment to date?

**Reid:** Probably a paper I wrote this spring and summer.

**The Beacon:** What is the paper about?

**Reid:** The Nature of what we are. It's to be published by Oxford University Press in 2012 in a collection of essays by world renowned philosophers.

**The Beacon:** Have you done any traveling?

**Reid:** I drove up to Schenectady (N.Y.) yesterday, to drop off a bathtub that I sold. Does that count?

**The Beacon:** You sell bathtubs?

**Reid:** Yes, 20 percent goes to PETA. I only sell bathtubs because I was the high bidder on an auction that I didn't expect to be the high bidder on.

**The Beacon:** So you accidentally bought the bathtubs?

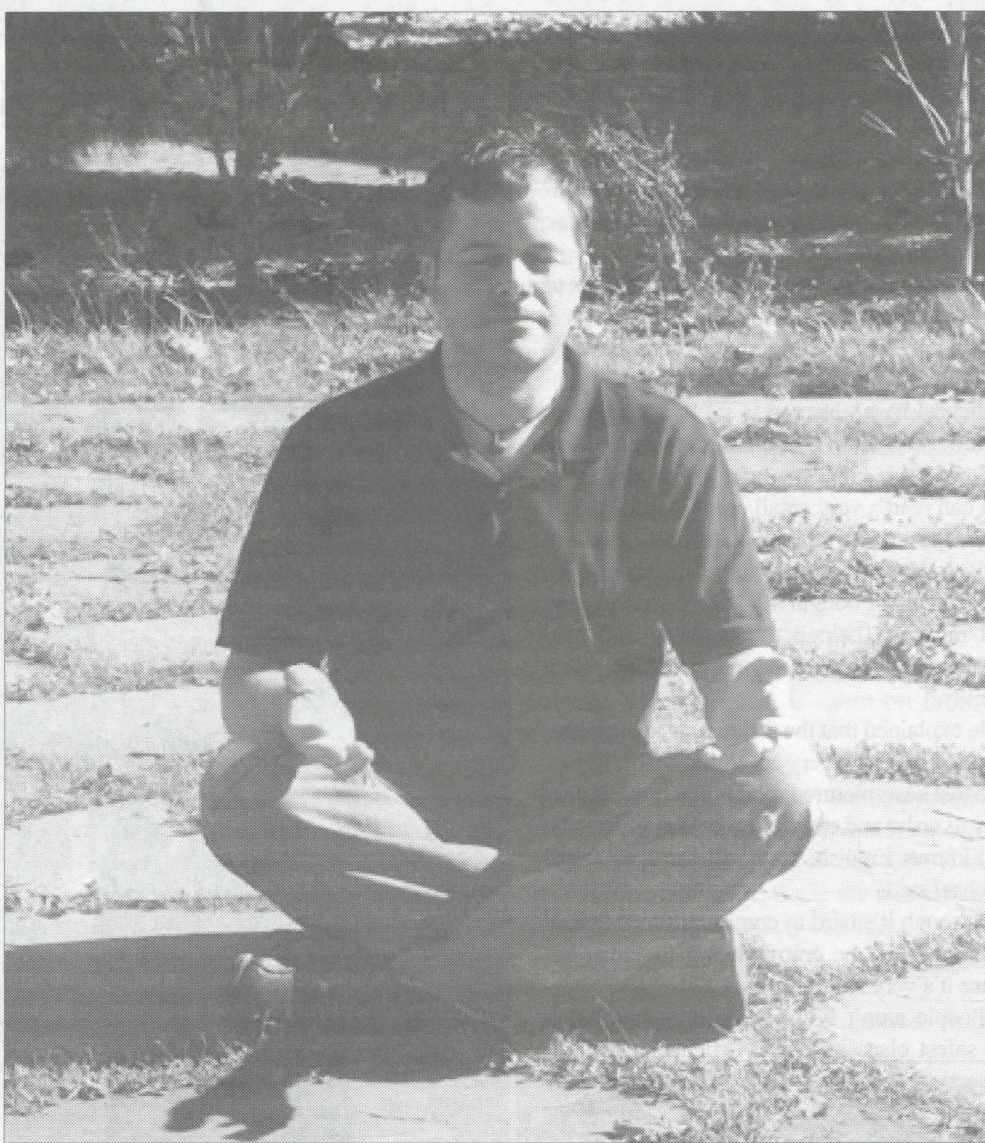
**Reid:** Yes, I bought 120 designer bathtubs for \$53 apiece, and I've sold 10 and almost broken even, except that I have to pay for storage.

**The Beacon:** How do you get into selling bathtubs?

**Reid:** With three kids and student loans, I had to find a way to supplement my salary as a professor. It's fun and interesting.

**The Beacon:** Is there anywhere you'd like to travel in the future?

**Reid:** Hawaii.



The Beacon/Marjorie Whispell

**Dr. Mark Reid has been a visiting assistant professor of philosophy at Wilkes for three years. When he's not teaching students philosophy, Reid enjoys meditating.**

**The Beacon:** If you were on a deserted island, what three things would you want and why?

**Reid:** Barring people? All I'd want is unlimited pens and paper, and maybe a fingernail clipper. Scratch that, a pillow.

**The Beacon:** What were you like in college?

**Reid:** The same as I am now except maybe a little bit wilder.

**The Beacon:** Do you miss college?

**Reid:** Oh yeah. I loved college.

**The Beacon:** What do you do in your spare time?

**Reid:** Spend time with my family, my three kids.

**The Beacon:** Do you have any brothers or sisters?

**Reid:** I have a sister who is two years older and a brother who is nine years younger. We're all very different.

**The Beacon:** Do you have any regrets?

**Reid:** Yeah, I have some regrets.

**The Beacon:** Describe yourself in three words.

**Reid:** Passionate, compassionate and optimistic.

**The Beacon:** What is a random fact about yourself that you're willing to share?

**Reid:** A random fact? I made 34 three-pointers in a row once, just shooting around.

**The Beacon:** What words of advice do you have for students?

**Reid:** Revolt against this sick society. Find out what's true for yourself.

**The Beacon:** What do you mean by sick, specifically?

**Reid:** Look at CNN, or change.org. There are always wars, people eating meat, crime, distrust, politicians telling lies, ignorance. Sick.

**The Beacon:** Do you raise your children vegetarian?

**Reid:** Yes.

**The Beacon:** How do you satisfy nutrient requirements?

**Reid:** Edamame, nuts, beans. There's tons of protein in spinach, wheat gluten and plain soy milk has more protein than regular milk. Most people get more protein than they need from eating meat.

**The Beacon:** Are you a vegan or a vegetarian?

**Reid:** Vegan.

**The Beacon:** What is your favorite color and why?

**Reid:** Blue. I like the color of water and my eyes.

**The Beacon:** What's your favorite movie?

**Reid:** "Dances with Wolves"

**The Beacon:** Why?

**Reid:** The protagonist is completely race-blind and species-blind. It's so inspirational. I've always loved the Native Americans. I think it's a horrible tragedy what white folks did to them. I'm a small amount Native American.

**The Beacon:** Do you have any goals set up for your future?

**Reid:** Just to stay the course of mindfulness and the pursuit of philosophy and philosophical truth. And to get all these ideas that I have out into papers and articles. To be the best I could be for my kids and my wife and to do as good a job as I can educating students.

**The Beacon:** What's the most difficult thing you've ever done?

**Reid:** Getting my philosophy Ph.D.

**The Beacon:** Was it the coursework that was difficult?

**Reid:** No, the coursework was OK. It's the writing of the dissertation, because you've got this adviser. If you're like me, who is like most people, they've got this set of rules to go about it. It limits the creative process. The standards can be very strict and limiting. It's very demoralizing to work for months on something and then get negative criticism on it.

**The Beacon:** What did you write your dissertation on?

**Reid:** I argued that morality is not just a human phenomenon, but is in animals such as animals, whales. The only examples I've come across that you could argue for moral agency in animals are mammals. So I've got a story to tell about mammals. It's about mammary glands and attachment. They form attachment bonds and so they're attached to others. It's an internal process that goes on. \*

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# Wilkes alumna offers tips for sleeping and studying

## Talarico discusses how students can improve their academic performances

BY LAURA PREBY  
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Adjusting to living somewhere new can be difficult, which is why it's hard for some students who dorm for the first time. With all the stress from class, the weekend parties, and the all-nighters that some students pull, it's tough to keep a good sleep schedule.

Also, sleeping patterns of different roommates can clash, which is why sleep is such a problem in college.

"I know more than anyone that it is hard to set a schedule to sleep there is too much unplanned for in a typical day at college," said Donna Talarico, a Wilkes alumna and owner of TheDreamDrawer.com. She suggests a few things for students looking to get a better night's sleep.

The first thing is to get the same amount of sleep every night, hopefully the recommended eight hours.

"Sleep hygiene is important too," she said. "Wash your sheets and pillow cases it sounds strange and I didn't believe it myself, but crisp clean pillow cases help you fall asleep better."

"(Do) things that will make you more tired, like trying to get exercise during the day, not eating a large meal before you go to bed, eliminating caffeine and caffeine products after maybe 5 o'clock, and maybe getting up earlier and having a more active day," said Diane O'Brien, Wilkes director of Health & Wellness Services. "Doing that physical exercise and eliminating that food and caffeine might help."

You also have to deal with the stress of classes when you're in college.

"It's not a good idea to pull all-nighters, but every college student does it," O'Brien said.

### REID

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Human psychopaths don't have morality, and they have no ability to form attachments to others.

**The Beacon:** Do you think that may have something to do with breast feeding? You had mentioned mammary glands before.

**Reid:** No, the best evidence suggests that psychopaths are born, not made.

**The Beacon:** Do you touch on that in your dissertation, or is the work mostly about animals?

**Reid:** There's a whole chapter about psychopaths.



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**When students don't get enough sleep at night, sometimes they can be found sleeping on couches in various locations around campus. Pictured above is a student sleeping in the Henry Student Center first floor lounge.**

"I think we all know that if you do that, more times than not that you are going to suffer physically, and that it's not a good practice," O'Brien said. "Do I think college students will not pull an all-nighter when they have a test? No, I think that they're going to do what they're going to do."

She suggests managing your time better and not cramming the day of the test to avoid staying up late or all night.

When it comes to dealing with roommates, you may or may not have problems.

"We were kind of lucky," said Alexandra Parancac, a freshman dorming in Roth Hall. "My roommate stays up later than me, but it's always because she's studying, so she's

always really quiet. Therefore, I'm able to fall asleep whenever I want to."

"This year isn't bad because I have a single room," said Nora Skochinsky, a senior biology major. "In the past, my roommates and I haven't changed our sleeping patterns much, but we would always try to be courteous when the other was sleeping."

It helps if you have a roommate whom you respect and who respects you in return, but for noisier and more bothersome roommates, Talarico recommends investing in a pair of ear plugs and a sleep mask. Suggest that your roommate make use of the library when it comes to studying while you sleep, but if he or she would rather study in the

comfort of your dorm, use ear plugs to block out sound, and a sleep mask to block light.

She also recommends taking naps.

"What college student doesn't love a nap midday? A sleep mask can block out light that still comes in through the mini blinds. Again, earplugs can also drown out regular dorm room noise if someone chooses to sleep in or take a nap while others are up," Talarico said.

Talarico knows so much about sleep because she lives her life with narcolepsy. This is a disorder that causes excessive sleepiness and she was always considered lazy in college.

"I was a very busy student and worked, so I was extra tired on top of the narcolepsy and had an incredible issue with waking up in the morning, no matter how much sleep I got," Talarico explained.

Because of her disorder and her fascination with dreams, she decided to create TheDreamDrawer.com to help others with their sleep issues.

"I sell a variety of sleep aids -- sleep masks, ear plugs, sound machines, contoured pillows for sleeping, relaxation fountains and some natural sleep aids. On the dream end, I sell dream dictionaries and blank journals for recording dreams. So far, my most popular items have been the pillows and ear plugs."

Talarico leaves one final tip for getting a good night's sleep in college.

"If you truly have trouble waking in the morning if time allows, schedule classes later in the morning so you are at your best. Or, schedule a break for a nap during the day. Being tired affects our concentration and makes for silly errors we wouldn't have made had we been chipper."

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they may not be asking the right questions. Those are two examples. I also have them do a group project outside of class.

**The Beacon:** What's that?

**Reid:** It's up to them. One of the options is to get two movies approved, such as "The Matrix", "On the Nature of Reality or "Seven Pounds" on morality and meaning in life or films about psychopaths, and then watch them with a group and discuss it for an hour. Then, individually, they each have to write up a 600 word reaction.

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usual projects that students taking your class are required to do?

**Reid:** I'd say about one third of all the class periods have some kind of activity. I have them play with Play Dough because it relates to personal identity. We have them make little selves, and then we do things to the selves and see if it makes you feel any different. I give them a big sheet of drawing pad and give them crayons and have them design their life and what matters to them and have them flip over the sheet and tell me their current plan as opposed to what they want it to be. If they match they're going about their educations right, if not then

**The Beacon:** What types of music do you listen to, mostly?

**Reid:** Alternative, post grunge. My Favorite band is Smile Empty Soul.

**The Beacon:** What was your favorite toy as a child?

**Reid:** Stuff I'd make. I turned a roto-tiller into a super-strong but slow go-kart to ride around town.

**The Beacon:** If you could have one wish come true, what would it be?

**Reid:** I would wish for people to have compassion for animals that society and people would.

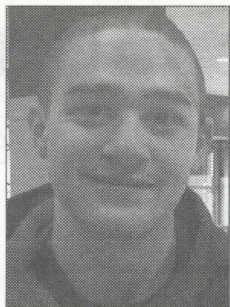
**The Beacon:** Do you have any fun or un-



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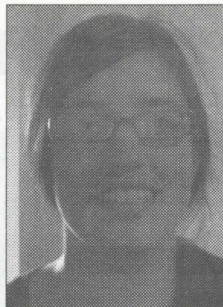
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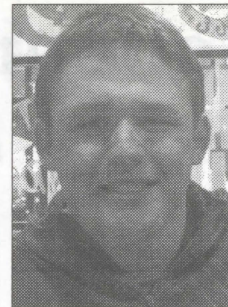
"The ability to stop time."



**Ashley  
Bringman**

Sophomore  
English and  
psychology  
major

"For college to already be over with."



**John  
Chaplick**

Freshman  
criminology  
major

"To get into a good law school."



**Elizabeth  
Dolman**

Freshman  
English  
major

"To wish for more wishes."



**Kevin  
Hettrich**

Senior  
elementary  
education and  
theater arts  
major

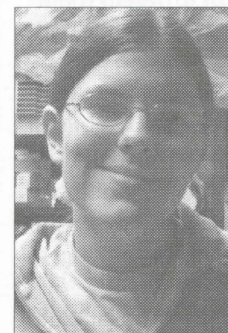
"Free tuition."



**Jon  
Kadjiski**

Sophomore  
English  
education  
major

"I would like to take an Israeli and  
Palestinian family out to lunch and  
have a nice, normal lunch."



**Keela  
Mason**

Sophomore  
undeclared  
major

"More time."

## Wilkes University's Health & Wellness Corner

*Wilkes University's Health & Wellness Corner is a weekly feature in The Beacon. Students who ask questions will remain anonymous. All questions will be answered by Health Services staff.*

**Q. I often have problems falling asleep at night. I'm tired when I go to bed, but as soon as my head hits the pillow, I start to think about everything. Before I know it, it's time to get up. What can I do?**

**A.** Please know you are not alone. Usually, at the end of the day when everything starts to settle and become quiet, this often is the time unresolved thoughts or issues that occurred during the day can start to resurface.

We might ruminate about something that we simply will not be able to resolve at night when we instead need to get our recuperative rest. It's important to develop a bedtime routine to follow each night.

Allow about 30 minutes to prepare for bed. Avoid studying, if possible, right up until bedtime. Avoid worrying in bed. Jour-

naling is helpful in logging your thoughts and feelings. Do your best to make your bedroom dark and quiet.

Try earplugs to conceal any noise. If you cannot sleep after 30 minutes in bed, get up and sit in another room quietly, read or listen to soothing music to relax before going back to bed.

Avoid caffeine use. Exercise earlier rather than later in the day. Learn to manage time and stress. Avoid naps as they can interfere with regular sleep patterns. Avoid eating large, heavy meals late. Decide clothing choices and books necessary for the next day to reduce morning rush stress.

**Do you have a question for the Health & Wellness Corner? E-mail your questions to [wellness.services@wilkes.edu](mailto:wellness.services@wilkes.edu), and you may see your question in next week's Wellness Corner. Your privacy will be protected. You can reach those working at Health Services at 570-408-4730 or by visiting their office on the first floor of Passan Hall.**

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## 'Carin' for Erin': interfaith holds benefit concert

BY RACHEL LEGGIERI  
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Wilkes University's office of campus interfaith will be joining Kings' College, Misericordia, Penn State Wilkes-Barre and Making a Difference Ministries to sponsor a benefit concert for three-year-old girl Erin Redmond of Dallas.

"Carin' for Erin" takes place from 6 to 9 p.m., Nov. 13 in the Henry Student Center Ballroom. Performances include Christian rock bands Velveteen and X-Terra. Tickets for the event are \$2.50 beforehand and \$5 at the door. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Redmond family.

Redmond has been afflicted with a disease called Coloboma/Retinal Detachment. This restricts growth on the left side of her face and requires urgent corrective surgery; however, the insurance company has classified it as "cosmetic" surgery and will not provide the funds for the approximate \$20,000 medical bill. Redmond's family is being forced to pay for the surgery out of pocket.

"You have to understand how hard it is for a family to be told that some type of surgery isn't important," Caitlin Czeh, interfaith coordinator, said. "In reality, Erin's

surgery is very important. Her parents are very excited and grateful for the event. (Anything) that can help fund Erin's necessary surgeries."

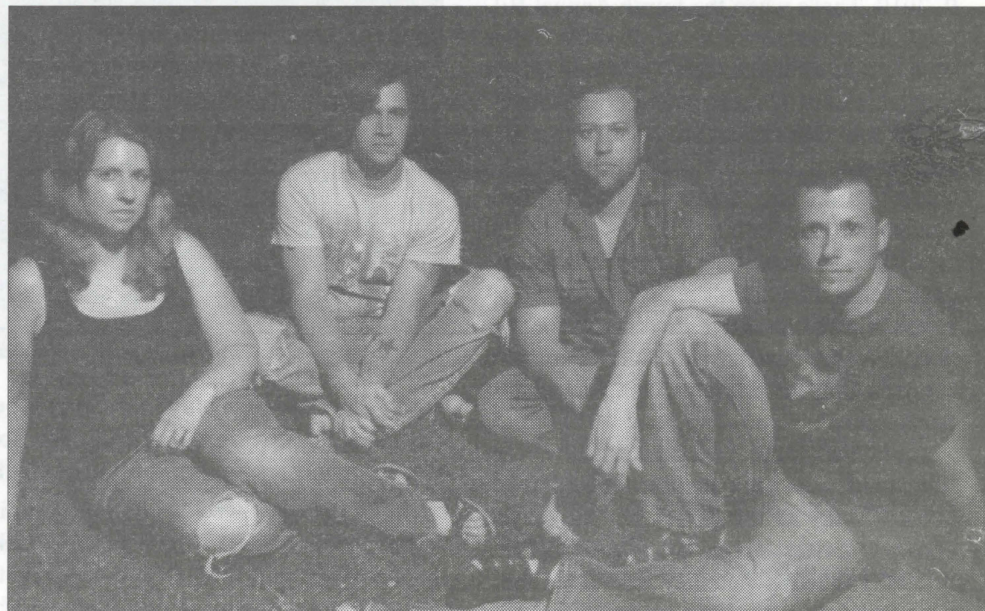
Although Redmond and her family are going through such a troubling time, she has been described as such a wonderful and amazing little girl.

"She shows no fear," said Steve Parillo, the Making a Difference Ministries coordinator. "When you're three-years-old and you see something like that in the mirror, you may not understand why you look different. Erin doesn't let that affect her. She is such a jolly child. She will smile at you and give you a big hug. It's just amazing how much she can keep her spirits up."

Parillo explained that even if you don't typically enjoy Christian rock music, this event can still be something fun for all.

"These are bands willing to donate their time," Perillo said. "They are performing shows where they get quite a bit of money to play, yet they are coming here for free and to raise awareness for this little girl. Whether you enjoy Christian rock or not, the concept of the event is still an amazing thing."

Czeh explained that when the event was pitched to Redmond's family, they were pleasantly surprised to see that colleges were willing to take on this type of benefit.



Courtesy of Caitlin Czeh

**Velveteen, which performs ambient groove rock, will perform at the event. Members pictured from left to right includes, Leah Truitt (keys), Michael Ray (lead guitar and vocals), Christopher Ray (bass guitar) and Jeremy Michaels (drums).**

"Erin's parents are very overwhelmed and grateful as to how many people are willing to lend a helping hand," Czeh said. "They are even more excited to see that college students who may not even know what it's like to have a child at all are willing to help."

"It's all about youth helping youth,"

Parillo added. "People are amazed when they see that college students are coming out and helping like this. It's going to be a good perspective for Erin as well to see so that when she grows up she will know that it's the right thing to give back in return."

Although the event is sponsored by a Christian-based organization, Perillo explained that there will be no barriers between who is able to help and attend the event.

"I like the fact that the event is breaking down walls religiously," he said. "No matter what denomination you are, we are all one shape of Christians. I think that this event is something where everyone can come together and break down those walls, focusing on what really matters which is helping Erin get better."

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the door or by contacting Czeh. Those who can't make the event can still help out the Redmond family by donating to the "Carin' for Erin Fund" through M&T Bank, Dallas. You may also make donations through Czeh by bringing them to her office located in the Henry Student Center, Room 204.

For more information about this event, students can contact Czeh at [caitlin.czeh@wilkes.edu](mailto:caitlin.czeh@wilkes.edu) or by phone at 570-408-5904.



Courtesy of Caitlin Czeh

**Pictured from left to right are members of the band X-Terra. Bob Kachline (drums and backing vocals), Bill Hunt (lead guitar and vocals), and Anne Kachline (bass guitar and backing vocals). X-Terra, who will also be playing at the event, perform hard rock and Christian classical metal.**

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# Students dive into billiards tournament

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI  
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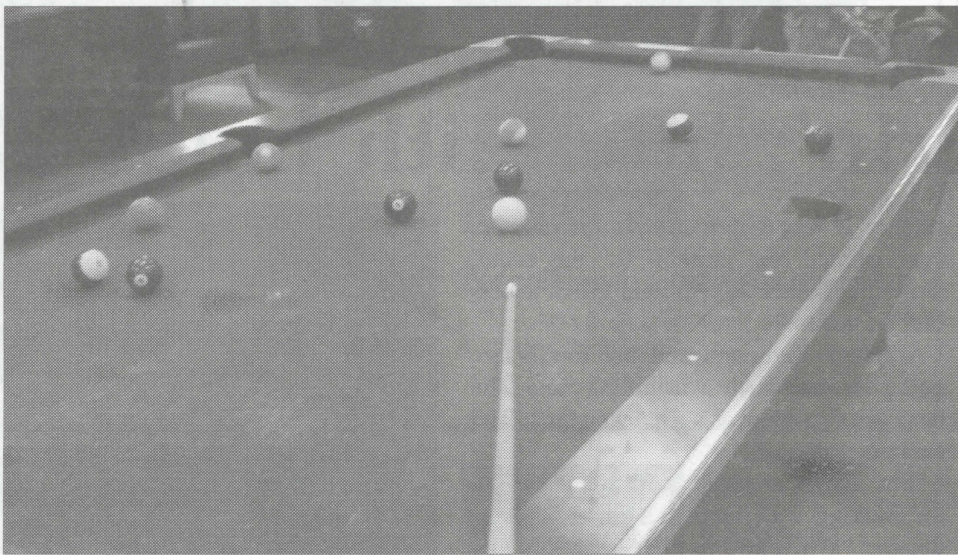
Pool-playing fans will have an opportunity to participate in a pool tournament on Nov. 9, 2010. That's when the fourth Annual Billiards Tournament will kick off in the Henry Student Center game room. The tournament is open to both Wilkes students and faculty.

This pool tournament has been quite a success over the last few years, with Wilkes students becoming increasingly competitive against one another.

"All the students that usually play in the game room, they aren't really competitive," said Jamie Miller, activities assistant for Student Development. "(I'm looking forward to) to seeing the students compete against one another."

Additionally, the tournament has no set time which also adds the basic appeal of the event. Many of the games will be played between classes, giving all players the opportunity to play when they have free time.

"It's spread out a little bit because I understand that students have things to do," said Neal Biscaldi, who organizes intramural sports at Wilkes. The tournament will



The Beacon/Molly Kurlandski

**Each year, students play in the pool tournament located in the first floor gameroom of the Henry Student Center. The tournament begins Nov. 9, 2010 and will end around finals week and is open to both students and faculty.**

continue for a few weeks, ultimately ending around finals week. A tournament bracket will be displayed at the front desk in the student center. Potential prizes are still being discussed, but they may include movie passes and a free t-shirt.

Sign-ups will begin on Nov. 5, 2010. For

more information about this event, contact Neal Biscaldi at 570-408-2703 or neal.biscaldi@wilkes.edu.

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# 'The Bank' offers fun for fans and first timers

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When people talk about Philadelphia, there are many things that pop into their heads. There's Liberty Park, Fairmount Park, and even their world famous cheesesteaks. But, when considering the tourist attractions that are famous to the City of Brotherly Love, it is easy to forget about the home of the 2008 world champion Philadelphia Phillies. Citizens Bank Park is a monument to the city of Philadelphia and its people.

"The first time I walked into The Bank, I was speechless," said Pat Ziegler, a recent Wilkes grad. "I couldn't believe that all these people were walking into this massive, beautiful structure all for the same thing. It was really amazing."

Citizens Bank Park, "The Bank" for short, is the stadium that hosts the Phillies' home games. It houses 45,000 people and has sold out every game since the middle of last season.

"They sell out every night," said Mike Fischer, a season ticket holder. "But don't let that scare you; it is easy to get tickets. There is plenty of room to walk around and watch the game from multiple places and

plenty of (season) ticket holders sell their tickets. You will always be able to find a ticket."

The spacious park hosts 81 games a year and brings more to the people of Philly than baseball. Once there, you have the option to take your seat and watch the team take batting practice or you can visit some of the park's great attractions.

The first thing you see when you walk in is the giant 10-story liberty bell that rings and lights up every time a Philly hits a home run. This massive structure towers over you while you and thousands of other fans enter the park.

"Walking in the first time was amazing," said Joe Dolinski, a passionate Philly fan. "It was so mesmerizing to see that giant liberty bell. It gave me so much pride."

Of course while watching the game, one can enjoy a delicious cheesesteak.

"The cheesesteaks are the best part of Philly," said Fischer. "Harry the K's has the best ones."

If you feel like you don't want to buy the beer and food offered you can do what thousands of other fans do; tailgate. The parking lot opens hours before the games.

"I tailgated back in 2008, and it was incredible," said Dolinski. "Every car had

people around it. They were grilling, sipping beer, playing catch, listening to pre-game on the radio, and relaxing in the warm weather. Many people offered me a hot dog or a beer too. They were super friendly."

Tourists can also check out the hall of fame where iconic former Phillies hall-of-famers are enshrined. Each plaque has a golden molding of the players face on it and a brief description of what that player did for the franchise. Right next to it is a wall that gives the history of the Phillies in a large painted mural. Everything about the Phillies franchise, good and bad, is portrayed in this literal hall of fame.

"I love learning about the history and the old players. who helped make this franchise great," Fischer said. "The Hall of Fame section always gives me the shivers."

From taking a tour of the Hall of Fame, to walking around the stadium and dug-out, tourists and fans are attracted to this hotspot of excitement.

"This place is more than just a ball park," said Dolinski. "It is a place that will forever define the city of Philly and its great people."

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# Celebrity Chatter

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI  
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## Nintendo to launch 'silly' game

Just when the world of Nintendo couldn't get any crazier, it's about to launch its latest 'silly' game of the season. Almost everyone and their children are aware of the silly band craze that has swept across the nation, but now Nintendo has jumped on the 'silly' bandwagon. According to sources, Nintendo will be revealing a game centered around silly bands! I am completely unsure about what the game will consist of because there's not much to do with these silly bands except collect and wear them, but I'm sure kids will still line up to buy this ridiculous game.

## Swift blasts actress Camille Belle

Many of the songs on Taylor Swift's latest album deal with her past relationships, both good and bad. Targeting past flames including Joe Jonas, Taylor Lautner, high school boys and even John Mayer, this album has already hit potential platinum status on the charts. But one girl in particular seems to be the perpetrator of a particular crime in Swift's eyes. Titled, "Better than Revenge," Swift outs Belle for stealing her then-boyfriend Joe Jonas. I seriously think that the old philosophy might be true in this incident, words do hurt. It doesn't look like Swift is holding anything back anymore.

## Gaga course offered at University of South Carolina

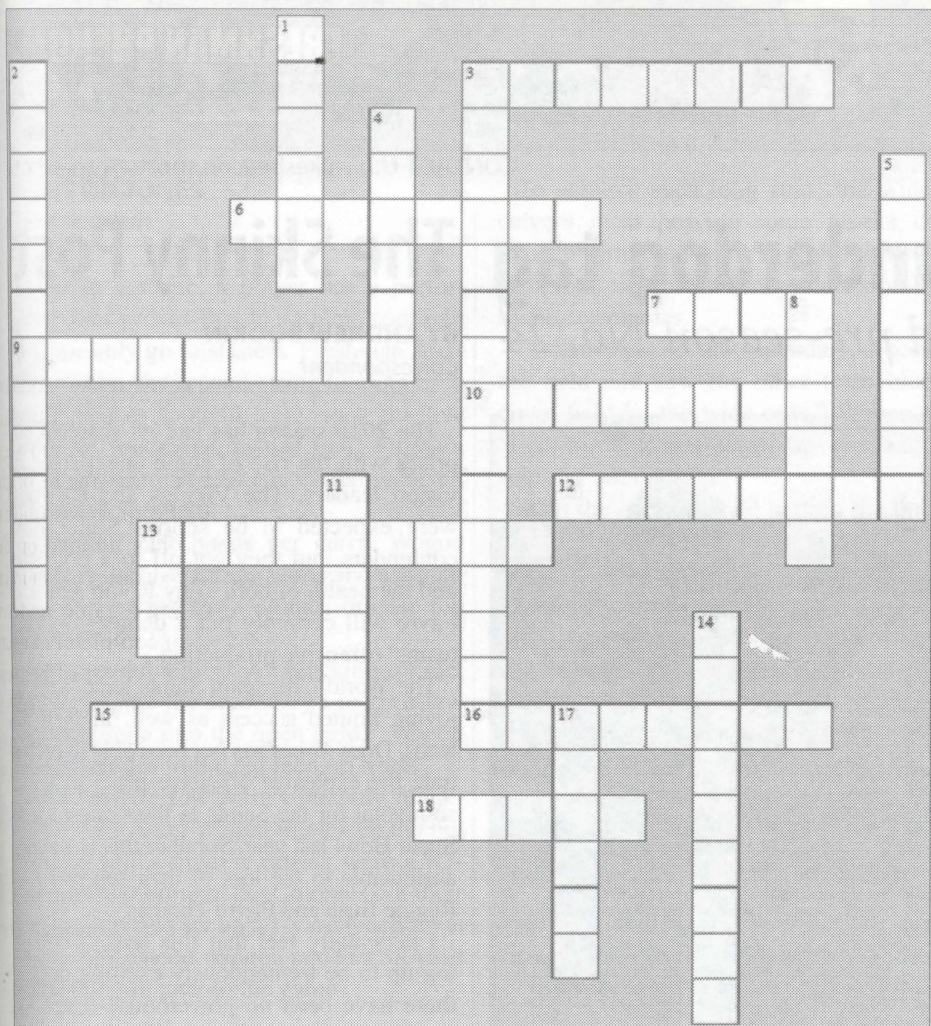
A sociology professor, Professor Mathieu Deflem, at University of South Carolina is offering a Lady Gaga-based course next semester. The course titled, "Lady Gaga and the Sociology of Fame," is a pure example of what's to come in the future of school education; classes on world-acclaimed pop icons. I think I might transfer to South Carolina after this semester. Who's with me?

## Miley Cyrus' parents split

Oh, his 'Achy Breaky Heart!' Billy Ray Cyrus and Tish Cyrus filed for divorce. According to sources, the couple of 17 years cited irreconcilable differences in their divorce papers. It might have something to do with the fact Cyrus is shedding her clean-cut image, but let's not point fingers.

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## ZerCross "Sweet Treats"

BY ASHLEY ZERFOSS  
Correspondent

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16. Pretzels, caramel, peanuts, and peanut butter all covered in milk chocolate  
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## Wilkes holds annual Family Day *Fun and free activities offered*

BY MICHAEL WINTERMUTE  
Correspondent

Last weekend, students and parents alike were able to enjoy a day cheering for Wilkes teams along with a picnic and other activities at this year's "Family Day" at Wilkes University.

Student-athletes headed to Ralston Field and the Marts Center to showcase their sportsmanship for friends and family members at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

Family Day, which began at 10 a.m., included games and meets from women's volleyball, men's and women's soccer, and football along with a picnic at Ralston Field.

"We generally serve about 300 people," said Barbara King, associate dean of student affairs and one of the organizers for Family Day. "It gives everyone concerned a different view of Wilkes than they have had before."

Family Day also included an appearance

from Joshua Seth, a "comic mind reader," and access to the Sordoni Art Gallery's "Soul Rebel - An Intimate Portrait of Bob Marley" by David Burnett.

The event was designed to let family members see the school through the students' eyes, whether or not they are from the Wilkes-Barre area.

After the festivities that were offered through Wilkes, many families stayed around Wilkes-Barre with some parents even going as far as to staying the night.

"I enjoyed it alot," Lyndsey Morris, a senior nursing major, said. "It was nice to see my family and hang out with them for the day, other than being at home."

Students were admitted for free with their ID to the football game, and were allowed two complimentary tickets for anyone they wanted to bring.

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## Young Colonels eager to shed underdog tag

*Team features 50 wrestlers, 30 freshman; ranked pre-season No. 24*

BY DANIEL KAUTZ  
Correspondent

Most programs are content to run cyclically, with periods of success sprinkled amongst rebuilding seasons.

That's not the case with Wilkes wrestling.

A program that finished second in the Metropolitan Conference Championships last year and lost two All-Americans isn't expecting any type of drop-off this season, due in large part to a glut of young talent. The Colonels received a ranking of 24th in the nation in the Brute/Adidas National Wrestling Coaches Association Division-III preseason poll, evidence that expectations remain high for them.

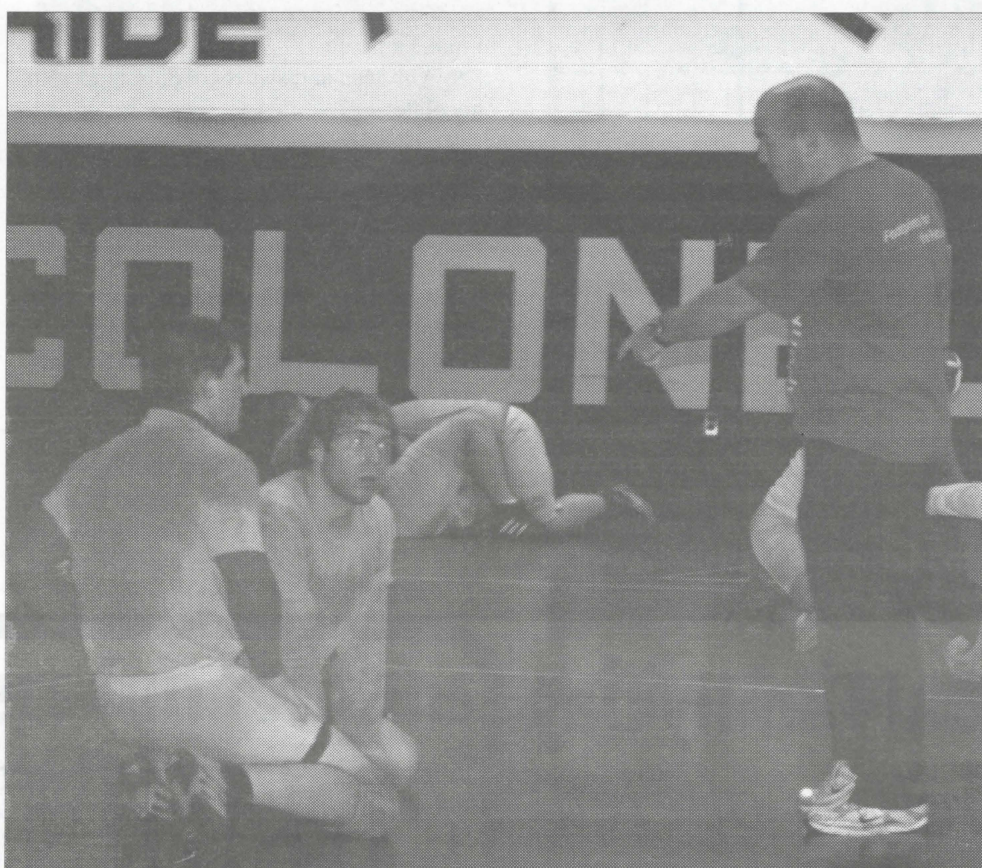
Jonathan Laudenslager, the team's head coach, is excited to see what his young team is capable of this year.

"We have an excellent nucleus of kids back that will need to now make their own names on the national scene," Laudenslager said. "So far, Jake Weinrich, Ryan Wilson, Ben Marich, Anthony Dattolo and Buddy Gouger have led this team to a successful preseason, and hopefully, we can start with a bang next week in the King's Tournament."

"Although we lost three starters last year, we have 50 wrestlers this year including 30 freshmen," said 197-pound class senior Jake Weinrich. "We are going to have a lot of depth this year and a lot of competition for spots. We are way underrated at [No. 24 in the preseason rankings] and are looking to bump up in the rankings quickly with good early performances, which we are definitely capable of."

Weinrich's confidence stems from the knowledge that this year's team is capable of making noise without the help of their senior All-Americans from last season, Zach Pizarro and Frank Heffernan.

In last season's Metro Conference Championships, then-freshman Scott Mantua advanced to the championship match in the 125-pound class before ultimately falling to nationally ranked Tyler Erdman of Elizabethtown. Mantua also beat then-No. 4 Jon Gregory 8-6 last season and lost a close battle in February to No. 4 Ithaca. Anthony Dattolo, a sophomore last season, also advanced to the Metro Conference champion-



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**Coach Jonathan Laudenslager provides a teaching point at a preseason practice.**

ship match in the 149-pound class and was impressive throughout the year for the Colonels.

They will be aided by Ben Marich, a junior 165-pound class wrestler who transferred from Lehigh before the start of last season and performed well for Wilkes. He finished third in his weight class last year at the Metro Championships after pinning two of his four opponents.

"Numbers and talent are something we have plenty of and that's a huge plus to have," said Laudenslager. "On the negative side, most weeks we can only wrestle a certain amount of guys so there's a lot of competition in the room for spots. Guys need to keep working. In the end we will win or lose each match as an entire team," he concluded.

"The whole team is really working hard and pushing ourselves," Marich added. "It should be fun to see how far we go and what we can accomplish this season."

Dattolo, for one, does not believe that

youth or lack of experience will negatively affect this year's team.

"We expect to wrestle for seven solid minutes every time we step onto the mat," said the junior.

Among Dattolo's goals this season is to follow past teammates Pizarro and Heffernan to the NCAAs, something he will have to work hard to achieve.

The Colonels have spent the last two months training vigorously and holding team-building activities like Bowling Night, something Laudenslager believes benefited his young squad. Though excited for the season, Laudenslager admitted wryly that he "[hopes] we wrestle better than we bowl, because we didn't post any outstanding scores."

The Colonels open their season at 11 a.m. this Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Monarch Invitational Tournament at King's College.

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## The Skinny Post

BY ANDREW BOOKIN  
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The 2010 season has had its share of surprises with the rise of some unexpected division leaders. The Vikings and Cowboys were expected to be serious Super Bowl contenders, but they got off to a poor start and the health of both Tony Romo and Brett Favre will certainly put a damper on these teams' offensive production.

The World Champion Saints have been enjoying limited success as well. In New Orleans, Drew Brees has not been able to orchestrate the explosive offensive plays that were so pivotal for the Saints in their quest for the Super Bowl last year. Some of this is certainly attributable to the loss of their top two RBs, Reggie Bush and Pierre Thomas.

I personally feel that this season is shaping up to be tremendously exciting because there have been no powerhouse teams like the Saints and Colts of last year; basically every division is still wide-open through Week 8. Who would've thought that the Kansas City Chiefs and Oakland Raiders would be tops in the AFC West through Week 7? Certainly not the Chargers organization, which is anxiously waiting for its receiving core to complement elite QB Philip Rivers. While Rivers is one of the best in the game, he can't lead his team to many wins with poor route running and a running game with rookie Ryan Matthews instead of LT.

While the Chiefs are leading their division, it's a poor one with the likes of the Chargers, Raiders, and Broncos. The Steelers and Jets are the strongest division leaders out of the AFC. Both have well balanced offenses with spectacular running backs and wide-outs.

Over in the NFC, many divisions are just as wide open. The Giants looked sloppy in their first two games, but have rallied around Eli Manning and the best young receiving corps in the leagues along with solid defensive play. However, the rival Eagles and Redskins will be right up there with the Giants throughout the season vying for NFC East superiority.

The Seahawks have quietly become front-runners in the NFC West through Week 7, but taking a look at their opponents, one can see that this is not as big of a surprise as it seems. The 49ers and Chargers have left much to be desired and the Cardinals are in

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# Athlete Spotlight: Auxence Wogou, highlight reel

BY JUSTIN JONES  
Correspondent

Once in a while, a player has a performance that proves that the athlete spotlight does not only go to starters. Freshman Auxence Wogou, the second-string running back on the Wilkes football team, took the five carries he was given against FDU-Florham and made the most of them, earning himself this week's spotlight.

Averaging 22.8 yards per carry, Wogou finished with 114 rushing yards and a touchdown that helped the Colonels offense top the Devils 28-23.

"The line did a great job blocking for me, when I got into the secondary I made a few cuts and broke into the open field," Wogou said with kudos to the big men up front.

The offensive line wasn't the only blocking force allowing Wogou to pick up the big yards. Wogou's biggest carries were a 43-yard rush that brought the Colonels out their own territory and set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Zach Tivald. Wogou added a 58-yard touchdown run later in the game.

To achieve such long runs, the wide receivers must provide some blocks down field. Wogou, who hails from Hackettstown, N.J., took advantage of the blocks provided by his teammates.

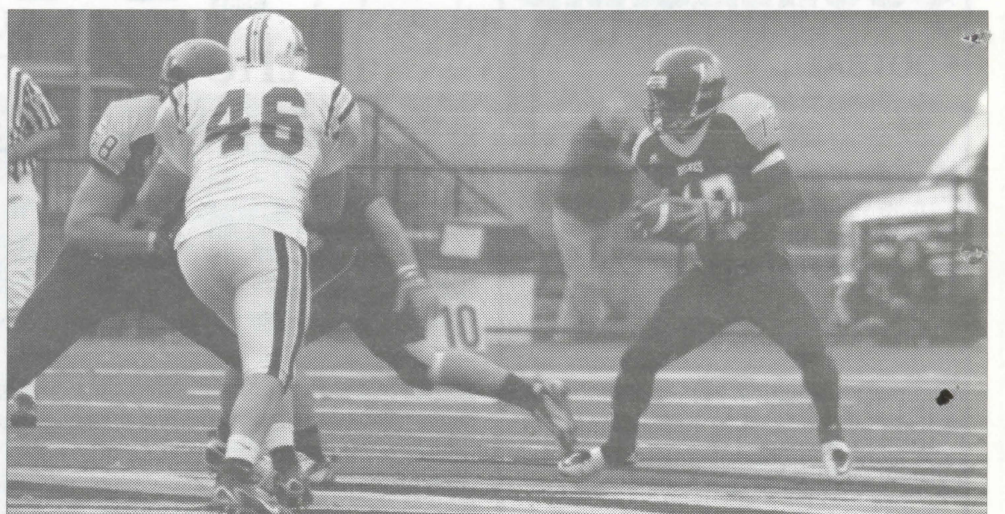
"When I got to the secondary, I scanned the field and saw the other team blocked down field by the wide outs," Wogou said. "I set the backside safety up with a stutter step and out ran him."

With the junior Tivald getting the bulk of the carries, Wogou's plan is to do as well as he can when he is given the opportunity to make big plays because he wants to be integrated into future game plans a bit more.

"I'd like to be a big part in the game plan in the future and hope to have games like this all the time," Wogou said, referring to his first career 100-yard rushing game against Florham.

While he has the competitive edge any serious athlete has, Wogou respects his teammates, especially the young men fighting for the same position on the depth chart.

"Me and (Tivald) are very close, along with all the other running backs. Tivald is



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**Auxence Wogou takes the snap in the wildcat formation. Against the FDU-Florham Devils, Wogou averaged 22.8 yards per carry and scored a touchdown.**

the person I look up to because he does all the little things that makes running backs great," Wogou said. "So I just try and learn from him."

While Tivald is Wogou's inspiration to become the best running back he can be for the Colonels, it was one of his childhood friends

from his home who got the freshman into the sport.

"He was always so excited and had so much passion for the game, even at a young age," Wogou said. "I wanted the same thing."

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## UPCOMING

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11/15 @ PSU-Hazleton 7:30 p.m.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

11/15 vs. PSU-Hazleton 7:00 p.m.



# FACE OFF



## Is the new Heat trio good for the NBA? Great for the NBA, even greater for South Beach



Sports Editor  
**ANTHONY DORUNDA**

I have a scenario for all NBA fans reading right now (which my sincerest thanks go out to for reading this column) to mull over.

A high school superstar comes into the league as a team's first pick. He gives the team hope for a brighter future. He revitalizes a city left for dead before his arrival, becomes a multiple-time all-star as well as league MVP, takes the team to the brink of a championship, but can't quite get it done.

The expectations have risen, and the team, although terrific during the regular season, just can't get over the hump. After a few more seasons off failed post season runs, that player decides it's time for a change of scenery, and joins a team with two other top-tier players.

The goal: to win that ever-elusive championship.

The player: Nope not LeBron. Try Kevin

Garnett. Remember that one? That was a decision hailed by all; some even called it a great career decision for KG.

And what happened? KG went on to win his first ring, in style might I add, and skyrocketed his legacy from one of the best to never win a championship to one of the best with a ring.

The irony of this story is that there was somewhat of a similar situation that the media whispered about a little bit this summer. You may have heard of the bidding war that symbolized D-Day for many franchises – the quest to sign the biggest fish out there – LeBron James.

No one was criticizing Kevin Garnett when he left Minnesota for glory in Boston. In fact, they were calling it a “mega-deal,” one that took the Celtics from pretenders, to instant contenders.

Minnesota did not hate KG for it; in fact they felt for him. He had dedicated his career to the city and the team. They just couldn't get over the hump.

The same cannot be said for LeBron and Cleveland. Obviously, the situations are

slightly different, but not entirely. Fans and so-called “experts” alike have said that LeBron he has in some way compromised his legacy and lessened his greatness all because he is not the lone elite player on his team.

I harshly disagree. The object of the games we play called sports are to win, plain and simple. Everyone says it's not about the records or the personal glory, it's about what you accomplish as a team, and the ultimate accomplishment is a championship – which is something that eluded LeBron in Cleveland.

The Cavs did what they could to provide support, but it just was not enough. He went to a team, with two other superstars, to win, like it or not. He wants a championship, and he felt South Beach provided the best opportunity for that.

Those who say this is bad for the NBA are sorely mistaken. The NBA currently lags behind the NFL and MLB in TV ratings, and a dynamic trio formulating together to play will provide a spark to the ratings each night because people want to see these three play together, win or lose.

## A bad decision



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In the great hall of the Miami Heat, there are assembled three of the greatest players in the NBA today, created from the cosmic legends of the universe. LeBron James. Dwayne Wade. Chris Bosh.

Ok, so maybe were not quite looking at the reincarnation of the “Super Friends” here, but it's pretty close. When this past summer, LeBron and Bosh announced they would be leaving their old teams to join Wade in South Beach, they completely turned the league upside down.

LeBron was the prized possession this off-season, to the point where several teams had been dumping salary the past few seasons just so they could offer him the maximum contract. It was the Heat, or should I say Dwayne Wade, who got their way though and roped him in.

These three “Super Friends” joining forces the way they did and playing on the

same team could not have been any worse for the league as a whole. The way this off-season went, with so many teams dumping salary and tossing these last few seasons to bring in big names through free agency is just not in the spirit of the sport.

Go ahead everyone, get your Yankee jokes out of the way now about how that's all they ever do (and hopefully continue to do this off-season by bringing in Cliff Lee), but it's not the same. There is no salary cap in baseball, so teams like the Yankees don't have to basically forfeit seasons by letting go of all their high paid players to go sign others.

Not to mention the precedent this sets for upcoming free agents in the future. The amount of power that was given to these players was just unimaginable. They were allowed to talk with one another, which they had been since playing together in the Olympics, about coming together and forming an all-star team.

What's going to stop other players in the future now from just playing out their rookie contracts and then leaving to play with other superstars? Players are going to

have no loyalty and are just going to jump to whatever team has the most to offer, talent wise. Fans are going to have no one to truly cheer for because their favorite player is going to leave after a few years when he gets a better offer. There's just something special when a player sticks it out and plays his entire career with one franchise, especially when he finally gets a championship for that city.

Let's not forget the debacle that was “The Decision” starring LeBron James. Did we really need an hour to hear that he would be playing for the Heat after it had already leaked out? Did he really need a special on ESPN instead of just a quick press conference? Would I have been ok with it all if he said the Knicks instead of the Heat? Probably, but that's beside the point. It was just another example of a superstar's ego getting blown up.

So I think the NBA and commissioner David Stern really need to get their heads on straight and find a way to try and keep this collection of all-stars from becoming a trend. I'm just glad I'm not the commissioner who has to figure that out.

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# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

*Wilkes tennis dominates MAC Tournament; takes home 14 titles*

BY CHRISTOPHER HOPKINS  
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For the Wilkes men's and women's tennis teams, winning is certainly nothing new. However, the amount of success they had a few weeks ago at the MAC tournament at their home courts had to be a pleasant surprise, even for them.

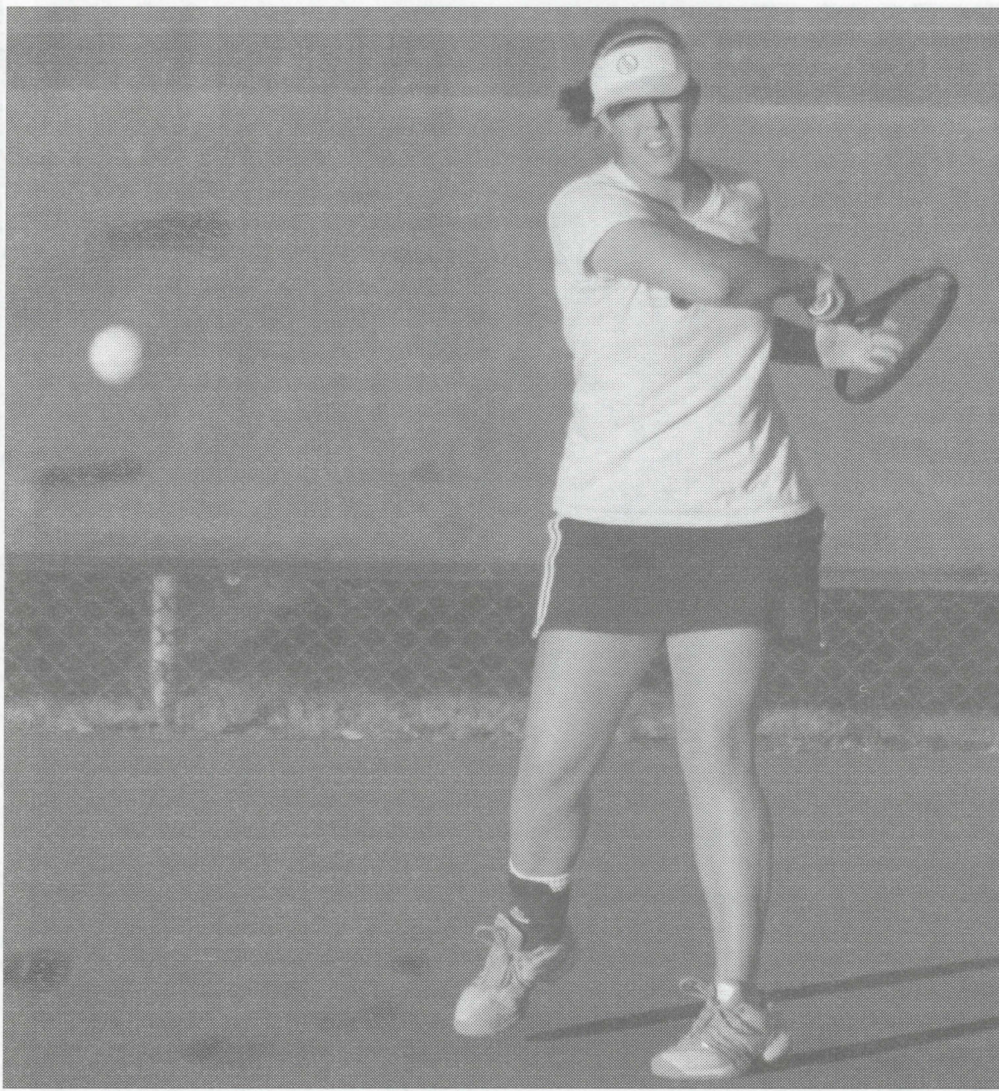
The lady Colonels swept all nine brackets they were entered in, which included six singles and three doubles championships. Sophomore Melanie Nolt, Wilkes' top singles player and with senior Victoria Bybel, a member of the number 1 doubles team, won both of her brackets.

"Sweeping every bracket is a spectacular accomplishment, for us individually and for the program," Nolt said. "Our team did absolutely amazing at the MAC tournament and I couldn't be prouder of our team."

The men's team had great success of their own, where they won four singles brackets and one double.

Men's winners included Clarke Freeman, who won the number five singles position one year removed from winning the number six singles tournament. Freeman joined two freshman players, Dakkota Deem and Alex Makos, who won the number four and six brackets respectively, and sophomore Bao Nguyen who won the seventh bracket, as Wilkes' four singles champions.

Coach Chris Leicht, who has overseen the resurrection of both the men's and women's tennis programs since his arrival in 2003, had nothing but great retort for his player's



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**Freshman Allison Kristofco, pictured here, has been stellar during her freshman season, culminating with a number three singles title in the MAC championships.**

efforts throughout the tournament, as well as the season.

"In our MAC individual tournament, we made the semifinals in all nine flights. We crowned four individual champions, which was the most of any team," Leicht said. "The men worked very hard all fall season, and we had some excellent tournament results."

The women's team, which is regionally ranked this season, benefited from wins not just from Nolt, but from Bybel, Junior Rebekah Shanaman, Sophomore Alexis Donner, and Sophomore Amanda Holyk in the singles bracket. Nolt and Bybel, Freshman Allison Kristofco and Donner, and Shanaman and Senior Michelle Knight took home titles in the doubles competition.

"This tournament really showed how strong this team is from top to bottom, said Leicht of the women's team. "Our depth is really a major strong point of this team."

Nolt credited the hard work of both the team and of Coach Leicht as a major aspect for why her team has been able to be so successful.

"Coach Leicht works us hard at practice so we are well prepared heading into each match," Nolt said.

Both teams have more winning in their sight before the year is over. Come spring time, the men will be seeking their fourth straight conference title, while the women will be trying to capture number five and get yet another appearance in the NCAA tournament.

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## WOGOU

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Well, Wogou showed that he certainly has a passion for the game when he showcased his amazing combination of Flash-like speed and the power to lower his shoulder and break through the line and shed initial contact from oppositional forces. With three years left to play, expect to see more highlights from this progressing freshman.

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a rebuilding year of sorts. However, the Seahawks two losses through Week 7 are to the lackluster Rams and Broncos. Therefore, expect a battle royal out west of some of the weakest teams in the league.

The Falcons are the clear NFC South division leaders with how strong Matt Ryan's play has been. It certainly helps that he has two of the best players in their position to throw to with Roddy White (WR) and Tony Gonzalez (TE). Beware of the Saints, Atlanta, because both Thomas and Bush will soon be back and lightening the load on Drew Brees' shoulders.

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## ASARE

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"I have not really mastered managing my time yet, but I think I have done a good job though I sometimes find myself trying to squeeze in doing homework after practice thirty minutes before the class a couple of times."

What has not been difficult for Asare has been his seamless transition into the new culture. Coaches and players alike both agree that the time spent with Asare is enjoyable.

"I am amazed how quickly he adjusted to his new surroundings," Wingert said. "His personality and way with people make it very comfortable and enjoyable to be with him."

As for where he ventures off to after he

finishes his degree, Asare isn't 100 percent sure where he will be, but he has a few ideas.

"I can see myself working here for some time before going back home to work in Ghana to start my own business," Asare said.

Hypothetically, if he was ever asked to pick where he would play soccer, he has to go with the home country.

"If I was invited to play for either Ghana or the U.S. at the next World Cup, I would definitely play for Ghana because the U.S. would always lose to Ghana," Asare says. "Freddie Adu tried and failed, I don't think I would make a difference."

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# Ghana's Asare achieving goals at Wilkes

*Freshman soccer player adjusting to life 5,000 miles from home*

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Back on June 26, 2010, the United States national soccer team was ousted from the World Cup by the national team from Ghana. The loss dashed the World Cup dreams for the U.S., but should have come as no surprise. Ghana's national team, the Black Stars, have a history of beating the U.S. in World Cup, and its 2-1 victory in the round of 16 was nothing out of the ordinary.

Many Americans believed this was the year for the U.S. — fairytale endings and dramatic comebacks brought out legions of support — and it was hard not to root for the underdog U.S. team.

Unless of course you were from Ghana and vivaciously cheered on the Black Stars.

For Andrew Asare, that was exactly the case.

"Ghana beating the U.S. in the World Cup brought some mixed feelings," said Asare, a freshman mechanical engineering major. "I was delighted about the win, but I also had my Visa interview the same week and was scared I would not be granted a Visa. So I made sure I let them know that I was coming here to focus on my education and that I was also coming to play soccer here in the United States."

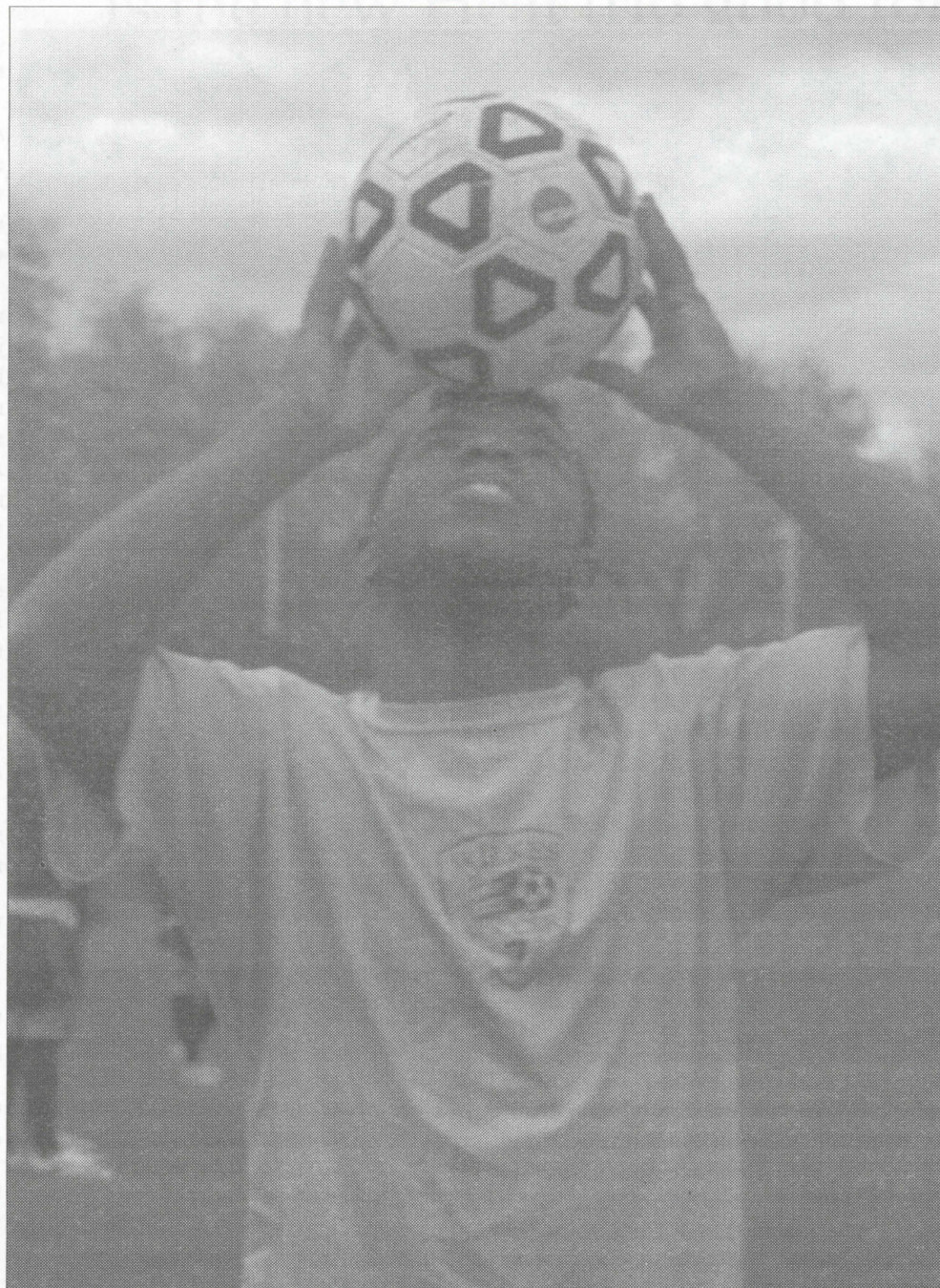
Although the amount of emotion from the victory was hard to put into words, it was easy to see why Asare would be excited. Ghana entered the match as the only remaining African country in the World Cup. The win was a special moment for the entire continent of Africa.

"The reaction back home was just wild. Everyone was happy and it was a fun night to say the least," Asare said.

Following his Visa acceptance, Asare began looking for colleges to attend. Initially he utilized a Commonapp, a nonprofit undergraduate college admission program that allows applicants to apply to over 400 colleges in the United States. Although helpful, the program did not help in differentiating specific schools. That's where his oldest brother came in to play.

"My older brother found Wilkes in a school search and I went to their website and checked it out," Asare said. "You can imagine what I checked out first. When I saw they offered soccer along with engineering, I decided to apply."

"When I heard from Andrew my immediate reaction was that our regional recruiting efforts had just gone international," head soccer coach Phillip Wingert said. "We re-



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**Freshman Andrew Asare attends Wilkes University, over 5,000 miles from his home in Ghana, where he plays for the men's soccer team.**

ceive communications from international players from time to time but never a follow-up response. When Andrew stayed in contact the excitement grew that he might actually attend Wilkes."

As you can imagine, many colleges required tedious supplemental applications and essays in addition to fees. One of the reasons Wilkes University stood out for Andrew was that it did not have any such hassles. Another reason was for the scale and location relative to his siblings in the area.

"I chose Wilkes because I was looking for a small school in a small city which would

offer me a good education in Pennsylvania. Since my older brothers were close by, it was a perfect fit," Asare says.

Life now is not too different for Andrew, who had attended an international boarding school for his last two years of high school. The hardest part for him is time management and finding a balance between school work and varsity soccer. His fall schedule is not very helpful either.

"Having 8 a.m. classes and night classes everyday does not help either," Asare said.

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## BY THE NUMBERS

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Number of essays and supplemental applications needed to apply to Wilkes. That was one of the key figures when Asare applied to Wilkes University.

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The number of international athletes that suit up for the nine different fall sports teams, Asare being the lone player from outside the United States.

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The record of the Wilkes men's soccer team when Asare scores at least one goal - he has scored three goals on the year, two in one game.

5,225

The number of miles from it is from Accra, Ghana to Wilkes-Barre, Asare's hometown.

