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Wilkes University President Tim Gilmour, Ph.D. addresses the audience at the Innovation Center expressing his pride in the new bookstore during the press conference held on Thursday, August 31 .

# Downtown colleges join forces with Barnes & Noble to launch academic superstore

BY SARAH DOMAN  
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Among the biggest changes for Wilkes University this year is its expansion into and involvement with the redevelopment of downtown Wilkes-Barre.

That presence expanded a little futher on the last day of August.

In a press conference held on Thursday, August 31, the Wilkes-Barre Greater Chamber of Business and Industry along with Mayor Tom Leighton, and Patrick Maloney, Senior Executive Vice President of Barnes & Noble, announced that Barnes & Noble Booksellers will be the operator of a new joint bookstore for Wilkes University and King’s College.

Standing in the first floor of the Innovation Center just off Public Square, Leighton said, “There is no mayor across the state who wouldn’t want to make this announcement: that Barnes & Noble will join with King’s and Wilkes to occupy this great

space.”

The bookstore will be located at 7 South Main Street, and the 20,000 square foot space--six times the size of the current Wilkes bookstore--will house a traditional retail Barnes & Noble complete with an 84-seat Starbucks café on the first level. The second level will house a combined bookstore for Wilkes University and King’s College students complete with school logo merchandise, books and dorm supplies.

The space will act as an academic superstore to both the Wilkes and King’s communities. “We are honored to have been chosen to run this store for you,” said Patrick Maloney, senior executive vice president of Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, Inc.

The partnership between both schools as well as the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry for the bookstore was a goal that all had been working toward since

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# Two champions for diversity depart for new opportunities

## Alan Zellner and Jim Harrington move to new posts and challenges

BY NICK PODOLAK  
Beacon News Editor

During the first week of classes, the Wilkes community bid farewell to two of its most influencial diversity leaders, James Harrington, Student Affairs Advising Coordinator and Alan Zellner, Director of Diversity.

Zellner will serve as the Coordinator of Diversity Affairs on an Indian reservation in Fort Hayes, Kansas, while Harrington will take over the duties as Director of Student Life and Student Leadership Development at Mansfield University.

“It was the hardest decision of my life,” Harrington said of leaving Wilkes. “I’m so excited, yet so torn.”

Holding many titles during his 21-year tenure on campus, Harrington will most likely be remembered for his role as a mentor.

“He does everything he can to be a mentor, and more importantly, a friend to all of the students he works with. He did everything in his power to help improve the chance of success for his students,” said Andy York.

Harrington was loved for his rapport with students, often showing interest in their lives outside the classroom.

An openly gay man, Harrington explained that some of his most supportive students have been student athletes, despite

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## Wilkes enters property agreement with University Towers

### *Resident student population expands with new downtown*

BY SARAH DOMAN  
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People outgrow things every day from shoes and clothes to living space.

With more and more students making Wilkes University their home each year, the university is outgrowing its current space and expanding into downtown Wilkes-Barre.

On June 27, 2006, the university entered into a purchase agreement with University Towers located at 10 East South Street. Discussion between the owners of the property and Wilkes University started approximately two years ago. The property was considered along with the University Center on Main as buildings that would go together as part of a deal. “It’s a mix of acquiring more space as well as removing current space

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Vice President, Finance and Support Services

that in the long term we won’t be able to fully deliver to the students,” said Scott Byers, vice president for finance and support services.

The purchase solves multiple needs, including the university’s need for expansion for resident students and the ability to get out of inefficient buildings. “It allows us to divest from some properties that we probably need to get out of and would be too expensive if we were to renovate them. The university has no plans to get out of the mansions. There are some of our resident facilities that really aren’t historic and really need to be retired or upgraded,” said Christopher Bailey, director of public safety.

The University Towers is a more modern building than other dorms on-campus residents are accustomed

to and remains in good condition from the previous owners. “We’ve gotten very positive feedback. I believe it’s the highest rated dorm, and it’s met the students’ needs well,” said Byers.

Wilkes University is currently leasing space at University Towers and also looked into renovating other dorms. However, according to Byers, the deal with the towers worked out to be the best in terms of space and finance.

The transaction for the towers is expected to be complete by mid to late October. Current leases in the building will be upheld until September 2007. It is expected that it will take three years to reach full Wilkes capacity. Bailey said, “There are no plans to change any leases and the University will honor all leases. We’re not really ready to take all of that space.” When the towers are fully converted into a residential unit, it will be the largest dorm holding 405 residents when fully occupied.

There are four different floor plans and the apartments will hold between one and four students. Wilkes University spent \$8.4 million on the purchase and was authorized to spend \$10 million. The rest of the \$1.6 million will be used for renovations and transaction costs. “The highest requirements that we have are fire codes and safety codes. We will need to do a few things when we inherit the property. First on the agenda and our main priority is to install sprinklers and upgrade the alarm system. Then at some point when the units are being turned over,

renovating them if needed as well as networking,” said Bailey.

The purchase of University Towers also expands the Wilkes campus into the Wilkes-Barre community. Byers said, “We act as almost an anchor tenant in the down-town area. It’s [the towers] close to parking; it’s close to the University Center on main, as well as administrative activities. It brings a lot of people to South Main Street which is good for downtown Wilkes-Barre, but first and foremost we believe it’s a good thing for the students.”

The University Towers also con-

tributes to Wilkes University establishing a presence in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Bailey said, “It brings youth, excitement, energy; you’ll see and already see this fall semester an atmosphere of much more activity at this part of South Main Street. We’ve pushed out the less desirable activities. It also provides a different and additional type of housing for students.”



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Senior Amanda McMahon strolls out of the newly purchased 10 East building on South Steet.

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late last fall over a nine-month discussion period, with vendors’ proposals in early spring.

In response to this extraordinary partnership, President Tim Gilmour stated that “it [the bookstore] is remarkable and I think we should all take great pride in it.” Barnes & Noble has now become a place to show collaboration between and capitalization on two good institutions in downtown Wilkes-Barre. “We can only benefit from this,” said Gilmour.

Work on the lease agreement for the book-

store has been in progress since July. In the past year, Wilkes University has invested more than \$20 million into the revitalization of the downtown. The newly created Joint Collegiate Bookstore by both institutions, LLC, will lease the space from the Greater Wilkes-Barre Development Corporation. Funding participation for the bookstore comes from Wilkes University, King’s College and Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, Inc.

“The joint arrangement provides something we could not achieve on our own. You should see expanded services to students being able to accomplish different things out of the bookstore that we couldn’t do before,” said Scott Byers, vice president for

finance and support operations.

As well as being a bookstore to both institutions, Barnes & Noble will also be open to the public, creating an integration of students into the Wilkes-Barre community. The new bookstore will be a place for students and faculty to gather with the local community. “Things are happening in the city of Wilkes-Barre. Wilkes-Barre is alive. Wilkes-Barre has a bright future,” said Michael Lombardo, interim president/CEO Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry.

It is expected that the new Barnes & Noble will further drive the revitalization of downtown Wilkes-Barre. “Wilkes will play an active part as a member of the commu-

nity which is good for the students, faculty, staff and the city that we all play a part in this revitalization,” said Byers.

The bookstore is anticipated to open during the first week in October. Follett will remain the primary bookseller until October first. Byers said, “We do not anticipate any gap in service until the new bookstore [opens]. As this one is closing down, the one in downtown will be opening.” Workers in the existing bookstore have interviewed with Barnes & Noble officials. After the new bookstore opens, Byers noted, discussions will begin about ideas and opportunities for the space that occupies the present campus bookstore.

Administrative offices to combine in one-stop-shop

BY CURRAN DOBSON  
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This fall, a new idea is taking shape on Wilkes University’s campus. Two women have been charged with entirely rethinking the concept of administrative offices, such as the registrar and admissions, and are tapping into students’ ideas to make the new concept user-friendly.

Margaret Zellner and Pam Fendrock, both Operations Managers for Student Services, have been challenged with the task of combining the registrar, admissions, financial aid and financial services, currently housed in Passan Hall and operating independently from one another, into a one-stop-shop, housed in the UCOM building. And while the plan was originally to launch in May, there is the possibility things will move more quickly and students will see changes yet this year.



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**Pamela Fendrock and Margaret Zellner, both Operations Managers for Student Services, currently work in Fenner Hall at the large table in the dining room. They are currently training undergraduate admission assistants, such as Leona Hartland, in the Banner program the new office will utilize.**

Zellner described the ultimate goal of the one stop shop. “The primary goal of the one stop center is to improve service to students and parents alike. This is definitely our number one goal.”

Zellner and Fendrock have ideas of their own about the new center, including employees that are cross-trained in all services and can provide assistance to students with all of their concerns. They plan for students to be greeted at a large desk in the UCOM where their questions can be properly fielded. They also have extensive plans for more online services for students, but have encountered some opposition from students who are wary of all online services, not just the ones offered by Wilkes.

As Fendrock explained, “Some students have expressed a distrust of online services in general and were more comfortable walking away with something tangible. However, as one student expressed to me, ‘everything will eventually be online,’ and

he will adapt to these changes.”

It is exactly this kind of feedback that the two managers are looking for before they begin the task of physically moving the offices and training employees to be adept in all services. Zellner and Fendrock are sitting down with students across campus to hear their horror stories and accolades alike about all of the offices involved, and they are also visiting other schools that have implemented a one-stop shop approach at their university, such as East Stroudsburg and Seton Hall, to gain further insight.

All of their research has determined that students have both positive and negative

experiences to report about all of the administrative offices in question. As Fendrock explained, “Problems have been spread around to all offices. Interestingly, in one group, all of the students reported bad experiences, while in another, all of the students reported good experiences.” In total, Fendrock and Zellner have spoken with approximately 44 students across the campus, with more sit-down sessions in the works.

One of the questions Zellner and Fendrock have asked each group of students concerns the naming of this new office. Zellner explained that few students have been recep-

tive to One-Stop-Shop as a name. “Most students didn’t like it because they thought it sounded too much like a mini-mart. We have heard other similar names, such as One Stop Service Center, One and Done and Central Station.” However, Fendrock said they did receive a suggestion for a name that they are considering, complete with an acronym. “One of the suggestions was Central Operations at Wilkes, or COW.”

Whether or not Wilkes ends up with COW in the UCOM, Zellner and Fendrock are working to ensure that this new service center for students and parents will be far more efficient and will take students’ considerations into mind. They encourage all students to contact them with their own opinions and suggestions for names. They can be reached at [margaret.zellner@wilkes.edu](mailto:margaret.zellner@wilkes.edu) and [pamela.fendrock@wilkes.edu](mailto:pamela.fendrock@wilkes.edu).



# Believing in downtown W-B benefits college crowd

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On June 9, 2005, Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom Leighton asked community members to “believe” in a downtown riddled with empty storefronts, dark streets and a vacant nightlife. Believe in a dead city with no future? Some said, “Never.”

What a difference one year makes.

Those same empty storefronts are now sold to future retailers. The dark streets have been brightened by new lights lining main thoroughfares. And the nightlife is anything but dull.

Downtown Wilkes-Barre has received a much needed facelift. And the good news? Most changes are focused on making it more accessible and amenable to college students.

Public Square is dead in the center of two major area colleges--a prime location to open a new billiards hall. Campus Billiards, located at 39 Public Square, is a 10,300 square foot building featuring 25 pool tables, two ping-pong tables, a snack bar and a state of the art sound system.

Co-owner, Joe “Tex” Klauss, explained his vision behind the new downtown hangout. “The timing was right with everything that was happening with the city. All of the new business plans that were coming in made it a good time to get on board. College students are very important to our business, hence the name Campus Billiards.”

Campus Billiards is open every day from 10 a.m. until whenever the crowd decides to pack up. Klauss added his opinion of why a college student should be attracted to his pool hall. “Sixty percent of all college students are under twenty-one and cannot get in to bars. I feel we [Campus Billiards] offer a good entertainment environment and gathering place for those and other students.”

However, for those college students who are of age to order a drink, do not worry--downtown Wilkes-Barre now offers that choice as well. Two new nightclubs have already begun to pour the beer and shake up some martinis.

We all wish we could be in New Orleans during Mardi Gras, grabbing beads and celebrating with thousands. For the majority of college students, though, this is a not a reality. That is why Club Mardi Gras, located at 12 South Main Street, has brought the party to Wilkes-Barre.

Club Mardi Gras is a new nightclub that features three different themed bar areas. One represents Bourbon Street, while the



Courtesy of Campus Billiards

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other two are named The Riverboat and The Bayou. Club Mardi Gras is owned by the operator of Flashbacks in Scranton and will be opened Wednesdays through Sundays.

Two Wilkes University students attended the grand opening event over Labor Day weekend. Matt Crouse, P2 pharmacy, was impressed with the decor and service. “It was pretty cool how the inside looked like the French Quarter so it felt like you were actually in New Orleans at Mardi Gras. Also, they had a few bars opened up, so it was pretty quick when you needed a refill on your drink.”

So what about Murray’s and the Woodlands? Is Club Mardi Gras a better option? Tim Burns, P1 pharmacy, thinks they might have some stiff competition. “Club Mardi Gras is definitely a good change of pace for a bar that is within walking distance of campus. Their Thursday night special is good competition for Murray’s and will definitely attract a college crowd.”

While not directly in downtown Wilkes-Barre, the Sensory Lounge, located in the Waterfront Complex, is another nightlife option for students. Sensory will be open from 4p.m. until 2a.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays.

As students returned to Wilkes-Barre after the summer hiatus, they may have

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**Pictured above are Gene Fast (left) and Kim Clark (right) employees of Club Mardi Gras. Club Mardi Gras, located at 12 South Main Street, is open every Wednesday through Sunday. Thursday nights feature fifty cent mugs and Happy Hour is on Fridays.**



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stereotypes of being intolerant of alternative lifestyles.

“The students here are for the



Jim Harrington says goodbye.

most part very open to new ideas, and if they’re not like that when they get here, I think they learn very quickly because it’s a very welcoming campus for people who are different,” he said.

Also never to be forgotten is Zellner, whose ties to the school date back to 1968 when he graduated with his Bachelor’s degree. He also taught and coached the Blue and Gold wrestling squad before starting the diversity program in 1990. He has been Director of Diversity for three and a half years and says working on an Indian reservation has been his goal for the past 23 years.

“I have a committment to diversity,” he said. “A lot of the stuff I do now I’ll be doing for them on a smaller scale because they’re brand new at this. Hopefully, they’ll grow into where Wilkes is right now.”

At his farewell ceremony, friends, family and members of the wrestling team stopped by to shake hands with “The Snake” for being such a postive role model in their lives.

Zellner stressed that it takes a whole community effort to promote a peaceful campus, not just the director and admissions office.

“I’ve heard it attributed to the African and Indian nations that it takes a whole village to raise one child. I’m a strong, strong believer in that. I honestly believe that it’s

everyone’s reponsibility to help get each student through this maze. And I just hope the next person in charge feels that way.”

Perhaps Dean Gearge Ralston said it best during Zellner’s freshmen initiation back in ‘68. “This is a friendly community. Don’t ever walk across this campus and make eye contact without ever saying ‘hello’. I have been here thirty some years and that has always been what I felt to be the main thing about this campus,” he said.



Dr. Bonnie Culver, left, bids a fond farewell to Allan Zellner, right.

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noticed spotlights in the sky. Those lights belong to none other than Wilkes-Barre Movies 14 at Northampton & Main.

The standout star throughout

I think that Wilkes-Barre is giving all college students a great opportunity to become part of something.

Dave Sborz, political science

the new downtown is a brand new movie theater. Students no longer have to hop in the car to Cinemark just to see a film on the weekends. Now, travel time is a five minute walk. Student Affairs now offers \$3 movie tickets for Movies 14.

Dave Sborz, a sophomore political science major, recently had a chance to visit the new theater and feels that it’s great for college students. “The theater is a good way for students to pay only three dollars for a movie, rather than going somewhere else. The safe walking distance from campus can also give students more flexibility pertaining to time.”

Sborz also feels that the chang-

ing downtown is great for the future. “I think that Wilkes-Barre is giving all college students a great opportunity to become part of something. As the years go by, we will see better things to come for current undergrads and students of the future.”

As of now, every storefront on the first floor of the movie theater are in the process of being filled. Also, there are preliminary plans for a food court

across from the theater and a growing Murray complex that is to feature condominiums and new restaurants.

All of this, along with the new Barnes & Noble joint collegiate bookstore [see story “Downtown colleges join forces...”] opening soon, means that students are now the focus of the downtown area.

A state of the art pool hall and a taste of New Orleans mixed in with a new movie theater and future business projects can only mean one thing: the people of Wilkes-Barre did have reason to “believe.”

SG: Club attendance mandatory at various meetings

BY REBECCA BRIA  
Beacon Correspondent

Clubs will not see their \$300

start-up money this year unless they are present at both the Council of Clubs meetings and Club Administration 101.

Student Government (SG) President Jenna Strzelecki says all clubs must be represented by an executive officer at the meetings. If a

club is absent, it will not receive initial funds or be considered for future fund requests.

mation about how to do things such as filling out fund requests and checking account balances.

Strzelecki says the Council of Clubs began last year and was designed as a way for all club presidents to report on their events and activities. The first meeting is set for Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Miller Room, second floor of the Henry Student Center. Other scheduled dates for the Council of Clubs include December 5 and April 26.



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# What ever happened to a friendly game of poker?

## Online gambling brings unforeseen consequences for students

BY THE BEACON  
EDITORIAL BOARD

Your alarm rings for your 8 a.m. class. You roll over to shut it off only to hear the irritating clicking of your roommate's mouse. He was up all night again playing online poker. He tries to keep his frustration about losing quiet as you get ready for class.

Checking your wallet before you leave, you notice a lot is missing. Could it be that he finally crossed the line? He slams his hand on the desk and curses that he lost another hand. Do you say something about the missing cash? After all, he's been your roommate for two years and you've never had a problem.

For the past few years, we have all been exposed to online gambling in some way or another. With the championship poker fad taking television by storm, many people want in on the action. With this new pastime has come a dark



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side that we have only read about or seen on the news: gambling addiction. But what is the difference between an addict and an overzealous gamer?

The dictionary definition of addiction describes it as “a state that enslaves us to a psychologically or physically habit-forming substance or practice.” However, this does not mean

that anyone can be an addict. It is widely accepted that people with low self-esteem tend to be more prone to addiction. Then how do people who are high-achieving cellists such as Greg Hogan Jr. of Lehigh University end up robbing banks? His story is rather bizarre in that he is reportedly a friendly, well-mannered and confident student leader, yet got caught up in the online gambling craze to the degree that he was compelled to act out of character when his debt became unmanageable.

In a desperate attempt to satisfy his needs, Hogan allegedly robbed a local Wachovia bank. This is not to suggest that any gambling addict will hold up a bank, but many addicts feel the overwhelming need to feed their habits in secret, or panic when the debt takes on

proportions for which they are unprepared. In an effort to generate cash for the game, Hogan alleged-

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ly lied to close family and friends about needing money for school functions.

However, while his story may be one of the most extreme, Hogan's is a cautionary tale for universities across the country. The number of college students in online casinos has quadrupled since 2000. A survey from Inland Entertainment Corp. showed that more than 86 percent of the players are male. Most people are roped in by starting and doing well in the “play money” section of the site. Eventually, the convenience and promise of big winnings can weigh heavily on someone looking for quick cash. College students, like Hogan, are highly susceptible to online gambling because of the lack of parental supervision over their activities and finances, the

ease of doing it from a dorm and not fully comprehending the ramifications.

Additionally, college students are frequently in a position where they need the opportunity to make a quick buck. After paying for books, gas and various other necessities, sometimes little is left-over for recreation. Any extra disposable income that can be earned in a few hours from the comfort of the living room would be the answer to many students' prayers. This accessibility is the best and worst part about online gambling, depending on how you look at it. The U.S. General Accounting Office finds there to be approximately 1,800 online casino sites and half of the expected \$5 million revenue comes from American players.

Also, since it is in the virtual world, online gambling is unregulated, unlike a traditional casino. In order to claim winnings or pay off losses, players must input banking information. Careless players

or even minors can easily leave themselves exposed to more than the hurt of a large loss at the tables.

Addiction is very real, even for intelligent college students. Though Greg Hogan's case is severe, his penalties are worth noting. He must attend Gambler's Anonymous meetings regularly, he is unable to hold a debit or credit card and all of his banking is under the control of his parents. More importantly, he dreamed of a future in finance, which isn't possible now.

College and university officials need to pay heed to Hogan's story and educate students about the long- and short-term ramifications of online gambling. If it can happen at Lehigh University, it can happen here.

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# Crikey!

## Remembering Steve Irwin

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Most people, when they heard the news, said something along the lines of, “He was asking for it.” Yes, Steve Irwin did push the limits, but he did not ask to die. Irwin, who passed away on Monday, September 4, 2006, was most commonly known as “The Crocodile Hunter.” However, he did not die fighting off a 12 foot salt water crocodile, but instead died when he had the unfortunate luck of angering a sting ray.

Some people would say Irwin was crazy for what he attempted, and I would have to agree every now and then. A perfect example would be the time he fed a crocodile with one hand while holding his one-month old baby in the other. But what Irwin did with his life cannot be looked down upon by any other human being. He tried to educate the world about creatures and places that many of us would not otherwise know about.

Unfortunately in today’s world with the internet, television and the other resources available to us, we do not fully utilize them to learn about what we can do to save animals and their habitat. Too often we forget that we share living space with other creatures, and leave that “conservation stuff” up to the professionals. We should take a good look

at what we are doing to the world around us and the other creatures that live in it.

An easy way is to simply recycle. I know it is almost cliché, but imagine that if we all recycled, landfills would not fill as quickly, trees would not have to be cut down for paper and garbage would not have to be burned. Just by recycling we can save millions of dollars, our furry little friends and their and our home.

This brings us to the subject of our changing climate and how we can reverse the damage already inflicted upon it. This year one of the most popular topics was the movie *An Inconvenient Truth*, made popular by Al Gore. The movie showed exactly what is happening to our climate. Many scientists said that the movie was accurate, while others said it was anything but. I say, why blow it off until it is the truth? Take preventative measures now. It amazed me to see people debate whether it is an issue or not. The answer, at least I thought, was simple: don’t let it become an issue.

A few people are taking the initiative to learn about the animals and environment around us and how to treat them, but some are still ignorant. As an example, I recall standing in Bush Gardens, Virginia and hearing awful screams and howls. As I got closer to the source, I saw a group of

people standing around looking down off a bridge into an enclosure. Inside were about three wolves, who were trying to find a place to hide from the group throwing candy and pebbles at them. Just within a few feet, people were also throwing twigs and dirt at bald eagles that were chained from their ankle to an attachment in the ground as an exhibit. This bothered me and obviously still does.

Hopefully, if any good can come from Irwin’s passing, it is that everyone will realize what is happening to the animals and world around us and will continue on with his work. He was a



Steve Irwin 1962-2006

Courtesy of <http://bennyhoh.blogspot.com/>  
person who many thought to be a nut, but when you really look at what he did with his life, maybe we should all try to be a little nuttier.

# My husband’s wife is really tickin’ me off!

## *Polygamy in America exposed, but how immoral really is it?*

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO  
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A few weeks ago, Warren Jeffs (leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) was arrested on charges of rape by accomplice and arranging a marriage that led to the rape of an underage girl. Jeffs had 40 wives and nearly 60 children.

The FLDS is one of the many Utah-based churches continuing to practice polygamy. The practice was supposedly dropped from the church in 1890 in condition of the state of Utah.

While I could tell you about the housing developments that these families are living in (which are rumored to be funded by the FLDS) in Utah and Colorado City, Arizona, you could easily go to the Associated Press (as I did). What’s more important is putting things into perspective.

Members of the FLDS believes that “plural marriage secures their exaltation in

heaven and that the number of wives a man marries corresponds to the level of glory he’ll achieve,” according to the AP. Some people would argue and say they simply want to have many marriages because they want to rapidly breed and create a “cult” so their beliefs live on. Partially, I suppose this is true.

What really makes me angry is that polygamy is illegal in America, and, like any law, people who practice it should be arrested. Yet, for some reason, CNN can go into one of these developments, or a random place in Utah and speak with a man that has three wives, but the police cannot walk directly to their door and throw them in jail? What exactly is stopping the authorities?

Could it be that the law is absolutely preposterous? How can you toss a man in jail who is revered as a prophet (Jeffs) simply because his church believes that many marriages are a way to secure a safe spot in heaven? How can you, in good conscience, do that?

Seems to me that America is so dead-set based on their Christian values that they have made polygamy illegal because the Bible says marriage is a sacred union between (one) man and a (singular) woman. This also is the reason that gays cannot marry. We’re always looking for the Christian church to approve these practices and face it--it isn’t happenin’ kiddo.

I mean God forbid (literally) that somebody marry more than one person. Our country (founded by Christians) has been abiding by these marriage laws for far too long. Are the laws we abide by the absolute moral bar to which everyone must measure up? Oh, yes... Didn’t you hear about those Catholics? I know the one priest in my hometown must be great. I swear that Lexus he drives has nothing to with the vow of poverty he took, and the other one... Well, he never touched that little boy. Oh, and don’t forget the commandment about the adultery. Thou shall not commit it. Well, we better not allow a union of more than

one man and one woman. Then we’d have to make another commandment, or simply change the title of that cute little movie they play at Easter time. Aww.

The believers of the FLDS are very different than those of the Christian faith, but they are nonetheless moral to their faith. They aren’t doing it to be rebellious; this is their way of life. We’re really quick to jump up and down in angst when we hear “two wives,” but we seem to overlook everything immoral that our country has done in the past two-hundred years (and based on what standard??)

Since the argument clearly stands that there is no one moral standard to evaluate this from, I’d have to say that all races, creeds, sexes and multiple numbers should be allowed to marry and, if not, then marriage should just be illegal.



YOUR VOICES

Hurricane Katrina: The Devastation Continues in Forgotten Gulf Coast

Many students head to tropical places such as Cancun or even Florida for spring or summer breaks, but I had another place in mind--Pass Christian, Mississippi, which is a small community about 15 miles west of Biloxi, Mississippi.

The impact of Hurricane Katrina is something that cannot be described, even by someone like myself who was there for a week. Hurricane Katrina made landfall on August 29, 2005, in some parts of Louisiana and Mississippi, but, for many, Katrina's presence is still widely spread. The destruction that stretched for 90,000 square miles (approximately the equivalent size of the United Kingdom) is still seen today. Almost 2,000 people died because of the storm and approximately 700 people are still missing.

Perhaps my biggest pet peeve, and maybe the reason I finally decided to write this letter to the editor, is that Americans are naive and arrogant. They would rather spend hours and hours talking about the murderer of Jon Benet Ramsey (admittedly a horrible tragedy, but it happened 10 years ago). We do not need to see continuous coverage broadcast on *Anderson Cooper 360*(especially on the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina).

A year after the storm, the residents of various cities and towns on the Gulf Coast are no longer receiving any relief from the government, if they were so lucky to get any before. The only relief and support they seem to be getting is from non-profit organizations such as religious and community service groups.

Forensics Skills Build Confidence

Dear Editor:

My name is Valerie Martinez and I'd like to ask you and the Wilkes Community a question; what do Oprah Winfrey, Adam Sandler, James Earl Ray, former President John F. Kennedy and Nelson Mandela all have in common? They were all part of a forensics team.

Now that Club Day has passed, I am sure all the students are busy becoming involved with all the clubs and organizations they signed up for. With that in mind, I'd like all of the Wilkes students to think about joining the Forensics Team. Maybe you're thinking why forensics? Or perhaps you're even thinking what is forensics?

Forensics is the art or study of argumentation and formal debate. Here at Wilkes, we have a forensics team. Our team has gone to various cities throughout the East coast, where we have competed in tournaments and brought back several awards. Amongst the awards we won were the Presidential

As taxpayers, we spent hundreds of thousands (maybe more) buying trailers for those people to live in while they rebuilt their homes, except most of them to this day are sitting in parking lots in Alabama. As a taxpayer, I cannot fathom how the government can treat their own like trash. Hurricane Katrina was not prejudiced in anyway, but it seems to me that the government sure is. I cannot tell for sure, but I do have a suspicion that if Hurricane Katrina had done the damage it did on the Gulf Coast in Texas, Florida, or even California, that it would not have taken this long for people to do something about it.

Another issue that the government refused to address was the insurance companies that saw this as a huge loss for their companies. Speaking with the Pass Christian High School Principal in May, I learned that, yes, the residents had Hurricane coverage--but there are hidden clauses within those coverage documents.

The hurricane coverage insurance companies would blame it on the water/flood damage and the water/flood damage companies would blame it on wind. And in some clauses, the houses that were not completely destroyed were worse off because they would get no money from either the hurricane nor the flood companies, and if some residents were lucky to get one to agree on a settlement. The government didn't step in and tell the insurance companies to provide for

Award from the state tournament at St. Joseph's University as well as finalist trophies from our home tournament, the Harold Cox Swing Tournament.

The forensics team, better known as the Speech and Debate team, has achieved a lot within the last year. With a new coach, Professor Daniel Broyles, the team is looking forward to what can come with new members. Arthur Redmond, a member of the Speech and Debate team, says he enjoys the excitement that comes from competing in the Impromptu Events. Impromptu, one of the many events offered in the competitions, is where contestants are given a small excerpt pertaining to either general interest, the economy or social issues and have seven minutes to develop and perform their speech. Other events include dramatic duo, after dinner speaking, persuasive speeches and many more.

Last year I was one of the few to join the team; having had no experience in public



Courtesy of Cheryl Gressley

A home in Pass Christian, Mississippi was transported by flood waters to a final resting place on railroad tracks.

their loss nor did they provide adequately funding for the resident themselves.

One year after Hurricane Katrina and still devastation lies for miles and miles. In this upcoming election year, I would hope you would take into consideration what your local representative would do if a tragedy would occur in this area. With the flood this summer in various parts of Pennsylvania, I think it will only encourage more education in the policies of our government and

speaking, I was nervous about joining. Now I can honestly say it has really done wonders for me. I feel much more confident addressing people, I can express myself clearly and I've made friends that will last my lifetime. So many skills come from forensics. Not only are you able to learn how to express yourself but you learn time management, how to do research, reasoning skills, organizational skills and it is a wonderful resume builder.

Hopefully you all have a better idea of what the team is about and will consider attending our meetings which are on Tuesdays and Thursdays 11-12 during club hours in Capin Hall-Room 307. Any questions please email either Professor Broyles at [daniel.broyles@wilkes.edu](mailto:daniel.broyles@wilkes.edu) or myself at [valerie.martinez@wilkes.edu](mailto:valerie.martinez@wilkes.edu).

Have a wonderful school year!!

Valerie J. Martinez, sophomore Communication Studies major

broaden America's sympathetic factor.

All facts in this piece taken from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane\\_Katrina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hurricane_Katrina)

Cheryl Gressley, junior Communication Studies major

Beacon Poll

What addition or change to downtown Wilkes-Barre are you most excited about?

- Movies 14 Complex
- The promise of a cleaner, safer downtowns
- Billiards parlor
- Barnes & Noble shared college bookstore
- The promise of Public Square WiFi
- More downtown housing options
- Wilkes University parking garage on Main Street
- Club Mardi Gras
- Downtown street lights
- Other

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## Freshmen not the only new faces on campus

### *Ten faculty members join Wilkes community*

BY NORA JURASITS  
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Wilkes University is adding more than green space and properties to its ever-growing campus this fall.

Ten new faculty members have come on board in a variety of departments. As the semester begins, they are getting settled into their new positions and becoming acquainted with the ways of Wilkes.

Their transition was eased by the New Faculty Orientation hosted over the sum-

mer. The orientation featured seminars on topics ranging from resources on campus to employee benefits.

Ellen Flint, who, in addition to being an associate professor of music, also serves as coordinator of the undergraduate experience and is in charge of the new faculty orientation, said the orientation was a way to welcome the new employees into the community and get them situated in their new positions.

In addition to the more formal topics discussed at the orientation, there was time to

interact and familiarize themselves with their new colleagues. "Entering into a new job can be very disconcerting," Flint said. "I try to do everything I can both before and after they arrive to make them comfortable in the new job environment."

New professors were also treated to a cookout hosted by Allan Zellner, the former Director of Diversity, allowing them to mingle and meet not only each other, but also current employees of the university.

"There was a great effort made on the part of fellow faculty members as well as

administration to ensure our success as new faculty members," said Mark Harris, visiting instructor of Spanish. "It really made me feel welcome and really made my transition to the university much easier."

As a follow up to the two-day orientation, new faculty members will also attend luncheons throughout the academic year to continue to educate them about assorted topics of interest and allow them to interact with one another.

**Naomi Hatsfelt Baker** will serve as assistant professor of acting in the department of visual and performing arts on campus. According to her biography, released by the Wilkes University Office of Marketing Communications, she previously taught at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

**Dr. Marcia Farrell** has joined the English department as an assistant professor of English. Farrell recently received her Ph.D. from the University of Tulsa. She said she finds teaching to be rewarding "when students feel confident in what they're doing." Her goal is to make students see themselves as professionals.

While this will be **Dr. Dean Frear's** fifth year at Wilkes, it will be his first as assistant professor of business. He served as visiting lecturer for four years but his status changed to tenure track this year, though Frear had to go through the same application and interview process as any other applicant.

After teaching Spanish at the high school level for several years, **Mark Harris** has joined the Wilkes faculty as visiting instructor in Spanish. He said his experience thus far has been excellent. "The collegiality is such that I felt very important even at this early point as being a vital member of the academic community at the university."

## Meet the New Professors...



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

**New hire Dr. Marcia Farrell encourages intellectual curiosity in her English 101 class during the second week of classes. She hopes to inspire professionalism in her students.**

**Dr. Krina Patel** is employed by Wilkes University as assistant professor of pharmacy practice, but Patel also spends time at her practice site, the Lehigh Valley Hospital in Muhlenberg, overseeing pharmacy students during their clinical rotations.

**Dr. Ellen Raineri's** arrival to Wilkes is a homecoming of sorts, as she spent time here as an undergraduate, receiving two bachelor's degrees. In addition to serving as assistant professor of business, she is involved with the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) club on campus, and plans to work with students, exploring mentoring initiatives in research.

**Dr. Ebonie Stringer** has been hired as assistant professor of sociology. She previously taught at Purdue University, where she received her Ph.D. Stringer described her specialties within sociology as an intersection of criminology, race, gender and family.

**Dr. Jennifer Thomas** will serve as assistant professor of psychology. She specializes in adolescent socio-emotional development. Thomas said that one of the things that initially impressed her about Wilkes was the psychology students. "They are genuinely interested in learning about psychology and were invested in their education. It is wonderful to be part of their educational journey."

Assistant professor of nursing, **Emily Havrilla**, spent the past ten years gaining professional experience, working for the Commission on Economic Opportunity in Wilkes-Barre. After spending last year as a clinical instructor, Havrilla said she is enjoying the Wilkes community and is "happy to be here full-time."

**Dr. Edward Kleist**, who previously taught at Loyola University of New Orleans, joins the Wilkes faculty as a visiting assistant professor of philosophy. "I've always been fascinated with the question of how we ought to live, what are our obligations to each other and how do we know what these obligations are," said Kleist, who specializes in the areas of ethics and aesthetics.



# Off-campus work forces students to lead double lives

**BY SARAH DOMAN**  
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For most students, the beginning of the fall semester generally means a renewed concentration on all things academic. However, for some, making the transition from full-time employee to full-time student is not always easy and instead forces students to lead double lives.

Ryan Broghamer, senior communication studies major, worked full-time over the summer as an EMT and firefighter for the towns of Forty-Fort, Swoyersville and Wyoming. This was Broghamer’s first time working full-time, but he has been volunteering as both an EMT and firefighter since he was a freshman in college.

“I always thought firemen were cool. I was nowhere near dedicated enough to study emergency medicine so I decided on public relations.”

Broghamer participated in a seven- to eight-month course to train to do his job.

Working as an EMT and firefighter, Broghamer learned many things about himself and his future career in communications.

“You learn about all of the different sectors of life. You need to know how to interact with people so this experience helped me interpersonally and hopefully that will help with my career.”

Broghamer is still working part-time, which means that between his EMT duties, schoolwork and his internship with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, he is putting in at least 60 hours per week at some form of work.

“I really like what I do and love the job. It can be something to fall back on. At the same time I’m having an exciting adventure in school because I’m graduating in January.”

Many students continue to work part time during school, not just to make money but to also help with academics. Between work and school many students find time is an issue and that adjustment is sometimes all more difficult when

a student moves from working full-time in the summer to trying to balance the differing demands of work and school in the fall.

Kristen Keblan is a Pharmacy 3 student who spent the summer working full-time at an Eckerd Pharmacy.

“The major difference I find is at five o’clock work is done and does not have to be thought about until the next morning. However, when class is dismissed you still have to be thinking about assignments, exams and balancing school with a part-time job,” said Keblan.

Students who choose to work in their fields of education can benefit from the learning experience

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**-Ryan Broghamer**

it has to offer and can also meet a course requirement.

“Besides making money, my time spent in the pharmacy is beneficial for the school year,” Keblan said. “Rather than learning in a classroom setting, I am given the opportunity to learn hands-on.” While working full-time can enhance a student’s insight into their chosen career, some students find it to be an eye-opening experience for different reasons.

Amanda Karaffa is a sophomore chemistry major with a minor in secondary education. She spent her summer working full-time at the Wyoming Valley General Hospital in the pharmacy. Most of her time was spent filling prescriptions, taking medicine to different floors and answering phone calls. Karaffa chose to work in the pharmacy to gain experience from a different perspective. While working in the hospital, Karaffa learned many things about herself and her time spent pursuing pharmacy as a future career.

“I learned that becoming a pharmacist is very tough, competitive and for me became very stressful to the point that I was miserable. This made me think about if phar-

macy was really the right career for me and is it worth all the stress I was putting on myself,” said Karaffa.

For Karaffa, the transition between work and school was not difficult.

“I never really stopped doing

work all summer and only had one week off before fall semester began,” she said.

Working this past summer also helped Karaffa make an important decision about her schooling. “Work affected me academically by showing me things in the real

world to help me make my decision to change my major. It made me feel more confident that the change I was making was for the better for me now and in the future,” said Karaffa.



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# Online HelloWilkes site recognized nationally

BY RAE THEISEN  
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First there was Hello Kitty, and now there's HelloWilkes. Although HelloWilkes is not at all comparable to the adorable icon known as Hello Kitty, it is, in its own way, recognizable.

HelloWilkes is a unique, interactive website created for prospective students to help them become familiar with the university and even one another before they arrived on campus this fall. Hoping to bank on the MySpace and Facebook trends, designers and university officials opted to use a combination of visuals and topics for discussion similar to those wildly popular sites. The website was then introduced to the incoming 2006 freshman class. Originally designed to replace the "closing piece" traditionally sent out by the admissions office to help persuade still deciding students, HelloWilkes has demonstrated to be more effective and less expensive.

And while still not of Hello Kitty cultural icon status yet, the HelloWilkes site quickly garnered some national attention. *USA Today* and the *Philadelphia Business Journal* both featured articles about HelloWilkes this summer.

According to Melanie Mickelson, Director of Admissions, the website started off slowly, as does anything brand new, but picked up as the idea of entering college became a daunting thought in many high school seniors' minds. By the end of July the site boasted nearly 500,000 hits.

"We did expect bumps in the road," said Mickelson, "but anytime you do something innovative that happens."

Not only did the website help high school seniors decide whether or not they wished to attend Wilkes, but it provided important aid to those who have decided to call Wilkes University home. Students were able to connect with fellow peers and faculty members via e-conversations and learn more about the school's opportunities and extracurricular activities.

Students who use HelloWilkes will find it very similar to MySpace and Facebook. On each of these websites, a student creates a name and profile and submits a picture to distinguish them. However, unlike these two extremely popular websites, HelloWilkes is used specifically within the university.

Through the conversations and interactions on the site, prospective students had the chance to gain advice and knowledge

and build bonds with other students before they even move into their dorm rooms or start their first day of class. The "wall," or message board, is essential to the website. There are sections for a variety of categories to post a message or ask a question.

"I was able to get advice from people who had the same questions as me when they were a freshman, such as when I started looking into Student Government, I wanted to know how it worked, so several people were able to help me," said freshman Andrew Seaman.

A select few upperclassman who already worked for the university in some way had access to the website. These students were available to answer questions perspective students and incoming freshmen asked.

"The students who worked with the site were great and loved it," commented Mickelson. While the website appeared to make quick gains in popularity, officials note that it isn't prone to the sort of notoriety traditionally associated with other facets of online meeting places.

While it doesn't seek to compete directly with Facebook or other online social sites, some students are reticent to split their time. "I think people don't use it because Facebook is more popular," said freshman

Nick DiPaolo.

Freshman Ashli Rentzel agrees with DiPaolo. "Yes, I've heard of it, but I haven't used it and Facebook is way more popular," she commented.

The Office of Admissions already has big plans for next year. The usage of the website this year was fairly heavy, but it wasn't what was expected. On the drawing board right now, to popularize HelloWilkes, are ideas for a more noticeable section for suggestions and even an area for parents. For the 2006 freshman class, the publicity was very low-key and according to Mickelson, the admissions office is considering stepping up the advertising for HelloWilkes.

Based on the statistics and positive feedback from students, HelloWilkes is considered a success. When asked if she, personally, thought the website was victorious, Melanie Mickelson simply replied "absolutely."

Seaman agreed, adding, "I think the site will be beneficial to incoming freshman and transfer students. I think it can even help people who are already students that have questions."

## Marriage across the miles *Zellners tackle commuter marriage, new jobs*

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Alan Zellner, a long-time Wilkes fixture who successfully evolved from student to employee and campus leader, said goodbye in August, after accepting the Director of Diversity position at Fort Hays State University in Kansas.

It would seem that this story would end with Zellner's move; however, there is a slight complication. His wife will be staying here at Wilkes University.

Margaret Zellner, recently promoted to the one-stop shop co-coordinator position, has opted to retain her position with Wilkes even though her husband will be moving to Kansas.

Many college students can relate to this long-distance arrangement. Having just recently left home to return to school, some students are still mourning the transition and the time away from their significant other. The Zellners do not view the time and distance as a burden. Instead, they are viewing this transition as an opportunity to grow and expand their careers and relationship.

Margaret expressed that she has been prepared for such a move by her husband's schedule these past years. "Alan has been



Portrait of the Zellner family. Clockwise from top: Jeffrey, Alan, Margaret, Lenore, and Kerry.

a coach for so many years.... So I've been used to him traveling and being out of town a lot." She has been preparing, "...I would say, for the past two or three years, at least

mentally."

This transition initially came about because of Alan's interest in Native American culture. "I grew up in an era of cowboys and Indians...I started reading up on the culture and it was very exciting." He simply could not pass up an opportunity which would allow him to work in an area of the country with such a rich Native American population and history.

At the same time Alan was making a commitment to Fort Hays University, Margaret was making her commitment to Wilkes. Both have agreed to stay at their respective universities for at least a period of two years. Margaret is helping to head the transition many Wilkes offices and departments are making to the UCOM building. She stated that "this project I'm working on is going to be very time consuming until it's up and running."

The fact that the Zellners will be very busy with their work may help them cope with this time apart.

A study by Govaerts and Dixon also found that the relationships between commuter couples are stronger than the average married couple largely because of the effort to communicate. The Zellners echoed an idea found in articles concerning how to make these kind of long distance relationships work.

Alan's advice to any couple considering a commuter marriage was "keep in touch and just be committed to why you're doing it."

Also contributing to Margaret's decision to stay in the area is the fact that their three grown children are all on this coast. She will more easily be able to deal with family emergencies while in Pennsylvania than if she had opted to travel to Kansas with her husband.

Both husband and wife are excited about the move and look forward to the coming career changes and challenges. They note they are prepared for the time apart and the possible strain this may put on their relationship. However, they have faced adversity before and have survived 31 years of marriage and raising three children. Two years in different states may not be the hardest trial the couple has ever endured.



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## Fall Fashion: What to expect and how to pull it off

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If you open a magazine today, be forewarned. You are likely to come across images from the fall runways that boggle the mind.

A man wearing a metallic gold suit, or one wearing a sheer top? And since when is grunge back? Have no fear, after pouring over the pages of countless fashion magazines and examining the aisles of numerous stores, we feel confident to bring you what we think will be the hottest trends this season.

Perhaps the most important fashion waves shared by both genders this season are those that have been popular in the past: layering. Layering can keep you fashionable as well as warm in the upcoming months. For women, the look can be achieved by wearing leggings with skirts and



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mixing thermals with graphic tees. Guys can also snag the look by pairing button down shirts with argyle sweaters or graphic tees with varying sleeve lengths.

Walk into any store, and it's clear that one trend that cannot be ignored is skinny pants. For both guys and girls, baggy is out and thin is in. This look is best paired with tall boots or simple flats for girls. Following that skinny theme, T-shirt inspired dresses can be worn alone or with leggings. If you want to work the trend but leggings aren't really your style, try an extra-long shirt with -- what else -- skinny jeans.

Along the same lines (ahem), stripes are a huge hit this season. This pattern has shown up in everything from dresses to tops and even leggings.

Wearing the new idea of volume can be a tricky task. The key is to pair chunkier pieces with slimmer silhouettes. Wide-leg trousers or bubble skirts can be combined with fitted blouses. The masculinity of boyfriend sweaters (such as oversized cardigans) can be balanced out by feminine skirts and heels.

In general, styles from the 80's have made a big comeback and the grunge look is starting to pop up in more and more stores, along with pseudo-gothic styles. All of these trends are suitable for girls and guys but should definitely be worn with caution because too much of one can be overkill.

While tall boots have been a staple in fall wardrobes in the past, ankle boots are starting to gain popularity as well. The versatility of ankle boots is endless, considering they look classic with a skirt or dress and fresh with the indispensable skinny jean.

In the past it may have been seen as tacky, but for this season, animal print is in. The most commonly seen print is leopard. For the more conservative, you'll find leopard gloves, handbags and flats, but for the more daring there is a wide array of animal print tops, skirts and even stockings.

Suits, vests and ties are no longer simply for men and have made their way into women's wardrobes this fall.

Menswear is becoming increasingly popular, but it's important to take care when coordinating outfits. Pair men's pants with a feminine top, or add jewelry to the ensemble so the look is not overdone.

When preparing to bundle up this fall, be sure to pick up a peacoat. A wardrobe staple that has transcended generations, designers are adding a new twist to the classic peacoat. The new take on the peacoat means more embellishments and a broader range of colors.

Men's fashion this season is leaning toward a more structured yet relaxed style. Dubbed by many as "the new clean," ensembles fresh off the runway include sleeker lines and basic pieces. Pairing button down shirts and sweaters with khakis or jeans and sneakers is one way to sport the relaxed preppy look that is so in right now. When the temperature begins to drop, the thing to pick up this fall is the military jacket. While blazers and track jackets are still in, the military jacket brings a sleek look to any wardrobe.

Converse sneakers have always been a cult classic in the fashion world, but they are especially coveted this season. The variety of styles has expanded over the past few months, providing for more opportunities to accessorize.

Apparently, although it may not be for everyone, men's carryalls are becoming more socially acceptable. No longer just appearing in magazines and on the runway, these bags are beginning to appear in stores like Target, proving the trend really has caught on.

Although these trends are big now, it's important to be comfortable in what you're wearing. If you feel awkward wearing something, chances are you're going to look awkward, so make sure you mix classic pieces with trendy ones and don't forget accessories.



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# Dinner and a Movie

## Movie: *Crank*

BY MIKE WILLIAMS  
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*Crank*, the new film from Lions Gate Productions, is anything but your run of the mill action flick. From the opening moments of the film, the hero, Chev, a professional hitman played by international action star Jason Statham, has been injected with the dreaded “Beijing Cocktail,” a lethal poison for which there is no cure. This leaves him with less than one day to settle the score with those responsible, and, if time allows, see his girlfriend one last time.

Unfortunately for Chev, the poison coursing through his veins is designed to cut off his adrenaline and will eventually result in a coma and, ultimately, death. This surprisingly works in favor of the viewer, as the only way for Chev to stay alive is to crank up the action, no pun intended, and do anything and everything he can to keep his heart-rate up, much to the delight of adrenaline junkies everywhere. In the action department, *Crank* delivers big time, mixing elements of hard-hitting action reminiscent of Statham’s *The Transporter* with the fast-paced “you stop, you die” pacing of *Speed* only here there

is no bomb and there is no bus. There is only Jason Statham as a one-man wrecking crew in scene after scene of non-stop, jaw-dropping action. From beginning to end, *Crank* goes full-throttle into a dizzying array of fist fights, gun fights, motorcycle stunts and car chases, one of which leads the cops in a Blues Brothers-esque game of cat and mouse through a crowded Los Angeles mall, all in an attempt to keep our hero’s adrenaline pumping. All thrilling action sequences aside, the scene that is sure to raise pulses, and eyebrows, is one in which Statham, hoping to boost his rapidly depleting energy, engages in what can only be described as an incredibly graphic public display of affection with his love-interest, played by Amy Smart, on a crowded China Town street corner. Unlike many of the by-the-book action thrillers of today, *Crank* has a darkly comedic side, letting laughs fly alongside

bullets. Adding the much needed and appreciated levity to many of the otherwise nerve-shatteringly intense scenes are country-singer Dwight Yoakam as Statham’s slightly perverted doctor and Efen Ramirez (viewers may recognize him as Pedro from *Napoleon Dynamite*) as his street-wise, cross-dressing sidekick. As enjoyable as it is, *Crank* is definitely not a movie for the whole family. Riddled with bloody gun battles, nudity, drug use, foul language and the aforementioned PDA, *Crank* has certainly earned its R rating. That withstanding, if you’re an action fan who can stomach the sight of blood--and there’s plenty of it--and handle a little lewd behavior, then strap yourselves in because, packed with non-stop action and some good laughs, *Crank* is a non-stop, high-octane thrill ride, well worth the price of a ticket.  
**Grade: A-**

## Dinner: Bakehouse

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO  
*Beacon A&E Editor*

To be quite truthful, what first drew me to the Bakehouse was not its wide selection of fresh baked goods or the fact that it is conveniently located on Wyoming Ave. in Kingston in the United Penn Plaza. Instead, it was the fact that it is near the Children’s Bootery, a place I have admired quite frequently simply because I enjoy saying the word “Bootery.” Say it out loud, you’ll see what I mean. Anyway, I’m happy to say that eventually, I did notice the Bakehouse’s enormous sign and opted to stop in for takeout. First and foremost, parking was not an issue. This is worth mentioning because I am a very angry driver and any place that does not resemble the zoo that is a Wal Mart parking lot gets points in my book. Upon entering the Bakehouse, the first thing that becomes apparent is its showcase of enticing baked goods. The restaurant offers a plethora of different bagel flavors along with an equally extensive selection of breads. Don’t even get me started on the desserts. With row upon row of cakes, pies and other sweets, it was difficult to resist temptation, but I opted for a semi-well balanced meal instead. The Bakehouse offers a wide variety of meal options, beside the desserts, of course. These include egg sandwiches; omelets; hearth-baked personal pizzas; grilled, classic, panini and bistro sandwiches, along with a selection of salads. After some thinking I ordered a Primavera sandwich. Although they had an impressive hot bever-

age menu in addition to a selection of cold drinks, I opted to save a few bucks and find a drink at home. If I had chosen to eat-in, I expect it would have been a pleasant experience to report back, primarily because of the relaxed atmosphere of the Bakehouse. Customers have to place orders at the counter and can choose any open area on their own. Along with tables and chairs, some seating is provided by way of comfy looking couches at the far end of the restaurant. This is definitely something I plan on keeping in mind for my next visit. The sandwich I selected turned out to be an excellent choice. Although it is a classic I have ordered in the past, I was surprised it was put together as well as it was. Comprised of tomatoes, roasted red peppers, basil, olive oil and -the piece de resistance- fresh mozzarella cheese on French baguette, it was exactly what I needed after starving all day long. For \$5.99, I received a fairly decent sized sandwich. The bread was crispy but not overly so, and the tomatoes and peppers were an excellent complement to the rich and creamy mozzarella cheese. I must add that I was impressed at how fresh the cheese was, mostly because it is usually hard to get such quality products at such a low price. The fresh basil added a tangy, bright flavor, and all of the ingredients complemented one another perfectly. I did need to add a great deal of salt, but, for me, that’s no great shock, and it was certainly not unique to this take on the recipe, since the same has held true every other time I’ve had something similar. It must also be said that the staff was par-

ticularly helpful and polite. The cashier was willing to offer her opinion and was patient when it took me a ridiculously long time to decide on an order. Overall, my experience was a very positive one and I cannot find any real downsides to dining at the Bakehouse, except for

the fact that it seems like they run out of ingredients and certain baked goods from time to time. Otherwise, this is one eatery I would highly recommend to anyone looking for a light, appetizing meal.  
**Grade: A**



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## 'Penumbra' offers artistic take on natural phenomena

**BY AMY FUSCO**

Beacon Correspondent

Anyone using the elevator in the Stark Learning Center can usually catch a glimpse of the latest show on display at the Sordoni Art Gallery through the glass doors. This month, though, passersby's see only a blacked out window and a list of instructions. This is because the latest exhibition, "Penumbra," is an installation unlike any other show displayed at the gallery in recent years.

The installation of glass, light and sound is meant to “inspire memories of the power and intimacy of natural phenomena,” according to a press release from the gallery. The visitor is meant to have an experience of being in space, and in order to fully experience it, one

must stay for a while and really absorb all of the artwork.

Ronald R. Bernier, Sordoni Director, said, "It should push the boundaries of the visitor's assumptions about space and light. The audience should experience the feeling of disorientation and confusion about why this exhibition is art." He added that this installation is intended to be a thought-provoking experience, from which people can gain knowledge.

The exhibition's artists are Angus Powers, Jon Clark and Jesse Daniels. The installation is a second version of their original project called "Quantum," which was at the Delaware Center for Contemporary Art in 2005. Angus Powers is Assistant Professor of Glass at New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. As a professor of glass, Powers primarily teaches students how to manipulate glass to make creative pieces. Clark is a Pro-

fessor at the Tyler School of Art, Temple University, where he is the head of the glass department. And Daniels is an independent New Jersey artist. The three artists worked together to develop the digital production.

According to a statement released by the artists, they “searched and tested many forces of nature with audio and video recording” through fieldwork. They examined the concept of planetary and celestial movement throughout a daily and monthly cycle. The video that was selected for the installation is meant to reflect solar light and random particles that, at all times, move in directional patterns around us. The video is uncomplicated, natural and recorded from nature.

The artists explained, “As this process engages the space, the field, the sound, and beyond, it seems to surpass its natural qualities and becomes a dynamic force not expected.”

“The light and sound connect with the field of glass to create a vast surface of energized transparent forms that converge with a backdrop of light,” they added.

The Sordoni Art Gallery has never hosted an installation of this sort before, which makes it a very exciting event. Brittany Kramer, Coordinator, stated, "It's the first time the gallery has done anything like this, and we expect a lively response from our visitors, both from students and the local community." The exhibition is a unique creation that students and the public are encouraged to view, as long as they adhere to some guidelines laid out by the gallery. Since it is an installation, Sordoni officials note, taking in the art involves a little more care, particularly because it involves an almost completely darkened room.

"Penumbra" opened to the public August 28 and will run through October 8. The Sordoni Art Gallery is open daily 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# What's Happening

## Wednesday, September 13

- Ballroom dancing classes at Arts YOUniverse at 6 p.m., \$25 a couple
- “Home Grown Series” featuring The Five Percent at the Woodlands at 9 p.m.

## Friday, September 15

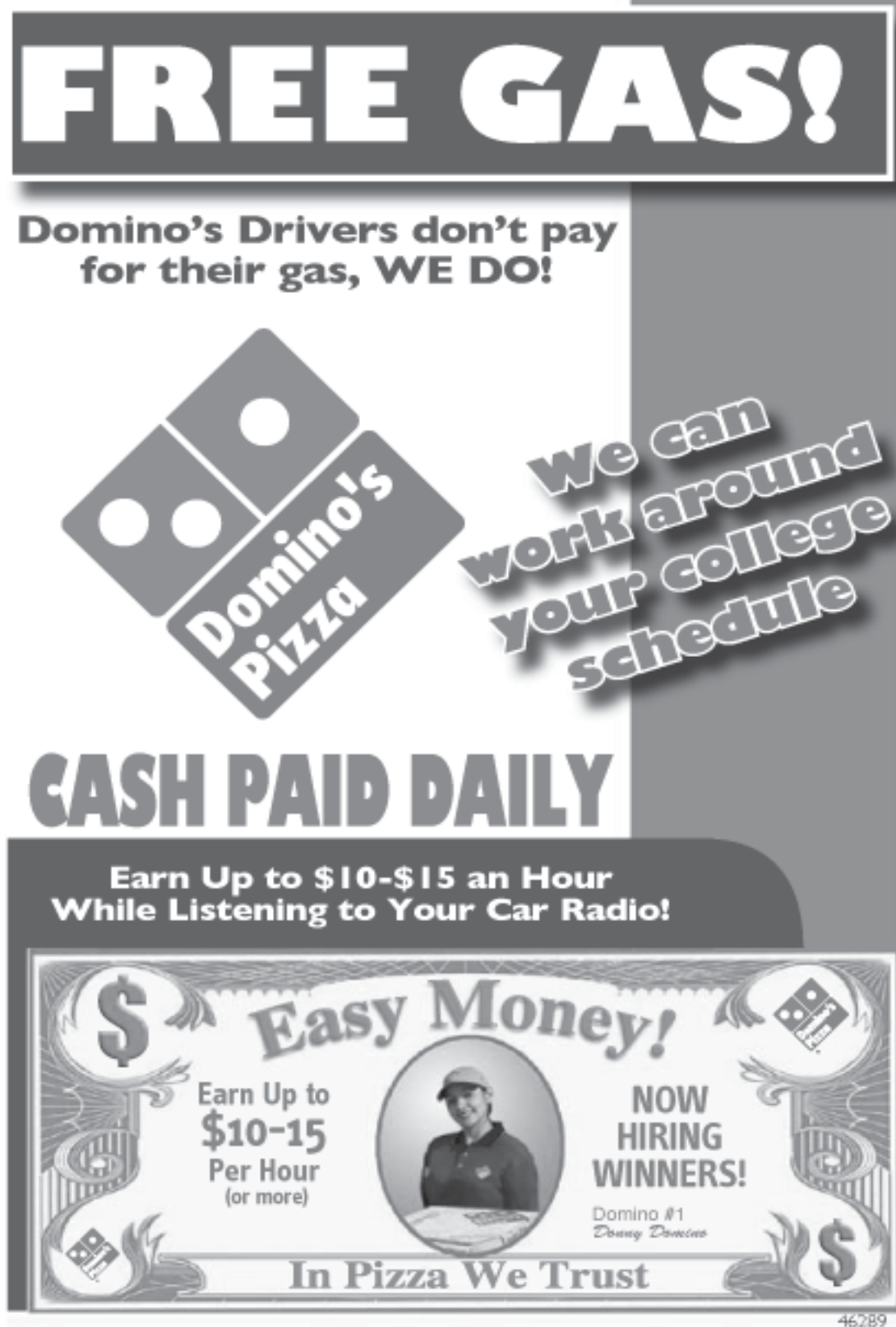
- Title Fight, Johnny Goes to the Carnival, Party Animals performing at The Backstage at 6 p.m.
- Trylogy performing at the Woodlands at 10 p.m.

## Saturday, September 16

- Jerry Seinfeld at the Kirby Theater at 7 and 9:30 pm
- Louch, The Run In, and Blinded Passenger performing at Cafe Metropolis at 8 pm
- State of Disgrace, Death in Custody, Spit on Your Grave, Killed by the Bull, Judgment, NMFTE performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

## Sunday, September 17

- The Menzingers, Much the Same, What this Means, Arsenal Mayhem performing at Cafe Metropolis at 7 p.m.





## LOCAL BAND SPOTLIGHT: THE FIVE PERCENT

BY MARISSA PHILLIPS

*Beacon Asst. A&E Editor*

With numerous local venues that feature live bands on a weekly basis, Wilkes-Barre definitely has the right to boast about its diverse music scene.

For those who are a bit out of the loop in terms of local bands, we figured it'd be helpful to offer a local band spotlight and keep you up to date on the current bands for which to look out. While music lovers can check out live bands at Café Metropolis, Backstage and Slainte, the Woodlands is now featuring the 102.3 Mountaingrown/Weekender Original Music Series. During these concerts the live performances are broadcast on the radio. This month the Five Percent will be performing, and I caught up with them to talk about their future plans and share a little bit of information for anyone who has yet to see them perform.

The Five Percent is a four-piece band with Matt Ralph on acoustic guitar and lead vocals, Brian Keating on bass, Neil Nicastro on electric guitar and vocals and A.J. Jump now on drums, replacing former member Kevin Soffera. Before they came together Ralph and Keating were performing together in the duo Six Second Yellow, and Nicastro did solo recordings. In September of last year, they released their album, 3483 Seconds of Your Life, and they are currently working on a new album.

**The Beacon:** So I know that two of you, Matt and Brian, were in a band together in the past, but how exactly did all of the rest of your members meet up?

**The Five Percent:** Matt and I met Neil through the music scene, when Neil was playing in the local hip hop band, The Collective. I (Brian) was one year ahead of drummer, A.J. Jump throughout grade school and high school, so we had been friends for quite some time. A.J. had also established himself on the local scene, drumming for many acts such as the Black Lung Brothers, Osiris, and Charles Havira.

**The Beacon:** Being that two of you came from a band together, and Neil and former member Kevin had separate music backgrounds of their own, was it difficult to form a musical style that everyone

was pleased with or were you all basically in agreement as to the kind of music you wanted to play?

**The Five Percent:** We all had different tastes in music certainly; however, Matt and Neil each had extensive catalogs of original material, which although different, meshed well together and continue to do so. In recent months, the band has been writing together, which provides for an even more cohesive sound than before.

**The Beacon:** On your Myspace site you list a number of bands with a similar sound to yours, but is there any band that fans

**The Beacon:** I know that you're working on a second album now. What can people expect with this new album? Can people expect different material but with the same sound, or will it be much different from your first?

**The Five Percent:** We took the songs that people liked from our first album, and have crafted 13+ songs that are sure to please the fans we have and win over many new ones.

**The Beacon:** The majority of upcoming shows you have booked are all in PA or on the East Coast, but have you been able to

**The Beacon:** What exactly are your hopes for this band in about a year or two? Are you content playing locally or would you like to eventually become a major/nationally touring band?

**The Five Percent:** We certainly plan to progress to the level of a nationally touring band to take it as far as possible, but will surely continue to play locally regardless of what happens.

**The Beacon:** And, along with the former question, is this band your main career for all of you, or do you juggle the band along with other full-time jobs?

**The Five Percent:** Although some of us do have part time jobs, we are all working towards going full-time with music.

**The Beacon:** I know you guys have an upcoming show at the Woodlands for the Mountain Grown concert series in which your live performance will be broadcast on the radio. Do you think the fact that the show will be broadcast will change your performance at all? Will there be any added pressure, or have you all performed enough times that it won't really phase you?

**The Five Percent:** We are honored to be a part of the Mountain Grown concert series, and are excited about the new format, broadcasting the performance live on the air. As far as nerves go, it is a bit of added pressure, but nothing we haven't dealt with on previous live radio performances.

**The Beacon:** And lastly, with the number of shows you guys play, you have to have countless stories. Please share, if you would, one of either the strangest or most embarrassing experiences you've had while performing.

**The Five Percent:** Getting a one hundred dollar bill thrown on stage to play "Brick House." I didn't even know how to play the song, but before the Benjamin hit the stage, Neil yelled to me, "It's in the key of A minor," and we rocked it like a hurricane. There are stranger stories, but they would take quite some time to tell.

If you have yet to hear this band, you can find their music on their Myspace site at [www.myspace.com/thefivepercent](http://www.myspace.com/thefivepercent).



Photo Courtesy of The Five Percent

From left, Brian Keating, former drummer Kevin Soffera, Matt Ralph, and Neil Nicastro. The band has been described by some as a hybrid of Incubus and Maroon 5. To find out for yourself, visit [www.myspace.com/thefivepercent](http://www.myspace.com/thefivepercent).

most frequently compare to you?

**The Five Percent:** A hybrid of Incubus and Maroon 5.

**The Beacon:** You're still a fairly new band, but you've already gone through changes, as I can see with the change of drummer. How else have you progressed since your band was originally formed?

**The Five Percent:** We have progressed in a number of ways. We have certainly grown to be very tight musically. We have expanded our horizons musically, as will be heard on the new album due out in November. Certainly, we have grown to be somewhat of a closer family unit with one year of performing, traveling, and recording under our belts.

tour the other side of the country with this band yet? If not, are you looking to?

**The Five Percent:** We have yet to tackle the West Coast, but it is no doubt on the list of things to do in the very near future. We plan to tour more extensively all over to push this new album.

**The Beacon:** For someone who hasn't yet seen you guys perform (which is hard to pull off since you guys play just about everywhere in the area), explain what can be expected from your live performances.

**The Five Percent:** We really pride ourselves on our live performances. You can expect to hear many of our own tunes along with some crowd favorites that can keep you dancing.



# Lady Colonels welcome new lacrosse coach

## Former division II standout goalie makes Wilkes University new home

BY ARIEL COHEN  
Beacon Sports Editor

With a new school year must come some new coaches, or at least that is the way it has been at Wilkes for the past few years. This year the Lady Colonels welcome Kammie Studley to lead them on the field for lacrosse.

Studley has a long history of playing lacrosse including playing for Pfeiffer University, a division II school.

Studley first broke into the lacrosse scene during her sophomore year in college where she ranked eighth nationally in average goals allowed and eleventh in the nation in save percentage. Studley also takes over for Lady Colonels lacrosse with not only experience on the field but also some coaching experience. Last season she served as assistant coach for division I Niagara University.

The size of the program is a little bit of a change for Studley who is used to playing and working at larger schools but she noted, "The transition is going really well

and it looks like we have a promising team this season."

One of the things that Studley wants to focus on is to build the program to where it should be. The team has several returning players along with eight or nine new freshmen, which she feels, will add a good balance to the team.

Captain Stacy Fimmano said that, "The new coach is going to be a really good asset. She is really about getting down to business in terms of the fact that she has already chosen plays and stated what she expects from the team."

"It is clear that the team this year knows the fundamentals, but one of the things that I want to focus on is building the bond between the team members," said Studley.



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New women's lacrosse head coach Kammie Studley.

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Commentary

# As the season winds down, the NL MVP race heats up

*Ryan Howard looks to follow up his rookie of the year award in a big way*

BY TIM SEIGFRIED  
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

A new horse has joined the thoroughbreds currently in the race for National League MVP.

Believe it or...well, just believe it. At the trading deadline just over a month ago, the contest for the most valuable player consisted of perennial all-star and last year's MVP, Albert Pujols, and Carlos Beltran, the switch hitting centerfielder of the National League East leading New York Mets.

But a lot can change in a month. For instance, Ryan Howard, the slugging first baseman for the Philadelphia Phillies, in just his first full season, has hit 21 home runs and 51 RBIs in 38 games since the trading deadline to take a commanding lead of both categories in the Major League.

Howard, the reigning National League Rookie of the Year, is avoiding the sophomore slump that plagues so many young hitters. In fact, he is also setting records in doing so. Two weeks ago, Howard hit his 49th homer of the season, surpassing Phillies' Hall of Fame third baseman Mike Schmidt as Philadelphia's single season home run champion.

Now, as the playoff race begins to heat up, the Phillies find themselves right in the thick of things, despite jettisoning several players at the July 31 trade deadline, a move which signifies that a team has thrown in the towel for the remainder of the season.

Since then, the Phillies have caught fire, going 23-15 and pulling themselves to within reach of the National League wild card, largely due in part to the efforts of Howard, who needed to pick up a great deal of the slack that resulted from the trades of three starting players.

At the current pace, Howard stands to lead the league in homeruns and RBIs, while still



maintaining a batting average of over .300. Despite those numbers, the MVP race is far from over.

While the Phillies have not guaranteed themselves a postseason bid, Howard's chances may be hurt a because voters tend to lean toward players who are on a playoff bound team.

The MVP award was designed to honor the best overall player in each league, and nowhere does it state that the recipient has to be part of the playoffs; however, it is usually the case.

The most recent exception was in 2003, when Alex Rodriguez won the American League MVP while he was with the last place Texas Rangers.

With the voters' tendencies in mind, I'll start with the most obvious choice: St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols.

Pujols started the season with a bang by belting 25 homeruns in just the first two months, making it a foregone conclusion that he was well on his way to capturing his second MVP award in as many seasons. Unfortunately, injuries sidelined the slugger for most of June, causing him to lose steam in what could have been a record breaking season. He has since bounced back, hitting .320 with 15 homeruns and 30 RBIs since the All-Star break, while helping the Cardinals to a comfortable lead in the National League central division.

The last player in the MVP race is Carlos Beltran, who is rebounding nicely from a tumultuous first season with the Mets. Beltran, whose numbers have improved considerably, led the MVP talks for most of the season, partially due to his team-leading 25 homeruns and 68 RBIs before the All-Star break, and also because the Mets have a stranglehold on the National League East, a division they led since the beginning of the season.

Both Pujols and Beltran have put up great numbers, but more to the point, what actually defines value?

In the literal sense, the value of a player would be the production they provide based on their salary.

If that was the case, Howard, who makes just enough in one season to purchase a Ferrari, would literally provide more bang for your buck, as opposed to the likes of Beltran, who stands to make just over \$13 million in 2006.

However, the voters don't factor salary into their decision making, but rather they look at the raw statistics, as well as other intangibles that players bring to the table, such as leadership and heart.

One important factor is how they perform relative to the other players on the team. Beltran is in the middle of one of the most prolific lineups in the National League, an offense which has had several players mentioned in MVP talks this season.

Howard and Pujols, while certainly not playing amongst slouches, are leading their teams in batting average, home runs, and RBIs, and are virtually alone in MVP talks among their teammates.

Perhaps the most important factor is what they do in the last weeks of the season, when each victory is important. A player could have a tremendous year, but a poor September could cost them the award. On the flip side, a strong September resonates within the voters' minds, especially if that effort results in a playoff berth.

Now the question remains: Who will the voters choose?

Will they vote for the young phenom, who is defying the odds in his young career; will they vote for the player who is having a breakout year while his team is coasting to the playoffs; or will they vote for the reigning MVP, a slugger who is well on his way to filling the record books?

Gentlemen, with less than four weeks left, the season starts now.



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Phillies, Ryan Howard up to bat.

## STATISTICS Thru 9/09

Ryan Howard, 1B  
Philadelphia Phillies  
Average: .314  
HR: 56  
RBI: 138

Albert Pujols, 1B  
St. Louis Cardinals  
Average: .318  
HR: 44  
RBI: 116

Carlos Beltran, CF  
New York Mets  
Average: .284  
HR: 39  
RBI: 113



Commentary

# GAME OF THE WEEK

MLB: New York Yankees versus Boston Red Sox

## Yankees and Red Sox continue the greatest rivalry in sports

BY KEVIN REED  
Beacon Staff Writer

One of the greatest beauties of sport manifests itself through familiarity.

The occurrence when two teams meet each other enough times to build a foundation of history where the tension among opposing fans can split a neighborhood, or a city, in half.

Every professional sport has its prominent rivalry. The NFL has the 49ers and Cowboys, the NBA has the Lakers and Celtics, and the NHL has the Red Wings and Avalanche. In any of those prior examples, such rivalries only take center stage in a limited number of games per season.

Major League Baseball's version of the "Hatfields and the McCoys" is reserved for the ancient rivalry between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox. Everything from The

Babe, to Aaron Boone, to Martinez/Zimmer I, to broken curses, the Yanks and Sox never seem to disappoint as they meet a total of nineteen times per year. And that's only in the regular season.

This year has been a see-saw battle at the pinnacle of the AL East division standings. Injuries have played a major role in the ups and downs of the season and the ways in which each team has dealt with their own

injuries have definitely made a difference in their performances. Currently, the Yankees hold a formidable lead in the division and the Red Sox can do nothing but look up in both the AL East and the Wild Card.

Over the course of the season, the Yankees have seen star outfielders Hideki Matsui and Gary Sheffield, second

baseman Robinson Cano, starters Jaret Wright and Carl Pavano and stud reliever Octavio Dotel miss significant time. As

an attempt to patch some holes in their lineup, the Yanks brought in outfielder Bobby Abreu and pitcher Cory Lidle from Philadelphia as well as utilityman Craig Wilson from Pittsburgh via trades. They have also plugged in some lesser-known names within their system to assume larger roles. All of the fill-ins and new acquisitions have done wonders for the Yankees as they refused to skip a beat, and it shows.

On the other side of the coin, the Red Sox have had to endure injuries of their own. Captain Jason Varitek, shortstop Alex Gonzalez, and starter Matt Clement have

missed excessive time and stars like slugger David Ortiz and rookie sensation, closer Jonathon Papelbon have been in and out of the lineup for stretches of the year. However, the Red Sox have not coped well with their stars off the field. Ever since the All-Star break in July, the Red Sox have been stuck in a gradual decline down the standings, including an absurd weekend when they were manhandled by New York in an unheard-of 5-game sweep at home. Boston will need a huge turn-around if they want to find themselves playing meaningful base-



ball this fall.

As the 2006 Major League Baseball season winds down, games begin to mean more and wins seem that much more difficult to come by. For the Yankees, they simply want to nail down the division while the Sox need to play some catch-up in a hurry. Although

"As the 2006 MLB season winds down, games begin to mean more and wins seem that much more difficult to come by."

Kevin Reed, Beacon Staff Writer

much if they want to steal some games from New York if for nothing else than a potential pinstriped lineup reading like this: Damon-Jeter-Abreu-Giambi-Sheffield-Matsui-Posada-Williams-Cano. They're not too bad defensively either.

The Pick: Yankees 8, Red Sox 2



## Double Take

Andee examines the stats that truly matter...

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO  
Beacon Asst. Op/Ed Editor

After doing extensive research for this Double Take, I learned that there are a bunch of confusing numbers on the New York Yankees' website. I have no idea what these numbers mean, but what kind of number is a ".600"? I don't understand.

The Red Sox had similar numbers, and it looks like they have a .528 for something called a "PCT". What that is, I don't know, but I know that the Red Sox have a higher number for an "L". Either way, I really like the Sox's website. It has cute little sockies all over it, and that makes me happy. Kind of makes me want to buy a pair, and since they aren't playing in Boston, I bet there won't be any on sale. Yeah, I don't like that. If I want to buy little sockies, not even the Yankees are going to stop me. I bet there might even be a crowd uproar due to the lack of little sockies. That will definitely distract the Yankees if it happens. I hope it does. Boston's winning this Saturday.



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# Athlete of the Week: Nicole Hahn

**BY CARLTON HOLMES**  
*Beacon Asst. Sports Editor*

Lady Colonel Nicole Hahn was aware of the high expectations, but despite the pressure, she managed to come away with a huge gain at the King’s Volleyball Tournament last week.

In the first round of the tournament, Wilkes took on Lincoln University, sweeping them in straight sets. Hahn put on a stellar performance, handing out 29 assists and adding 4 aces. In the second round, Hahn and the rest of the team took on tournament host King’s College, where Hahn collected another 33 assists and 6 digs. Even with the Lady Colonels’ loss to King’s, Hahn still walked away with the tournament M.V.P award.

“I was shocked! It didn’t sink in, because

I wasn’t expecting individual recognition,” said Hahn.

However, Hahn is no stranger when it comes to achieving recognition for excellent individual performance; in fact, she has been named to the All Tournament Team for two consecutive years. But Hahn attributes the majority of her success to the involvement from the other team members.

“I wouldn’t have received the award if it were not for my teammates hitting and passing the ball,” said Hahn.

The Lady Colonels return to the home portion of their season in the Marts Center on Wednesday, September 20 when they host Freedom Conference rival, the University of Scranton.

**Editor’s Note: The coach was unavailable for comment by press time.**



The Beacon/Todd Weibel  
Nicole Hahn looks to hit the ball over the net during the King’s Tournament where she walked away with the MVP award.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel  
Steve Uhas and a John Hopkins player make some contact on the field during the matchup between the two teams on Sunday afternoon at Ralston Field.

## WEEKEND RECAPS

**Men’s Soccer**  
Montclair State University improved to 4-0 overall by netting a 3-0 men’s soccer victory over Wilkes University on Saturday afternoon at Ralston Field. The Colonels fall to 1-2 overall heading into Sunday’s home match with Johns Hopkins University at 1:00 p.m.

**Women’s Soccer**  
Christina Waldele scored her second goal of the match with only 40 seconds remaining to propel Wilkes University to a 3-2 non-conference women’s soccer victory over Lebanon Valley College on Saturday afternoon. The win improves the Lady Colonels to 3-0 overall, while the Flying Dutchwomen fall to 0-3.

**Field Hockey**  
Wilkes University posted a 3-0 non-conference field hockey win over Goucher College on Saturday afternoon in Maryland. The win improves the Lady Colonels to 3-0, while the Gophers see their record fall to 0-2.

**Women’s Tennis**  
Wilkes University swept all six singles matches to remain undefeated with a 7-2 non-conference women’s tennis win at Susquehanna University on Saturday. The Lady Colonels ran their overall record to 3-0, while the Crusaders see their mark fall to 1-2.

## NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

2

*Goals scored by Christina Waldele during Saturday’s 3-2 victory over Lebanon Valley College.*

9

*Number of tackles made by both Kyle Follweiler and Tyler Henninger in Saturday’s 23-20 win over MAC rival Widener.*

6

*Singles matches that the Colonels swept in Saturday’s tennis match against Susquehanna to remain unbeaten.*

33

*Number of shots on goal by the Colonels field hockey teams in the 3-0 win over Goucher College.*



## Preview of the Week: Football vs. Delaware Valley

BY ARIEL COHEN  
*Beacon Sports Editor*

With nearly nine months of silence at the home of the Colonels, Ralston field athletic complex, life is about ready to return with tailgating, cheering fans and sounds of cheerleaders trying to get the crowd pumped up.

After a 2-0 start to the season for the 23rd-ranked Colonels, the football team is ready to bring its game home as the Ralston Field schedule gets under way this coming Saturday. The threat of heavy rains on the scheduled home opener led officials to change the game's venue to William Patterson in an effort to preserve Wilkes's grass field.

The Colonels will play their second Mid-Atlantic Conference game and first home game against conference rival Delaware Valley this weekend. Wilkes and Delaware Valley are both ranked nationally as top 25 teams in Di-

vision III football, while ranked first and second respectively in the Mid-Atlantic Conference.

The Colonels, who have played two competitive games against William Patterson and Widener in the first two weeks of the season, do not expect any less from long-time rival Delaware Valley.

The two teams have a long history with one another, with the Colonels leading the previous 44 game history 29-15 with back-to-back losses to the Aggies, including a 4th quarter loss last season 17-14. Prior to the past two seasons, the Colonels beat the Aggies 13 years straight. This game is going to be all about revenge, honor and pride for the Colonels.

Junior defensive lineman Jason Acquaye said, "Preparedness is one of the coach's themes, so if you are not prepared then you will lose."

Last weekend the Colonels posted their second win of the season against Widener University. Wil-

kes overcame all odds and a scoring deficit the entire game to come back and win 23-20 with less than a minute left in regulation.

"I am so proud of this group of guys," commented head coach Frank Sheptock. "To be down on the road in the fourth quarter on the road against a very good football team and to find a way to win is a great sign of character. On Friday we talked about playing with energy and having that mental toughness that you need to have in order to overcome adversity. It is extremely gratifying to see how they took what we talked about and applied it. I have been the head coach for 11 years and this might be the win I am most proud of because it was a complete team effort."

The game against Delaware Valley will be played at home this coming Saturday at the Ralston Field Athletic complex beginning at 1:00 p.m. You can also catch the game on 90.7 WCLH.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

The Colonels offensive line in a game against Lebanon Valley last season. The Colonels prepare this week for MAC rival Delaware Valley in the home opener for the team.

## Campus Calendar

### All Week:

\*Sordoni Art Gallery Exhibit, Penumbra

### Monday (9/11)

\*Campus 9/11 Commemoration at the Peace Pole - 8:45 p.m.

### Tuesday (9/12)

\*Women's tennis @ King's - 3:30 p.m.  
\*Women's soccer vs. Elmira - 4:00 p.m.  
\*Field Hockey @ Misericordia - 7:00 p.m.  
\*Women's volleyball @ FDU-Florham - 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday (9/13)

\*Men's Soccer @ Widener

- 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday (9/14)

\*Welcome Back Dance & Mixer, King's College Con-  
nerton's Café - 10:00 p.m.

### Friday (9/15)

\*Women's volleyball @  
Scranton Tournament - 3:00 p.m.

### Saturday (9/16)

\*Wilkes Open House for  
High School students - 9:00 a.m.  
\*Women's soccer vs. Mora-  
vian - 11:00 a.m.  
\*Women's volleyball @  
Scranton Tournament - 11:30 a.m.

\*Football vs. Delaware Val-  
ley - 1:00 p.m.

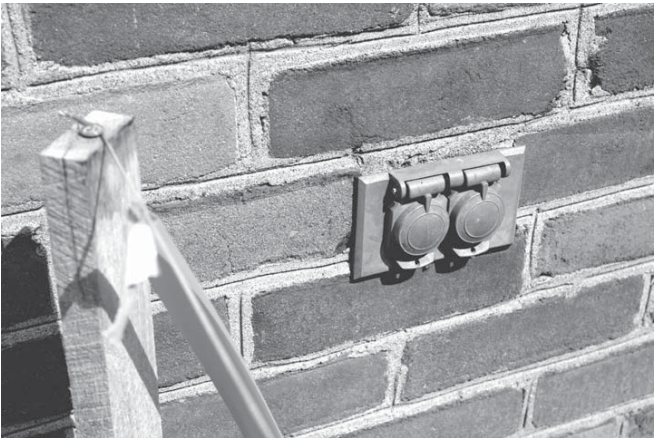
\*Women's tennis vs. De-  
Sales - 1:00 p.m.

\*Field Hockey vs. Manhat-  
tanville - 1:00 p.m.

### Sunday (9/17)

\*Hershey Park Trip/Student  
Development Weekend Se-  
ries - 10:00 a.m.  
\*Women's tennis vs. Leba-  
non Valley - 12:00 p.m.  
\*Men's soccer @ Moravian  
- 1:00 p.m.  
\*Charles B. Reif Memorial  
Service, First Presbyterian  
Church - 2:30 p.m.

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