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Bush offers Veterans Day message at Tobyhanna Army Depot *President slams critics of Iraq war*

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

On a day established to commemorate past wars' veterans, President George W. Bush spoke to over 2,000 military personnel and party faithful at the Tobyhanna Army Depot on Friday, November 11.

While the timing and location of the speech was ostensibly to reflect on U.S. war veterans' sacrifices, much of the 50-minute address took on critics of the Bush administration's handling of the Iraq war.

Pennsylvania has the third highest death toll for the war of all U.S. states behind California and Texas.

Bush began by urging the crowd to honor veterans' sacrifices and also remember the soldiers who are fighting in the current "War on Terror."

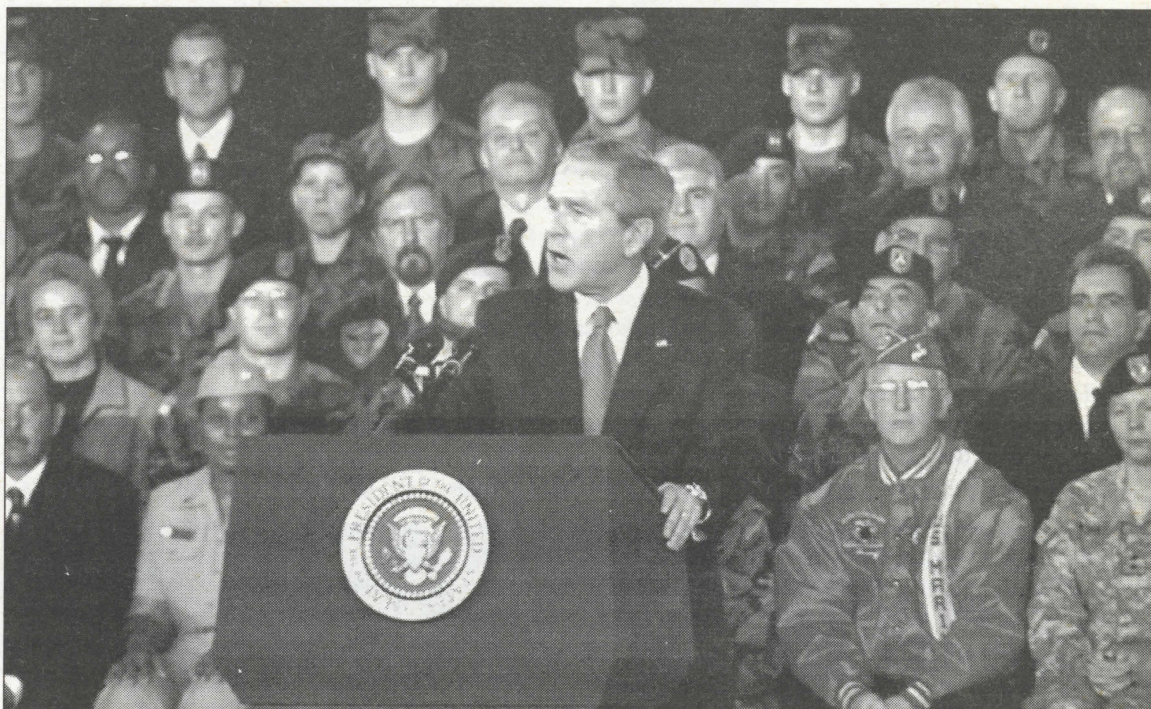
"Today our nation pays tribute to those veterans--25 million veterans--who have worn the uniform

of the United States of America. Each of these men and women took an oath to defend America and they have upheld that oath with honor and decency," Bush said.

But shortly, the speech turned to focus almost exclusively on the President's defense of his administration's choices to initiate the war in Iraq and maintain the course. Bush noted that Congress approved the decision to remove Saddam Hussein from power with strong bi-partisan support.

"While it's perfectly legitimate to criticize my decision of the conduct of the war, it is deeply irresponsible to rewrite the history of how that war began," Bush said.

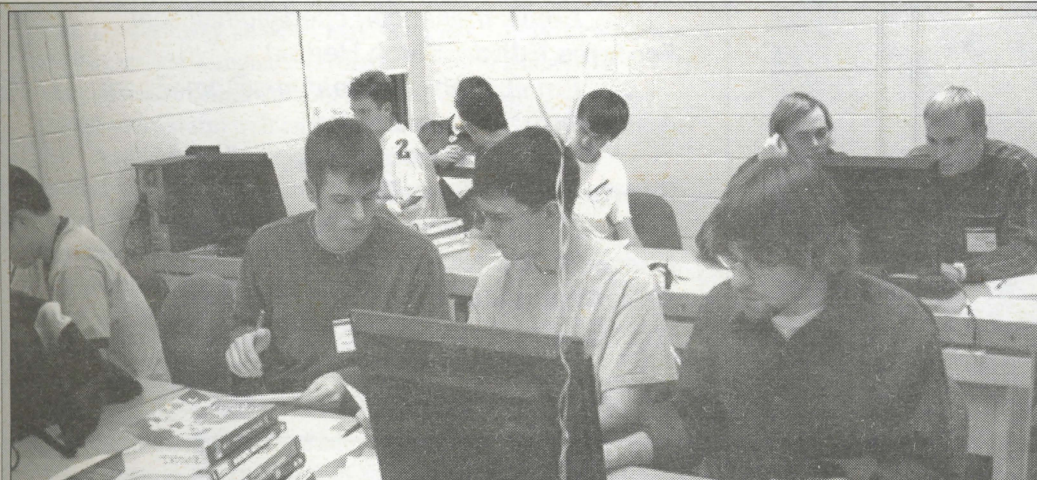
The statements came on the heels of media attention to the lowest approval ratings during Bush's presidency. According to



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President George W. Bush spoke to veterans and party supporters Friday at Tobyhanna Army Depot. Bush spent a large part of his speech slamming critics of the Iraq war.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Wilkes hosts Programming Contest

Three Wilkes University students participated in the 2005 Mid-Atlantic Programming Contest sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), held at the university Saturday.

This year, 126 teams from the Mid-Atlantic participated in the contest, and Wilkes University served as host to 26 of them. Wilkes also fielded its own team that included students Joe Wilde, junior computer science and math major; John Mishanski, Jr., junior computer science and math ma-

ior; and Richard Kern, junior computer science and math major.

The contest challenges teams to solve eight complex problems in a limited amount of time. The Wilkes team, going by the name Wilkes1 after the original Wilkes server, placed nineteenth out the 126 and third out of the 26 who competed at Wilkes.

"The tournament presents you with a lot of potential problems that could arise in the real world and challenges you to solve them while building team work at the same time," Wilde said.

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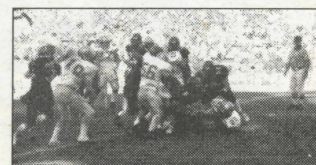
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24-hour access computer lab moves

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO
Beacon Staff Writer

Despite rumors circulating campus, the 24-hour computer lab currently operating in Bedford Hall will not be shut down, but will instead be relocated before the end of the fall semester.

The Office of Public Safety, which is located in Bedford Hall along with the computer lab, will be moving to the Park and Lock on Main Street sometime over the semester break. Because of the move, students have questioned whether the 24-hour computer lab will be closed.

Although the lab located in Bedford will be discontinued, there will still be a 24-hour lab on campus, according to Chris Bailey, Director of Campus Support Services. "From what I understand in the

project plans...we're looking at Breiseth 006 becoming a 24-hour computer lab," said Bailey.

Bailey addressed concerns about the safety of students working late in the new lab in Breiseth. "The building itself [will be] locked down on a card swipe system, so students will have the ability to access it 24 hours a day." He outlined plans for the installation of a security camera system within the building, as well as having public safety officers patrol the building. "Through technology and through patrol we should be able to provide adequate security for the new lab," Bailey said.

"We hope to have the Breiseth lab online in time for finals. Bedford Hall will not be taken offline until after this holiday break," said Bailey.

Mike Salem, chief information

officer of Information Technology Services, reiterated this fact, "We're going to start operations in Breiseth 006 even before we leave, so that for a little bit there will be an overlap between two places that are [open] 24 hours and ultimately when [Public Safety] moves and that space gets closed down, then 006 is where the 24-hour lab will be."

Notably, the computer lab in Breiseth has more computers than Bedford, and Salem believes this will be an added benefit for students. According to Salem, there are five Windows computers in Bedford, whereas there are 45 in Breiseth. Bedford also has four Macintosh computers while Breiseth has six, and Breiseth also has six printers as opposed to Bedford, which only provides one.

"There is going to be a lot more

computer access, more systems available...[it will] be able to handle a larger number of students, so from the computer perspective I think it's going to be an improvement," Salem said.

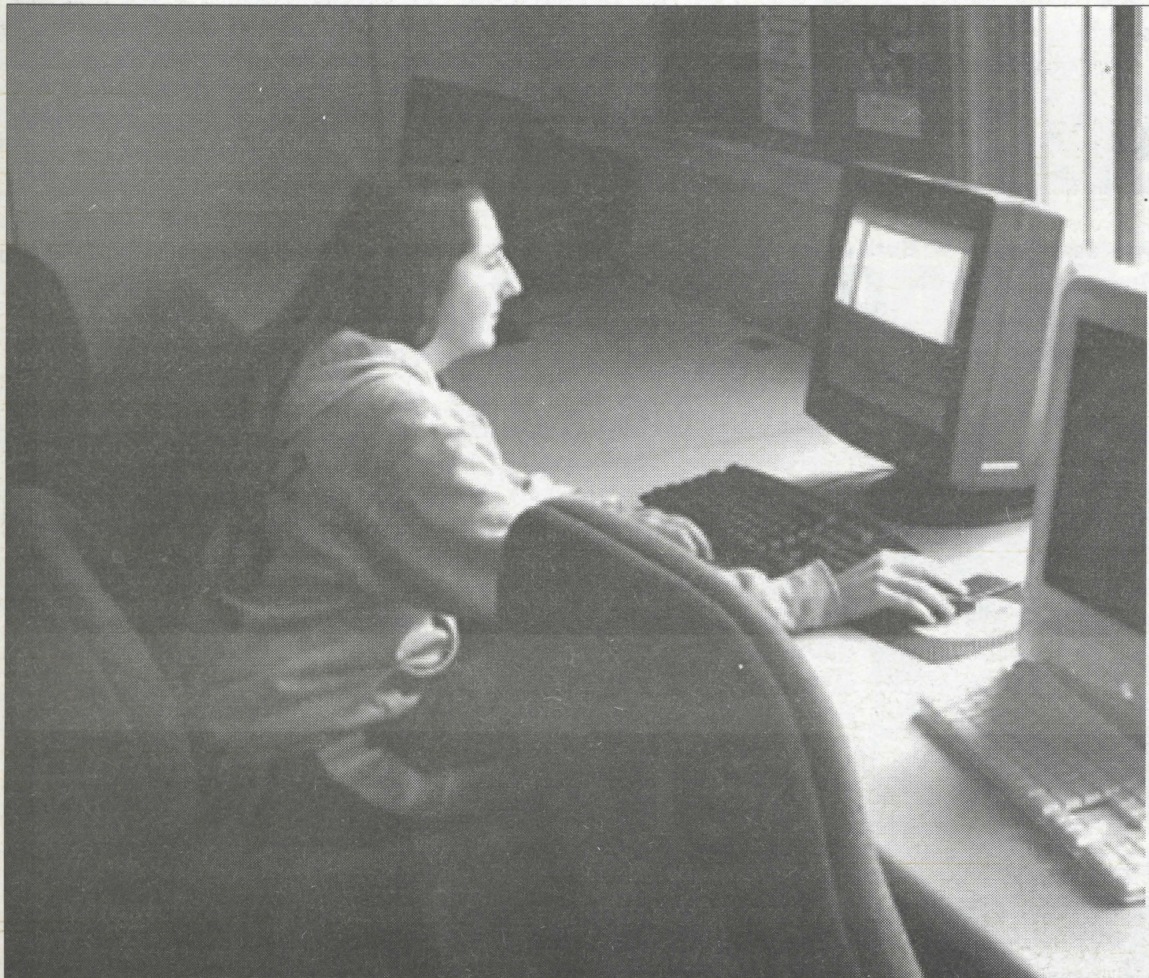
Bailey added that moving the lab to Breiseth will also have additional benefits for students. "[Relocating] is also kind of a secondary benefit, the fact that... the building itself will be open once you get into it, [and] the lounge on the second floor will be open and may be a secondary study area for some students."

It is important for students to have at least one lab on campus that is accessible at all hours of the day.

"There are very few times a day when there isn't somebody in that lab [Bedford]," said Bailey. "As we get toward the end of the semester... that place is full. A lot of times there's a time at night when students come and there is just not a computer to use down there."

The lab in Bedford Hall has been in place as long as the Public Safety office has been located there, since about November 2002. Many students have become dependent on the lab, enjoying the freedom it gives to those with a less flexible schedule.

"Some people do depend on that lab, so taking it away is not an option," said Bailey.



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The 24 hour access computer lab is currently located on the first floor of Bedford Hall. With Public Safety moving offices to Park and Lock South, the 24-hour access computer lab will be moving by the end of the fall semester.

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Entering the age of 'Big Brother'?

Technology offers means of sharing and accessing personal info

BY VICTORIA WHITE
Beacon News Editor

Technology allows students the ability to share their lives with friends and acquaintances all over the country. Students willingly sign up and use technology on the Internet that allows them to post personal information and view the personal information of others.

The aspect that students rarely think about is the abuse of the information that they have willingly provided. Although sites such as Facebook and MySpace are secure, it is personal preference for each user of the site to use the information as they choose.

Secure websites have come a long way in terms of reliability according to Eric Ruggiero, director of integrative media. Ruggiero warned students, "There are no bars holding anyone back from stealing, re-manipulating and re-purposing anything that is out there and I think that is one of the issues. Generally, I have found recently that secure websites seem to be pretty secure with today's technology."

Facebook is a good example of a website that helps students to present personal information. When a student registers with

Facebook the student is allowed to choose what information they want to share and with whom. Each student is faced with the choice of what information they want to fill out about themselves and then they get to choose their privacy settings, which regulate who can see the information that they have provided.

Once the information has been made accessible to others via the Internet, it is easy for the information to be abused. From almost any website, even those that are secure, text can be copied and pasted to another page. Although secure sites are not cached in indexes such as Google, all others are. Even if a student does learn about someone misusing their information on another site and has it removed from the site, it is not removed from the cached index of search engines like Google and many Internet service providers.

John Koch, professor of mathematics/computer science said, "Usually if you look with Google or something like that, you can find just about the information that you are interested in. It doesn't take very long before Google can index it and once it gets indexed everybody can find it."

Many people seem to forget about the

amount of information that they willingly and unwillingly let slip into the public. Students and others have control over the information that they post on websites, but they do not have control over who views the surveillance cameras that watch their every move at department stores, malls and soon to be downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Along the same lines are the GPS tracking systems that many new cars come equipped with as a standard feature. Although the new feature allows for quicker rescue in accidents, car owners do not have control over who views the records from the GPS on their vehicle.

Dr. Garr, associate professor of sociology said, "I think anytime that you are putting personal information out on a public domain, people can exploit your private lives. The larger issue seems, to me to be, the issue of surveillance everywhere and that type of information that we don't necessarily volunteer."



Websites such as facebook have been a growing trend among college age students.

Technology, though it seems to be making communication and many other aspects of life much easier, is also keeping track of everything whether people willingly volunteer the information or not.

Language Institute moves to Farley Library

BYJEANNE STAPLETON
Beacon Staff Writer

Tucked away in the far corner of the Farley Library basement is a place like none other, a place many students may not even know exists--the Language Institute.

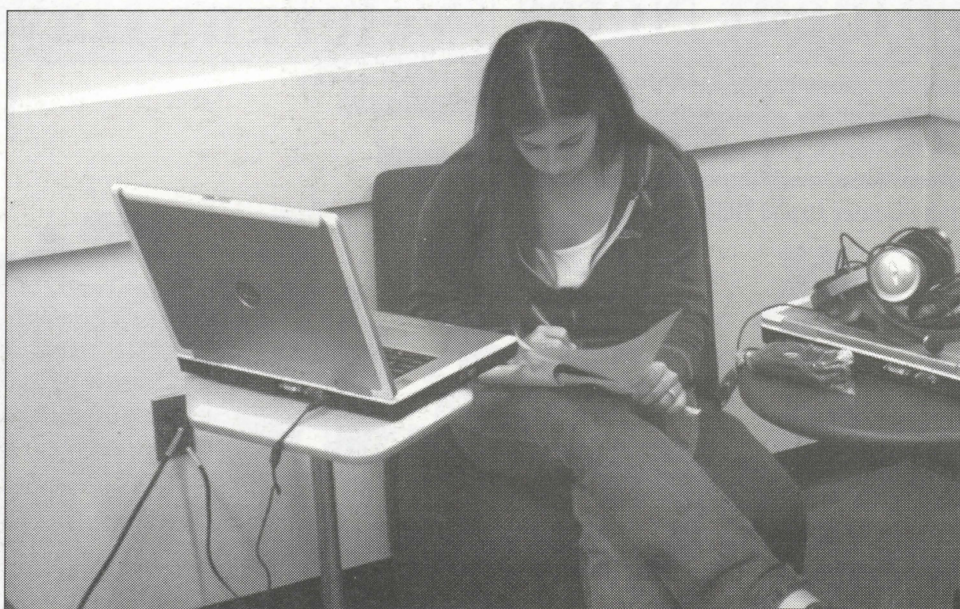
As you walk through the door students are greeted with a warm welcome and a smiling face. And high speed internet, brand new wireless laptops, comfortable furniture and a quiet relaxing atmosphere are just some of the many amenities offered.

Language Institute work study student senior Ashley Ambirge said, "The environment is very conducive to allowing for productive studying."

The Language Institute, formerly located in the basement of Breseith Hall, has found its new home in the basement of the Farley Library, as of this semester. The Institute is a consortium of three area colleges; College Misericordia, King's College and Wilkes University. Each institute is dedicated to the promotion and enrichment of foreign language study.

The new Language Resource and Study Center is supported through a Congressionally-directed grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$99,200.

The Language Institute's coordinator tries to engage students and community alike in an interactive process of revitalizing foreign language. As part of this commitment, the Language Institute has begun building a library collection of text books, videos, CD-ROMs and DVDs.



The Beacon/Nick Zmjewski

The Language Institute, which was previously located in the basement of Breseith Hall, has found a new home in the basement of the Farley Library.

"These CD-ROMs contain the most current and innovative instructional materials and software for language learners of all levels. Both the multimedia technology and instructional software present language learning in a more engaging and interactive format than before," said Jenny Blanchard,

Language Institute Coordinator.

The Language Institute also serves as a virtual language laboratory by providing language learners the opportunity to access learning materials from the convenience of home in an online format. It also offers a wide variety of both credit and non-credit bearing classes, along with many other programs. This semester the Language Institute is offering Italian, Spanish and Polish classes. These classes meet once a week for eight weeks. The Language Institute offers opportunities for foreign language studies that meet the needs of traditional students, adult learners, the working professionals, and the community as a whole.

One week ago, the Language Institute offered a forum on cultural diversity in the Wilkes-Barre Area. The program was held at 5:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Henry Student Center.

The Language Institute is open to all students and the community during normal Farley Library hours. Ambirge said, "There are always workers on staff who are knowledgeable enough to help students and there are CD roms and videos to help too."

To learn more about the Language Institute visit their website www.languageinst.org or contact Jenny Blanchard, the Language Institute Coordinator.

BUSH from FRONT PAGE

Newsweek magazine, overall approval of the President's leadership has slipped to 36%, and 6 in 10 Americans say they don't trust him. These numbers are attributed at least partly to the fact that no weapons of mass destruction--the impetus for the war--were ever discovered in Iraq.

Bush noted in his speech that some Democrats and anti-war critics claim that his administration manipulated the intelligence reports about Iraq and its development of WMDs. But he noted a bi-partisan committee investigated and found no political pressure was evident to change the intelligence information received. He also said both Democrats and Republicans had access to the same intelligence reports on which he made his decision to engage Iraq.

"These stakes in the global war on terror are too high and the national interest is too important for politicians to throw out false charges," Bush said.

Dr. John Hepp, associate professor of history said one of the main issues surrounding the war is the legality of the reasoning behind the war.

Hepp said the United States did not have the permission of the United Nations to take action in Iraq. Under international law, a body cannot wage a war of aggression. The only permissible force is self-defense.

"Many of us found that the administration's claims originally that this was self-defense to be at best weak. And to bolster the administration's position, they used a claim called 'anticipatory self-defense,' which they claim is recognized under international law. Having studied international law, I would claim that's debatable," Hepp said.



Courtesy of Blue Valley Times

President George W. Bush shakes hands with area soldiers on Friday. Bush spoke at the Tobyhanna Army Depot to commemorate Veterans Day.

Anticipatory self-defense means a country does not have to wait to be attacked first if it has reasonable evidence of a potential attack.

Hepp said the entire world has an interest in Iraq because of its natural resources, including oil. And now that the United States and Britain have done away with Iraq's central government, they have a moral obligation

to Iraq to rebuild to ensure Iraq does not fall into anarchy.

"If they could have been a base for terrorism under Saddam Hussein with a functioning government, think of what kind of base for terrorism they would be if they're in anarchy and there is no central government," Hepp said.

Bush did not indicate a timeframe as to when troops will be leaving Iraq. He said the progress is slow, but steady and the Iraqi military is gaining confidence and responsibility each month.

"When Iraqis stand up, Americans will stand down," Bush said.

Both Hepp and Dr. Joel Berlatsky, professor of history, said they do not see the war in Iraq ending anytime soon.

"We can't just say, 'We made a mistake and we're going to get out,' because that's politically suicidal," Berlatsky said.

Dr. Robert Seeley, assistant professor of economics said while the war may be a necessity for safety, the United States is not gaining economically from it. He said resources are being used up and there is a loss of life.

"We have a larger budget deficit than we otherwise would have. What we see now is people in Congress proposing to cut spending on other things because of that," Seeley said. Congress is currently considering cuts in welfare and health care.

Seeley also noted that the recession in 2001 has long since been over, and in the last couple of years the U.S. has seen some strong economic growth. While the war could create some short-term economic stimulus, goods produced for a war are not produced for the broader American consumer population.

"We'd be far better off if we didn't have to have them in Iraq and Afghanistan and [if we] produced things for us to enjoy," Seeley said.

Relying on the rally cry for patriotism, Bush said the troops need the support of the American population and need to know the support will remain firm when the situation gets tough.

"We do know the cause of freedom will once again prevail."

Student Government Notes

November 9 meeting

- Equestrian Club appeared for its second reading for a fund request. Josh Swantek made a motion to allocate \$1,600 and Steph Victor seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-14-8.

- Members of the month for the month of October are Jenn Ramil and Sarah Dowd.

- A motion passed allocating \$18 towards each SG track jacket. Students are asked to pay \$15 out of pocket for their track jackets. The motion passed 34-0-0.

- Programming Board will be holding a ticket raffle for Brad Paisley tickets.

- December 6 a senior social at Ole Tyme Charley's.

- The freshmen class will be selling

holiday grams November 28 - December

2. The holiday grams sell for 5 for \$2.

- The Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive Tuesday all day in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom.



Veterans Day Parade 2005



The Beacon/Kristin Kile

Members of the Wilkes University Air Force ROTC Detachment 752 participate in the annual Veterans Parade on Sunday. The parade started in Kingston and ended in Public Square in Wilkes-Barre.

Anime Club dispells misconceptions

BY JEANNE STAPLETON
Beacon Staff Writer

The new Wilkes Anime Club aims to educate students about Japanese culture and help them develop an appreciation for a unique art form.

The idea of an Anime Club at Wilkes came about last year after an overwhelming response to an anime interest meeting held late last spring. Student Government (SG) recently granted the group club status.

"After realizing how enjoyable it is to watch and discuss anime with other fans I thought it would be a good idea to see if Wilkes had enough interest in starting a club," said club president John Mancke. The club draws interest from a variety of areas including art, communications, computer science, theater and other fields primarily because it focuses on the cultural, artistic, and message value of anime.

Anime is identified in western cultures almost exclusively with the popular cartoon art form, yet it is far from an average Tom & Jerry cartoon. "Anime means a lot to me. I consider it an art form and really do enjoy

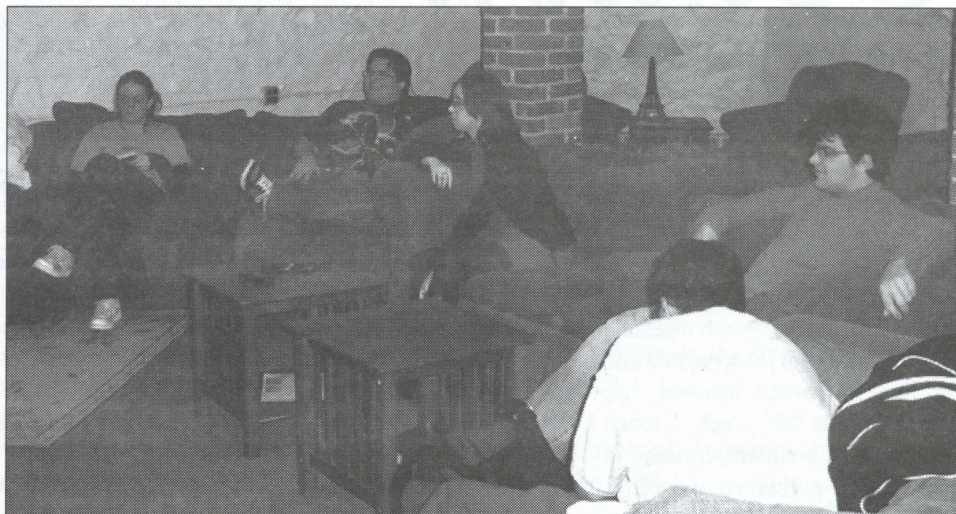
the storylines and plot twists that most anime writers throw into the mix," said Nichole Braddock, vice president of the Anime Club.

"There are distinct differences between the two--cartoons and anime--such as animation style, concentrations, storylines, cultural influences, and many other [characteristics]," said Braddock.

The Anime club is interested in expanding campus awareness through public anime showings. Members of the club understand that the general public has many misconceptions regarding anime and hopes to begin clarifying anime for the Wilkes community.

For instance, "Anime does not have one specific target audience as...with American cartoons. There are animes made for children as well as adults," said Mancke.

The club is hoping to raise enough money through fundraising for a theatre-like screening room. The Anime Club has donated DVDs to the library, which are now available for students to rent. Members are also hoping to get involved with some other colleges and maybe hold a cherry blossom festival to promote the Japanese culture, which influences a lot of anime. The club is currently working



The Beacon/Sarah Herbert
Anime club members from left, junior Nichole Braddock, sophomore Michael Dominic, freshman Alex Holland, sophomore Mark Leicht and freshman Shawn Taylor participate in one of the club meetings last Thursday.

with the MSC to possibly bring some Japanese cultural performances to Wilkes.

Currently the Anime Club holds anime screenings every Thursday night at 8 p.m. in the commuter council lounge located in the basement of Conyngham Hall. The club also holds meetings every Monday night at

6 p.m. in the same location. The meeting are open to the whole student body. "Since we started so late in the year there is not much that we can pull off at this point; however, next semester will be another story," said Braddock.



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French riots indicate passion among disenfranchised youth *American youth need to exercise voice*

BY THE BEACON
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While American youth attended school, worked at jobs, partied and (a small minority) stepped into voting booths last week, French youth waged a violent uprising in response to perceived inequities and discrimination.

Angered by the deaths of two Muslim youth trying to elude police at an identity checkpoint, French teenagers took to the streets burning cars, throwing rocks and assailing police and residents. The protests are regarded as the most violent and widespread in the country since the late 1960s.

Suburban youth see the protest as a public outcry not only against discrimination by police, but also the government's failure to understand the marginalization they feel.

According to a November 4 *Washington Post* article, the riots centered in the poverty stricken northern suburbs of Paris where the majority of residents are immigrants. This area of France is primarily home to Muslim immigrants and their French-born children. Teens armed themselves with rocks, sticks and gasoline bombs, and destroyed cars, businesses, schools and buses. The riots and attacks have been called the worst political unrest in France in recent years, and government officials have been widely criticized as slow to respond.

While the violent nature of the attacks is disturbing, something must be said for the powerful statement the youth are making. The degree to which these riots lasted and spread to other regions of France evidences the collective opinion of the disenfranchised

across the entire country. The rioting youth have argued they will not tolerate the senseless death of two of their peers, and, perhaps more importantly, they can no longer sit by placidly and allow government officials to target the poor for abuse.

Rioters are challenging their government to answer, whether by sending riot police or by actually taking the time to discover the root of the French teenagers' unrest. Whether the government will do the latter remains to be seen; however, what emerges is an image of French youth who are engaged and passionate enough to act.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the majority of American youth in this country. Many young Americans *do* feel a sense of anger or doubt towards their government, especially in light of

a war in which peers and siblings are dying, a compromised environment, rising costs of education, and a widening chasm between the haves and have nots. However, this doubt, fear or anger rarely manifests itself into action.

Why are the American youth so reluctant to act? In contrast to the French youth, they seem less impassioned and incapable of making their voices heard. It cannot be due to a lack of feeling, however. The American youth do not lack the sensibility to act or the emotion to drive their responses. What they seem to be lacking is initiative or direction in their responses.

While the violence exercised in France isn't a solution we advocate for disenfranchised American youth, taking a stand in the voting booths or engaging in public discussion *can* make a difference.

It is the duty of the American voting public to exercise its voting responsibility. Last week Election Day illustrated yet again an inactive and disengaged populace. Where is the fervor, the passion that spurs French youth into the streets, Iraqi women into the voting booths, or the helping hands to reach out in earthquake ravaged Pakistan? American youth owe it to themselves and to the country to discover that fervor and figure out productive and progressive means of exacting response from those who can affect social, economic and political change. To simply vote is one small step in that direction.

We're not calling for riots in the streets of Washington, or bloodshed in suburban neighborhoods. But open, frank and frequent conversation is crucial if apathy is to be abolished. American youth have much they should care about. They also have the power to affect change, if they exercise it. American youth need to care enough to actually *do something* about the adverse situations they encounter.

Take a cue from the French for once, and act.

Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 27 responses.

The Beacon asked:

Which *Real World* season is your favorite?

- London - 4%
- Chicago - 0%
- Philadelphia - 4%
- Las Vegas - 8%
- New York - 33%
- Austin - 7%
- New Orleans - 7%
- Miami - 4%
- Back to New York - 11%
- Other - 22%

Next Week's Poll Question:

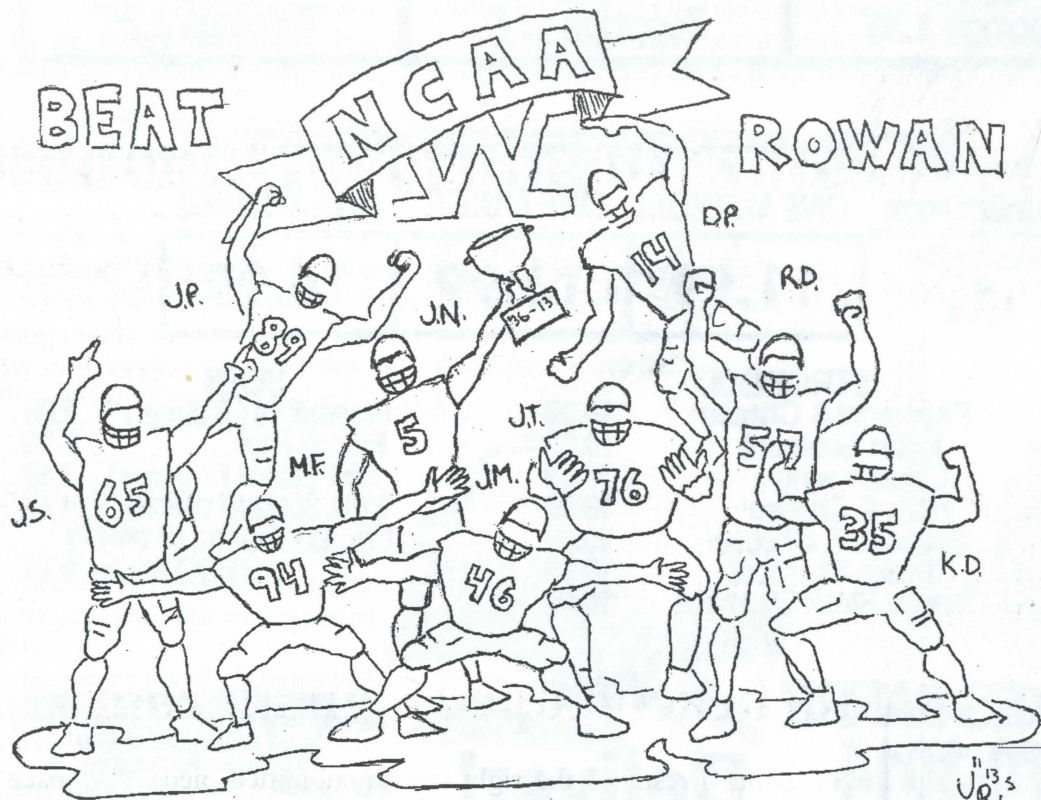
Which programs should Wilkes institute a Masters program for?

- Communication Studies
- Biology
- English
- Computer Science
- History
- Psychology
- Theatre Arts
- Other

Visit www.wilkesbeacon.com to cast your vote. Results will be published in next week's issue of *The Beacon*.

Nickle for Your Thoughts

By Jason Nickle



Response to "Warning this article may contain nudity"

Dear Editor:

I would like to make some comments on Kristyn Ostman's article entitled, "Warning. This article may contain nudity" [October 31] and its follow-up [November 7].

Ostman: "It has become increasingly apparent to me that the more I learn about those wacky Europeans, the less inclined I am to try an alternative spring break trip."

Comment: "Wacky Europeans?" May I remind Ms. Ostman that virtually all of America's administrative and cultural systems were transposed from Europe.

Ostman: "The only nudists I've ever seen or heard about have been far from the types anyone would want to see disrobing, yet nonetheless, these ordinary Joes are living life au naturel."

Comment: Could Ostman be yet another gullible victim of the "perfect/ideal body" myth so beloved of those who reap billions every year from it? Namely the clothing, cosmetics and processed ("diet") food industries. "Au naturel?" I think she means "au naturel."

Ostman: "Our traditional nudists don't want to be socially acceptable; they are exhibitionists."

Comment: Wrong! So-called "traditional" nudists long for a day when nudity could become socially acceptable. Unfortunately, because of nudity's erroneous reciprocity with sex in the minds of non-nudists it has become commercially exploitable. Hence, in an increasingly competitive market, nudity has become increasingly employed as a tool to sell products. That is why nudity is more evident in the media than ever. However as nudity becomes more prevalent it will reach a point where the two camps, so-called "mainstream" (non-nudist) society and nudism, will clash. The concern for nudists is that nudism will be (is being) tainted by the stench of commercial exploitation and its historic social unacceptability reinforced.

Ostman: "The biggest gripe I have about this public display is not the blatant desperation for attention but having their ideology forced on me. Like telemarketers or people passing out leaflets at the airport, nudists are pretty obvious, and irritating, in how they share their values."

Comment: See above comment about why nudity is more evident today. Does Ostman really believe nudists run or even influence the media? I don't think so.

Ostman: "Don't get me wrong, I don't believe that next year nudists will have taken over but I do see where there is a foothold for the U.S. to socially progress into a very dangerous place while continuing to taunt how "free" and "accepting" we are being."

Comment: "A very dangerous place?" How? Why? Dangerous for whom?

Ostman: "So far, we have established that nudism, and selfish attention-seekers, are a societal staple."

Comment: Who's "we?" What evidence does she have to claim that nudists are "selfish attention-seekers?" What does she mean by "a societal staple?"

Ostman: "Today, social equality and tomorrow a downward spiral to a frightening counter-culture. Who are we hurting and who needs to give up their dreams?"

Comment: Social equality? I thought that was precisely what the U.S. likes to tout that it stands for. "Who are we hurting?" Well? Who? I, amongst many, would like to know. "Who should give up their dreams?" I seem to recall a famous American beginning his speech with the words "I have a dream." If it's a choice between the "dream" of body freedom and blinkered, anachronistic bigotry, give me the former any day.

Ostman: "My beef is voyeurism and its affect on children and civilized society as a whole."

Comment: Has it ever occurred to Ostman that voyeurism is a direct result of the prohibition on nudity? Is it not logical to suggest that if nudity was socially acceptable and thus commonplace there would be no such thing as voyeurism? As for the interminably repeated fallacy that nudity is in some way harmful to children...again nonsense. There is no evidence whatsoever to suggest that the sight (no more) of a naked human body is in any way harmful to children. We are born naked.

Ostman: "After all, where does one go when the thrills aren't as thrilling?"

Comment: Sadly Ostman's apparent inability to disassociate nudity from sex is indicative of a sexually dysfunctional society. A dysfunction that has its genesis amongst some "wacky Europeans" of a religious persuasion 1,000 years ago. Though America has, to its credit, cast off many Old World ideas it has yet to abandon its medieval attitudes towards nudity. Do it. Europeans have.

Bill Payne
Melbourne, Australia

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Reader wants to see lacrosse brought back

Dear Editor:

As a member of the last men's varsity lacrosse team at Wilkes (Spring 1981), and I believe the last to earn a two-year letterman's jacket, I'd love to see Wilkes bring [men's lacrosse] back . . . it's the fastest growing sport in terms of participation in the US, and would be a great addition back to the Wilkes University portfolio.

Tracey Cloth
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Samuel Alito is neither the Second Coming nor the Antichrist

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
Beacon Asst. Op/Ed Editor

So, first off, I'm back from my deathbed and recuperating quite well. Thanks for asking. I'm not really sure if I was all that close to death, but "deathbed" just sounds cooler than "really, really sickbed," so I just used some poetic license.

Anyway, in the two weeks that I've been ill, I've been dreaming quite frequently of returning to you, dear readers, and I spent many an hour between coughing fits racking my brain for potential topics to expound upon that would both entertain and enrich your lovely minds. So I read and I talked and I thought and thought, and it suddenly occurred to me that all of my friends who are into politics are getting all wacky about Judge Samuel A. Alito, the new Supreme Court nominee.

I was still unfortunately too young to be anything far short of oblivious when Justice Ginsberg was nominated to the Court, so I don't know if this sort of thing is normal every time a nominee with a clear-cut ideology comes up, but everyone I know from both sides of the political spectrum seems to think that this is a far bigger deal than I do.

The conservatives I know are in a com-

plete rapturous frenzy, basically acting as though if Alito is confirmed the Court will turn into an orgy of judicial review, striking down every single law and overturning every single court decision liberals have ever made in the two and a quarter centuries this country has been around.

To stick with the end-times metaphor begun by my clever use of the word "rapturous," the liberals I have spoken to are also crying armageddon, basically for the same reason. This, to put it simply, is strange to me.

Now, I'm certainly no Supreme Court scholar, but I like to think I'm reasonably well informed and, perhaps more importantly, capable of a little deductive reasoning. And to think that this one man, staunch conservative though he may be, could have enough influence on this particular court to really change the direction of our country seems like something that is the exact opposite of deductive reasoning.

Sure, Judge Alito is more conservative than Sandra Day O'Connor, who he's technically replacing, but he'd have to try pretty hard to be any more conservative than William Rehnquist. Any difference between a Court with Alito serving on it, if he gets confirmed, from the Court five years ago is going to come from the difference in con-

servativism between the new Chief Justice John Roberts and former Justice O'Connor. Yes, Alito will obviously be around for a while if he makes the cut, but all this is going to do is basically ensure that the court would continue in the direction it would have were Rehnquist to have lived a Highlander-esque lifespan. Replacing a staunch conservative like Rehnquist with a staunch conservative like Alito isn't really going to cost liberals any ground.

This isn't to say it wouldn't make me happy if President Bush were to nominate a more moderate to liberal candidate, but the last five years have done nothing if they haven't illustrated that President Bush really doesn't give anything close to a damn what I want to see happen with this country. This also isn't to say that Alito should be given a free pass past the Judiciary Committee, but if they question him as harshly as they questioned Roberts and he holds his ground nearly as well, then I don't really think that there's anything more that can be done.

Plus, everything that I've read from liberals who personally know Judge Alito say that while they disagree on political philosophy, he's one of the nicest people they've ever met. If we're going to have to take a really conservative justice, I would certainly prefer to see him at least be a nice person,

as opposed to an abrasive turd like Antonin Scalia.

This is not resignation on my behalf. It's just that Alito is the exact sort of person that I was afraid President Bush would nominate to the Court as soon as the first vacancy opened, so I've been expecting this. So far, the court has lost a right-leaning moderate and a thoroughbred conservative. The thoroughbred conservative was replaced with someone who seems to be a slightly more right-leaning moderate, and it looks as if the right-leaning moderate may now be replaced by a thoroughbred conservative.

I'm not saying that the court probably won't shift a little bit to the right as a result of this, but I am saying that this doesn't really seem like anything for anyone on either side to get their blood pressure up over. As long as no one is slipping dioxin in Justice Stevens' Ensure, I don't think that the real balance of power on the Supreme Court is going to be toppling to the right any time soon. So, to all the people getting their knickers in a bunch over this, take a chill pill. Like it or not, even if Judge Alito gets himself confirmed, America probably isn't going to change all that much as a result.

Elections a wake-up call to Bush and Republicans

Democrats must keep momentum for 2006

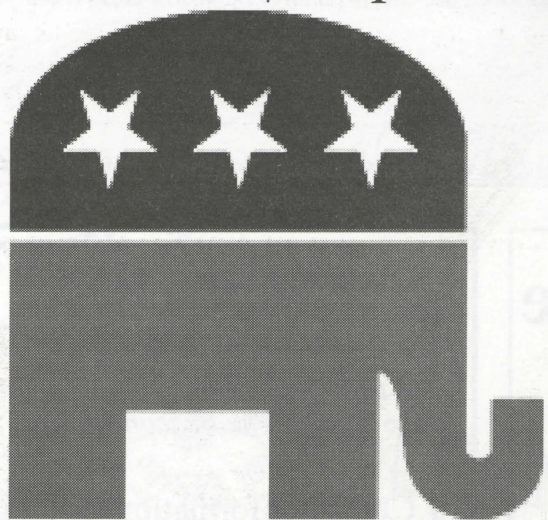
BY ROB DONAHUE
Beacon Correspondent

On Tuesday, November 8, citizens around the United States went to their respective polling places to cast their votes for local officials.

Because 2005 is an off-election year, few "big" races emerged nationally. Most seats at stake included battles for school board, city council, county offices and a very small number of gubernatorial or mayoral races. But this doesn't mean that the 2005 race can't send fairly important signals.

For example, take the Dover School Board Election in Dover, Pennsylvania. School board members in Dover advocated a curriculum change that would ensure intelligent design be taught in the science classes. Currently, the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court is listening to the case.

But last Tuesday, voters in Dover replaced the eight Republican school board members who supported the intelligent design curriculum initiative with eight Democrats who



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don't want intelligent design taught in the schools.

In terms of the gubernatorial races, the outcomes seemed just as telling that perhaps there is a shift in voter sentiment. Virginia—a state that President Bush won in 2000 by 7% over Al Gore and in 2004 won by 8% over Senator John Kerry—went to Democrat

Timothy Kaine. Kaine won by 5% over his Republican challenger Jerry Kilgore. Most analysts agree that Virginia's race is a major blow to the Bush administration since he stopped to show his support for Kilgore just days before the election.

New Jersey wasn't so much a battle state for the Republicans. However, one strategy that Senator Jon Corzine used against his Republican challenger Doug Forrester was to portray Forrester as President Bush's choice. Corzine even won the Republican stronghold of Bergen County by 14%.

So what does Tuesday's election mean to Republicans and President George Bush? Recently polls indicate a substantive drop in Bush's approval rating at 37%. There is also growing disapproval for the Iraq War.

One year from now every seat in the House of Representatives is up for election and one-third of the members of the Senate will be at stake. Both the House and Senate

are currently controlled by the Republicans and have aided the President's most important initiatives.

This off-year election suggests that Republican legislators have good reason to fear for their jobs in 2006. Here in Pennsylvania a poll shows state treasurer Bob Casey leading Republican Senator Rick Santorum by 16%. Santorum is considered by many to be the number three Republican in Washington D.C. Because of President Bush's lack of leadership and putting his radical conservative ideology ahead of the beliefs of all Americans he is at risk of ruining the Republican's chances of a victory in 2006 and 2008. Good news for anyone who is a Democrat, bad news for Republicans.

Of course, with mid-term elections one year away, and the next Presidential election in 2008, anything can happen. American voter memory tends to be short and can shift with the wind depending on whatever national crisis faces the country at that moment. The challenge before Democrats now is to rally and keep momentum high heading in to fall 2006.

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Horn races to the top of male dominated BMX

BY ALISON WOODY
Beacon Asst. Features Editor

When most people think of BMX, they conjure images of high jumps, extreme speeds, tight turns, dust, danger, and, most of all, *men*.

But in the traditionally male-dominated sport, one name currently stands out in the national Top 30 rankings: Beth Horn.

Horn is a sophomore business administration major at Wilkes University, and she excels at a sport that has long discouraged females. Her official title is an NBL Elite Woman racer, a title she received at the age of 16.

Horn began her BMX career when she was just 14. "I grew up around dirt bikes, quads, and go-karts. It was the life I knew and it was a huge interest to me. I wanted to race Motocross so badly, but my mother wouldn't allow it. So, the next closest thing was BMX," she said.

There are many people who seem to think females cannot succeed in BMX, or any other male dominated sport for that matter. Horn has experienced many doubters.

"When I first started out, I was looked at as a blonde bimbo that should be cheerleading or something. I hardly received any credit and it was hard since I really didn't have much support from anyone, not even my family," she explained.

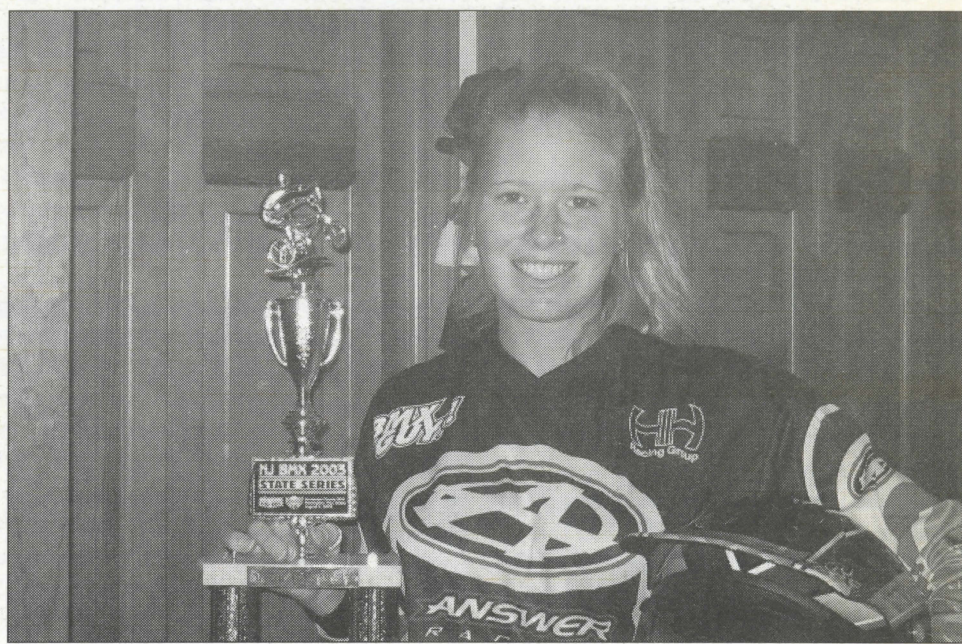
Yet, Horn has proven many naysayers wrong and earned national respect for her

grit and determination in the field. "Racing the guys sometimes gets a little brutal," said Horn. "From the minute we get on the gate, they start talking trash and once the gate is let down, it feels like everyone is trying to run you off the track. I have only beaten the guys a few times, but the best is when I get to the finish line and they bust on the racers I beat."

Michael Canzanella, a sophomore psychology major, said, "People always assume that men are better, but having a female compete in a male dominated sport shows that to those women it does appeal to, they are capable of performing as well as or better than the men."

Caitlin Dukas, a sophomore psychology major, also feels strongly about females competing in male dominated sports. "If a woman is succeeding, it shows that women can compete with the male gender. Being an athlete myself and growing up with two older brothers, I know how it feels to compete against the opposite sex. It is challenging and it gives you a rush that you are going against someone who is supposed to be better than you. And sometimes, the female is the better competitor."

BMX is an extremely dangerous sport. Injuries are a part of being a racer. Horn noted that her mother was against her becoming a BMX racer out of concern for her safety. "Her big concern was that I was a girl and girls do not race BMX because they'll just get hurt. BMX is a very brutal sport and



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Beth Horn, sophomore business major, is an accomplished NBL Elite woman BMX racer. She began her career when she was only 14 years old because of her love for dirt bikes and quads. She claims that competing in a male dominated sport gains her respect and conjures self-pride to prove all of the men wrong.

there are always people getting hurt, including myself," said Horn.

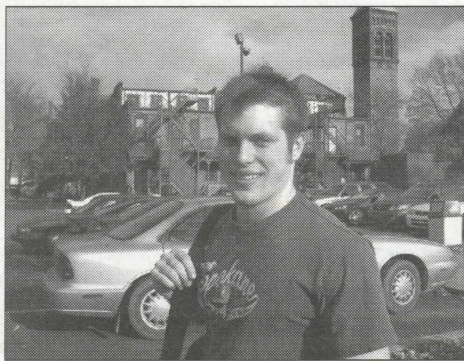
But the thrill of the race and the adrenaline that comes from extreme competition is enough to drive Horn back to the track time and time again. She admitted, "I have scars all over my body. I have hit my head a few too many times. I have blacked out and have had a few concussions. My knees

swell and half the time I can't walk after a hard fall, but it only makes me want to get up and do it all over again. That's all part of racing."

Despite all the ups and downs, questions and concerns, Beth Horn is a state champion, an accomplished BMX rider, and a female proving all of the men wrong.

Tell Us... What would you do if you won a million dollars?

Beacon staff writer Meagan Brown was curious about what Wilkes students are thinking. Here is what she found out.



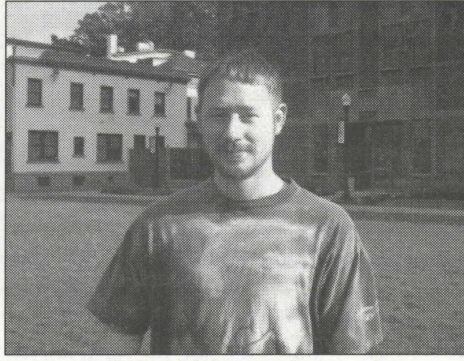
Andrew Velopolcak- sophomore, pre-pharmacy major

"Buy a small island and have my own country."



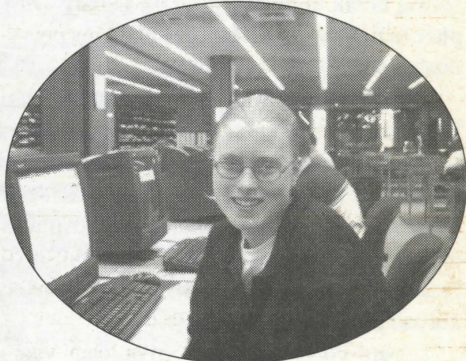
Kelly Patchell- freshman, psychology major

"Invest most of it and pay off all of my schooling and buy a car."



Dan Kohler- P3, pharmacy major

"Buy an Arby's or McDonald's to give me income for the rest of my life. Plus free food."



Stephanie Larson- freshman, nursing major

"Pay for college and help my parents find a better house."

Wilkes students, faculty participate in Eid ul-Fitr feast

BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Features Editor

For one month in the fall, traditional Muslim students at Wilkes may head into Caf with friends and sit at the table for conversation. But as friends sit down with trays laden with pizza, salad, burgers, alfredo chicken, or ice cream, the Muslim students have nothing. No water. No bread. Zero. These students are celebrating Ramadan.

Last Wednesday, however, over 40 people participated in the Eid ul-Fitr celebration, which provided a feast of delicious ethnic foods to celebrate the end of the traditional month-long fast in the Muslim religion.

Ramadan is a period in the Muslim calendar which promotes reflection and cleansing through prayer and fasting. Muslims may not eat or drink from sun up to sun down during the month, and even then, meals are small and simple. A feast for Eid ul-Fitr celebrates a successful Ramadan.

At the Eid ul-Fitr celebration here on campus students, faculty and deans took part in an extensive meal and engaged in conversation about everything from the food to the

traditional attire donned by many of the Muslim students in attendance.

The event was held in the Annette Evans Alumni House and began at 6 p.m. Upon entering the Alumni House, the smell of the exotic smorgasboard was potent enough to make mouths water.

Kevin Gaughenbaugh, Campus Interfaith Coordinator was responsible for the original idea for the event.

Gaughenbaugh said he was inspired to hold this event because "there [aren't] a whole lot of activities for Muslim students on campus."

Although Gaughenbaugh can be credited with the idea for the event, junior business major Salman Puneekar planned and organized the celebration.

The event was catered by Parson's Deli and included seven ethnic dishes. The spread included falafel, musuckhan, beef khorna, chicken birgani, vegetable rice, eggplant and hummus.

Students appeared open to trying these new dishes. Mike Vertuli, sophomore electrical engineering major commented on the falafel he was eating saying, "It's like a



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Participants in the Eid ul-Fitr celebration gathered around the table to feast on a variety of ethnic foods. More than 40 students and faculty members attended the event, which was held for the first time this year.

hush puppy, but not so much."

What Vertuli and others discovered is that it is difficult to compare the dishes with any kind of American food because of the spices, combinations, and textures. Nevertheless, everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy broadening their horizons.

"This is an excellent opportunity for many

people to experience the good taste of food that the world has to offer," said Vertuli.

According to Puneekar, this was the first Eid ul-Fitr celebration to be held at Wilkes. After three weeks of planning, Puneekar was able to see the fruits of his labor in the form of a diverse social gathering.

Wilkes goes global during break

Opportunities for study range from London to Tunisia

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Staff Writer

London, Paris, Tunisia.

For the average college student living on a budget, such places are the stuff of movie sets and dreams.

But this year, for some Wilkes students, these and other exotic destinations will become part of the global classroom and a memorable component to their educational experience.

Student groups participating in alternative spring break and two different departments plan to fully experience the countries previously only seen in pictures.

Alternative spring break, an annual Plan B option for students who want more than sunburns and cheap souvenirs to show for their time away from campus, will send students to Rome and Tunisia. The trip was coordinated by Dr. James Merryman, professor of anthropology, who has traveled abroad himself many times.

"I spent eight years in Kenya, four years in Somalia and Tanzania and I have traveled to fifteen countries," said Merryman, who credits the Peace Corps with his first chance to travel abroad.

Students who choose to travel with Mer-

ryman will visit Rome and Tunisia, which Merryman has now nicknamed "the new Morocco" since it is cheaper and has fewer tourists. Students will also visit Pompeii and Capri.

Merryman noted that this trip is not like the typical spring break. "Everyone wants to go to Cancun to drink, party and meet the opposite sex. When we travel, the Mediterranean [which is where Rome and Tunisia are located] will be nice. It has exotic beaches, you can get sun, and see the exotic qualities of North Africa," he said.

Since Vatican City, which is an independent state, is located within Rome, students will have the opportunity to visit the Vatican, which is the center of the Catholic world.

"The Pope has tremendous impact on the world. I am in awe of that position and what the men who held that position have done," said Merryman about the Vatican. The group will also study Roman ruins and anthropological artifacts within the Vatican.

Tunisia, which is located in North Africa, also offers exotic and educational qualities. "North Africa is more Middle Eastern. They

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Casino Night: fun, games, prizes

BY SARAH DOMAN
Beacon Correspondent

Lady Luck smiled on a fortunate few Friday.

On November 11, Wilkes University held its annual casino night in the Henry Student Center Ballroom. The ballroom was transformed to look and feel like a Las Vegas casino with everything from game tables to gambling chips and music. The event sponsored by Student Government (SG) has been a tradition at Wilkes since the mid 90's.

There were many games offered during casino night such as black jack, Texas hold 'em poker, and roulette.

Jake Mancuso won first prize in the Texas hold 'em poker tournament and was awarded an XBOX 360. Second place winner was Kevin Coughlin who won an iPod, and Brandon Ingram won a \$50 gift certificate from Best Buy for his third place finish.

Along with the games offered there were many prizes students could play for at the end of the night, including an iPod Nano, digital camera, television set, and, as always, the grand prize trip to New York City to see *Rent*, which was awarded to sophomore pre-pharmacy major Christine Corser.

Strategy played a big role in games for students who wanted to win prizes. At his first casino night experience, junior English and secondary education major Pat Austin tried his luck at roulette. Austin said, "Always play the highest odds first then play the rest."

While some students strategized about the odds of winning, others took a different approach. Sophomore Cory Shultz said, "Go with your gut instinct."

Casino night wrapped up around 10:30 p.m. to announce the final winners of the prizes. For students, this night was all about having fun and trying your luck.

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speak Arabic. It is very safe and very hospitable. I hope to promote an understanding of Arabs and Muslims, that they are not all terrorists and that they do not support that jihadist view of the West," said Merryman.

Another educational opportunity for Wilkes students next term is the interdisciplinary trip to London, England in January. The trip is organized by Dr. John Hepp, associate professor of history, and Dr. Mark Stine, chair of the communication studies department. Hepp and Stine have both visited the city before.

The trip is part of a spring semester class offered by both history and communication studies called COM/HIST 398: "The History of Communications." Students participating in the trip will have a chance to see some of the best museums in the world. "We will go to different museums having to do with history and communications. The *Guardian* newspaper has a museum, as does the BBC. We will also go to the British Museum, the British Library, and the Imperial War Museum," said Hepp.

During all of the sightseeing, students will also be allowed to have free time to check out other London attractions.

Students attending the London trip will have work to do before and after the excursion. "There is a book to read before going to London. We don't recommend that the students bring the book with them. While we are there, the students will have an assignment to identify an artifact that they have seen on the tour. When we get back, we will meet twice in the spring semester, and resulting from those meetings will be a

short paper on that artifact," said Hepp.

At this writing, the trip to London is fully booked. "We capped it at twelve students, but

then, due to the interest, we allowed two extra people to come along," said Hepp.

Another Wilkes trip that has almost reached capacity is Dr. Waghia Taylor's trip to Italy, Spain, France, and Monaco. The trip, organized by Taylor, professor of international business and economics, works in conjunction with two classes, BA398 Topics: III: International Business Experience, and MBA 598 Topics: III: Global Business Experience. This is not Taylor's first trip, and there are more like it planned. In fact, many students planning to participate signed up a year in advance to secure a spot.

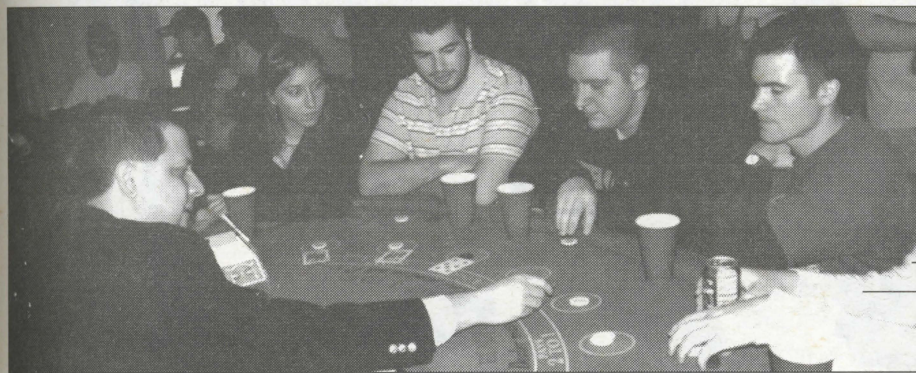
This year's trip will take place over spring break, and according to the flyer, students will visit Milan and the Riviera in Italy, the French Riviera, Barcelona, Spain, and Monaco. According to Taylor, each trip has a theme. "This time, the theme is international business on the Mediterranean coast," said Taylor.

Fifty students are planning to attend this year's trip with Taylor, who brings along other faculty members to act as chaperones. Those fifty students will have to do work before and after the trip in order to secure the three credits offered. In order to ensure that Taylor and the students will not be left high and dry in a non-English speaking country, a bilingual tour guide has been hired.

"I work with a company that has bilingual tour directors. He is with us all the time. He meets us at our arrival gate and stays with us the length of the trip then takes us to the airport and stays with us until we check in," said Dr. Taylor.

Students interested in Merryman's trip to Rome and Tunisia must contact Merryman as soon as possible with a \$250 downpayment ready.

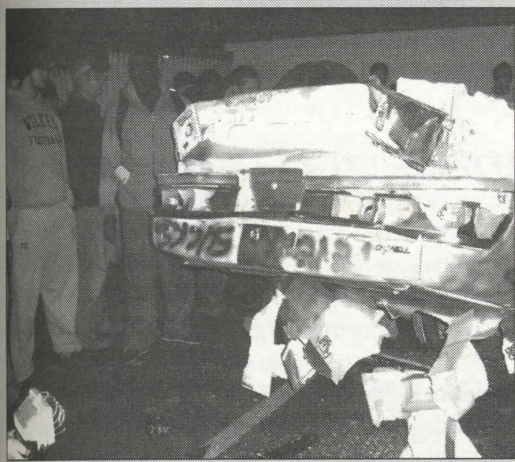
Students interested in Taylor's 2007 trip, which will go to Hungary, Austria, Czech Republic, and Germany, should contact Taylor.



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Mr. Gapinski, instructor of math, deals a hand of blackjack at Casino Night. Participants are (from left to right): Janelle Weiland, P2 pharmacy major, Nick Witucki, P1 pharmacy major, Matt Burian, senior electrical engineering major, and Jeriah Ameigh, P2 pharmacy major.

University pep rally



The Beacon/Sarah Herbert

Student Government sponsored a pep rally on November 10 to get students fired up for the weekend athletic events. The rally featured a car that students were allowed to demolish with a sledgehammer. Toward the end of the event, a group of students flipped the car.

Just the FACTS COLLEGE DRINKING CONSEQUENCES

Academic Problems: About 25 percent of college students report academic consequences of their drinking including missing class, falling behind, doing poorly on exams or papers, and receiving lower grades overall.

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Joseph and his dreamcoat light up DDD stage opening night

Cast and crew give colorful performance

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Correspondent

Wilkes University's Visual and Performing Arts department has put its own colorful spin on Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, complete with vibrant costumes and a pharaoh that truly is "the king."

The musical tells the tale of twelve brothers, with Joseph, played by senior theater arts major Dan Van Why, being their father's favorite of the bunch. The brothers resent the favoritism, and seek their own revenge on their brother, but Joseph proves that he is down but not out.

Having already completed three performances, the cast and crew will ready themselves for three more performances this weekend, with shows on Friday and Saturday at 8p.m. and Sunday at 2p.m. at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.

The cast and crew are one in the same, with many of the actors also participating in such production aspects as prop crew, costume crew, publicity, and design.

The somewhat psychedelic show features a range of music, from country-western, to calypso and French-inspired numbers, complete with berets, all along staying on track with the plot.

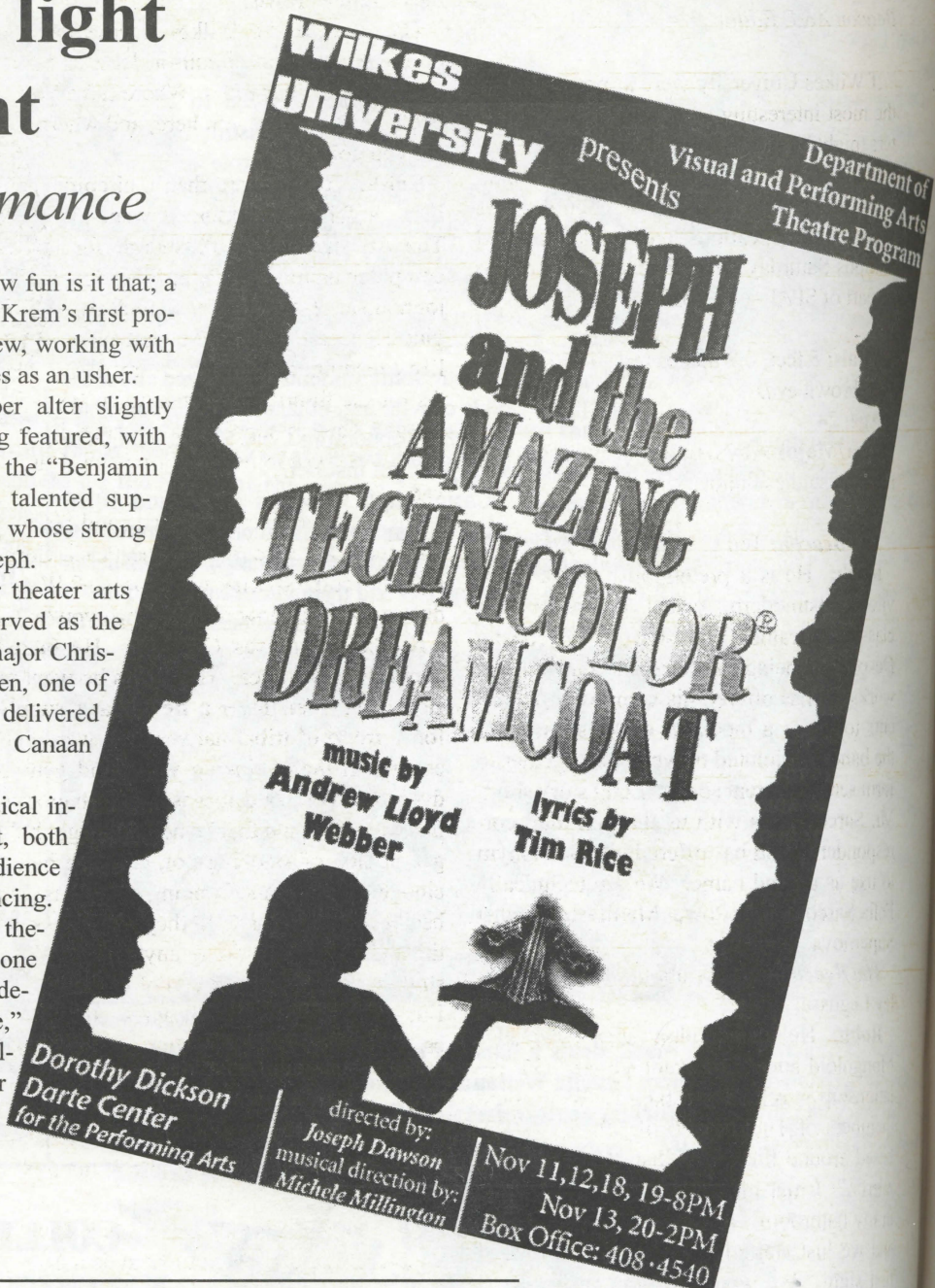
Freshman English major, Julie Krem said, "The music is amazing, so many styles. There is country and pop. It's just a really cool show, the cast is fun to work with and the set is fun to work with-

just really bright colors. And, how fun is it that; a pharaoh acts like Elvis?" This is Krem's first production, and she is on the set crew, working with fly rails and props, and also serves as an usher.

The costumes for each number alter slightly to accent the musical style being featured, with straw hats and a limbo pole for the "Benjamin Calypso" song performed by a talented supporting cast, as well as Van Why, whose strong voice led the performance as Joseph.

Other standouts include junior theater arts major, Taylor Whidden, who served as the narrator, and senior theater arts major Christopher Lucas, who played Reuben, one of Joseph's eleven brothers and delivered a strong rendition of, "Those Canaan Days."

Each song featured in the musical included the majority of the cast, both singing and entertaining the audience with smartly choreographed dancing. Adrien Ruggerio, a sophomore theater arts major, played Judah, one of Joseph's brothers. Ruggerio described the show as "a challenge," adding that "Some things are challenging physically." This is her second production, but her first musical. "I absolutely love it," she said. "It's a lot of fun."



Entertainment can educate about diversity

Multicultural awareness programs emphasized this week

BY MYLES RUMBEL
Asst. A&E Editor

The leaves are falling, the days are getting shorter; it's definitely fall. And on the Wilkes University campus, that means it's time for Multicultural Awareness Week.

As Andita Parker-Lloyd, coordinator of multicultural affairs, explained, "It's a week every fall that we try to celebrate as many different types of cultures as possible."

The cultural diversity celebrated during this period includes similarities and differences across race, religion, and sexual orientation.

"When you learn about different cultures, you see similarities," Parker-Lloyd said, adding that these similarities help people connect and understand one another.

However, the week is not exclusively about education. Multicultural Awareness Week also aims to be entertaining.

"You can still learn and have fun," Parker-Lloyd explained. "Last year was almost the year of the drums," she said. There were three different drumming performances during Multicultural Awareness Week 2004.

"We thought drumming was one thing, but boy were we wrong," Parker-Lloyd commented. Each culture has different ideas about drumming, and the sound of the drumming is culturally bound.

According to Suzanne Chirayil, sophomore pre-pharmacy

major and president of the Multicultural Student Coalition, students are already reacting to Multicultural Awareness Week 2005. "I have a couple people who are excited to attend," she said. She also pointed out that several different events such as screening the movie *Crash* and the *Turtles Dancers* have been grabbing attention.

Multicultural Awareness Week will be from November 13-19. Events are scheduled everyday and include everything from different religious services, motivational speakers, and more.

More information can be obtained from the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

A&E Profile

Highlighting contributors to campus and community culture

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

If Wilkes University were a movie, one of the most interesting and memorable characters might be short-timer Gavin Robb - a musician, an entertainer, an artist and a scholar. And, he doesn't need a stunt double. The senior communications studies major rocked campus Saturday with his band Felix Sarco as part of SPAF-a-palooza.

Vitals: 5 feet, 8.8 inches tall. 145 lbs. No hair, brown eyes

Age: 24

Year/Major/Any Minors: senior communication studies major

The Beacon: Tell us about Felix Sarco.

Robb: He is a pretentious, critically reviled, postmodern, visual composer and classically trained pianist from Wisconsin. Despite his being indifferent to our musical works, he has offered his compositional talents to act as a mediator of sorts, bringing the band's disjointed movements together to form semi-coherent songs. Long story short, Mr. Sarco works with us through mail correspondence and has offered his pseudonym to use as a band name. We are technically Felix Sarco's Polar Power Manifesto Magnet Supernova.

The Beacon: Tell us about Captain Cromley Legussa.

Robb: He's a fashion savvy, pseudo-Mongoloid and our current singer. Our relationship is religiously based. We're both members of The Church of Mirrors, a sect based around the belief that "God is in the mirror." I met him one day at a ceremony in my bathroom. I looked up from the sink and we just started talking. It was love at first sight. We were finishing each other's sentences and everything. It was perfect timing too. At the time we met, I wasn't really happy with my place in the band, as I was constantly bouncing between "the recording engineer" and "the singer." There was no outlet to look at the music objectively while being so intimately involved with its performance. I told him this and he offered to sing. In context, he was musically more appropriate, so I stepped down. My deep and sincere love of my band mates, as both people and artists, keeps me here, so I'm glad to be a part of this thing, even if it's just recording their albums.

The Beacon: What unexpected should the crowd expect while you are on stage?

Robb: I never have any idea of what to expect at the shows. Sometimes they just play the songs, other times they punt newborn babies into the crowd.

The Beacon: So Wilkes is your last gig on the educational circuit--at least as far as undergrad is concerned. Where have you been, what brought you here, and where are you going?

Robb: It was more than a circuit; I had a full blown tour. I went to The Art Institute of Pittsburgh for computer animation, Penn State for journalism, L.C.C.C. for sound engineering and journalism, and now I'm finishing up here to get my BA. As for the future, I'll be taking an Ivy League Tour in support of my next degree, with appearances at Princeton, Harvard, Yale....

The Beacon: I read on your band bio that you spent three years with the Peace Corp. If that is correct--what was that like? Where did you go, and how did it change you?

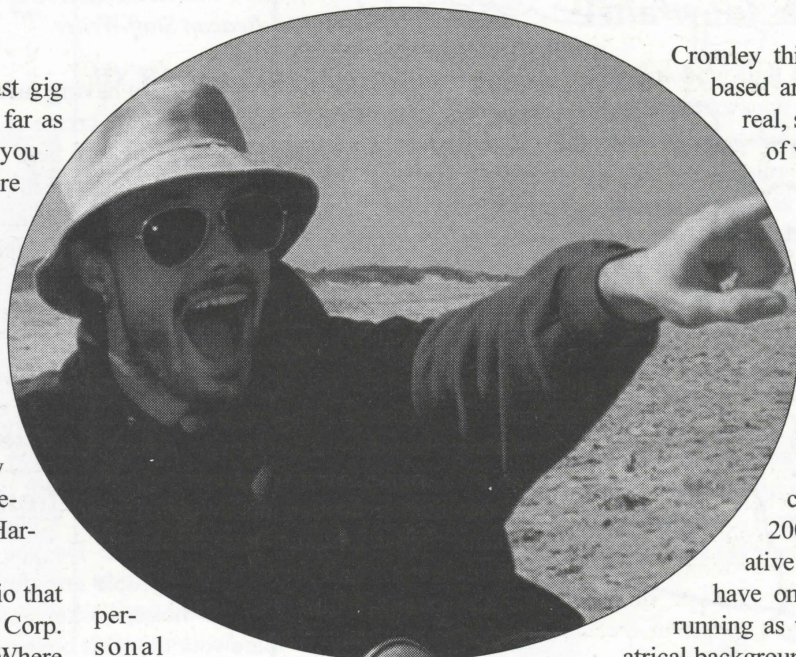
Robb: That was Cromley. He talked about it a few times. He claims he went to Botswana to engineer a fresh water supply for a group of tribal natives who were defecating in their drinking water and getting dysentery. He said it was hotter than any place on earth and that he never thought he'd get so sick of smoking pot, drinking hallucinogenic wine, and banging on drums, but besides hunting, that's all they did to pass the time. He said that doing anything for three straight years will cure you of the habit, but I'm sure Phish fans will disagree. To be honest, I don't really believe him, and I've told him this before, so I'm free to say it here. He lies compulsively. He has an awful habit of stealing stories from other people's lives, and I think he made this up to justify his use of the "Captain" title.

The Beacon: Like a CD is a blank slate for your music, I can tell your body is a canvas for art too. Tell me about your tattoos.

Robb: Not much to them really. They're more like bumper stickers than body art. Nobody likes them very much. I tried getting a few of my friends to get them with me, but nobody wanted plain English in Times New Roman on their body. They wanted "Japanese writing" or Latin, but I don't speak Latin fluently and I can't read Japanese. I mean, what if the guy writes "jerk off" on my skin and I think it means "valor" or whatever. I don't need "jerk off" written on me; that's redundant.

Cromley liked two of my tattoos and got them after he saw them. We share the word "truth" on our ribs and the mathematical symbol for "nothing" around our wrists. My significance for the "truth" has become sarcastic, as has most of what I say and do nowadays. The idea of wearing something as grey and

Photo courtesy of Gavin Robb.



Cromley thinks that time, and life based around it, makes nothing real, so those are our versions of wristwatches.

The Beacon: What is your favorite place, or type of venue to play? And--what is your dream gig?

Robb: The Scranton Cultural Center shows we've had in the past are "lucid dream gigs." The crowds are always great, 200+. We have total creative freedom as well. We have onstage art displays, film running as we play, and crazy theatrical backgrounds. It is by far, the best depiction of what we do.

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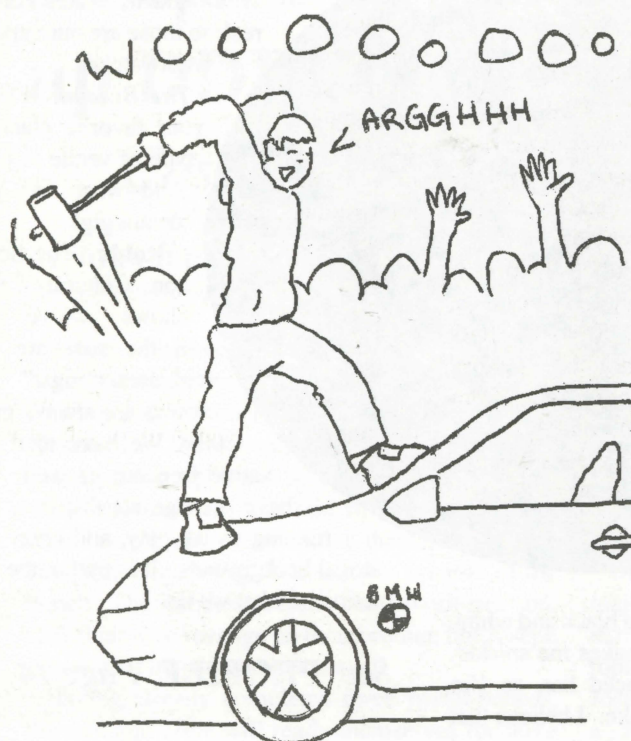
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Trendspotter: Wide Weaved Belts

BY MEGAN MANCE
Beacon Staff Writer

Sometimes having just one perfect accessory can create a whole new look. A great bag, belt, or shoes can make the ordinary jeans and tee look trendy, chic, and stylish.

This season, the perfect accessory is the wide weave belt. Emphasis at the waist will add a touch of sparkle to any outfit.

Metallic gold and silver are trendy colors this fall, but brown, black, and earth tone colors will also show off a fab fashion sense. Paired up with a t-shirt



and jeans or a dress top and black pants, wide weave belts can do it all.

The wide weave belt also occasionally acts as jewelry because many styles are riveted, come with rhinestones, or offer multi-colored leather to make a statement all by itself. The belt can draw attention to the midsection in the same way a great necklace can draw attention to the throat or earrings to the face.

They can be found in all different kinds of stores, from Wal-Mart to the Express, so there is a belt for everyone's budget. So ladies, be sure to jazz up your outfits this fall with a glamorous, wide weave belt.

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The Beacon: Do you ever think that (certain) people are afraid of bands like yours--noise, costumes, etc? If so- what are your thoughts on that?

Robb: Some people are afraid of "not getting it." We blend comedy, drama, subtlety, abrasiveness, progressive composition, dance beats, etc. into the act, so if you dance, you'll be able to dance; if you don't, you'll be entertained by looking at the stage. There's nothing to get, really. It is what it is. The stage antics give a tongue-in-cheek nod to the "glamour" of "rock and roll," but the costumes fall off ten seconds into the first song because they (the band) jump around so...much. I never wore costumes on stage. I tend to think it makes things a little too silly, but I'm guessing they're coming from the standpoint that "losing the costumes" while freaking out is a metaphorical commentary on the costumes we, as people, wear daily. Musically, we believe in saturating the senses to shut down the thought process with the hope that the listener can act more on feel-



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Felix Sarco performs at SPAF-a-palooza Saturday

ing than on thought. We spend so much time thinking we forget to feel. A release allows us to review/renew the process. Some people already think less and don't need any help.

The Beacon: Where is the future of rock and roll headed, and more importantly--how are you and your band going change it?

Robb: Cromley put it best. "Rock and roll is a gold sh***ing Terri Schiavo. What music needs is mercy murder."

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Dinner and a Movie

Movie: Batman Begins on DVD

BY PAUL LESSANE
Beacon Correspondent

What's this, the fifth Batman go 'round? *Batman Begins*? Ah, starting from scratch, I see. At least Arnold's not in it, though.

As one of the most celebrated superhero comic book adapted licenses, the Batman franchise has been shaking its moneymaker over at Warner Brothers for the past 14 years, almost long enough to give DC the funds to write new material.

Somehow, they found a way to sensationalize the four basic villain groups into budget scheme, recycled a few studio tricks, and came out with the recipe for the most unstable license ever.

Bruce Wayne, the dark, disillusioned, tough guy, uses his family wealth and resources to concoct an image to strike fear into the hearts of evildoers everywhere using the moniker of a bat. He's seemingly propelled into the adopted vocation by the devastating death of his parents at the hand of a street thug on the streets of Gotham City.

In the original comic book, Bruce Wayne's parents were killed by Joe Chill, a street thug who looked like one of the members of Bone. In the first film, the Waynes were killed by a young Joker, but in *Batman Begins* the Joker doesn't make an appearance until the time Batman is already gliding the sky, and even then it's in the form of a hint at the end of the film.

In *Batman Begins* Bruce Wayne, played coyly by *American Psycho* Welshman Christian Bale, studies the criminal mind

by traveling the world and becoming a criminal himself. He eventually crosses paths with the sadistic Ra's Al Ghul, at first played by Ken Watanabe of *The Last Samurai* fame, a madman who thinks his organization is ordained to tell the word 'when.' Liam Neeson offers a masterful dual performance as Henri Ducard and the true Ra's Al Ghul. Cillian Murphy also portrays the weird character Dr. Jonathan Crane, a corrupt mob psychiatrist who fights good with cheekbones, blue eyes, and a suit full of hallucinogens when he wears a potato sack mask as the Scarecrow.

In fact, the entire movie takes a more organic approach to the Batman universe.

Director Christopher Nolan used fewer metaphors and more reasoning for physical cinematography as the way to approach the story, making things more realistic and believable, than say green things sticking out of peoples heads a la Jim Carrey's Riddler from *Batman Forever*. Shot mostly on English soil, the film has a very iconoclastic feel to everything that happens on screen.

Although the film leaves the level of mental damage of Bruce Wayne up to the viewer, it does a decent job of letting viewer empathy guide the actions of young Bruce.

The DVD version features a load of features as well as a reproduction of original comics 'loosely' based on *Batman Begins*, including the first appearance of Batman in Detective comics number 27.

Rent this one...

Grade: C
(For taking five times to get it right, sort of.)

Dinner: Soup-er Hero Meal

BY JACLYN FRANCESE
Beacon Staff Writer

In keeping with the superhero theme of this week's DVD, here is an easy recipe to whip up to eat during *Batman Begins*. (Anyway, didn't BAM! start with the old Batman graphics and not with Emeril?)

Soup:

I have a great homemade recipe--but we're going for quick. So, just heat your favorite brand of tomato soup as directed on the can. (Homemade recipe is available online at wilkesbeacon.com)

Hero:

Ingredients: Italian Bread, sliced turkey or ham or both, cheddar cheese slices, lettuce, tomato slices, onion and mayonnaise.

Preparation:

- Preheat oven to 325-degrees
- Cut open Italian bread and spread on mayonnaise. Then place lettuce, tomato, and onion on bread and add lunch meat. Top with cheddar cheese
- Add salt and pepper if desired for taste
- Place hero in oven for about five minutes or until cheese is melted. (You can also use a microwave to melt the cheese, heat for about 2 1/2 minutes)

Once soup and hero are made, eat and enjoy. By the way, soup is great for dunking the hero.

Nothing But Net

This week on the web

BY MYLES RUMBEL
Asst. A&E Editor

Okay. So when I first visited Fark.com I thought I was having a "WTF?" moment.

I wasn't exactly sure I was even at the right place. However the logo appeared with the slogan, "It's not news, it's Fark.com." Let me tell you how impressed I was.

Fark begins with a list of links to random "news" stories. As the slogan notes, this is definitely *not* news. The site offers links with a brief summary of the story and a small graphic describes articles from "amusing" to "stupid" and "ironic."

Additionally, Fark offers a variety of ways to interact with others on the site. There is a forum where people can comment on the news stories, a chat room, party announcements and even personals.

There are also links to "media friends," which include links such as Opie and Anthony and

The Smoking Gun, and "site friends" which includes links such as "eBaum's World."

I have two complaints with the site. First, let me say I enjoy sites that have space *a la* Google. This is not the case with Fark. Visual overkill would be more like it. Too many flashing ads, too much text and definitely not enough space.

Second, I'm not exactly sure why I should care about the site. The "news" is not even entertaining. It's stupid. Let me repeat - *stupid!*

Why this site was ever recommended to me is a wonderful question. But whatever the answer is, I can think of lots of better ways to use my time.

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Colonel Injury Checkup

BY RYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Sports Editor

AND ADRIENNE RICHARDS
Beacon Staff Writer

During the 2005 season both the men's and women's soccer teams lost key leaders to serious injury. This article offers updates on their recovery and prospects for future athletic competition.

Liz Pauly
sophomore, women's soccer goalkeeper

During their heartbreaking overtime October 11 loss to College Misericordia, the women's soccer team suffered more than an end to its undefeated streak. Sophomore goalkeeper Liz Pauly went down for a ball in the twenty-first minute and came up with a broken cheekbone, an injury that sidelined her for the remainder of the season.

"I broke the orbital bone, which knocked out the bone behind it, the one your eye sits on," said Pauly, whose impressive ability through the first twelve games of the season earned her all-conference honors despite missing the final stretch of games.

Pauly credits the speed with which she received medical care after the injury. "I went to the hospital ten minutes after it happened," she said.

In order to help reconstruct the site of the injury, doctors removed a piece of her rib to replace the broken orbital bone.

Mike Bridy
senior, men's soccer forward

On September 15, 2005, Wilkes men's soccer captain Mike Bridy took the pitch for the sixth game of his senior year, the opponent Baptist Bible. Unfortunately for Bridy, he would not be leaving the pitch the same way he walked on. Instead, he would be limping off with a torn ACL.

Bridy best explains how the injury happened, "I went to pass the ball, my leg was straight-my cleats were in the ground. All my weight was on that leg and a kid slid into the outside of my leg. I heard a pop."

Three weeks after his injury Bridy underwent surgery at the Geisinger Medical Center. The first two weeks after surgery were the most painful, but not anymore. Bridy credits his speedy recovery to athletic trainers Joe Giunta and Carl Andrews (ATC), whom he meets with four to five times a week for therapy.

Bridy commented, "I recently had a three month check-up and the doctors can't believe it has only been three weeks since my



Courtesy of Sports Information

Pauly received a first team all-conference nomination despite missing most of the second half of the season due to injury.

But the rib removal ended up causing more trouble than the original injury, at least in the short run. "My eye doesn't really hurt right now," said Pauly, "but my ribs are sore."

The biggest obstacle between Pauly and a return to perfect health right now seems to be an eye muscle that was trapped by the dislocated bone under her eye. The muscle caused a distortion in her vision, which Pauly is currently compensating for by wearing a bandage over her right eye. "When I look out of both eyes," explained Pauly, "I get double vision."

Pauly is hopeful for a speedy recovery, however: "I'll be getting glasses in a few days," she said. "They also said that it should correct itself in a few months." Pauly is also looking forward to returning to the goal as quickly as possible, "I'll probably be back by spring."



Courtesy of Sports Information

Bridy, who tore his ACL during the first third of the men's soccer season, was able to save a year of eligibility by redshirting.

surgery. Kudos to Joe and Carl."

For some athletes this would be the end of their career, but not for Bridy. Because the game against Baptist Bible was in the first third of the season, Bridy was able to red shirt this year. He will be returning next season to not only continue his soccer career but also his educational career by working toward an MBA in business.

Chattin' with past Colonels

Baseball head coach Joe Folek

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

With baseball season four months away, we have the whole off-season to recall the water cooler whispers of years past. I had the opportunity to sit down and talk baseball with Wilkes head coach Joe Folek, who shared his memories of being a Colonel in the late 80s.

When asked when he became passionate about the game, Folek joked, "I'm trying to think of what age I gained consciousness. I guess that would be somewhere around three years old."

A Jersey kid growing up in New Brunswick, Folek idolized Pete Rose and played second base at Saint Peter's High School. Even though he didn't break any hits records, he did help the team advance two rounds into the 1983 state playoffs as a leadoff man, earning All-county and All-state honors his senior year.

With high school under his belt and college on the horizon, Folek didn't hesitate to further his career at Wilkes.

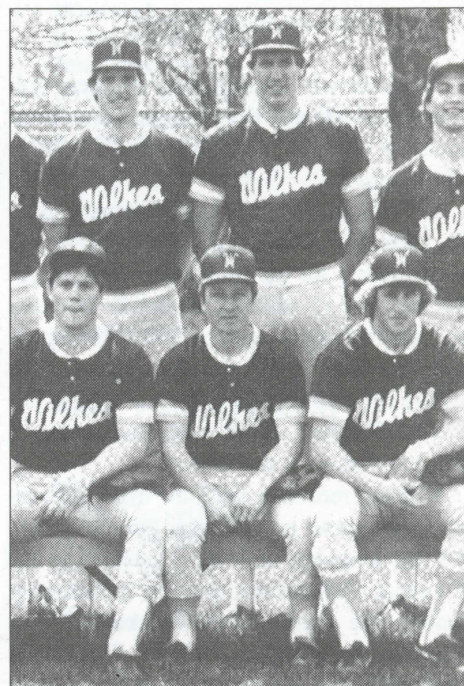
"My dad [Walter] was a Colonel, and I was very familiar with the area because my parents are from the valley," Folek said.

Once the snow had melted and the trees started to bud, Folek enjoyed playing under former major leaguer Bob Duliba as a utility man. It was the infamous year that the team won the MAC with 25 wins. However, a wicked curveball was about to be thrown, and the Colonels were caught looking. Folek recalls:

"We were literally in the field house getting ready to depart for the tournament, and we found out that we were disqualified. We went from first place to 0-25 on the year at the snap of a finger because of the ruling of an ineligible player. We thought we were going to play for the title. Instead we were turning in our gear and going home," said Folek, still appearing shocked at the decision.

Four varsity letters later and a Masters Degree from Marywood University in special education, Folek returned to coach the Blue and Gold with his former coach.

"He [Duliba] taught me a lot of baseball and I consider myself very fortunate not only to have played for him, but to coach with him as well," he said.



Courtesy of 1988 Amnicola
Joe Folek (sitting center) played for the Colonels during their infamous 1984 season.

Since he took over in 1995, Folek has compiled a 198-170-3 record, was named the 2002 Coach of the Year, and has led the team to the Freedom Conference playoffs the past four years in a row. In his 21 years of affiliation with the team, five players have signed professional contracts, including Texas Rangers pitcher Kevin Gryboski.

"Wilkes has been the only home for baseball since I got out of high school," Folek said.

It seems home is where the heart is.

Coach Folek is currently a special education teacher at Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre.

Did you know?

Bob Duliba pitched for the Boston Red Sox, St. Louis Cardinals, and the Kansas City Athletics.

Was nicknamed "Ach" Duliba after the German word for "look out!"

Wilkes' 28 wins in 2004 was the most in school history.

The STUDIO is coming...

Colonels prepare to kick off season with North Country Invitational

Wilkes set to face off against SUNY-Potsdam on November 18

BY ARIEL COHEN

Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

The Colonels are finishing up their pre-season agenda and preparing to take center court for the first official tip-off of the 2005-2006 season.

The Wilkes men's basketball team is under the direction of head coach Jerry Rickrode who returns for his 14th season. Throughout his first 13 seasons, Rickrode amassed an overall career record of 264-86. Not only have his teams won over 70 percent of the games they have played, but he holds a Division III record as the head coach to reach the 200 win mark the fastest.

With ten returning veterans from last season, and some powerhouse younger players, the Colonels have been selected as the Freedom Conference favorite in balloting among the conference's coaches. Wilkes has also been ranked 10th in division III basketball pre-season polls published by *Street & Smith Magazine*.

Despite others' predictions, "We have not given them much credence because in division three the pre-season rankings seem to be pretty sketchy," said men's basketball head coach Jerry Rickrode.

Returning for the Colonels are: seniors Evan Walters, Greg Cardamone, Drew

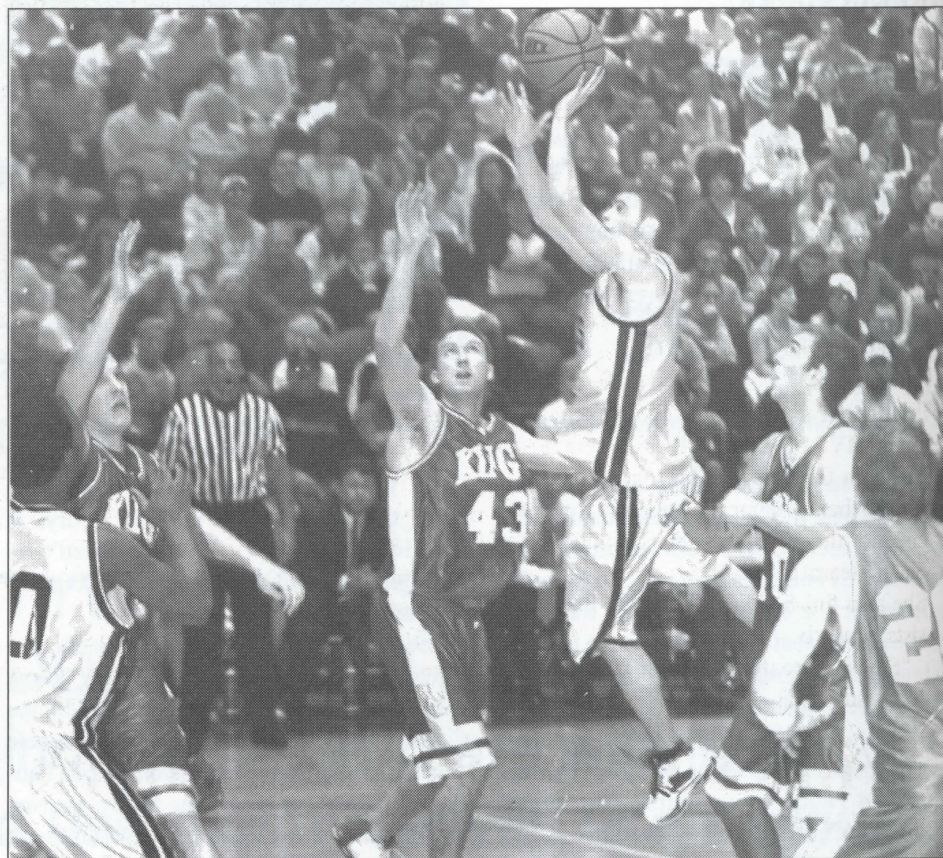
Amoroso, and Mike Constantine; juniors Dan Adams and Tyler Jenkins; sophomores Chris Shovlin, Matt Gould, Jeremy Kable, and David Goode. There are several promising new freshmen on the squad as well including Coleman Williams, Keith Bradley, Steve Kline, Brandon Edelstein, and Andrew Durako.

One of the new things for the team this year is the lineup. "We are starting three sophomores and a freshman; therefore, we are not that old," said Rickrode. The team has several upperclassman but they will be players who will be rotated in to relieve some of the starters.

The lone starting senior and the player that most of the offense will pivot around is Evan Walters a dominant center who has been on the team all four years. Walters had an outstanding season last year, averaging 8.7 points and 6.6 rebounds and had a conference-leading 64 blocked shots.

One of the key players to watch as the season gets underway is freshman is 6'5" Steve Kline. "He is good for giving us a little bit more length which is something that will be an improvement," said Rickrode.

The men kick off their regular season play on Thursday, November 18th at 6:00 here at home against SUNY Potsdam in the Marts Center.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Sophomore Chris Shovlin heads for the layup in last seasons game across cross town and conference rival King's College. Shovlin along with 2 other sophomores, a freshman, and a lone senior will be starting for the Colonels to start the season.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Pens cleaning house throughout the AHL

BY KEVIN REED

Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins are the minor league affiliate of the National Hockey League's Pittsburgh Penguins.

They play in the American Hockey League (AHL), which is the AAA equivalent to the NHL, just as the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons are the AAA affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies. The team's home games take place at the Wachovia Arena, near the Wyoming Valley Mall.

The team is relatively new to the environment of the AHL, as its first year was the 1999-2000 season. Since then, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins have attracted a very large fan base, including one of the largest averages of attendance per home game in the AHL. The team is filled with promising young NHL prospects as well as some older veterans of the NHL, who are all striving toward the same goal of getting back to the big leagues.

One of the most recognizable faces on the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins this year is goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury (#29). He was the first overall pick in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft by the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Other fan favorites include bruising defenseman David Koci (#3), offensive defenseman Ryan Whitney (#19), and offensive snipers Michel Ouellet (#7), Colby Armstrong (#9), and Erik Christensen (#16).

This season, the Penguins are off to an amazing start, going 12-0 through their first twelve games (through 11/12). They have outscored their opponents by a dominating score of 44-15 over those games. The Pens have three players in the top 10 scorers in the AHL through 11/1: Erik Christensen has 19 points (3rd in the league), Michel Ouellet has 16 points (6th), and Ryan Whitney leads all defensemen in scoring with 14 points (9th). Also, the Penguins have the best goaltender in the league thus far this season in Marc-Andre Fleury, who was recently voted as the AHL's Goaltender of the Month for October.

The team looks to make another long run into the playoffs this year, as they have reached the AHL's Calder Cup Finals two out of their six years of existence, most recently in the 2003-2004 season, though they were unable to capture the title either time.

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins offer

an exciting and fast-paced brand of hockey to the fans. The tickets are relatively inexpensive and the organization offers a Student Rush program that allows college students to purchase tickets at the box office for a discounted price with the presence of a college ID.



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Athlete of the Week

Women's soccer: Catherine Simone

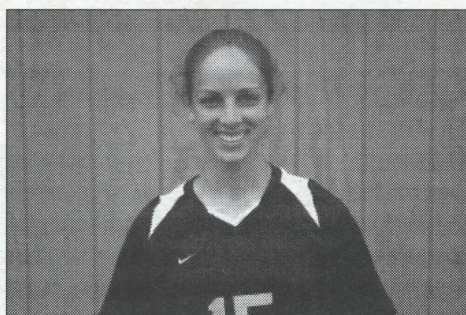
BY RYAN DIPPPE
Beacon Sports Editor

The record-setting season of the women's soccer team has finally drawn to a close.

The Lady Colonels capped off their thirteen-win regular season by not only winning the Freedom Conference tournament, but also making the NCAA playoffs. One of the key players to help capture the Freedom Conference crown was freshman forward Catherine Simone.

Simone has earned her share of honors throughout the season. The freshman was voted MVP of the RIT Tournament and the Freedom Conference Tournament, in addition to being named first-team all-conference for the 2005 season. Simone was first on the team in scoring, with eleven goals. She also finished second on the team in assists, with six.

"She's a great player," said head coach John Sumoski. "She has heart, she has



Courtesy of Sports Information

Catherine Simone, pictured above, finished her freshman season ranked first in scoring for the Lady Colonels.

skill, and she has the type of personality to get it done." Sumoski, in his fourth year as head coach for the Lady Colonels, was impressed by her work ethic and competitiveness. "She's such a competitor," he said, "I've never seen her outworked."

Simone attributes most of her success to her teammates. "I wouldn't have done what I did without a team effort," she said.

The move to forward was a large change for Simone, who played on defense and as a midfielder throughout her high school career. "It was a big change for me," she said, "but coach helped a lot."

The change was also made easier by her teammates; "It's absolutely amazing to do what we did," said Simone. "Everyone did so well...they were all very, very consistent."

Perhaps one of the most promising statistics that Simone possesses is her year. If her competitive side continues to grow along with her skills, there's no telling what she can accomplish in her remaining three years of eligibility. "She just gets it done," said Sumoski. "There's never any qualms about anything...She just keeps fighting."



MAC All-Stars

Congratulations to the following players for receiving All-Conference selections:

Women's soccer:

Kristi Barsby (Mid)
Jen Compton (F)
Bethany Head (D)
Dana Lehman (D)
Liz Pauly (G)
Catherine Simone (F)

Field Hockey:

Courtney Eleazer (D)
Kristina Naveira (D)
Jaclyn Renner (Mid)
Hilary Weber (G)

Women's Volleyball:

Alicia Viesilmeyer (MH)
Nicole Hahn (S)

Men's Soccer:

Andy Curry (Mid)
Jimmy Thomas (D)
Steve Uhas (F)

Women's Tennis:

Krisin Wilt
Alison McDonald
Sarah Ryder

Wilkes loses lacrosse coach

BY RYAN DIPPPE
Beacon Sports Editor

Nancy Billger recently resigned as head women's lacrosse coach, leaving the university after just two full seasons.

Despite the Lady Colonels' losing record the past two seasons under Billger, some players felt she was extremely encouraging. According to Lindsey Asinelli, a junior on the women's lacrosse team, Billger "kept us alive. She convinced many of us to keep playing lacrosse. She also built up the team for this year, including giving us a good assistant coach for this year."

Athletic Director Addy Malatesta confirmed Billger's departure and the fact that Lindsey Eichner, Graduate Assistant Coach will remain on staff. "We appreciate the time that [Billger] spent with the program and we want to make a decision [regarding a new coach] that is in the best interests of

the program," said Malatesta.

Some players are saddened by Billger's departure but are, according to Asinelli, "trying to stay positive and is looking forward to the future."



Courtesy of Sports Information

Women's Head Lacrosse coach Nancy Billger has compiled a record of 2-25 during her two year tenure

WEEKEND RECAPS

Football

Wilkes pounded King's 36-13 for its seventh straight victory and third straight Mayor's Cup win over the Monarchs. Tom Andreopoulos received Mayor's Cup Player of the Game honors, rushing for 147 yards and two touchdowns, while punter Kyle Devlin was voted the Wilkes Player of the Game. Early yesterday afternoon, the Colonels learned they had earned an at-large bid to the NCAA playoffs. They will face Rowan University on the opponent's home turf in New Jersey Saturday, November 19 at noon.

Women's Soccer

The Lady Colonels' first NCAA appearance was a tough one as they lost 5-0 to Stephens Tech on Saturday. The women's soccer dream season came to a close with an impressive 15-4-1 win record.

Wrestling

The Wilkes grapplers bested eleven other teams to win the King's Invitational with 154 points on Saturday. Felipe Queiroz (125) won an individual title with a 3-2 victory over Scranton's Rich Russell. Rex Harris (184) lost in the championship round falling to 2004 NCAA qualifier Mike Troutman of Ursinus 3-2. Brandon Kelley (197) was a tournament finalist and Adam Penberthy (141), Eric Smith (149), Justin Barowski, (157) and Steve Franko (165) all had strong showings in the invitational.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

7

Consecutive wins by the Colonels this season, the longest streak since the 10-0 1993 campaign.

154

Points amassed by the wrestling team at the King's Invitational on Saturday.

320

Total yards by the Wilkes offense on Saturday's game against King's.

15

Record number of wins by the women's soccer team during their championship 2005 campaign.

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Wilkes wins third straight Mayor's Cup, NCAA at-large bid Colonels enter national tournament for the first time in twelve years

BY NICK PODOLAK
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News & Commentary

The drop of a pin could be heard as the Colonels gathered to watch the Division III playoff synopsis on ESPN News. After the Western, Southern, and Northern playoff scenarios were announced, the East finally popped up on the screen followed by a massive eruption of cheers and tears.

Maybe they really do save the best for last.

In a season in which the playoffs appeared nearly impossible after losing two out of its first three games, Wilkes bounced back to win seven in a row. Now the Colonels find themselves in the hunt for a national title for the first time since 1993.

Their opponent will be nationally ranked Rowan University. "I don't think I've ever felt this amazing in my whole life," said senior defensive end Mike Fox.

The Colonels, who were picked

to finish fifth in the MAC by the annual coaches' poll, moved from 10th to 6th place in the region after they mopped the floor with King's last Saturday, taking the Mayor's Cup for the third straight year.

As the season has progressed, so has a young football team. The Colonels have blossomed into national contenders, answering all questions thrown at them since the beginning of the season.

There was no sophomore slump for quarterback Al Karaffa, who has fired for 2,083 yards and 17

TD's. Tom Andreopoulos stepped in to fill Brett Trichilo's shoes, and John Impagliazzo, and Ryan Gallagher have made Wilkes one of the most dangerous rushing

teams in the nation. Andreopoulos racks up the big yardage, while Impagliazzo and Gallagher burst through the endzone plane as if they're running through a brick

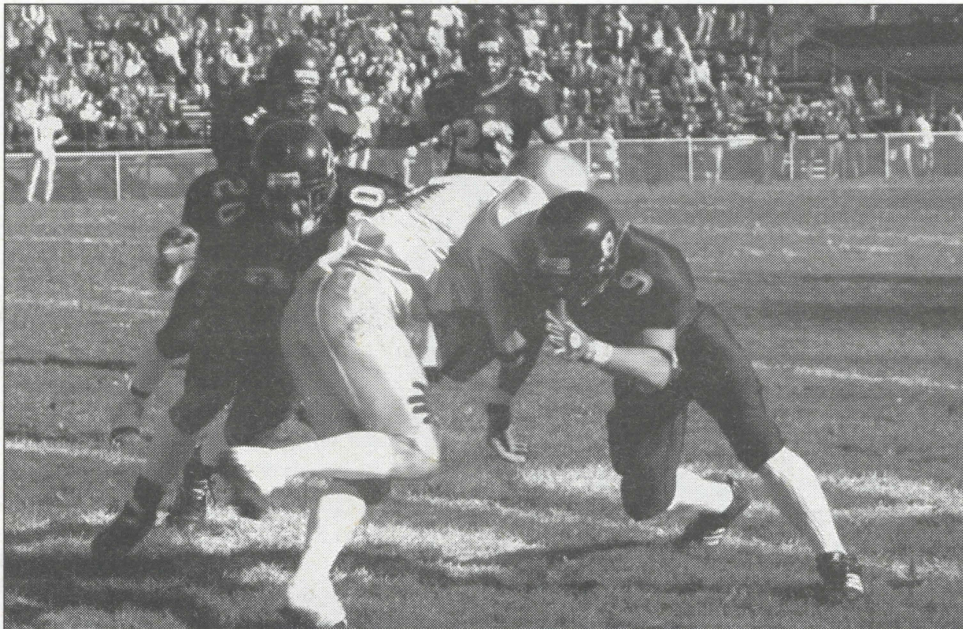
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The air attack has been nothing short of phenomenal. And whose adrenaline doesn't rush when they see Bo Tkach, Jim Jordan, or Stephon Burgette run down the sideline with no regard for their bodies, making flying catches in the end zone?

"The big turning point in our season was the game against Delaware Valley. We realized that if we could compete with them, we could compete with anybody," said Karaffa.

Saturday's game will be head coach Frank Sheptock's first playoff appearance as head coach at Wilkes, although he did have some experience as an assistant on the 1993 team. "It's quite exciting," he said. "It's really a culmination of a few years of hard work, and we're anxious to see how we match up against a nationally ranked team."

Wilkes will face nationally-ranked Rowan University in Glassborough, New Jersey, Saturday, November 19 at noon.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski
Bryan Vivaldo and Mike Ferriero team up to force a turnover on Saturday's game against King's College. Wilkes snagged their third straight Mayor's Cup with a 36-13 victory at Ralston Field.

Campus Calendar

All Week

- *Hideous Beauty, Sordoni Art Gallery
- *Multicultural Awareness Week

MONDAY (11/14)

- *NAACP Civic Meeting, HSC Miller Conference Room -- 7:30 to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY (11/15)

- *Blood Drive, HSC Ballroom -- 10 to 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (11/16)

- *Crossroads Coffee House, First United Methodist Church -- 7 to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY (11/17)

- *Personacards, HSC -- 11 to 3 p.m.

FRIDAY (11/18)

- *Women's Basketball vs. Cabrini -- 1 p.m.
- *American Art/American Identity, Sordoni Art Gallery -- 3 p.m.
- *Men's Basketball vs. SUNY Potsdam -- 6 p.m.
- *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, DDD -- 8 p.m.

SATURDAY (11/19)

- *CEO Thanksgiving Project -- 8:30 to 5 p.m.
- *WU Entrepreneurial Experience,

HSC Ballroom -- 9 to 3 p.m.

- *Women's Basketball @ Muhlenberg -- 1 p.m.

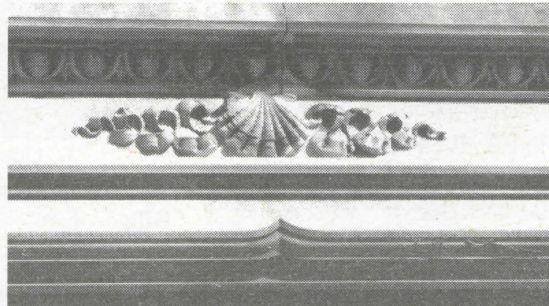
- *Men's Basketball @ Clarkson -- 2 p.m.

- *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, DDD -- 8 p.m.

SUNDAY (11/20)

- *CEO Thanksgiving Project -- 8:30 to 5 p.m.
- *Wrestling @ Oneonta St. -- 9:30 a.m.
- *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, DDD -- 2 p.m.

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Congratulations to Tim Nolt, who correctly identified last week's picture, on the third floor of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.