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Ross St. dubbed the new 'Bourbon Street of the North'

BY ALISON WOODY

Beacon Asst. News Editor

Area residents who take a walk down Ross Street on a Friday night may wonder if they've been somehow transported to New Orleans.

No, there are no parades and costumes, but loud music fills the air, people congregate on lawns and in the street, shouting and antics can be heard late into the evening, and discarded empty cups line the road.

While this scene may not surprise most college students, local Wilkes-Barre residents have recently complained to the Student Affairs office about the commotion.

According to Associate Dean of Students, Barbara King, in the past weeks, the Student Affairs office has fielded an average of ten phone and e-mail grievances from neighbors of off-campus students that live on Ross, South River, and Terrace Streets.

King noted that the complaints are primarily about loud, unneighborly behavior from student residents in the area. "Principally, neighbors have been complaining of early morning noise on weekends and during the week," she said. "Also, the amount of

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The Beacon/Curran Dobson

Students hang a "Bourbon Street" banner from their 69 Ross Street residence. The area has become a hot spot for parties and unruly antics, which resulted in Barbara King and Jerry Rebo holding a mandatory meeting for off-campus students to address neighbor complaints about student behavior.

Search for new university Provost ensues

BY ALISON WOODY

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The departure of former Provost Dr. Marlene Loeschke to Mansfield University has prompted officials to begin the search for a permanent replacement. Dean of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy and Nursing, Dr. Bernard Graham, is serving as interim Pro-

vost for the academic year and duration of the national search.

In June, a search committee proscribed by the faculty handbook was assembled to help organize and implement the search. Four faculty, one staff member, one administrator, two students and Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs, as chair, make up the committee.

Adams said that it is important to have students on the search committee. "We wanted to have students on the committee because they have a tremendous influence on the direction and quality of undergraduate education at Wilkes."

"The new provost, acting as the chief academic officer, has such an influence over the entire academic administration of the

university and is also a key decision maker in directing resources for all academic

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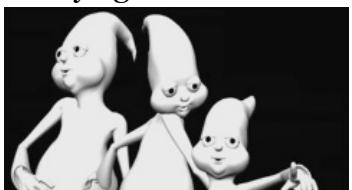


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J.C. Watts to offer Allan P. Kirby lecture on political landscape

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon Staff Writer

This year as part of the Allan P. Kirby Lecture in Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship series, former Congressman J.C. Watts will deliver an in-depth analysis of the current and future political landscape. The lecture will take place at Wilkes University in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Former Allan P. Kirby lecturers include: journalist John Stossel, New York Governor George Pataki, entrepreneur Lillian Vernon and columnist Walter Williams. Dr. Jeffery R. Alves, Allan P. Kirby Professor of Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship said, "We do try to choose and invite speakers who first can engage the students, and secondly have a pretty clear message to pass on."

Former Congressman Watts served as a representative from the fourth district of Oklahoma, from which he was elected to the position of chairperson of the Republican Conference, the fourth-ranking leadership position in the majority party. Watts also served on many congressional committees; led U.S. delegations; au-



Courtesy of www.wilkes.edu

J.C. Watts, former Oklahoma Congressman, will speak at Wilkes on October 18th.

thored and co-authored many initiatives, acts and bills.

Outside of Congress, Watts was quarterback for the Oklahoma Sooners and led the team to two back-to-back Big Eight Champi-

onships and Orange Bowl wins. In 1980 and 1981, he was voted Most Valuable Player (MVP) at the Orange Bowl. After college, Watts played for Ottawa and Toronto where he was voted MVP of the Grey Cup in his rookie year.

Returning to his home state of Oklahoma after his successful football career, Watts became a youth minister and eventually an associate pastor in Del City. During that time, Watts was also elected to the Oklahoma State Corporation Commission, where he became chairperson.

Currently Watts is the chairperson of the J.C. Watts Companies, where he works with different associates to achieve proper development and strategies for their benefit. He also sits as corporate director for

several major companies, including John Deer, Wells Fargo, NASCAR and Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

Alves noted, "[Watts is] in a very unique position, having had a successful career as a Congressman and leaving the Congress by choice. He sort of set himself up as a fairly independent observer and commentator, and he doesn't do a whole lot of speaking engagements. Most of his work is through his companies. So, I think particularly given the fact that this is an election year, I think we should all pay attention to what he has to say."

According to the Washingt-

ton Speakers Bureau, the former Congressman will discuss topics ranging from Social Security to restoring national values in an informative and uplifting manner. He will also give a penetrating look at today's political landscape and the issues facing America.

The lecture will begin with a private meeting between Students In Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E.) and several other campus organizations. A fifteen-minute question and answer session will follow the lecture and a cookie and tea reception will complete the evening in the upstairs lobby of the Darte Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

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trash, especially those infamous red and blue cups, as well as vandalism and students parking in front of driveways [have been the focus of complaints]."

King said that the number of complaints has risen "much more than in recent past," which forced officials in the Student Affairs office to hold a mandatory meeting for all



The Beacon/Nick Podolak

A Jack Daniels bottle found outside 84 W. Ross Street shows evidence of the heavy partying that takes place each weekend in the houses on this street.

off-campus students who live on Ross and South River Streets on Thursday, October 5.

"The meeting was held to remind students that they have a civic responsibility. They do not have to answer to us, but Student Affairs is the one receiving the complaints," said King.

In an email sent to Student Affairs, signed only "from a West Ross Street resident," the anonymous neighbor wrote, "My husband and I have been enduring the antics of your off-campus residents on a daily basis, which effects the quality of our lives. I understand it is my choice to reside where I do... I do not believe I have to remove myself from the domicile to placate the partying lifestyle of invading students to our streets."

The email added, "Every night this semester has been a challenge for us to retain our sanity. Even at four in the morning, I am awoken by the inebriated screeches of your students. I have watched students throw garbage on city resident's property... I have watched students urinate in the street, apparently too lazy to walk into the house that just poured their beer... I look forward to seeing my city grow, but not at the expense of turning my quiet, tree-lined avenue into the new Bourbon Street of the North... I'd just like you to know that not everyone sees



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The general appearance of Ross Street reflects disorder, as a building on the corner of W. Ross and S. Franklin streets is currently under renovation. This toilet appears to have been thrown from a second story window, with broken glass and debris scattered across the steps and sidewalk.

your students as the perfect little angels their parents think they are, and they have driven better people than I out of this neighborhood."

Vinny Abbott, senior accounting major and resident of 69 West Ross Street, explained why he thinks his street is being singled out. "Ross Street has always been the busiest street around, even since my freshman year, and I truly don't feel as though it is any worse than it was then. Being that Ross Street is only one block from the main part of campus, every student that goes out walks down it to get to where they are going.

"I think the biggest problem people are having is that Wilkes-Barre is returning to its origins of being a true college town and I figure the few people who make this area a home do not like that. I think something like sixty kids live on Ross Street with only ten who are 'real residents' for lack of a better term," Abbott added. "At any given time there are 10-20 people just hanging out because we are all friends. Alcohol is not always involved. The size of a gathering is bound to make some noise no matter how low we try to keep it... I think it's time these people realize that they live in a college neighborhood and it is going to be loud, wild, and down right out of control from time to time... They should move to an area that better fits their lifestyle."

King stated that Student Affairs "wants local residents to be comfortable in their own neighborhood."

Student Affairs officials will hold a meeting of landlords with Off-Campus Council because

"they bear some of the responsibility as well," said King.

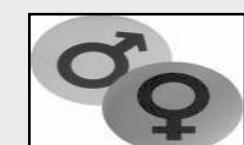
Andrew Steinberg, senior psychology major and President of Off-Campus Council (OCC) noted that OCC is trying to forge a better relationship between students and the community. "We are holding the 'Bring Your Landlord to Wilkes' night where Captain Lori Riemensnyder will talk about responsibility and consequences from police."

"We also have held roadside cleanups and participate in the mischief night walk the night before Halloween, along with aiding the city crime watch," said Steinberg.

King acknowledged she will likely continue to field calls from angry neighbors, but said Student Affairs is "happy to defend students, as long as it is defensible behavior."

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programs. It is important to have all the different constituencies represented on the committee," said Adams.

The committee will also have the help of an outside consultant from Academic Search Consultation Service, Ted Marchese. Adams explained, "[Marchese's] role is that he is somebody to search for senior executives in higher education. He helps guide our process and makes sure our candidates are treated well. Most importantly he tries to draw and identify strong candidates who we may consider. He becomes an intermediary between the university and candidates and helps us understand what each of those candidates can bring to the position."

According to John Koch, professor of computer science and member of the search committee, "The search committee will review resumes and participate in interviews and listing of candidates strengths and weaknesses, which will then be passed on to the President."

The first advertisement for the provost position ran on September 29 in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. The ad

will continue to run online at www.chronicle.com, as well on the Wilkes website. However, Adams claimed that the most valuable advertisement is that "the consultant is out seeking nominations and encouraging candidates to have more of an interest."

The prospectus for the provost includes a list of qualifications.

According to the job description, Wilkes is seeking an individual who in part "has been successful in hiring, retaining, and developing strong subordinates, knows academic planning and budgeting and manages for results, embraces the value of diversity and global perspective, puts students first and is able to work effectively with faculty and staff to fashion educational experiences that integrate learning and mentoring."

Adams noted, "While this may not be the most important factor, it is critical that this individual be a leader that is able to collaborate with the different university constituencies."

The prospectus states that "the next provost should have the great and rare chance to help bring to realization two major projects: a new building for science, engineering, and health programs and the creation of a law school..."

These two projects, in and of themselves, have the potential to be the next provost's legacy."

Adams commented, "It will be up to the provost to put the new law school plan in motion, selecting leadership and making future decisions about the law school."

"Few provosts get the unique opportunity to build a law school

from the ground up. The provost will also oversee what will be an anticipated concept for a new science building," said Adams.

The search committee will commence review of applicants on November 3. There will be neutral site interviews in Philadelphia from December 1-2, with campus visits for finalists scheduled for late January. The new provost is expected to take office in summer 2007.

Koch expressed his hopes for the next provost. "I was also on the search committee that helped select Dr. Loeschke. I think we found a good complement to the President in her. Hopefully, we can find another good provost who can work with the President and his cabinet while being an effective advocate for academics."

President Tim Gilmour, also offered thoughts about the type of individual he is looking for. "I am looking most of all for a person who has significant relevant experience in higher education, who manifests

the traits defined in the Wilkes leadership model, and who can passionately pursue the University's goals for excellence and growth in its academic programs.

"I would prefer that the candidate selected have held a significant academic leadership position at least at the college dean level and have been deemed highly successful in that role," he added. "The person should be someone who is comfortable having people reporting to him or her who are highly competent and who can augment his or her knowledge base in fields that are important to Wilkes' success. The successful candidate should be someone who can delegate easily and who is open and receptive to new ideas."

Adams does not currently know if any candidates have applied; however, he does expect a "quality pool."

"Fewer and fewer are applying for searches such as this. Today, people seem to be much more selective. If we get 35-40 targeted applicants, we'll be feeling pretty good about the situation," said Adams.

"I believe we owe it to Wilkes to carry out an outstanding national search to identify the very best candidate. I ask that the committee do everything in its power to assure that the University's commitment to diversity and the attraction of qualified diverse candidates for the position are realized. The search should also be open to applications from qualified internal candidates," said Gilmour.

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The Beacon/Todd Weibel

A plane pulling this banner was seen flying in the skies over Wilkes-Barre on Friday. Previously, trucks with a similar message could be seen driving around the Square in downtown Wilkes-Barre. The banner likens abortion to terror and shows an image of both a terrorist holding a severed head and an aborted baby. The messages are part of a project funded by the Center for Bio-ethical Reform (CBR) that wants to educate Pennsylvanians about the violence of abortion. These images are being shown in key battleground states such as Ohio, Pennsylvania and Minnesota in anticipation of the November elections. In Pennsylvania, these trucks and places can be found in major cities, such as Philadelphia, Allentown, Erie, State College, Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre.

Class of 1956 honored for 50th anniversary at homecoming

BY SARAH DOMAN
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Homecoming is traditionally thought of as fun, food, and football for students.

However, homecoming is much more to those students who return to Wilkes University years after graduation. For them, it's about catching up, honoring important people, and most importantly coming home.

This year the Wilkes University Alumni Office honored the class of 1956 for its 50th anniversary during homecoming weekend.

Sandra Carroll, executive director of alumni relations said, "Our goal is to eventually honor every reuniting class." The class of 1957 already has a committee in place for next year. On Friday evening Wilkes hosted a Golden Colonel Induction ceremony and a President's breakfast on Saturday morning as well as a pre-game announcement all of which sought in different ways to honor the class.

Mickey Perlmut, a 1956 alumnus, returned to the area for the first time in 45 years. "It was a good time. I saw lots of old friends and people I didn't get to see in a long time," said Perlmut.

Originally from Long Island, New York, Perlmut was called "the lung" when he was a student at Wilkes. Perlmut said, "They called me 'the lung' because I was loud." Perlmut graduated with the class of 1956 with a bache-



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

The alumni tent serves as one of the main attractions for returning Wilkes University graduates. This year's featured class was the class of 1956. Homecoming weekend provided an opportunity for alumni to catch up with old friends and professors they haven't seen in a long time. Next year, Wilkes University will feature the class of 1957 in its tribute.

It was a good time. I saw lots of old friends and people I didn't get to see in a long time.

-Mickey Perlmut, Class of 1956

lor's degree in science, commerce, and finance.

But what Perlmut discovered was that Wilkes University is a decidedly different campus from

what he remembered. He said, "There were 82 students in our

graduating class. We were like a fraternity of brothers and sisters;



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Plants included in the expansion of the greenway momentarily block off the entrance to Conyngham Hall, which serves as a fire escape.

it was different. There weren't as many buildings."

With all of the events scheduled for homecoming weekend, there were plenty of options for alumni to connect with former professors and friends. Prior to the football game, Carroll noted, "The tailgate tent is always the biggest draw. It's the place where alumni look for each other and enjoy the fall weather, the game, their friends and family, and of course, outdoor-type food. But, this year we actually have two alumni bands playing, which is huge for us." The group The Five Percent offered live music at the alumni tent prior to the football game, and were well received by those in attendance.

"We're hoping alumni will see that we are focused on providing them good reasons to 'come home,'" said Carroll. "This is the single largest alumni event Wilkes hosts. It's a mammoth effort and engages alumni, students, staff and faculty."

For those honored in the class of 1956, Wilkes looked far more like a university and less like the college they remembered. Nevertheless, for most, no matter what the physical changes, Wilkes is still "home." Perlmut agreed, "It's amazing to be back."

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Is shock therapy only route to diversity education?

BY THE BEACON
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Sit back for a moment and consider all the diversity-driven programs you have encountered at Wilkes.

As you do this, reflect on your own culture and heritage. Whatever it is and wherever your ancestors came from, it is undoubtedly a rich tapestry of history, custom, tradition and religion. Now, do you feel that our diversity programs have well represented those origins?

Probably not.

Two recent happenings led us to this issue this week. First, in last week's lead story in *The Beacon*, the consultant, Ron Feldshun, who ran the controversial diversity workshop for student leaders said in response to former

director of multicultural student affairs Andita Parker-Lloyd's firing, "Racism exists, and I'm not going to stand by and let a woman be lynched 1950's style in the South..." Not only did this analogy demonstrate extremism and insensitivity to the gravity of actual lives lost throughout our country's history of racial intolerance, but it demonstrated that the so-called "leadership" we have sought in the area of multicultural education is anything but positive and in touch with real issues. No one can in good conscience equate the loss of a job with the lynchings that occurred during the Civil Rights movement in our nation and this comment indicates we have a long way to go before we can claim real gains in the fight against racism.

Second, administrators and faculty alike have sought to educate

students in what might be termed creative ways, but in at least one case, that effort backfired. This year's controversial NWC program in which the comedians repeatedly used racial epithets to weaken the impact of the words--and after which the ideas presented were never discussed--has illustrated the fine line between meeting students where they are and pushing them to the next level of awareness.

So, do shockwaves really mobilize diversity or does it just make it okay to throw racial slurs around?

The departures of Alan Zellner, Jim Harrington, and Andita Parker-Lloyd from their respective leadership roles in furthering multicultural awareness on campus has created a challenge for Wilkes administrators. How effectively Wilkes fills those roles

remains to be seen; however, we can say now that views on what to do about diversity have been many while those taking action have been few. And a few champions for diversity is not sufficient. All faculty, staff and administration have a responsibility to lead in this area. The current system isn't working and yet no one has stepped up with a real solution worth implementing.

The only way to solve a problem is to clearly define it. Is the Wilkes community generally intolerant of other creeds and races or are we looking for connections across cultures so we can celebrate them?

While anywhere you go, you can find prejudice, we contend that the situation here on campus is much more open and accepting than the norm within our community. However, instead of overt advocacy for multicultural education, the dominant attitude appears to be apathy.

Students and faculty have

no real multicultural outlet, which makes it harder to cultivate knowledge and understanding. Some new arrangement is needed in order to properly motivate. Programs like NWC, while funny and potentially informative, may not be the right solution. Taking the bite out of racial slurs may help to break down some barriers, but really does not tackle the greater issue of learning about a particular culture.

Perhaps we must consider the idea that multiculturalism does not mean we need to focus on differences. While acknowledging that everyone is unique, tolerance, community and bonding are built on commonalities. Our diversity programs have made a huge effort to stress our differences when it is possible that there are better ways to examine where we all overlap in terms of attitudes, values and characteristics.

Consider a program such as NWC. A way to bring people together after such a polarizing program may have been, and may still be, an open forum discussion about issues addressed during the show. Coming together as mature adults, talking about and explaining reactions to polarizing language and content may be a huge step toward understanding.

Another solution may be found in careful hiring. Faculty, staff and administration who reflect diversity in a variety of ways and/or who is prepared to examine diversity issues will further the educational goals of the institution. Given the intelligence and potential for community leadership, the university has the ability to turn the campus into a comfortable zone for any culture with careful planning.

The bottom line is that we know what doesn't work. There are answers out there. But it will take a spark to ignite any true multicultural awareness. Recent shakeups in this area may be enough for campus leaders to step up and move us into a new phase.

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:

Who do you think will win the World Series?

- New York Yankees - 37%
- New York Mets - 26%
- Oakland Athletics - 11%
- Los Angeles Dodgers - 11%
- Detroit Tigers - 7%
- Minnesota Twins - 4%
- St. Louis Cardinals - 4%
- San Diego Padres - 0%

Next Week's Poll Question:

What was the most unethical act committed by someone in or seeking office?

- Bill Clinton (D) - had affair with an intern; lied under oath
- Richard Nixon (R) - Watergate scandal cover-up
- Don Sherwood (R) - contradicted family values platform with affair and abuse
- Jack Ryan (R) - forced his wife to participate in sex parties
- Bud Dwyer (R) - Committed suicide at a press conference
- Marion Barry (D) - cocaine addiction
- Mark Foley (R) - accused of salacious e-mail exchanges with minors
- Student Government - "Monitored" Homecoming nominations and election.

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YOUR VOICES

'Opinion at a Glance' jab; a cheap shot

To the Editor of *The Beacon*:

This letter is in response to the 'Opinion at a Glance' feature that was published in your September 25 edition.

In this feature you apparently caught the Office of Public Safety in the hypocritical act of disregarding the safety of a motorist attempting to make a right out of the 10 East South driveway, North onto South Main Street.

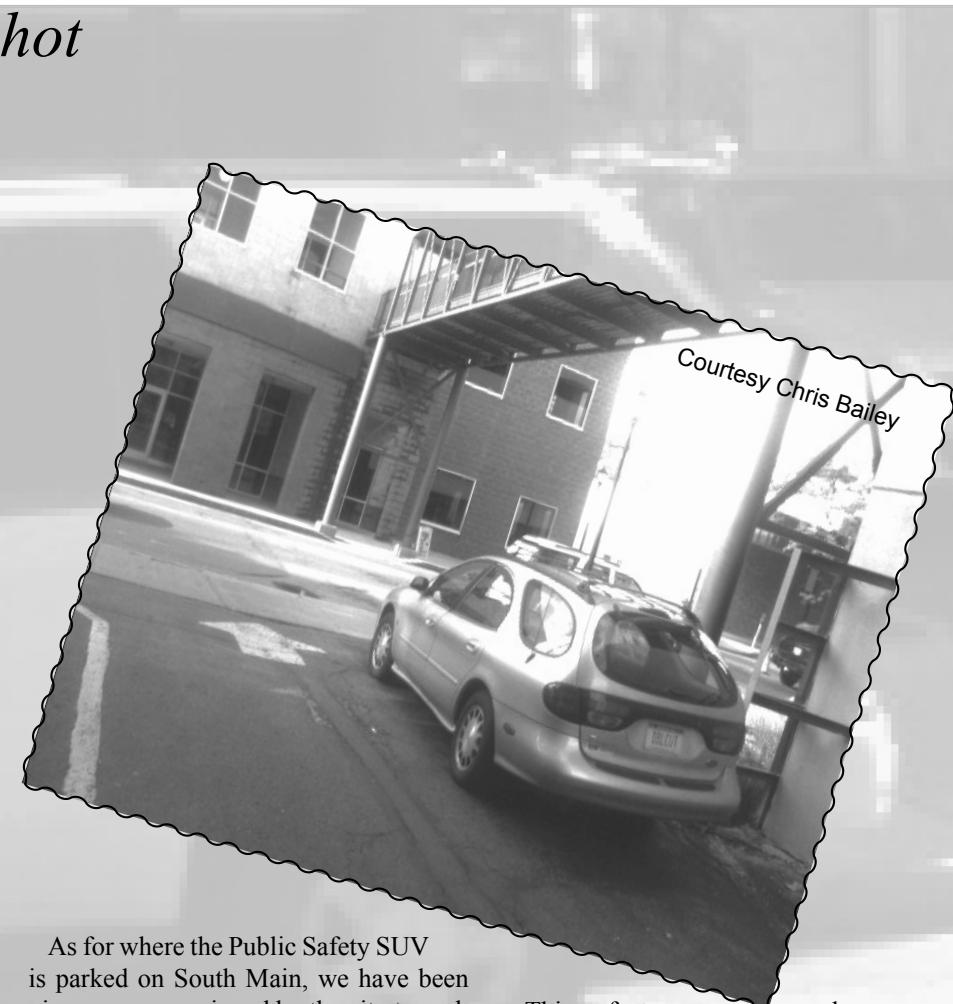
Disappointment is the word I would use to describe my reaction to this photograph and the accompanying caption. But it is not disappointment with the Office of Public Safety but with *The Beacon* in making this statement.

Since I started here at Wilkes anyone who knows me knows I have been a strong supporter and advocate for your publication. I believe that *The Beacon* is an important, if not the most important avenue for communicating with the campus community here at Wilkes. I have supported your efforts by engaging your reporters and making myself available for comment whenever asked. I have done this because *The Beacon* has always reported information in what I feel to be a fair and balanced manner, even when the news did not paint a positive light on this department. The fair and accurate communication of information is vital in order for *The Beacon* to continue in its role as a student advocate here at Wilkes.

This article was untrue in every sense of the word and could have been

shown as such with a small amount of effort and control on the part of the author. Unfortunately this staff member decided that it would be better press to sensationalize this lie with statements such as, "Public Un-Safety?" and the sarcastic, "It's good to see the Public Safety Vehicle facilitating the safety of the public!" How do I know the situation depicted in this photograph and highlighted in the caption to be false? Let me explain; attached to this email I have forwarded to you multiple photographs depicting what appears to be the same unsafe situation where a vehicle on the left side of the driveway appears to be blocked by the yellow Public Safety SUV.

In the article, the caption reads, "Well, we certainly hope the sedan can make the turn onto South Main Street as the Public Safety van blatantly blocks its view of the oncoming traffic." The truth is the 'sedan' shown in the picture is not pulling out of the driveway and is in fact parked illegally in the driveway from 10 East South Apartments. The truck in your photo has just pulled out of the only lane available from this driveway. As is shown in the attached photos this situation occurs regularly, almost daily but since Wilkes does not own this driveway we are unable to correct the situation at this time. In fact some of the photos show the same car from your photo in the same position with a bit more detail provided (close-up showing no driver in the car.)

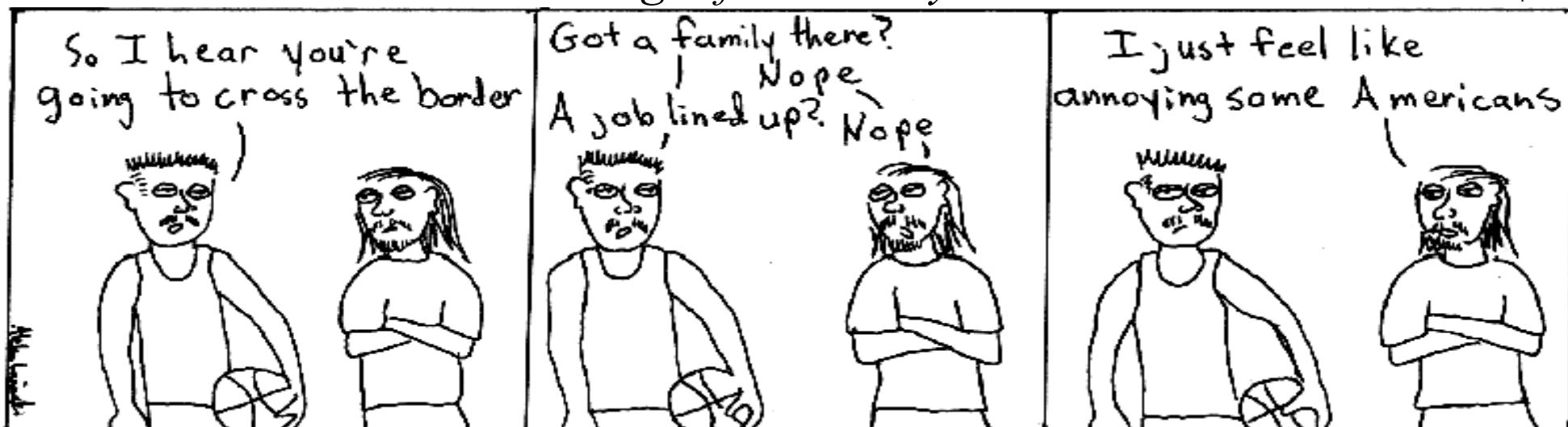


As for where the Public Safety SUV is parked on South Main, we have been given a space assigned by the city to park this vehicle adjacent to the new Public Safety Center, and the 'van' is parked where it is supposed to be. Please know that I am the first one to stand up and hold the Public Safety Office accountable when we do something wrong, but in this case we were falsely accused. The Office of Public Safety works hard on campus every day to provide outstanding service with little recognition for these efforts.

This fact makes your cheap shot all the more difficult to bear! It is my opinion you failed to live up to the high standards set by those who preceded you in reporting information that is factually based and fully investigated.

Christopher Bailey
Director, Campus Support Services

Aleksander Lapinski

A Sight for Sore Eyes

YOUR VOICES

'Feminism' is not a dirty word

Dear Editor,

I have to say, I agree with Andee Scaramino's point in her October 2 opinion article on Dr. Laura Schlessinger-I too believe the woman is a kook.

The fact that she calls herself a "recovered feminist" is disheartening and a large step backwards for the women's movement, but hey, I didn't have much respect for her in the first place. What I am upset about is the myth and ignorance regarding the feminist movement being perpetuated by an outspoken and intelligent female Wilkes student.

Reading any non-sarcastic sentence beginning with the phrase, "Now, I'm not a feminist by any means," makes my blood boil. It's the quintessential example of the age-old "I'm not a feminist but..." argument. The argument (though rather self explanatory) is thus, an individual (male or female) prefacing their feminist beliefs with "I'm not a feminist but..." to prove to their audience they are: completely secure in their sexuality, not bitchy, adhering to normal gender behaviors (like shaving and wearing makeup), and certainly do not meet any of the other stereotypical qualifications of feminism.

A poster from www.oneangrygirl.com does a great job of addressing the hypocrisy of the "I'm not a feminist, but..." argument as it reads, "I'm not a feminist, but... I appreciate the right to help choose my government representatives. I enjoy the option of wearing pants or shorts if I want. I'm pleased that I was allowed to learn to read and write. It can be very convenient to control how many babies I want to have. It's awfully useful to be able to open a bank account and own property in my name. I like knowing that my husband or boyfriend cannot legally beat me. It's really swell to keep the money that I earn."

Seeing that all these now commonly over-

looked rights and privileges resulted from the feminist movement, why are there such a negative stigma attached to the "radical notion that women are people?"

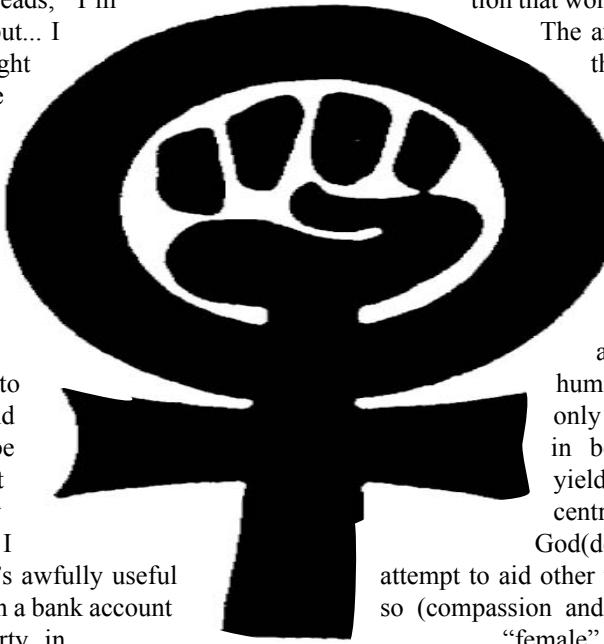
The answer is simple; the stigma is perpetuated in society through forums like Ms. Scaramino's article. Apparently we can be "strong and intelligent" human beings, but only if we succeed in becoming so by yielding to the androcentric doctrine, and God(dess) forbid we attempt to aid other women in doing so (compassion and empathy being "female" traits and therefore unacceptable).

In my biased opinion there is no excuse for such hypocritical sentiments to be expressed on a campus that has not only a wealth of women's studies

eligible courses, but also features a student club organization dedicated to the discussion and education of women's issues and feminism. Instead of just pointing out and accepting the "general rule" and the "harsh reality" of the injustice women still continue to face, the female population of campus should be persuaded to begin thinking of ways to protest and correct these issues, instead of sending letters to a washed-up radio psychologist.

In closing I'd like to point out that contrary to the author's denial of inclusion in the feminist camp, the belief that women are "not orifices designed for unlimited, unrestricted use" does in actuality make you a feminist! Furthermore the fact that the brazen "pro male chauvinist" views of Dr. Laura on issues of working women, single mothers, and marital rape (which was legal in certain states until 1993) rile you up is enough to write a column on it qualifies you for entrance into the misunderstood sisterhood of feminism. Imagine that! You can like men, shave your legs, choose to be a full-time mom, and still be a feminist! No bra-burning required.

Shannon Curtin
Junior, WISEUP President and
Fabulous Feminist



Courtesy: recollectionbooks.com

NWC causes greater racial issues

Dear Editor,

I can't speak for Gina Morrison, who before becoming an Assistant Professor in the Education Department, was the University's Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs.

Nor, can I speak for Andita Parker-Lloyd, who until last week served the University in that same position.

Therefore, I will speak as the person who started the diversity programs at Wilkes University, served as the University's Chief Diversity Officer, authored the University's Diversity Action Plan and (in support of the students of color) did attend the "NWC" program as my last official act as a University Administrator.

I do not believe that the 90-minute program presented that night did anything but cause a greater potential for racial problems in the campus community, because the program was presented without an accompanying educational component. Saying the words "Nigger, Wetback, Chink" 500 times on stage does not take the hurtful sting from those words that people of color feel when they are used.

What does take the sting from those words is the conversation and communication which should have taken place after a program like that is presented. Consider how much progress on campus could have been made toward racial understanding if this program had been included in the discussion groups of a freshmen foundations course or as a Learning Community activity. Paying to bring this program on your campus without this additional educational follow-up, I feel was not only a waste of time and money but a missed opportunity to really take advantage of getting true diversity conversation into your classrooms.

Alan E. Zellner, Coordinator Diversity Affairs
Center for Student Involvement
Fort Hays State University

*Response to Beacon Editorial Board:
"Parking on campus needs a serious overhaul"*

Dear Editor,

Well, I am sorry that we do not meet the needs of your demands; however, the Commuter Council has worked many hours, including part of our summer vacation time, working on who gets a parking pass, and we are trying to help everyone.

Yes, it is true that the Ralston Field sold out fast, but what you may not know is that happens every year, so you should be used to that and if you do not, I recommend you should do so. [sic]

Yes, we understand sometimes there are days that there are no viable spots, but did you consider that Rides-N-Rhythms was also letting our students park there for a cheaper fee? Well, I can say I am happy that you realized that there are other parking areas.

You say that there is a bit of walking to the parking lots to campus, but let me assure you that it is nowhere near the distance I have to walk to go home. What you are referring to is two to three blocks to get to your parking area, but I am sure you are willing to go much further for Mickey D's for a burger, are you not?

Also, I do not see any dark area from our campus to the very lit up area of the movie theater parking. Maybe you do not know, but after 4 p.m., you can park behind the [Henry Student Center] for free or you can get a security officer to walk you to the well-lit up areas in downtown W-B.

You made a comment that we should be more like Penn State or St. Joe's and give the upperclassmen, freshman commuters, and staff a privilege parking. Well, I am sure you noticed that those campuses are much larger and do not have to share with city workers and those who exercise or parents dropping off or picking up their kids at the YMCA. Parking is on a point system, the higher rank students get more points than a freshman. While this may anger you, this is our only way and it works.

Jeannelle Anderson
Parliamentarian of Commuter Council

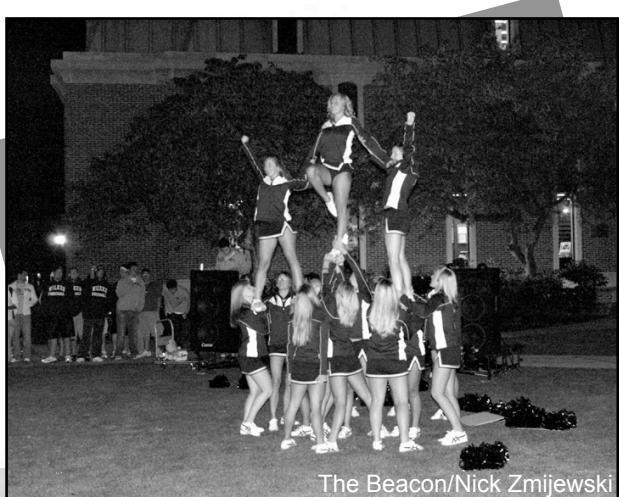
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Homecoming 2006



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Wilkes students, past and present, participated in a variety of Homecoming activities last weekend. Clockwise, from top left: Everyone got a chance to take out some aggression on a Lycoming Warrior in piñata form at the pep rally on Thursday night. The pep rally also gave Wilkes cheerleaders an opportunity to display their spirit. Top right, Wilkes students made the most of the goods offered at Lion Head Brewery's Oktoberfest on Saturday night, enjoying the perks of a Wilkes V.I.P. tent. Center, the six members of Homecoming court drove around the football field at the game against Lycoming on Saturday before Jenna Strzelecki and Dave Scordino were appointed Homecoming queen and king, respectively. Bottom left, The Collective performed on Friday night in the Ballroom on the 2nd floor of the Henry Student Center for students and alums.

Prado assumes new duties as interim director of MSC

BY TABITHA HAPEMAN
Beacon Asst. Features Editor

Stepping into a new job is never easy. Doing so on top of existing duties and amidst controversy can be doubly taxing.

But Alberto Prado has done just that, adding to his existing responsibilities as Supplemental Instruction Coordinator and taking on the Interim Director of Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) role. The latter was left vacant when the former director, Andita Parker-Lloyd was dismissed three weeks ago.

Prado was understandably nervous about taking on another role within the university. He

let's move forward."

Prado's immediate plans are to listen to others as he begins

Amanda Kunkle, sophomore education major and also an MSC member, stated, "He works with

that this was a difficult transition for many students who had very close ties to the previous MSC director.

"Anytime you put a hiccup in any stage of life or in a person...it's hard to accept and realize but that's what makes you a stronger person, a stronger unit."

Alberto Prado
Multicultural Student Coalition interim director

to shape MSC's short- and long-term goals. "I've only been doing this for three weeks," he acknowledged. "I'm learning. I'm growing. I'm ready for feedback.

us really well...he's very enthusiastic about diversity."

Now that the first three weeks have passed, Prado is slowly getting into the groove of his new

But Sahu and others have praised the seamless transition. "It was actually a very smooth transition to the new position," she said.

Hines agreed, "He's really involved with the students. He definitely cares..."

"He's very open with us and that creates a great level of trust...we had a lot going on when he came in and he was really good with keeping up with it," stated Kunkle.

Prado is "looking forward" to building the relationships within the Student Development staff and the MSC that he has built within Upward Bound in the past two years. "It's good being around good people...[and] that's what's in the student center," he stated.

Though in a time of transition, MSC has not stopped championing diversity. Kunkle stated, "At our first event we had a great number of people turn up...it was very successful." Prado noted, "We had a movie night, we had a guest speaker. We look forward to having another activity or event to celebrate [Hispanic Heritage Month] one more time. Then we're going to have a Native American dance tribe on campus."

Prado added, "Everybody on campus has been so supportive...faculty, staff, and most importantly, students." He hopes to "walk through walls" for his students and for MSC.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Alberto Prado is currently serving as interim coordinator of Multicultural Student Coalition, in addition to his other responsibilities as Supplemental Instruction Coordinator

felt, "Overwhelmed, anxious, I didn't know any of the students that were involved in MSC."

Although Prado had no prior experience in MSC, and the transition was rather swift, it was important that the students were not left in a state of flux in which there was no leader. Prado stated that, "It was good that was someone there, so the students could say...we have someone to ask questions, to go to, let's move on,

I'm ready to hear what people have as part of their goals...I'm hearing what the [diversity ambassadors'] candidates' thoughts are, their ideas, their goals... I'm not going to come down with a hammer. I'm not going to say, 'This is what I want. This is what I expect.'"

MSC member Enoch Hines, a freshmen criminology major, stated, "[He was] looking to see what the club was about."

role on campus and starting to work with the students to accomplish tasks. MSC member Nitasa Sahu, sophomore nursing major, stated, "He's doing a good job... it's a greater responsibility... [but] I think it's going smoothly so far." Kunkle confirmed this, stating, "he's ready to jump right in there...he's so energetic."

Most of the students have so far responded in a very positive manner. He does acknowledge



Courtesy Joint Urban Studies Center

Next week, Wilkes-Barre is hosting the 16th annual Conference on the Small City. The event, which originated at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, returns there every other year, and in the off years is hosted by another city chosen by an application process. More than 48 presentations will take place over three days, in a variety of venues across the city, including a few on the Wilkes campus. Joseph Boylan, Research Analyst at the Joint Urban Studies Center of Wilkes-Barre, has been an integral part of organizing the event. "This is not just academics and elected officials. Topics range from diversity to GIS mapping," Boylan said. Students can register to attend any of the seminars free of charge by contacting Boylan at 570-408-9850, or via e-mail: boylan@urbanstudies.org. A complete listing of topics can be found at <http://www.urbanstudies.org/CSC/schedule.shtml>

Wednesday workshops designed to prep students for job hunt

BY DANIEL DIMARIA
Beacon Correspondent

Many people are familiar with the grip test quarter machines that can be found in nearly every mall in America. But what many don't know is that this simple machine may be a better indicator of one's prospects of future employment than all of the tests students will take in their college career.

Wilkes University Career Services operates an informal class in the Max Roth Center every Wednesday. The purpose of the workshop is to better prepare students for seeking employment options after graduation. "We help students get better acquainted with the job process," said Carol Bosack, director of career services.

Students are given direction in several pivotal areas that significantly improve their chances of attaining gainful employment,

including assessing marketable skills and drafting resumes.

Bosack said, "It's very important to be truthful and accurate

[in resumes]. . . Don't embellish them with unnecessary adjectives; it makes them sound immature and phony." Bosack and her staff

consider building an impressive and effective resume so key to job hunting that teaching students how to properly do so makes up nine weeks of the course. A resume is meant not only to list an applicant's qualifications for a positions; it is meant to convey the accomplishments, interests and personality.

The other primary goal of the Wednesday Workshops is to teach students how to properly conduct themselves in an interview. Bosack brings business professionals from the local community and sets up "mock" interviews with her students. These interviews give the students a chance to perfect their "people skills," in addition to giving them the chance to improve upon subtleties that one would not normally

consider a pivotal point in the interviewing process.

Senior mechanical engineering major Steve Kreiser said practicing could give him a better chance of doing well when it comes down to the real interview. "[A mock interview] helps because it gets people used to the job interview process, like what to say and how to present yourself."

While the benefits and lessons of Wednesday Workshops are part of the weekly work load for the students enrolled in the program, outside students are always welcome to attend and seek the help of the program's resources. According to Bosack, this loose atmosphere is maintained throughout the year so that students outside of the course who seek help can find it whenever they need it. "This is the kind of help and advice that all students need. It's just a matter of how much time is going to pass before they seek it."



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Career services has created an atmosphere in which students can practice interview techniques, fine tune their resumes and better prepare for an eventual job search.

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Students take on independent artistic projects

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO
& MARISSA PHILLIPS
Beacon A&E Editor
& Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

With a job industry as competitive as it has ever been, students are forced to make strategic moves in terms of career choices as early as possible.

In addition to taking on as many classes as possible, many choose to take lucrative internships both local and throughout the country. Recently, however, some students have decided to take the next step by producing works such as films and magazines independently.

Taking on an independent project of such massive proportions may just help these students get one step ahead of the game in the long run, and can also help to hone the skills necessary to be successful in a chosen profession. Additionally, creative outlets can allow for a certain amount of self-expression that is not always accessible in traditional classes and internships.

Jason Sutton, junior English major, is one such student who is taking the next step by producing his own 'zine. Titled "The Unexpected Heroes Society," Sutton's 'zine focuses on "the importance of everyday heroics" and is something that he undertook originally to "combat boredom," but soon evolved into a form of self-expression. The creative process Sutton undertook for the production of the magazine may be considered by some to be a bit unconventional, considering he physically cuts and pastes the entire piece without the aid of a computer program.

"However, the act of cutting, aligning, spacing, and pasting to format adds a degree of personal touch along with expression that I wouldn't be able to get digitally. Sort of like a thumbprint without binary," he said. After compiling his information,

Sutton makes copies of the 'zine and distributes it a number of different ways, including dropping copies off at high-traffic areas and trading with other "zinesters."

While he is not necessarily anticipating statewide acclaim for his work just yet, Sutton admitted that getting his name out there, so to speak, is definitely motivation for all of his hard work.

"As far as putting my work out there, that's ultimately what this is all about. I'm

of his 'zine, former Wilkes student Josh Orloski is currently in the early stages of creating his independent film. While there is no actual budget for the film, Orloski is working along with Marywood student Steven Balut, and Wilkes sophomore Eric Shatrowskas, and they expect to have the project completed in about a year.

"The most important thing about the movie is that myself and my partner Steven Balut, want to hold to the "code" of



The Beacon/Marissa Phillips

Junior English major Jason Sutton lays out his zine by cutting and pasting the content onto each page. He and a number of other students on campus spend their free time creating independent projects that will showcase their talents.

not trying to gain popularity with the literary community anywhere. I'm fulfilling my self-appointed obligation to share something that I have a skill for. Any notoriety I gain from this is icing," Sutton said.

As Sutton is working on the final stages

no budget film making. All the writing is done by us when we have free time. All the acting will be by friends and acquaintances who either have some theatre experience or would naturally fit a role. All the equipment will be borrowed."

At the moment the script is in the drafting stage but the authors have planned the overall storyline.

"The movie itself is a drama about the experience two friends go through after both of their girlfriends decide to leave them to "figure out what they want from life." Of course, both guys think that these girls are what they need in their lives to be happy. However, through the events of the script they, perhaps unknowingly, discover that want and need must coexist in a balance in order for a human being to be happy. A common human experience, but we believe that many people figure out how to achieve that balance."

Both Orloski and Balut have written screenplays before, but it will be a first for both of them in the directing role. Upon the movie's completion they have plans to share it with the public, but all in all the project is mostly for themselves and all of the people involved.

"Small film festivals and contests would be nice, but Steve and I have both completed screenplays before, so simply moving from just the writing to the actual directing (however bad it may turn out to be) will be an exciting process in and of itself."

Their project still has a long way to go, and Orloski says it will take "lots of grit and just as much begging for help," but even before its completion they are already anticipating a second film in the future.

"Even if it does not go over well, Steve and I will work together again. So, if all things go well, maybe we'll get lucky the next one will be a "minimum budget film."

Whether or not these projects will be able to further their careers, these students and former student are building skills that will aid them in the future. Their finished products will be a display of their skills, and an expression of their creativity.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, October 10 - Toys that Kill, The Holy Mess, The Hard-Ons, and The Queers performing at Cafe Metropolis at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11 - Our After performing at the Woodlands at 9 p.m.

- Ian Anderson performing at the F.M.

Kirby Center at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 12 - Self-Hypnosis class at Arts Youniverse at 7 p.m.

Friday, October 13 - The Situation Is performing at Cafe Metropolis at 8 p.m.

- A Burden Called Aimara, Drain the Life, The Ruin of All, and The Graveyard

Rumbler performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

- Poetry Reading at Barnes and Noble at 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 14 - Hey Mike, Motion Picture Demise, Racing Kites, and Fighting to Forget performing at Cafe

Metropolis at 8 p.m.

- Dimensions performing at The Woodlands at 10 p.m.

Sunday, October 15 - Nashville Pop hosted by Froggy 101 at the Woodlands at 9 p.m.

Ghost Chasers slated to investigate campus locations

BY JACLYN FRANCENE
Beacon Correspondent

Ever wonder about that occasional bump in the night in the dorm? How about that inexplicable light from the uppermost window in Weckesser Hall in the middle of the night?

Sure, some of it can be explained. But maybe, just maybe, there's a restless spirit or two waiting for the right channel to communicate. Programming Board members decided that it was time to find out if there was any truth to the long-time rumors of hauntings in various Wilkes buildings. A duo that call themselves Ghost Chasers will make a special Halloween visit to Wilkes for just that purpose.

Programming Board Entertainment Chair Courtney Mullen said, "We chose to have the Ghost Chasers come to Wilkes mainly because of all the ghost stories and rumors floating around campus."

Since Halloween is fast approaching, it is also an event that will relate

well to the spirit many are in at this time of year. And, Mullen noted, it may be interesting to find out if the mansions and other buildings really are "haunted."

The Ghost Chasers are a duo, not to be confused with the Ghost Hunters of Sci-Fi channel fame. Patti Starr, a world-renowned "ghost hunter" and paranormal expert, and Chip Coffey, a psychic and medium, will offer a presentation for approximately two hours about the paranormal activity they have seen and experienced in the past, according to Mullen. The duo will relay stories about various ghost hunting incidents and different encounters. After the presentation, the duo will take about 40-50 participants on a ghost hunt through campus. The hunt will begin in Kirby Hall, where most of the evening will take place if any activity is found. Otherwise, they plan to move on to Fenner Hall and possibly even Weckesser.

Starr and Coffey have seen success in finding so-called paranormal activity in the past. According to the

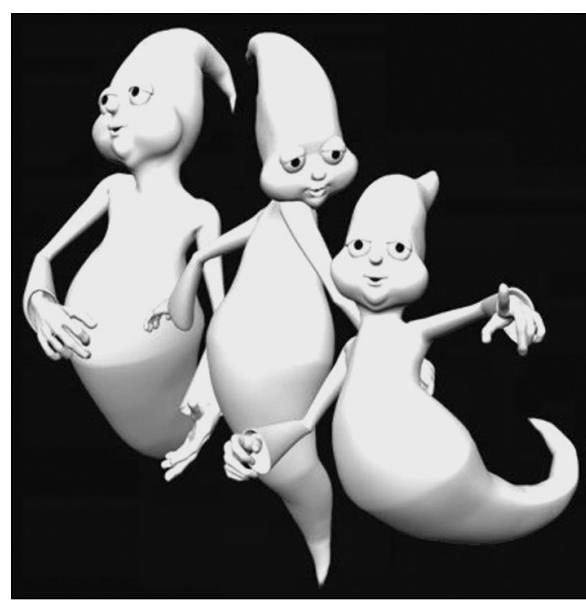
website of GP College Entertainment, the presentation will include photographs and video of past encounters,

duo also has video and audio samples of "crystal clear ghostly voices."

Brian Roland, P1 pharmacy major, admitted that he believes many campus buildings are probably haunted. He added that the event would be interesting to him for a number of reasons.

"...But it would be fun to see which professor's offices were haunted, because then I would know whose classes not to take...ghosts scare me," Roland said.

The presentation will take place in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom, Sunday, October 29 at 9:00 p.m. The event is opened to everyone and is free of charge. The duo's website also encourages students to bring cameras to the event, because it may be possible to catch "ghostly apparitions."



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including "video of [Coffey] encountering the spirit of a young girl, during which her energy literally floats above his outstretched palm." The



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Dinner and a Movie

Dinner: Deli Divine

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO

Beacon A&E Editor

After hearing many good things about Deli Divine, Inc. located just past the YMCA on Northampton Street, I decided to stop in for a quick takeout lunch in the midst of an otherwise extremely hectic day.

Although this is technically a "dinner review," it seemed that the convenience of this restaurant, since it is so close to campus and the new movie theater, made it something that students may be interested in. Additionally, Deli Divine is only open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and I have a very busy schedule, so lunch seemed like the best and only option.

The first thing that struck me upon entering Deli Divine was the way the seating was set up. With a plethora of tables and chairs (which had a certain charm), maneuvering through them reminded me of walking into a bistro in New York City, where one can't take two steps without bumping into another person or object. This could be good, since I love little restaurants like that, and it could be bad, since walking through the maze-like array of tables can be slightly inconvenient, not to mention uncomfortable for those dining there.

Nonetheless, I made my way to the counter (I was the only person there, so luckily, I didn't knock any patrons out with my purse). The takeout menu pro-

vided a number of options, and I am unable to make mundane decisions without a great deal of deliberation, so I sat at the counter while I narrowed down my choices.

For what it's worth, I found the actual menu to be quite aesthetically pleasing, with pink and green colors and fonts. Equally as important, it includes a number of meal options. In addition to breakfast specials, the deli offers homemade soups and sandwiches, grilled and specialty sandwiches and salads. After some great debate I settled on old faithful, the turkey club and a large coffee (dependence on caffeine is a vice I do not wish to kick any time in the near future).

The wait was a few minutes, but understandably so, since it seemed they had just opened and were preparing other things that had to be done. The person who waited on me was extremely polite and apologetic about the inconvenience, which definitely gets the deli points in my book.

When I finally got home I was able to dig in, and found that the sandwich also came with a mini bag of chips. With three slices of white bread, mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, bacon and enough turkey to last until Thanksgiving, I was forced to disassemble somewhat, considering how immense it was.

Overall, the sandwich was delicious, though I imagine it would be pretty difficult to mess up a club. If I happen to go there again, I would likely choose one of the specialty sandwiches, such as the Italian Divine, with provolone, capicolla, sweet peppers, salami, lettuce and Italian dressing, though a sandwich like that calls for an extremely big appetite.

Deli Divine is a good option for students not only because it is close to campus, but also because they give a 10% discount with student ID.

Grade: B

...And a Movie: The Black Dahlia

BY MIKE WILLIAMS

Beacon Correspondent

When someone mentions director Brian De Palma, most movie fans will automatically think of such past screen classics as *Scarface*, *Carlito's Way* and *The Untouchables*. Unfortunately for both fans and De Palma alike, his new film is, much like the grisly crime with which it shares its name, a bloody mess.

The Black Dahlia is loosely based, with a large emphasis on "loosely," around the events of the actual Black Dahlia murder, in which a beautiful young actress was brutally murdered in the Hollywood hills. The idea of creating a suspense/thriller centered around what remains to this day one of California's most intriguing and disturbing unsolved crimes seems like a good enough idea; however, rather than using the case's fascinating history to develop a captivating murder mystery, De Palma opts to let the murder investigation take a back seat to nearly a dozen side stories which center around anything and everything including boxing, bank robberies, prostitution, extortion, crooked real estate deals and, strangest of all, the underground lesbian nightlife of 1940's Los Angeles. Though the notion of combining all of these elements into one film may sound like the ingredients to the perfect gritty crime drama, the end result is anything but.

Set in 1940's L.A., the film begins promisingly enough, with two LAPD

detectives, nicknamed "Mr. Fire" (Aaron Eckhart) and "Mr. Ice" (Josh Hartnett) investigating the murder of young actress Elizabeth Short through the city's seedy underbelly. Adding a romantic angle to the storyline is the lovely Scarlett Johansson playing Eckhart's wife, who is caught in a love triangle with both her cop husband and his partner. Regrettably, as the film nears the halfway point and the investigation begins to dig deeper, the movie quickly begins to unravel

into a mess of sub-plots and back-stories, which eventually become so muddled that following the plot becomes virtually impossible.

In terms of acting, *The Black Dahlia* has more lows than highs. Playing the closest thing this movie has to a hero is Josh Hartnett, who does a decent job playing the role of the classic tortured film noirish protagonist; however, his talents are underused as he spends more time tearing the clothes off and falling into bed with his female costars than he does trying to

crack the case.

Scarlett Johansson plays her part well, although as the plot moves along her role dwindles to little more than a cookie-cut-



Courtesy <http://bloggywood.se>

ter "damsel in distress" character. The two best performances in the film come from Aaron Eckhart and Mia Kirshner, who are, unfortunately, the film's two most underused players. Eckhart, portraying a police officer spiraling out of control in an attempt to solve a crime, is forced to play second fiddle to Hartnett in almost every scene, and Kirshner, as the murdered woman, is seen only in flashbacks and film clips watched by the officers investigating her death. Oscar award winner Hillary Swank also tags along for

the ride, hamming it up as a femme fatale with the hots for Hartnett and a strange connection to Kirshner's character.

In the end, *The Black Dahlia* will leave most moviegoers with one simple question: "What happened?" With some major star power, interesting settings, intriguing plot devices and a great director, this film had the potential to become a classic; however, somewhere along the way the movie takes a turn for the worse, from which it can never recover.

Throwing curveball after curveball at the audience, the film plot twists itself into submission, as it completely loses direction and befuddles the viewer. It is easy to imagine why a filmmaker adds in a plot twist every now and then, shaking things up and keeping the audience on its toes. Imagine now, if you will, a movie in which there is a plot twist every five minutes, each one changing your opinions on the characters and severely altering your grip on the plot itself. If you can fathom this, you're one step closer to being able to handle the unbridled disarray that is *The Black Dahlia*.

If you want to pay the price of a ticket to watch some pretty faces, hear some dirty words, see a little action and ultimately spend the rest of your night scratching your head, go see *The Black Dahlia*. If you want to save yourself some cash (and some confusion) and see what De Palma can really do when he's on his A game, go rent *Scarface*.

Grade: C-

LOCAL BAND SPOTLIGHT: CATAPULT ROME

BY MARISSA PHILLIPS
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With an intense sound that they describe as "an old ship sinking into the cold black watery deep," local band Catapult Rome is a band certainly worth checking out.



Courtesy www.siu.edu

Consisting of Geoffrey Heidig on vocals, Teddy Giovanini and Brandon Setta on guitar, Bill Check on bass, and Erik Hasselitz on drums, Catapult Rome has been together for about six months. They currently have a three song EP out and plan on doing recording in the near future. Each member has been in various bands in the past. Lead vocalist Geoffrey Heidig currently has the solo project Miles to Texas and Bill Check is a member of the local metal band Monarch. *The Beacon* recently caught up with them and got to discuss screamo, choosing band names, and crazy rumors that get started.

The Beacon: What are your goals as a band at the moment - building a fanbase, releasing an album, getting a tour together, etc.?

Catapult Rome: We don't really set many goals at the moment other than writing songs that will melt faces and playing lots of shows and recording more. We just wanna stay buds and make music that makes us happy.

The Beacon: Where exactly did your band name come from (is there a specific meaning behind it)?

Catapult Rome: Yeah, we hate Rome...a lot. Haha, no I wanted to name it Rome and Brandon wanted to name it Catapult so over the course of a three minute IM conversation we ended up with Catapult Rome. We had other names in mind but I don't remember now...I think Ill Monsters was one...I'm glad we used Catapult Rome.

The Beacon: On your MySpace you describe your sound as 'screamo.' I think that as of late, the term screamo has come to encompass a lot of different sounds. Give a more detailed description of your sound, if you can. (I'd think maybe even post or melodic hardcore?)

Catapult Rome: We sound like an old ship sinking into the cold black watery deep. We don't really like to put ourselves in a genre, but we had to pick one. And we aren't metal, or even really hardcore. We use lots of different types of music. We like slow sleepy clean parts and spacey stoner parts that sound like the end of humanity. We sound like us, I guess.

The Beacon: Along with that, what are some bands that have influenced you?

Catapult Rome: I know when Brandon and I had the idea to start a band we wanted to be punk/hardcore like Saves the Day or something. But that got boring so and Bran-

don was really getting into mid 90's screamo, so we went with that and with everyone in the band it seemed to work so we did it. But as for bands I'd have to say anywhere from...I'm not sure like I said we just wanna melt faces.

The Beacon: What would you say makes your band stand out among other screamo bands in the area?

Catapult Rome: We're not in it for girls or whatever. We don't act the part of any kind of clique or anything. We're just us. We don't really fit with what people view as screamo nowadays.

The Beacon: I know that you, Geoffrey, have the solo side project Miles to Texas. I saw you perform once, and the music was rather low-key and mellow compared to the singing (or rather, screaming) that you do in this band. Are those who know you from Miles to Texas kind of surprised to see you the front-man of a screamo band?

Catapult Rome: Haha. No, I was in Down and Out, or better known as A Modern Day Massacre, before this and I played bass and did backing vocals and screaming so I don't think people really care.

The Beacon: For people who haven't seen a screamo band perform, the shows are usually a lot more energetic and action-packed than most others. Describe the atmosphere when you guys perform - do you usually get a room full of spin kicks and hardcore dancing?

Catapult Rome: No. We do encourage head banging to the point that your head falls off though.

The Beacon: And as with every band, there always has to be some crazy show story. Throw out an outlandish story if you have one. If not, I'll go with embarrassing.

Catapult Rome: Um, there's a rumor that

Brandon caught on fire one night after Erik was sacrificing some cats. But that's not really what happened. We've only had two shows as a band so other than that rumor nothing really outrageous happened. One night after a show with mine and Teddy's old band we had a sword pulled on us while loading the car. But that was another band. Haha.

The Beacon: By the way, you guys have a show on at Cafe Metropolis on October 29, which is just a few days away from Halloween...any chance you guys will be performing in costume? If not, I think you should take that idea into consideration (in the spirit of the season).

Catapult Rome: No actually that show got moved to December 10 so we won't be playing on the 29th which we're kinda bummed about.

To check out what sinking ships and the



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end of humanity sound like, listen to this band at www.myspace.com/catapultrome. Also, check them out at Café Metropolis on November 18 and December 10.

This Week in History

BY MICHAEL GIONFRIDDO
Beacon Correspondent

October 9

1940: John Lennon is born in Liverpool, England.

October 10

1951: President Harry S. Truman signs the Mutual Security Act, announcing to the world, and its communist powers in particular, that the U.S. was prepared to provide military aid to "free peoples."

October 11

1962: Pope John XXIII convenes an ecumenical council of the Roman Catho-

lic Church, the first in 92 years. In summoning the ecumenical council, a general meeting of the bishops of the church, the pope hoped to bring spiritual rebirth to Catholicism and cultivate greater unity with the other branches of Christianity.

October 12

1492: After sailing across the Atlantic Ocean, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sights a Bahamian island, believing he has reached East Asia. His expedition went ashore the same day and

claimed the land for Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, who sponsored his attempt to find a western route to China, India, and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia.

October 13

1943: The government of Italy declares war on its former Axis partner Germany and joins the battle on the side of the Allies.

October 14

1947: U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck

Yeager becomes the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound.

October 15

1965: In a demonstration staged by the student-run National Coordinating Committee to End the War in Vietnam, the first public burning of a draft card in the United States takes place.

Note: All information provided by the History Channel and can be found at <http://www.history.com/tdih.do>

COMMENTARY

NEPA extends a warm welcome to the boys in pinstripes

The Bronx Bombers prepare to bring their Triple-A talent to the area

BY ARIEL COHEN
Beacon Sports Editor

Here they come...The Bronx Bombers, the Manhattan Mules, the Invaders. The New York Yankees recently finalized a deal with Lackawanna County to move the Triple-A farm team to NEPA to replace the exiting Philadelphia-based Red Barons club.

For anyone who knows me it is quite clear that I am a Yankees fan. Now it may be true that I may not know every score of every game or know every player's name throughout the club's long history, but the Yankees are my team and that may have to do just a little

bit with a long-standing family tradition going back to my grandfather.

Since the rumors began floating around that the Philadelphia Phillies were going to discontinue their long time affiliation with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Red Barons, fans began to wonder whether this was going to be the end of an era of professional baseball in this area just like many other businesses and events have seen their times comes and go

here within NEPA.

New rumors began to spread about what teams, if any, were going to move their farm

team to the area. It was not until this season that the New York Yankees management made it clear that they were serious about calling the Lackawanna County Stadium home.

For any Yankees fan the true dream is to go and see a game at Yankees Stadium in the Bronx, but sometimes that option is not possible. And for a college student on a limited budget and no car, it is especially difficult to get to the "House that Ruth Built" from Wilkes-Barre. Now, however, local fans (and poor college students) can look forward to Yankees baseball at Lackawanna County Stadium next spring.

Listening to conversations at the bar, on the streets, or at Rifkin Café the buzz about the Yankees is everywhere. With a multi-year contract, fans have eagerly snatched up

season passes regardless of the price and are planning on making it a priority to see the Yankees version of the Red Barons as much as possible.

That fact that they are here in NEPA and that ticket prices are fairly reasonable, it is even encouraging to someone like me to pick up the phone and buy a couple of tickets for games next season. I figure that I could be watching history in the making as the farm teams help to make the

New York Yankees team of the future.

And since the Yankees have retired early in the post-season this past weekend, it's time to start thinking about the future.





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COMMENTARY

So Close, Yet So Far

A Phillies fan reacts to the season that almost was

BY TIM SEIGFRIED
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I remember where I was during opening day of the 2006 baseball season.

I was at work, wondering how my favorite team, the Philadelphia Phillies, were faring in their opening day contest against the St. Louis Cardinals.

On a break I called my brother for an update on the score, only to hear the words I've dreaded hearing:

"Well, it can't get much worse."

At the time, he was right. It was the fourth inning, and the Cardinals had the lead, 8-0.

I could only hope this wasn't a sign for things to come.

Unfortunately, I was wrong...sort of.

It would take four more games for the Phillies to get their first victory of the season, a 6-3 win against the Los Angeles Dodgers, a game which I had the pleasure to attend. The game was very average, with the Phils' highly hyped offense having been stymied for most of the contest. It ended with a walk-off homerun from the most unlikely of hitters, Bobby Abreu, who I hoped could break out of his slump dating back to the 2005 season.

I can't remember the small details, like the pitch count, or whether it was a slider or a fastball. All I do remember is, along with the rest of the stadium, I was doing my part by willing the ball over the fence. I don't know if it worked, but the ball barely cleared the left field wall, sending the crowd into a frenzy.

Say what you want about the fans from Philadelphia, but they can bring a stadium to life like few other teams...and I've been to Fenway Park when David Ortiz came to bat.

During spring training, the Phillies were shaping up to be one of the contenders in the National League. They were, of course,

overshadowed by the New York Mets, whose off season work turned the team from Queens into a King in the NL East.

The Phillies had a lot of things going their way: a pitching staff comprised of young talent such as Ryan Madson and Gavin Floyd leading the way, anchored by a veteran closer Tom "Flash" Gordon. An offense that had two of the breakouts of 2005:

second baseman Chase Utley, as well as shortstop Jimmy Rollins, who ended the season with a 36 game hit streak. The Phils also had returning stars Bobby Abreu and Pat Burrell in the outfield, along with centerfielder Aaron Rowand, who was acquired from the World Series Champions Chicago White Sox in a trade that sent Jim Thome to the Windy City, a move that gave slugging first baseman and 2005 Rookie of the Year Ryan Howard a chance to be in the lineup everyday.

It seems that the deck was stacked in the Phillies favor, as the front of their lineup was packed with speed which gave way to the big bats in the middle.

Unfortunately, it was not meant to be, as the Phils found themselves struggling to stay afloat for the first part of the season.

The month of May would prove to be a turnaround point of sorts, as they went 12-1 in the first two weeks to pull within striking distance of the division lead.

The feeling I had when it looked like everything was starting to come together evaporated quickly, as they slowly trudged through June and July, falling well below the .500 mark for the season.

It wasn't until July 30, right before the trade deadline, that the team came to life. And I was there to see it.

It was game one of a doubleheader with the Florida Marlins that saw the first part of the turnaround. During that game, the Phillies traded longtime outfielder Bobby Abreu and pitcher Cory Lidle to the New York Yankees in what was viewed as a salary dump, and a sign of contrition as they were essentially waving the white flag on

the 2006 season.

But something happened that afternoon, as they pummeled Florida in an 11-5 victory.

On a whim, a friend and I drove to Philadelphia to catch the second game, which had an attendance of no more than 20,000, but you would never guess by the sound of the crowd.

Despite the team's failure to win, there was much more at stake. Howard was starting to break out offensively, and we were starting to get a good look at Cole Hamels, who spent two starts with Triple A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, where he essentially struck out every batter he faced. But more importantly, in the absence of Bobby Abreu, who most viewed as the best player on the team, the fans saw what has been absent from the team since the days of "Dutch," the "Dude" and "Wild Thing."

A leader.

It was the fourth inning, and Chase Utley just doubled, extending his hitting streak to 31 games. And at that moment, it seems the mantle of leadership had been passed. The crowd was in a frenzy that night, as Utley would connect again for a homerun later in the contest, along with a moon shot from Howard that resulted in a 9-2 victory.

The numbers on the scoreboard weren't that significant, because the game had so much more meaning than just another notch in the win column. It saw the rejuvenation of a team that was long overdue for something big to happen.

And something big did happen, as the Phils would go on a roll in August and September.

During those two months, the fans were privy to some of the most memorable moments of the 2006 season, including the exorcising of the ghosts of the Houston Astros, dating back to last season when the Phillies were winless against Houston, and ultimately ended up trailing them by less

than a game at the end of the 2005 season.

In true Philadelphia fashion, finally a courtesy a walk-off homerun in the 10th inning by Utley, in a game that also saw a pitcher's duel between living legend Roger Clemens and young phenom Cole Hamels. In the end, it would be the veteran Clemens who blinked first, making way for one of the most memorable wins for the Phillies in the 2006 season.

In a season that contained such moments, whether it was Chase Utley's hitting streak, the genesis of Hamels' career, or Ryan Howard's memorable march towards 60 homeruns, fans can't help but feel remorse for the fact that it was just one more season that the Phillies have come so close, but still not close enough.

But baseball is a great game.
And there is always next year.

2006 Team Leaders:

AVG	Ryan Howard	.313
HR	Ryan Howard	58
RBI	Ryan Howard	149
Runs	Chase Utley	131
SB	Jimmy Rollins	36
Wins	Brett Myers	12
Saves	Tom Gordon	34
K	Brett Myers	189

- Chase Utley (32) and Jimmy Rollins (25) became the first pair of middle infielders in National League history to hit 25 homeruns in the same season.

- Ryan Howard set the Phillies single season homerun record (58) by surpassing Mike Schmidt (48, set in 1980).

- Chase Utley (.425, 6, 24) was named the NL Player of the Month for July, Ryan Howard for August (.348, 14, 41) and September (.387, 9, 20).



Photo courtesy google.com

Utley was a bright spot for the Phillies in 2006: He was chosen as a starter in the All-Star game and had a 35 game hitting streak.



GAME OF THE WEEK

Philadelphia Flyers vs. New York Rangers

BY BOB GOVAAA
Beacon Correspondent

It's that time of year again. Fall has returned, which means the weather is getting cooler while the days are getting shorter. With the return of fall brings the baseball playoffs, the NBA training camps, and most importantly, the start of a new hockey season. This week's big match up is a long time rivalry game between the Philadelphia Flyers and the New York Rangers.

The Flyers come into this game after a first-round playoff loss and a long off-season in which the front office made a lot of moves to make the team younger and quicker. The biggest announcement was the retirement of the Flyers center and long-time captain Keith Primeau, due to post concussion syndrome. This news led the Flyers to make their young players the core of the team. Second year centers Mike Richards, Jeff Carter and R.J. Umberger will have to

had 75 points after only playing in 60 games but tends to miss some games in the season due to chronic ankle problems. Simon Gagne led the team with 79 points and is the player on the Flyers who benefits most from Forsberg's presence. The Flyers also have goalies Robert Esche and Antero Niittymaki returning who both had a 2.97 goals against average last season. Both goaltenders could start for any team in the league. The key to the Flyers this season is for them to start healthy. They lost many of their games last year mainly because they had a lot of key players injured all season long.

The Rangers also made a quick exit in the first round of last year's playoffs. The Rangers have the same idea as the Flyers: build a team around young stars. Jaromir Jagr who finished second in the league for goals scored last season leads the Rangers on offense. He will be joined by newly acquired teammates Brendan Shanahan and Matt Cullen. Second-year man Petr Pruch who the Rangers hope builds on his strong rookie season of 30 goals in 68 games, joins these veterans up front. However, the Rangers are not as strong on defense as they are on offense. Signing free agent Aaron Ward makes the defense tougher, but not that much better. The Rangers have second year goaltender Henrik Lundquist coming back after a sensational rookie year, finishing with a record of 30-12 and having a 2.24 goals-against average. Kevin Weeks is a solid back up. It should be an interesting seasons for the Rangers with the mix of young talent and proven veterans.

On Tuesday night, the Flyers and the Rangers will add another page to their storied rivalry. The games between these two teams are always entertaining and certainly always hard-hitting. After dropping their first two games of the season, the Flyers

hope to come out of Tuesday's game with their first win of the season. In their first game of the season, the Flyers were shut



out 4-0 by the Pittsburgh Penguins. In their second game, the Flyers lost to the New York Rangers 5-4 after a 13-round overtime shootout. The Rangers, however, have started the season with a record of 2-0. The Rangers defeated the Washington Capitals 5-2 before taking the first game against the Flyers in this early-season doubleheader.

The Flyers come into Tuesday's game with Simon Gagne leading the team with 2 goals, with Peter Forsberg right behind him with 1 goal. Joni Pitkanen leads the team in assists with 3, followed again by Forsberg with 1 assist. Antero Niittymaki comes into the game with a 3.69 goals against average. For the Rangers, Jaromir Jagr comes into the game with 1 goal and 3 assists, while Brendan Shanahan comes into the game with 2 goals and 1 assist. Goaltender Henrik Lundquist comes into the game with a 2.88 goals against average.

With the Flyers being 0-2 and the Rangers being 2-0, to most people it would seem as though the Rangers would be the safe pick. But what you have to remember is that the Rangers have a good amount of veterans on their roster, while the Flyers depend largely on players who are relatively new to playing in the NHL. The Flyers also have a great coach in Ken Hitchcock who will be designing a gamelan to get the team's first win against a hated divisional rival. It will be a close game, but after the Flyers youngsters get their first win, the rest will come a lot easier.

The Pick: Flyers 3, Rangers 2

Double Take

Andee examines the stats that truly matter...

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO
Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

Seems like the Rangers are really tackling the Flyers this seasons. Who thought I'd ever follow hockey. I really don't, you know. It seems so unorganized; bunch of men flopping around on a sheet of ice tossing a stale Oreo cookie back and forth. However, I digress.

I took notice to the Ranger's lovely roster of names. Kasparaitis: What kind of terrible name is that? And how many syllables are in that name? Having had a four syllable last name for my entire life, I can tell you that it is nothing short of a burden.

I also noticed an individual Jed Ortmeyer. That name reminds me of a large bumbling oaf. I couldn't possibly route for a man with that name. I hope somebody from the flyers smashes him into the side of the rink for having that name.

After all of this, I'm sure you all know my decision on this week's "Game of the Week".

If you picked the Flyers, you're wrong. They have a guy named Knuble on their team. Knuble; the name practically offends me.



Photo courtesy google.com
Kasparaitis loves his name.



step up and not only be more productive on offense, but also become leaders in the locker room and on the ice. Kyle Calder, a leftwing acquired via trade from Chicago who led the Blackhawks with 59 points, was also brought over to increase the Flyers offensive production. The Flyers also got more quickness on defense with the return of Joni Pitkanen from a season full of injuries and by signing Lars Jonsson from Sweden. Of course, the Flyers are lead by their newly crowned captain Peter Forsberg, who

Athlete of the Week: Keith Cavallotti

BY CARLTON HOLMES
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

It was the homecoming grand finale for Wilkes University seniors, and they all went out with a bang by blowing out the Lycoming Warriors 37-7. One senior, Keith Cavallotti, emerged from the pack to gain homecoming Most Valuable Player of the game and Beacon Athlete of the Week honors.

Cavallotti, senior defensive lineman from Scranton put on a memorable defensive show with a total of five tackles, and a surprising three sacks of the team's eight.

"It was a great performance. He is a great player, and he is on a great team. Our coach asked the team to go out there and make plays, and he went out there and did it," said fellow senior defensive lineman Rex Harris.

The Colonels defense gladly shut down the Warriors by only giving up 14 rushing yards, which equates to a sad average of .5 rushing yards per play. Cavallotti was at the forefront of that stubborn Colonel defense, and was a key factor in their homecoming victory.

Cavallotti is in the process of leaving his mark on this year's Wilkes football story with a total of 24 tackles, 3 forced fumbles, and 8 sacks on the season.

Junior Franklin native Jason Acquaye believes, "Cav is the shining star of the defensive line, and he is a great person, and great athlete, and that combination helps gel our defense." With the Colonels playing efficiently winning all five of their games, we should expect more "great" play from Cavallotti as he leads his defense to the promise land.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Wilkes senior defensive lineman Keith Cavallotti records a sack against Lycoming on 10/07. Cavallotti had 3 sacks and 5 tackles on the day and was named player of the game. Cavallotti has 24 tackles, 3 forced fumbles, and 8 sacks on the season.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Wilkes University's crew team finished in third place on 10/07. It was the first regatta hosted by Wilkes in nearly 20 years.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Football

Wilkes University used a smothering defense and a balanced offensive attack to roll past Middle Atlantic Conference rival Lycoming College 37-7 on Homecoming Day at Ralston Field. With the victory, the 16th-ranked Colonels improved to 5-0 overall and 4-0 in the MAC. Lycoming sees their overall and conference marks fall to 3-2.

Men's Soccer

The Wilkes University men's soccer team remained unbeaten in Freedom Conference play with a 2-1 victory at FDU-Florham on Saturday afternoon. The Colonels improved to 9-3 overall and 4-0 in the conference, while the Devils fell to 3-8-1 overall and 0-3-1 in conference play.

Women's Soccer

Megan Sweeney scored all three goals for FDU-Florham to lead her team to a 3-1 Freedom Conference women's soccer win over Wilkes University on Saturday afternoon. The win improves the Devils to 8-4-1 overall and 4-0 in the conference. Wilkes sees their overall record slip to 7-4-1 and their conference mark fall to 2-1-1.

Volleyball

Wilkes University came up on the short end of a pair of 3-1 volleyball decisions on Saturday. The Lady Colonels dropped a 19-30, 30-25, 30-27, 30-24 verdict to Montclair State University, and fell to host William Paterson University by scores of 30-28, 30-28, 28-30, 30-28. The two losses move Wilkes to 6-18 overall.

Field hockey

FDU-Florham scored once in each half to post a 2-0 Freedom Conference field hockey win over Wilkes University on Saturday afternoon at Artillery Park. The Devils improved to 9-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference, while the Lady Colonels slipped to 5-6 overall and 1-3 in conference play.

13

The number of wins by the women's tennis team so far this season which breaks the previous school record of 12 wins in a single season. The team also remains undefeated with a 9-0 record in the conference.

8

Number of goals scored by the field hockey team in their win over non-conference rival St. Vincent College.

14

Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame inducted the 14th class on Sunday Oct. 8th.

37

Number of points scored by the Colonel football team in their win against Lycoming on Saturday Oct. 7th.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

Sports

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Preview of the week: Field Hockey

BY CARLTON HOLMES
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Sometimes in sports, a team will struggle. But it takes great character along with composure to turn things around. Developing the concept of taking it one game at a time is an important start. The Lady Colonels field hockey team will look to reflect that concept and snatch a win against Drew University on Saturday October 14.

The Lady Colonels begin the second half of the season with a record of 5-6 after losing a close game Saturday against FDU 2-0. With ten veterans returning including junior captain Hilary Weber who earned 2nd team All Conference honors last year, the Lady Colonels should find "rebounding" a lot easier.

"We need to act instead of reacting against teams," said head coach Sara Fuller. Fuller is in her second season at Wilkes after end-

ing last year with a record of 9-10, and earning a spot in the Freedom Conference playoffs. Fuller has led the Lady Colonels to an impressive defensive attack that allowed only 1.76 goals per contest.

"She prepares us to fix what we have done before," said sophomore forward Diana Wright regarding coach Fuller's pre-game strategy.

The Lady Colonels are currently ranked 6th in the conference, and will look to defeat the 7th seeded Drew University Rangers. The Rangers have a struggling 0-7 record, which should make it easy for the Lady Colonel's to bounce back from being under .500. Rangers have only 6 goals to show for the season, and have allowed an embarrassing 21 points in their first seven games. The Rangers return two starters from last season, and will try to repeat performances from 2000-2004 when they took the Freedom Conference title all four years.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Wilkes senior Courtney Eleazer takes control during the field hockey game against FDU-Fordham on 10/07. Wilkes lost the game, 2-0.

W Campus Calendar

Monday (10/9)

*Women's tennis @ East Stroudsburg - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday (10/10)

*Women's soccer vs. Misericordia - 4:00 p.m.

*Women's volleyball vs. DeSales - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday (10/11)

*Men's soccer vs. Neumann - 4:00 p.m.

*Field hockey vs. Widener - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday (10/12)

*Women's tennis vs. PSU Berks - 3:30 p.m.

Friday (10/13)

*No events scheduled--Fall break begins

Saturday (10/14)

*Field hockey @ Drew - 11:30 a.m.

*Women's soccer vs. Delaware Valley - 12:00 p.m.

*Football @ Lebanon Valley - 1:00

p.m.

*Men's soccer vs. DeSales - 2:30 p.m.

Sunday (10/15)

*Field hockey vs. Philadelphia - 1:00 p.m.

Monday(10/16)

*No events scheduled

Tuesday(10/17)

* Field Hockey vs. Arcadia - 4:00 PM

Wednesday(10/18)

*Men's Soccer @ Scranton - 7:00 PM

*Kirby Lecture, DDD, 7:30 PM

Thursday(10/19)

* Field Hockey vs. Scranton - 4:00 PM

* Women's Soccer @ Scranton - 7:00 PM

Friday(10/20)

* No events scheduled

Saturday(10/21)

* Women's Tennis @ Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Championships, Bethlehem - 9:00 AM

* Women's Volleyball vs. Marywood/Albright - 11:00 AM

* Field Hockey @ SUNY Cortland - 1:00 PM

* Football vs. Moravian 1:00 PM

* Women's Soccer @ SUNY Cortland - 1:00 PM

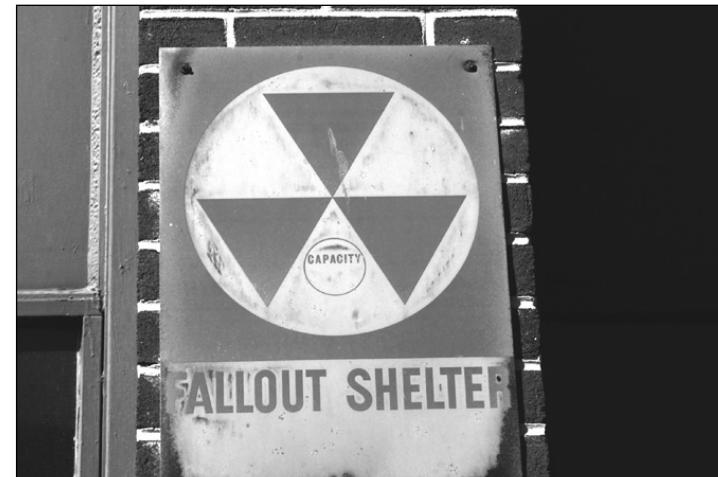
* Men's Soccer @ Elizabethtown - 4:30

Sunday(10/22)

* Women's Tennis @ Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Championships, Bethlehem - 9:00 AM

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Congratulations to Kristina Erat who correctly identified last week's shot, which was taken in the basement of the Stark Learning Center.