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Gov. Rendell makes homestretch pitch for Obama

BY GINO TROIANI
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Last week marked the final political troop surge in battleground states around the country as celebrities and politicians worked to get out the vote for their candidates of choice.

On Friday, Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell (D) visited Wilkes University campaigning for Presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) on the "Road to Change" tour.

Rendell, who supported Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) in the primaries, chose to endorse Obama after he won the Democratic nomination.

The short, statewide bus tour kicked off in Erie on October 28, and ended on November 1 in Norristown, with the goal of securing a Keystone state win for Obama. Rendell explained, "I don't just want to win; I want to crush them."

On stage in the Henry Student Center 1st floor lounge, Rendell was accompanied by State Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski (D-Luzerne), U.S. Representative Paul Kanjorski (D-PA), Wilkes-Barre Mayor Thomas



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On Friday, October 31, Gov. Ed Rendell spoke on behalf of Barack Obama.

Leighton (D), and Wilkes University President, Dr. Tim Gilmour. "It's great to be back at Wilkes!" Rendell exclaimed to the small but enthusiastic crowd.

Rendell's speech mostly focused on clearing up any inaccuracies and rumors that presidential rival Sen. John McCain's (R-

AZ) campaign has fueled about Obama's stance on critical issues such as Medicare, Social Security and taxes. "Obama is not going to raise your taxes unless you make

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Wilkes project analyzes Marcellus Shale in NEPA

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If there has been a consistent message across political lines through this election season, it is that the country desperately needs to locate and harness alternative energy sources. But in the national energy discussion questions of environmental impact, natural resource availability and sustainability all quickly bubble to the surface like black gold.

So, local researchers are now beginning to ask why search for fuel resources else-

where, when there are natural gas fuels in several of Northeast Pennsylvania's backyards? Local lands are being leased and may become sites for drilling natural gas from Marcellus Shale. A Wilkes research team is taking a lead in investigating just what sort of possibilities natural gas may hold for the area.

Dr. Sid Halsor, professor of environmental engineering and earth science, has designed a research project for two senior environmental engineering majors, John Luff and Willaim Garro. Both students are also

obtaining a minor in geology.

Marcellus Shale is abundant in Northeast PA and is a prime area for natural gas, which is the cleanest burning fuel that produces fewer greenhouse gases than others, explained Halsor. In other areas of the nation, such as Texas and Arkansas, this type of shale has already been drilled, making them further along in the process. Land owners are generally happy to lease land for drilling because of the excellent money

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Wilkes hosts intl. programming competition

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On Saturday, October 25, Wilkes University hosted and participated in the Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest (ACM-ICPC) sponsored by IBM. Twenty-one teams from ten schools competed for the top spot in eastern Pennsylvania. The Wilkes Gold team placed fourth and Wilkes Blue took ninth.

According to the ACM website, "The contest fosters creativity, teamwork, and innovation in building new software programs, and enables students to test their ability to perform under pressure. Quite simply, it is the oldest, largest, and most prestigious programming contest in the world."

The ACM contest, also referred to as Battle of the Brains, was inspired by a small honor society competition in 1970 at Texas A&M designed to challenge students in the field of computer science. As the years progressed, the competition gained popularity and soon spread over seas.

IBM has sponsored the competition for 11 years. According to Doug Heintzman, director of Strategy for IBM's Software Group and Sponsorship Executive of ICPC, approximately 22,000 students from 2,000 universities in 83 to 87 countries worldwide participate each year.

"... [W]e take our social responsibility pretty seriously and the harsh reality is that this world is facing some pretty specific challenges... and it's going to take some

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guaranteed.

According to geology.com, "In early 2008, Terry Englander, a geoscience professor at Pennsylvania State University, and Gary Lash, a geology professor at the State University of New York at Fredonia, surprised everyone with estimates that the Marcellus might contain more than 500 trillion cubic feet of natural gas...That volume of natural gas would be enough to supply the entire United States for about two years and have a wellhead value of about one trillion dollars."

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection recently issued a report showing where newly drilled wells are located in the region. In Bradford County, there are two; in Lycoming County, eight wells were drilled; in Susquehanna County, there are six wells, and in Wayne County, there are two. There are still more permits issued for wells to be drilled.

At Wilkes, Luff and Garro have been conducting field studies for the past few weeks at various sites. They visit roadside areas with evidence of shale to collect information. They also examine whether a site is a viable drilling location, what sorts of drilling could be done, and water usage in the process. Luff and Garro attended a conference at Lake Lehman High School where a Penn State University professor spoke about testing shale and drilling tactics.

Their most recent field study was on Friday, October 31, at the Delaware Water Gap site.

"It [the natural gas] is a positive thing. The natural gas companies generally take care of you when they're drilling on your land and everything," said Luff. If a per-

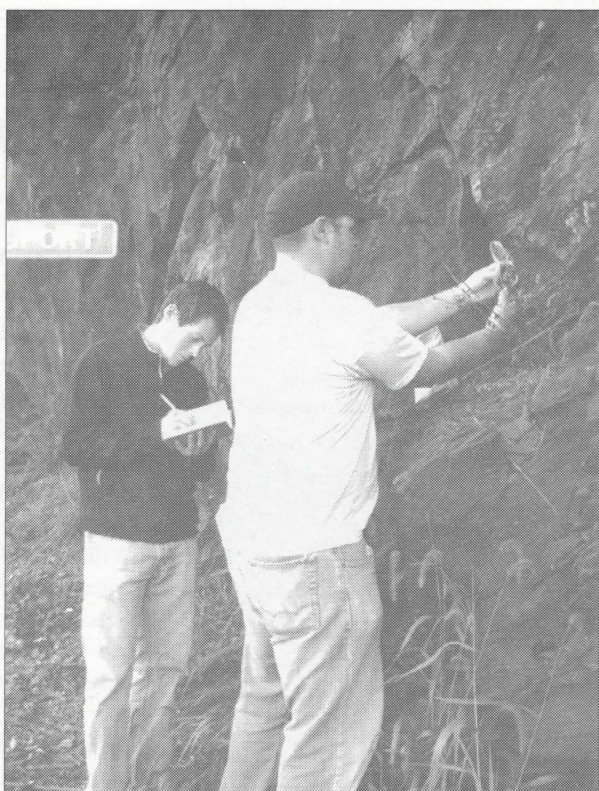


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Wilkes students gather information and data about Marcellous Shale along roadsides in the area.

son is located within 1,000 yards of the drilling site and the water is contaminated, the company is responsible. Due to state policies, the companies will take all precautions and test the water frequently.

Luff and Garro will create a poster to put on display, but have yet to determine what exactly they will do with the results they find.

Based on a research conducted by Joint Urban Studies Center

(JUSC) in Wilkes-Barre, PA, the potential royalties from natural gas drilling are substantive. A JUSC report, "The Economic Impact of Marcellus Shale in Northeastern Pennsylvania," documented how if a landowner allowed drilling on 100 acres in production unit and

received a 15 percent royalty, this landowner would receive \$3,000 of royalty per day, which leads to \$1,095,000 a year. This estimate is based on natural gas prices and daily production rate. JUSC will host a Marcellus Shale symposium on November 19 to further educate the public about it.

Although the natural gas wells will not lower gas prices in the region, the possibility of drilling could bring economic and job opportunities to the area. Halsor noted, "There will be job opportunities in management, energy supply, infrastructure in drilling structures, well site geologists, services and more [if the natural gas project is successful]."

In addition, natural gas drilling also could buoy environmental and conservation jobs locally. A few possible environmental concerns include the effects of deep drilling, hydro-fracturing, water consumption, and heavy equipment impact on area roads. The

wells will need to be drilled 5,000-8,000 feet below ground level, averaging a mile deep.

Halsor explained one concern with deep drilling is that rock material will be brought up mixed with drilling material, which consists of chemicals, sand and water. These materials will be piled into pond-like areas to be contained, but the remains left behind could cause an environmental issue. He also described the effects of hydro-fracturing, which is a process involving vertical and horizontal drilling to remove gas from the porous Marcellus Shale, leading to a possibility of affecting the overlying reservoirs by leaking drill components into it.

Lastly, natural gas drilling requires several millions of gallons of water to work, which means water consumption could have an environmental impact. A few companies were looking at Har-

vey's Lake and the possibility of using the water from it. With connection to water, there will be heavy equipment on the roads for water transportation and disposal of materials, which creates further impact on the environment.

Halsor brings a unique perspective on the issue of the drilling of natural gas in Northeast PA. At one time, he worked for an oil and gas industry in Colorado and he is now an environmental engineering and earth science professor. He sees both sides of the story, recognizing the importance of economic and energy needs as well as sensitivity to possible negative environmental impact.

"Energy, below the economy and war, is a major issue and concern in the U.S. It is a high priority for politicians and communities alike," said Halsor. He also believes it is important to use a diversified source of energy.

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Obama plan is three times better for working families."

Rendell also turned the flame back on McCain saying that the Republican Senator "sold out" to the right wing of this party. In addition, Rendell offered several sarcastic comments that questioned Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin's intelligence.

A few months ago, Rendell stated that he would have been willing to serve a so-called "dream ticket" comprised of Obama and Clinton. When asked his thoughts on Obama's pick for vice president, Rendell acknowledged that he would have chosen Clinton,

but he also added, "I think he made a great choice with Joe [Biden]," and that he is one of the "most respected members in Congress." Rendell also cleared up speculation about leaving his position as governor to serve on the presidential cabinet as a member of the Obama administration. "I can't leave...I pledged to the people of Pennsylvania that I would be their governor for four years."

Many credit Rendell with Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry's (D-MA) success in Pennsylvania during the 2004 Presidential election, and feel that he will have the same effect on Pennsylvanian voters this time around. "If it's a one pointer, I'll take some of the credit," Rendell laughed.

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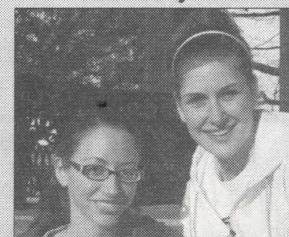
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very bright, creative, innovative people and technologies in order to tackle some of these big problems and we think that by sponsoring this competition and shining a very bright light on these exceptional young people, hopefully we will be helping to bring some of that creativity and innovative potential to help develop these technologies and help solve these problems," said Heintzman.

Wilkes has been a host site for the competition since 2000. Though enrollment in computer science has declined in the past few years, Wilkes's role as host aims to increase the excitement and interest in the field in any way possible.

Dr. Matt Zukoski, associate professor of computer science, and senior Jason Wagner helped organize the event at Wilkes.

"This year, there weren't even any minor issues that came up. It was a welcome change from last year when the contest was held on the day that the underground explosion took place under Main Street, and they were going to have to shut off our power. We ended up being delayed by about an hour and a half..." said Wagner, systems administration for the Wilkes site since the

2006 competition.

Math and computer science students borrowed computers from surrounding classrooms to make a second lab in SLC 403 for the competition. SLC 409 was also used by many of the 21 competing teams. Each team consisted of three members and was allowed one computer.

Wilkes Gold consisted of seniors Kyle Hatcher and Simon Elmir and sophomore Brandon Yachna. Freshmen Ed Zulkoski and Dakota Cole and sophomore Corey Del Vecchio made up the Wilkes Blue team.

Recently, Wilkes has stopped teaching Java, the traditional computer language used in the competition. The younger team, Wilkes Blue, scrambled over the weekend to learn Java, having been trained in Python, said Zukoski.

According to ACM, "Teammates collaborate to rank the difficulty of the problems, deduce the requirements, design test beds, and build software systems that solve the problems under the intense scrutiny of expert judges. For a well-versed computer science student, some of the problems require precision only... Still others are simply too hard to solve - except, of course, for the world's brightest problem-solvers."

The teams had five hours to work on 10 problems. The team who submitted the

most problems correctly in the shortest amount of time was Lehigh University's C team with four problems completed.

"I thought the questions were well chosen. As expected, many problems seemed easy at first glance, but as you read more they became more and more complex. The first problem we worked on, the three of us worked on it until

we had a pretty good idea of where to go. Then, one of us would start reading through another problem to get a little feel for it so we didn't take it on blind," said Yachna.

Wilkes Gold placed 32nd overall in the Mid Atlantic Region and Wilkes Blue placed 79th. Lehigh C, who won the part of the competition hosted at Wilkes, placed 12th in the region.

The top 100 teams in the country will be invited to the ACM world championships in Sweden. According to Heintzman, aside

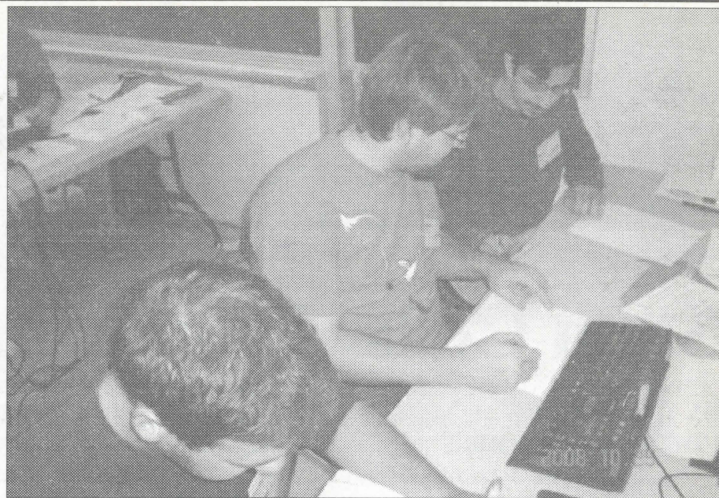


Photo Courtesy of Matt Zukoski
Wilkes Gold team works on the one of ten problems at the ACM-ICPC contest hosted at Wilkes on Saturday, October 25.

from the cultural experience and "bragging rights" of making it to the finals, winners in Sweden will receive cash scholarships, laptop computers, IBM hardware and what is equal to a "golden ticket" to place on their resumes. Many past winners, including 2006's team from Saratov State University in Russia, are currently working for IBM.

"This is a passport for so many students to fulfill their life's ambitions, so that's probably, by far, the biggest payoff," said Heintzman.

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Stem Cells: Promising treatment for future

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Stem cell research has been a heated ethical issue for years across political, scientific, and advocacy groups. President George W. Bush has staunchly resisted embryonic stem cell research in his tenure, while high profile advocates such as actor Michael J. Fox and Health and Human Services Director Tommy Thompson have lobbied hard for a loosening of federal purse strings for research.

Despite passionate arguments both for and against the use of stem cells, recent scientific advances have opened up possible cures or treatments for diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. Thus, it has again become a closely watched political issue in the 2008 election.

What are Stem Cells?

Stem cells are cells found in most, if not all, multi-cellular organisms. They are characterized by the ability to renew themselves through mitotic cell and differentiating into a diverse range of specialized cell types. The two major types of human stem cells are embryonic, and adult stem cells.

In a developing embryo, stem cells can differentiate into all of the specialized embryonic tissues. In adults, stem cells act as a repair system for the body, replenishing specialized cells, but also maintain the normal turnover of regenerative organs, such as blood, skin or intestinal tissues.

The key difference between embryonic and adult stem cells lies within their ability to develop into distinctive types of cells.

How are they helpful?

According to the National In-

stitute of Health (NIH), currently, adult stem cells are the only type of stem cells that are used to treat various disorders, and have been used for over 40 years in the medical field, mostly in leukemia research.

In addition, NIH studies and other significant advancements among individual research teams at universities in the United States, the United Kingdom and Asia have proven that stem cells possess the ability to benefit patients who suffer from numerous cancers, autoimmune diseases, cardiovascular problems, many blood conditions, metabolic disorders, spinal cord injuries, and various wounds to name a few. Most agree that with further research of stem cells, adult and embryonic, cures for certain types of cancer, ALS, and Alzheimer's are possible.

As adult stem cells age, they begin to lose their ability to develop into specialized cells.

The ethical debate

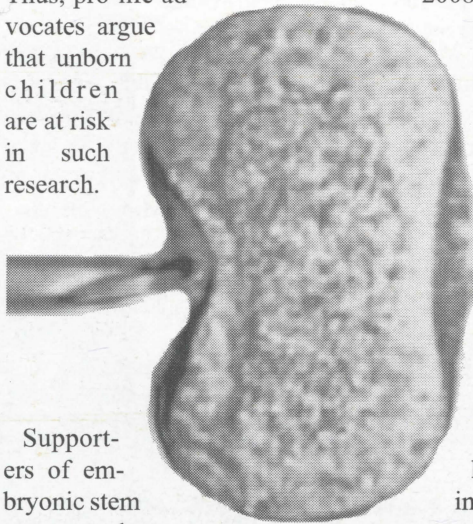
In 2001, President George W. Bush announced that federal funds for embryonic stem cell research would only be awarded, and research may only take place if the

cells were initiated prior to 9:00 p.m. EDT, on August 9, 2001. For a time, this move virtually brought a stand still to embryonic stem cell research in the United States.

Human embryonic stem cell research is controversial because starting a stem cell line with current technology requires the destruction of a human embryo and/or therapeutic cloning. Pro-life supporters argue that a human embryo is a human life and is therefore entitled to protection.

In a 2001 Time magazine article, "The Great Debate Over Stem Cell Research" author Jessica Reaves

sums up the tension, "Embryonic stem cells are controversial. They come from the inner cell mass of a blastocyst, the term for a fertilized egg four days after conception." Thus, pro-life advocates argue that unborn children are at risk in such research.



An embryonic stem cell.

Supporters of embryonic stem research argue that such research

should be pursued because the resultant treatments could have significant medical potential. It is also noted that embryos created for in vitro fertilization, which might otherwise be discarded, could be donated with consent and used for the research.

According to Stanford University's Christopher Thomas Scott executive director of the Stem Cells in Society Program in his book, Stem Cell Now, "Results from some adult stem cell research laboratories in late 1999 and early 2000 hinted that adult stem cells were every bit as powerful as their embryonic counterparts." Political and religious groups used this claim to make a case against embryonic stem cell use. However, "...no other laboratories were able to repeat the experiments." This preserves the idea that embryonic stem cells have far more potential than adult stem cells.

Recently, CNN medical correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta stated that each year approximately 75

percent of total health care spending, (about 1.5 trillion/year) is used for disease management. This is why stem cell research has proven to be a key issue in the 2008 election.

Where do we need to go on stem cells?

Research in this area will continue across the world, whether Americans are allowed to participate or not. The 2007 Nobel Prize for Medicine was awarded to Mario Capecchi, Martin Evans, and Oliver Smithies for their gene research using embryonic stem cells from mice. Teams in England have also spearheaded important breakthroughs.

However, given America's medical institutes, we could choose to lead in this area and possibly see great advances thanks to good federal and private funding.

Both Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL), and Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) have promised that they will indeed provide governmental funding for both types of stem cell research regardless of the date in which the stem cells were acquired.

The Beacon staff fully supports further research of both embryonic and adult stem cells. We do so with the belief that the potential for advancement in the medical field greatly outweighs any ethical debate about when life begins. While we may not agree about when it begins, we do know when it ends for loved ones with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other such diseases. That reality, and the potential for changing it, is enough to spur our push to the new administration to fund stem cell research.

Talking Points



#1

The Beacon supports further research of both embryonic, and adult stem cells.



#2

Various stem cells can be harvested without harming human embryos.



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Both presidential candidates in the 2008 election support further stem cell research.

The Angry Rant: The not so Angry Rant

BY TIM SEIGFRIED
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As I write this, the Philadelphia Phillies are still on the field celebrating their World Series victory, Bill Conti's "Gonna Fly Now" is blasting over my speakers, and my hands are shaking, because, for the first time in 26 years, it appears that my life has purpose. That last part might be an exaggeration. But I don't think it is.

I've been a Phillies fan for as long as I can remember. In fact, I had my first Phillies experience when I was less than 48 hours old, when my mother had a Phillies game on the television at the hospital.

I've been there through the Schmidt years, the lean years (there were many), and I remember that I had my heart broken for the first time on October 23, 1993.

I was there when the tide turned in 2006, as Ryan Howard slugged his way to an MVP award and nearly carried the Phillies to a playoff berth.

I was there in 2007, when the Phillies made an improbable run over the last weeks of the season to overcome the New York Mets to take the division, only to be swept in the Division Series by the Colorado Rockies.

I was there for their first victory in 2008, when a Phillies rally turned a 6-1 deficit into an 8-7 victory. And now one hundred and two wins later, they are Champions of Baseball.

But first, I need to get something off my chest.

When this article was conceived during the hangover of the first part of Game 5, it was filled with more vitriol than an article about how much I hate Dane Cook.

But something happened after one last perfect slider by Brad Lidge: All of that went away.

Maybe it was the temporary insanity that takes over a person after their lifelong team wins a championship; Maybe it was the culmination of emotions after eight months of nail-biting baseball, or maybe it was the fact that, amid all of the bad calls, late start times and poor management by MLB brass...I just didn't care about that. My team just won, and that's all that matters.

But, this wouldn't be an angry rant without some anger. So here it goes, in no particular order...

Joe Buck has about as much emotion as a dead fish in a bucket of frozen water. Just ask every New York Giants fan about the call he made when David Tyree made one of the greatest catches ever in the Super-Bowl.

Tim McCarver sounds like he is drunk, high, mentally retarded, or a combination of all three. To quote Family Guy, here is

McCarver in a nutshell: "In my view, as good as the Yankees have been in the first half of this game, that's how bad they've been now."

The umpires were so bad in this series, even Tim Donaghy said: "Seriously?"

Those painfully annoying commercials that remind us, with bran cereal-to-your-colon-like regularity, that "There's Only One October." Thankfully, no one told Dane Cook that there was a World Series this year, making the commercials slightly less annoying. Which is kind of like saying that Paul Walker is a slightly worse actor than Keanu Reeves.

And finally, Bud Selig looks like a used car salesman with a drinking problem. His verbal acumen makes George W. Bush sound like Maya Angelou.

Let's look at some of Bud's best moments that were no doubt conceived to ruin baseball, much like George Lucas and his attempt to ruin both Star Wars and Indiana Jones:

He turned the relaxing All Star Game into a contest that determines home-field advantage. That's fine, except for the players are chosen by the fans. So, in reality, it is entirely possible that Coco Crisp would start in center-field just because his name sounds delicious.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, the Houston Astros, who were in the midst of the National League Wild Card race, were forced to evacuate their stadium prior to a home-stand with the Chicago Cubs. Instead of having the game in nearby Arlington (which, you know, made sense), Selig chose to have the game played in a "neutral" site Milwaukee. Which happens to be the Kramer to Chicago's Seinfeld, essentially taking away any home-field advantage for the Astros. The result: Cubs' starter Carlos Zambrano throws a no-hitter in front of a crowd of mostly Cubs' fans. The Astros would lose 6 of their next 7 games and miss

the playoffs.

He allowed Game Five of the World Series to begin, despite the fact the weather radar was giving strong indications that it would rain. Prior to the game, Selig was reported to have told several people that there was a good chance that they would not get through all nine innings. That's the equivalent of telling a girl that the condom you have is probably going to break, but you're going to use it anyway.

He signed a billion-dollar deal with FOX, giving them exclusive rights to the World Series, with the caveat that FOX can start them at 8:30 PM, even

though most games will be lucky to be over by midnight. That's too late for a baseball game to start, and it de-

prives the younger fans of witnessing what might very well be the defining moment in their young fan-life. (However, a young Tim Seigfried would've defiantly stayed up to watch the affair that was Game Four.)

In other words, Bud Selig is a turd who deserves to be fired.

But all that is forgotten now. The poor officiating, the deplorable conditions for part one of game five and Bud Selig's verbal diarrhea; I could really care less. What began as a manifesto on what is wrong with baseball has turned into an emotional release that I can only imagine can be topped by

having a child, except that the child must one day go on to invent a more efficient way for me to watch the television while I'm in the bathroom.

And now, for some more uplifting fare, the top ten moments from the post season:

10. Jamie Moyer, 44-years-young, pitching a gem in his first World Series in a 22-year-career.

9. Carlos Ruiz's 55-foot-walk-off in Game Four of the World Series.

8. Chase "Effin" Utley's speech after the parade. Greatest. Speech. Ever.

7. Brett Myers' 10-pitch at-bat against C.C. Sabathia in Game Two of the NLDS. Myers, a career .116 hitter, worked a walk against C.C., setting the stage for Shane Victorino's grand slam two hitters later.

6. Matt Stairs' two out, two-run blast that capped a four-run rally against the Dodgers in Game Four of the NLCS. Stairs, who has 254 career homers, will never hit a bigger one.

5. Chase Utley's Jeteresque fake cut down the go-home plate with the 7th inning

4. Pat Burrell's only hit of the World Series, and possibly last leadoff inning as a Phillie, was a double in the 7th in-ning that would prove to be the difference maker when Pedro Feliz drove in pinch-runner Eric Bruntlett two batters later.

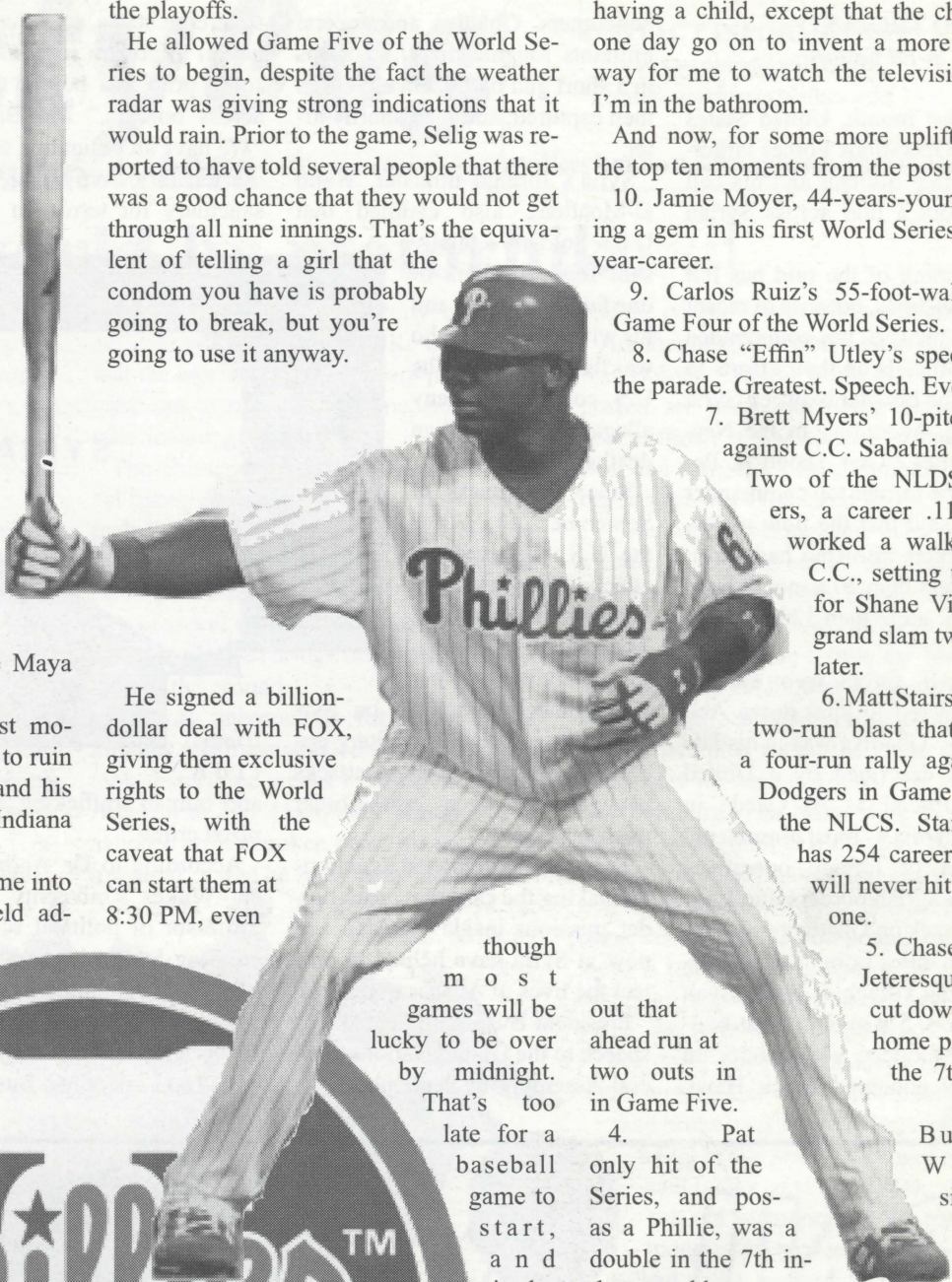
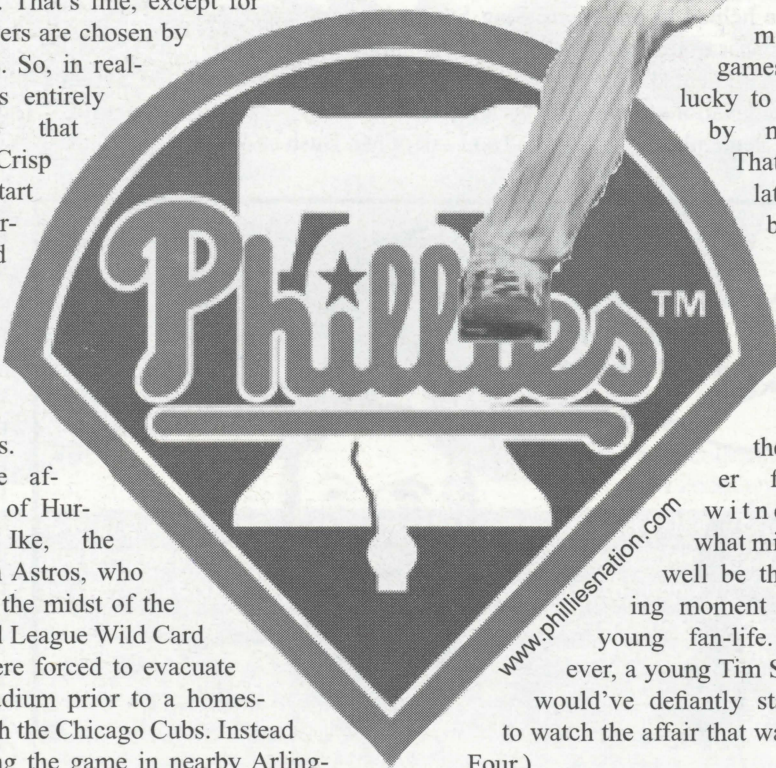
3. Every single start by Cole Hamels, who went from "Ace" to "Messiah" over the course of three weeks. How good was Hamels? Well, he was the best pitcher, by far, in a postseason that included Josh Beckett, C.C. Sabathia, Jon Lester, Carlos Zambrano, Scott Kazmir, James Shields, and Derek Lowe.

2. Brad Lidge's slider that pinch-hitter Eric Hinske couldn't hit even if he knew it was coming.

1. Getting to say, for the next year, "The World Champion Philadelphia Phillies."

Yes, my beloved Fightin' Phils are the Champions of Baseball.

And my hands are still shaking.



U.S. violated international law in Syria

BY GINO TROIANI
Beacon Op-Ed Editor

Late last month, United States Special Operations Forces targeting an Iraqi militant and his cell carried out a raid across Syrian borders.

The timing of the raid has left many questions, because in recent months, the U.S. has commended Syrian officials on their efforts to tighten the boarder between Syria and Iraq. According to the New York Times, "Gen. David H. Petraeus, the former top commander in Iraq, said that the flow of foreign fighters into Iraq had dwindled to less than 20 a month from a peak of more than 120 a month a year ago."

The U.S. forces were specifically ordered to hunt down Abu Ghadiya. Ghadiya was in his late 20s and described by a United States official as Al Qaeda in Mesopotamia's "most prominent" smuggler of foreign operatives between Syrian borders into Iraq.

The attack on Ghadiya was executed six miles from the Iraqi border, in the village of Sukkariyah just before 5 p.m. by about two-dozen American commandos in specially equipped Black Hawk

helicopters. Ghadiya and several militants fought the U.S. troops in a short gun battle. Ghadiya was then captured, and died shortly after.

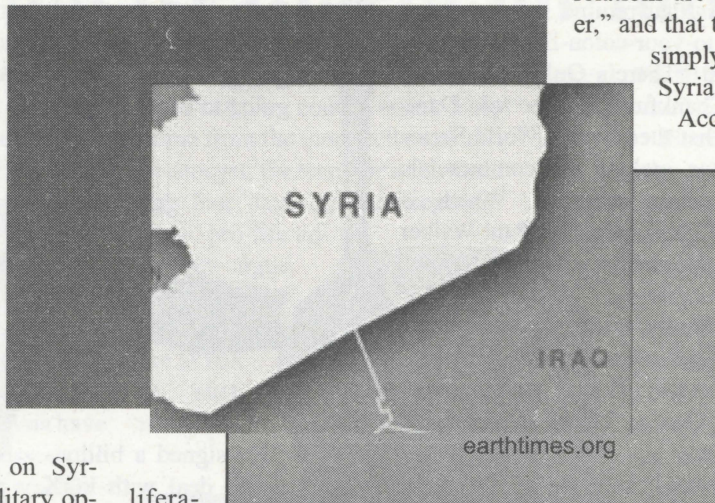
Syria's foreign minister, Walid al-Moallem, also claimed that U.S. soldiers fatally shot four members of one family, a guard and his wife and a man who was fishing nearby. The U.S. continues to deny allegations of civilian deaths.

Since the attacks of September 11, 2001, the U.S. has executed attacks on suspected terrorists in countries like Yemen and Somalia. In addition, it has also authorized attacks on Syrian soil to support its military operations in Iraq, but those attacks have mostly been cross-border missile strikes.

The U.S. has defended its actions by making the case that cross-border missions inside Pakistan and now in Syria have helped to protect the lives of American troops.

President Bush commented in a speech to the United Nations General Assembly in September. "As

sovereign states, we have an obligation to govern responsibly, and solve problems before they spill across borders," Mr. Bush said. "We have an obligation to prevent our territory from being used as a sanctuary for terrorism and pro-



liferation and human trafficking and organized crime."

According to Dr. Andrew Miller, Wilkes University assistant professor of political science, by crossing Syrian borders, the U.S. is guilty of violating "international law," which protects a nation's sovereignty.

And so I ask of Mr. Bush and his

administration: if the situation were reversed, and Syria crossed U.S. borders to demonstrate military force, how would the U.S. respond? "Miller explained that although it may not seem just, the truth is that, "international relations are based on power," and that the U.S. would simply "obliterate" Syria.

According to an Oct. 27 CNN report, Moallem also accused the United States of terrorism after the raid. "Killing civilians in international

law means terrorist aggression," Further acts of aggression will not be tolerated, Mouallem said. "If they do it again, we will defend our territories."

The CNN story also quoted Jihad Makdissi, a spokesman for the Syrian Embassy in London, who said, "They should come to Syrian authorities and share their information instead of applying the law of the jungle,"

With great power comes great responsibility. If a nation abuses its power just as the United States has continued to do, it is no better than the terrorist organizations it is fighting to defeat. The attack on Syrian soil sends the wrong message to enemies and allies alike.

Beacon Poll Results

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

The Beacon asked:

Which candidate are you voting for in the 2008 Presidential Election?

- Barack Obama 72%
- John McCain 24%
- Other - 4%

Next Week's question:

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- For it
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Record holders explore world by motorbike

BY LAUREN SALEM

Beacon Asst. Op-ed Editor

World travelers and Guinness Book of World Record holders, Simon and Lisa Thomas, recently rode through Pennsylvania, the 38th state they visited in their attempt to visit every state on their BMW motorbikes. The married couple from the United Kingdom sold almost all of their possessions including their house and personal businesses to embark on a journey to ride the world. In their stop in Pennsylvania, they stayed with friends in Dallas, PA and offered insights into their journey.

"All you're really doing is swapping one set of daily problems, whether it's e-mail or traffic, for a different set of issues," Simon said during his visit. "Our issues are a little more firsthand, logistical. We still have the same problems every single day: we have to eat, drink, and navigate our way through life. We're just doing it in a slightly different fashion."

The Thomases left the United Kingdom in May 2003, and have traveled 105,000 miles through 58 countries. They plan to cover over 60 more during the next four to five years. Their goal is to ride through all seven continents from the most northern tip to the most southern tip of each continent. They carry only what they can pack on their bikes, mostly bike supplies and a tent.

"Rather than flying from home into the country, having a holiday, and flying back

out only getting a slight taste of the country, we ride through each country together and we end up wearing and eating the country as we go through it," Lisa said. "It's not so much number counting the countries or the miles; we remember countries by the people."

For five weeks, the Thomases lived with a nomadic tribe in the northern Sahara Desert, where they met a nomad they occasionally keep in touch with through e-mail. They also lived in a Massi village for three weeks when they visited Tanzania.

"We met people who have nothing and they want to share half of what they haven't got, and you meet people every single day that are generous, hospitable, yet industrious, ingenious," Simon said. "We are surprised on a daily

basis with people's generosity and trust, because when we left the UK, we believed that the world was full of scary people who were out to mug me, kill me, hurt me, or take advantage of me."

The Thomases were also taken in by a local family in the Amazon, who nearly saved their lives by providing them with food and their home about four days after Simon suffered a near-fatal accident. On the second day of travel through the Amazon, a rotten, wooden-planked bridge broke and threw Simon to the ground.

He was unconscious for about twenty minutes and incapacitated for five hours. It took them three weeks to drive through the Amazon to find a hospital. Simon was diagnosed with a broken neck, his vision was impaired, and he was paralyzed on the left side for three weeks. Nevertheless, he recovered,

and the couple continued their journey.

Another tough environment to ride through was Bolivia. Simon wrote in a diary entry posted on www.2ridetheworld.com about how difficult it was to ride in though the Bolivian Altiplano, where climbers start using oxygen at 14 thousand feet.

"We were freezing and even with our electric kit kicking out all the heat it could we were battling with numb hands and limbs. The altitude was taking its toll. We were both struggling a little for breath and were uneasily aware that our concentration was being affected. We'd reached as high as 15,000 feet plus riding the Passe de Jama. Right now we were at 16,000 feet and were still climbing. The bikes were feeling laboured in the thinner air and all the time I was worrying [sic] about Lisa. The track was still rising sharply. We rounded the last tight curve as the small compound came into view. A ramshackle collection of old stone buildings painted with now peeling military green. We were at '16,534.8 feet'."

"We don't have the finances to do this, but you might as well be broke on the road than broke back home in England, where being broke really does matter," Lisa said. "We said we'd stop when we run out of money, so we ran out of money. We said we'd stop when we had a very bad accident; Simon had a very bad accident. We can't stop yet; we're not ready. We feel like we only just begun."

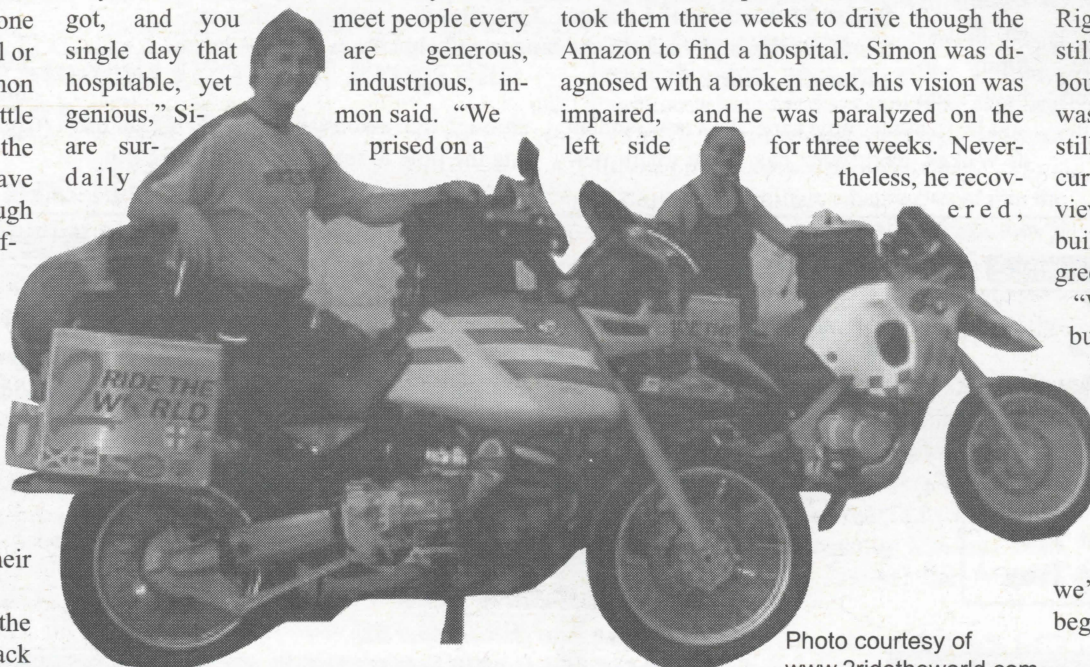


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Student of the Week

Tony Thomas

Freshman English & political science major

BY BETHANY YAMRICK
Beacon Correspondent

During the days and weeks leading up to Election Day, the Democratic Club has been one of the more active clubs on campus.

Freshman Tony Thomas has been an active member of the club, participating in events that encourage voting for the students. Thomas primarily became involved in the club because he wanted to work with other students interested in helping to get Barack Obama elected. He also felt it was important to promote the democratic cause, and found no better way than to be part of their national organization at the Wilkes campus.

On Election Day, Thomas and other club members will continue to work on the Get Out the Vote initiative to encourage college students to vote. Also, they will be work-

ing to help students get to their correct polling places so they can vote. Because of his dedication to the important issue of getting the younger generation to vote, *The Beacon* has chosen Thomas as its Student of the Week.

The Beacon: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Thomas: In ten years I would love to see myself in Congress. If I can't manage to win an election, I would probably be teaching either political science or English literature at a New England college.

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

Thomas: Passionate, liberal, and kind

The Beacon: Finish this sentence "My friends would be surprised to know that I..."

Thomas: Collect garden gnomes

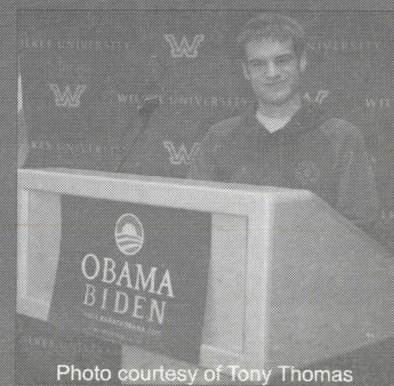


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Teaching is no longer just for the professors

Graduate student reaches out to English-speaking community

BY MATTHEW GOGAS
Beacon Staff Writer

For those who wish they could have conversed with this summer's Olympic hosts in their native Mandarin language, help may be just around the corner.

Nan Xu, a graduate student at Wilkes, has been informally instructing students how to speak Mandarin Chinese in the Savitz Multicultural Lounge in the Henry Student Center. On Wednesday, October 29, Xu held her second lesson teaching American and international students how to say common phrases in her native language of Mandarin.

As a teacher in China, instructing students is a familiar experience for her. Xu spent her teaching career helping international students learn both English and Mandarin. She views volunteering her time to teach students as an opportunity to contribute to the university and a chance to see Wilkes become more international.

"I give my time to help students here understand the Chinese culture. It is fun and interesting to see them participating and interacting with each other," said Xu.

The lessons consist of Xu teaching students using a lesson plan with common words and phrases in Mandarin and their English meanings. She guides them by teaching the

students how to properly pronounce the words and practice reciting them back to her.

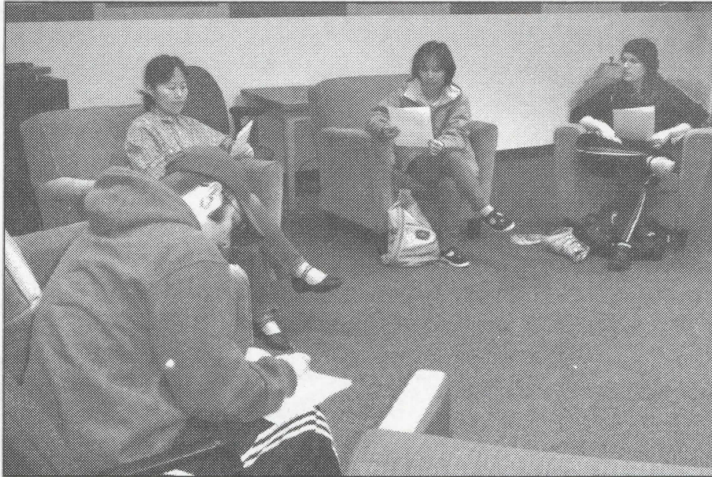
Mario Rodriguez, a student from Honduras, sees the lessons as an opportunity to have fun

and learn at the same time. As a new student at Wilkes, Rodriguez has made many new

friends with Chinese students from learning Mandarin.

"Every time I run into my Chinese friends, I practice it. Some of them are very open

minded and will practice with you," said Rodriguez. Rodriguez has also formed a friendship with Xu



The Beacon/Lauren Biernacki
Nan Xu teaches students to speak Mandarin each week in the Savitz Multicultural Lounge. Xu believes teaching Wilkes students common phrases in the language helps them become more culturally aware.

"Nan is a great person because of the work she is doing. She wants people to learn her language and she is doing it in her free time."

Xu is currently pursuing a Masters in Education at Wilkes. When she is not doing class work, she actively participates by volunteering in community service activities and all the Center for Global Education and Diversity programs. Georgia Costalas, Associate Director of Global Education, holds Xu in high regard for the work she has done at Wilkes.

"The activity that Nan Xu led was her own initiative and naturally grows out of having internationals who are eager to share themselves during their time at Wilkes. It helps people who are monolingual experience the difficulty that non-native English speakers face every day in class and in social situations," said Costalas.

The Mandarin lessons are held on Wednesdays in the Savitz Multicultural Lounge in the Henry Student Center at 5:00 P.M. Anyone is interested in learning the language is welcome to attend the lessons which are free of charge.

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LIFESTYLES

Tanzania trip sparks life-long African mission

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA
Beacon Lifestyles Editor

Traveling to the city of Arusha, Tanzania, to prepare for a safari the next day, Alyssa Ciesla and her group experienced an eye-opening welcome to the culture that offered a hint of breath-taking spectacles to come.

As the group drove down the dirt road, a pride of lions darted right in front of their vehicle, forcing the driver to slam on his brakes.

Later that night, cracking tree branches awakened the group to the sight of enormous elephants brushing against their windows. Pulling the windows open, the travelers reached out to touch the massive backsides of the elephants.

Welcome to Africa.

Ciesla, a junior sociology major, spent two weeks in the East African country of Tanzania as part of a cultural expansion trip offered by anthropology professor Dr. James Merryman last summer. During the trip, Ciesla, along with other Wilkes students and local residents, went on safaris, hiked up waterfalls, and explored the local towns.

But for Ciesla, the trip became more than a two-week cultural immersion. It left her so enchanted with the African culture and moved by the hardships facing its people that it inspired her to go back this summer. For one month, Ciesla will volunteer at the Agape Child Center, a non-profit institution in South Africa that helps children orphaned by AIDS.

"I know that I want to work in Africa. I want to live the majority of my life there," said Ciesla. "They live such a simple lifestyle, and here, we don't even know the things we take for granted, like just waking up and expecting breakfast. Going to Tanzania just sealed the deal."

In particular, Ciesla was fascinated by the warmth of the people she encountered. When the group stopped at little towns, Ciesla and others would take the opportunity to wander around and explore. Hordes of children would follow behind them, jabbering exuberantly to each other as they touched the pale skin and light hair of their foreign guests.

The locals in these towns spoke Swahili, but those who spoke even a little bit of English offered their help to the travelers



Photo courtesy of Alyssa Ciesla

Alyssa Ciesla, far left, spent two weeks in Tanzania as part of a cultural immersion trip. This summer, she will travel to South Africa to volunteer at the Agape Child Center to help over 40 children orphaned by AIDS.

when they seemed lost or confused. Ciesla recalled a time when her group members were searching for disposable cameras, and a local led them through the twists and turns of the city to a place that sold them.

"Even the families, when we went into the small towns, if we needed something, they'd invite you right over," she said. "They have nothing, but they're still so willing to give to us, people who they know have everything compared to them."

Merryman, who worked for 12 years in Kenya and speaks fluent Swahili, counts the people of Tanzania as "warm, hospitable, generous, and welcoming." When the group traveled to Zanzibar (a part of Tanzania which is predominantly Muslim), Merryman said they felt safe in a non-threatening environment.

"That's one of the things that you have to understand, that being a Muslim doesn't necessarily mean that you are anti-American or out to harm us in any way," he said. "They're very welcoming and polite, and mild-mannered with sweet dispositions."

According to Merryman, many other misperceptions exist about traveling to Africa.

"First of all, people are afraid. There are areas of conflict, whether it is Sudan or Somalia, or the problems in Zimbabwe," he said. "But people tend to generalize an entire continent, and people tend to fear what they don't understand."

Merryman counts the prevalence of disease as another misperception. Ciesla says that she has heard people express misgiv-

ings about her decision to work with AIDS orphans.

Three days after Ciesla returned from her Tanzania trip, she began researching volunteer opportunities that would take her back to Africa. She settled on the Be More organization, a non-profit group that runs the Agape Child Center in South Africa. For one month, Ciesla will serve as a positive role model by living, talking, and playing with 40 children orphaned by AIDS. However, she has heard some people question the safety of her decision.

"People call me crazy all the time," she said. "They think if I'm around AIDS, I'm going to get AIDS."

For Ciesla's parents, the fear of AIDS isn't what worries them the most. Along with the danger of the region, they worry that their daughter may find her home halfway across the world.

"That's what my parents are mostly scared of, that I'm going to go there and just love it, and stay there forever," she said.

After graduation, Ciesla intends to join the Peace Corps, and then complete a master's degree in either African Studies or International Studies. But her main goal is to eventually open an outreach center in Africa that will give free clinic care, clothing, and food to those living in poverty.

"My whole goal is to spread the word," she said. "This is what I want to do for the rest of my life. I want to affect huge change in the world, positive change. And this summer will be my first step."

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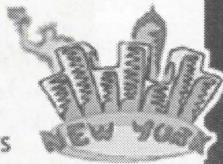


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Nicole Caffiero

freshman, pre-pharmacy

"The war, because we've got to get out of there. We need to worry about here first before we continue anywhere else."



Darius Harrison

sophomore, accounting

"Taxes/social security. I was watching the debates and I saw Obama had a better plan with what he wanted to do with the money."



Kevin Hettrich

junior, elem. education

"Health care. Because everyone deserves a good health care plan; everyone is affected by it."



Frantzddyn Damphile

junior, nursing

"Grants and the economy. McCain is trying to take away our Pell grants and this school already costs enough as is... not everyone can afford a private school."



Adam Szumski

junior, political science

"There are a lot of issues that influence my decision... probably job security because I'm going to have a big debt when I get out of college."

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." -Barack Obama



ELECTION 2008



The Beacon asked their readers... **WHO?**

71%

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Not a scientific poll. Based on a total of 100 votes.

Political candidate Wilkes University through election

Two years ago, 20 people filed applications that allowed them to run for president of the world. But this week only one person will be chosen as the next president of the United States.

The application process for president is arguably the most important and voters completely immerse themselves in the history, politics, and economics of the country. By the end of the campaign, anyone casting a ballot has had a chance to be useful in the decision-making process, some of it not too far from the polls. For the latter part of 2008 the Wilkes University public process of electing an American President.

The state of Pennsylvania is considered critical to this election. The Republican Party's belief that there is a chance it can win the "swing state" would be an error since Pennsylvania has been a swing state for decades.

The counties that the Republicans focus on are in the middle of the state. The "T" counties tend to be rural areas with a predominantly white population. The residents of these counties is their best chance at winning the election.

On the other side of the political coin, the Democrats regularly focus on the urban areas. The population centers tend to be more liberal and also more diverse.

However, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area is a comparatively liberal area. This scenario makes the area a toss-up and Wilkes University's location in the area makes the institution a hot spot for presidential candidates every four years.

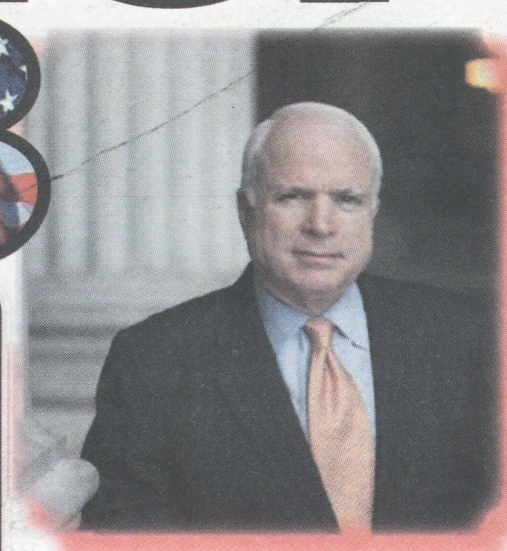
Local students at Wilkes, King's, Misericordia, LCCC, and other campuses have over 19,000 undergraduate students and their voices that can be heard in this election--some of them through the NEPA vote can have nationally significant impacts. It is an element of the voter rolls that has little if any influence on the numbers to learn whether the college campus visits by many people.

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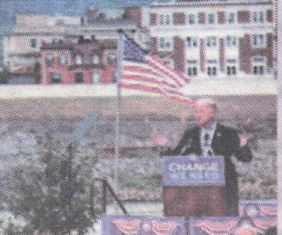
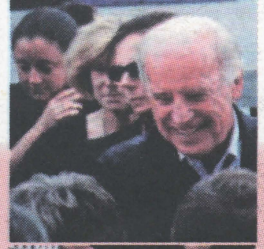
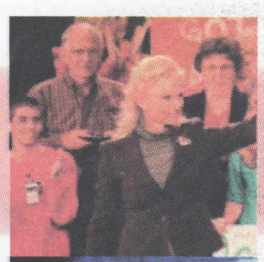
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"You know, I've been called a maverick; someone who marches to the beat of his own drum. Sometimes it's meant as a compliment, and sometimes it's not. What it really means is I understand who I work for. I don't work for a party. I don't work for a special interest. I don't work for myself. I work for you." -John McCain

Election night results event scheduled in SLC

BY ALYSSA BENNER
Beacon A&E Editor

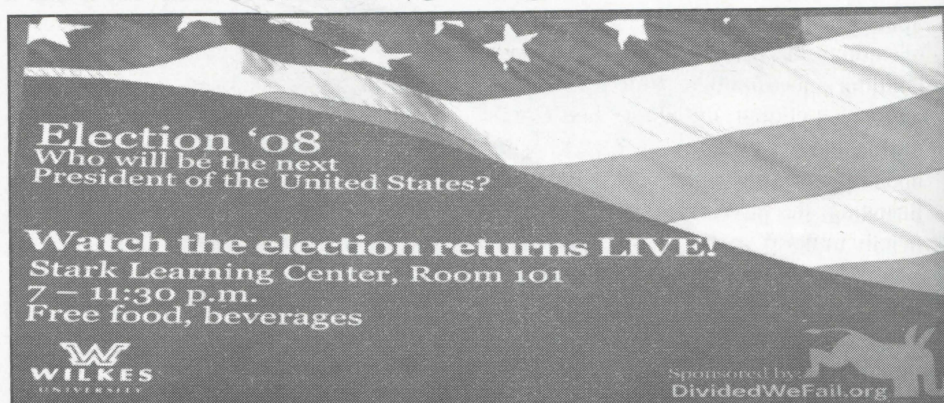
With Democratic and Republican headquarters located downtown and local campaign stops in the past six months by Barack Obama, Joe Biden, Bill and Hillary Clinton, John and Cindy McCain, Sarah Palin, Ed Rendell and Paul Kanjorski, Wilkes University students have had plenty of opportunities and persuasive voices in their ears to become passionate about their chosen candidates.

On Tuesday, November 4, DividedWeFail.org, Wilkes University, and the Political Science Department will host a 2008 Election Returns Event in Stark 101, starting at 7:00 p.m. The group will use the large screen television to broadcast differ-

ent stations that will air the voting results. Adam Szumski, junior political science major, involved with publicity and logistics for the event said, "Who we vote in is important to the next four years. A lot of us will be graduating, and this event is a way to celebrate that."

The event will allow students, faculty and staff to come together over pizza to view the results of this turbulent election year. DividedWeFail.org, a non-partisan affiliate of AARP, approached Wilkes University with the idea for the event.

Some of this election's issues include allegations of voter fraud and the ACORN group's role, early voting in a variety of states and how those results are reported, and lost voter registrations and inaccurate voter roll purging. These bi-partisan is-



sues might make watching the returns even more dramatic for some than previous years. Szumski said, "As long as nobody's cheating and everybody's equal from Joe the Plumber to Warren Buffet, everything should turn out fine."

"Regardless of political stance, the 2008

Photo Courtesy/Alyssa Benner

Election Returns Event is a chance for everyone to come together and really focus on this monumental thing that's taking place," said Jeff Niemic, junior electrical engineering major and Political Science Club member.

Movie Review: *Saw V*

BY KENNY BROWN
Beacon Staff Writer

As I sat down in the theater, I prepared for what I expected to be a disaster of a movie—the fifth in the *Saw* series. The last two had been horrendous copycats of the first two. I felt like I had wasted my six dollars, even before the opening credits rolled.

But I did have that silver of hope that I may be wrong, and that the writers and directors would surprise me with something incredible. With hope in my pocket and my running shoes ready just in case, I sat back and immersed myself in the continuing saga that is *Saw*.

The fifth installment in the *Saw* series picks up where the fourth left off. After Jigsaw's (Tobin Bell) brutal death, a new character is introduced as the next apprentice to the deceased serial killer, Mark Hoffman (Costas Mandylor, *Picket Fences*). While his introduction emerges, on the other side of the city, Agent Strahm (Scott Patterson, *Gilmore Girls*) is being put to the test.

During his own tests and trials Strahm comes to realize that Hoffman is in fact helping Jigsaw, and is his new apprentice. Simultaneously, in yet another part of town, five people are being put through Jigsaw's game. As the movie plays on, it becomes another game of cat and mouse, ending in

a bloody, masochistic trap.

Even though *Saw V* did not turn out to be an exact replica of the others, it was just another gore fest. Yes, there were well done shots, and some creepy moments that would turn even the manliest of men's stomach, but in the end it was not memorable. It had the same set up and ridiculous tests, ending in the usual barrage of blood and guts flying every which way. The storyline was weak, and the script was even weaker. And come on; is it really a necessity for every horror movie to have run of the mill acting? I say surprise us one day, and get some actors who can do more than scream, whimper, and lose an arm.

Now if you're looking for a couple hours of gore, blood, and simple acting then *Saw V* is for you. But I would not recommend it if you want to spend your money wisely, enjoy decent acting, or even be scared. *Saw V* is not a horror movie my friends, it is what I like to call a "Gorror" movie, one in which many people die, and you are scared in the end because you realized you spent money to see it.

Take my advice, do not waste your money on *Saw V*. Wait until it is on HBO. You will only leave the theater sick and depressed. Spend your money on things like *Zack and Miri Make A Porno*, *Pride and Glory*, or even *The Nightmare Before Christmas in 3-D*, they will be worth the price of admission.

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Osterhout Library undergoes facelift

Staff members hope to attract local college students with new offerings

BY YOHANNA DE LOS SANTOS M.
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

The Osterhout Free Library, located on South Franklin Street just one block north of campus, has been renovating its historic building since summer. Built in 1849 originally as a church, the library had a great deal of deferred maintenance and needed updating, so after a public campaign for financing, the physical reconstruction officially took off.

Currently, the back of the building is being fully restored while the north side that faces the Westmorland Club and the library's front that faces South Franklin Street are both undergoing a complete repointing process. "The other side of the building toward the Presbyterian Church is newer. That was built...in 1984 and another part was [built] 1908, so that part was fine. But the other additions to the [1849 structure] really needed to be redone," said Sarah D. Hansen, Executive Director of the Osterhout Library. She added that in addition to the face and repointing work,

the roof and bricks on the bell tower had to be replaced.

"We had a lot of bricks that were falling down and crumbling. The building was built in 1849, so this was something that had not been done ever... [after] 150 years, the building really needed a face lift," said Hansen. However, before the restoration began, the building's structure had to be repaired so that it did not represent a threat to patrons or staff.

Through the years, the library's windows—some of them stained and leaded glass—had been damaged by weather and age; thus, many of them had to be removed over the summer. "It's like taking an old painting and restoring it, they are not changing the painting; they are just bringing it back to life what it used to look like," explained Hansen.

The restoration of the Osterhout has served as a motivation for the staff and for new ideas in which college students are a possible target market. "We have book discussion groups, The Franklin Street

Sleuths—they read a book monthly. [And] this summer we showed a video with popcorn ..." said Eileen Stefanko, Coordinator of Events of the Osterhout Free Library.

"We are trying to set up some gaming Programs which I think college students might be interested in," said Stefanko. She explained that the gaming tournaments the staff has in mind would be free of charge. Also, Stefanko said that the Osterhout staff is planning a college night, Wilkes v. King's. The college night will offer pizza and soft drinks so that students can come in and get involved with the library.

Wilkes students only need to present their Wilkes University card to become members, but despite the library's close proximity to campus, encouraging students to walk the extra block is not always successful. Junior business administration major, Isha Patel acknowledged, "I could have a library card from the Osterhout, but I'd rather go to the library that is nearest my house of which I am a member." Members can go to any of the free libraries in the Luzerne County

system with their card check out their books and return them in the Luzerne library nearest them.

The Osterhout Free Library, however, represents an important learning and entertainment center in the area. People of all ages, especially senior citizens take advantage of the diversified book collection, and many also take advantage of its technological facilities. Over the summer, the library held computer classes in which people were taught basic computer skills. Stefanko said that mainly senior citizens took the classes.

But perhaps the promise of technology will be the draw for Wilkes students. "The Osterhout can really support your recreational time. We can supply you with reading materials that are not academic. We can supply you with DVDs. I'm sure a lot of students have DVDs in their dorm rooms and on their laptops. We have downloadable audio books that can go right to your iPod," said Hansen.

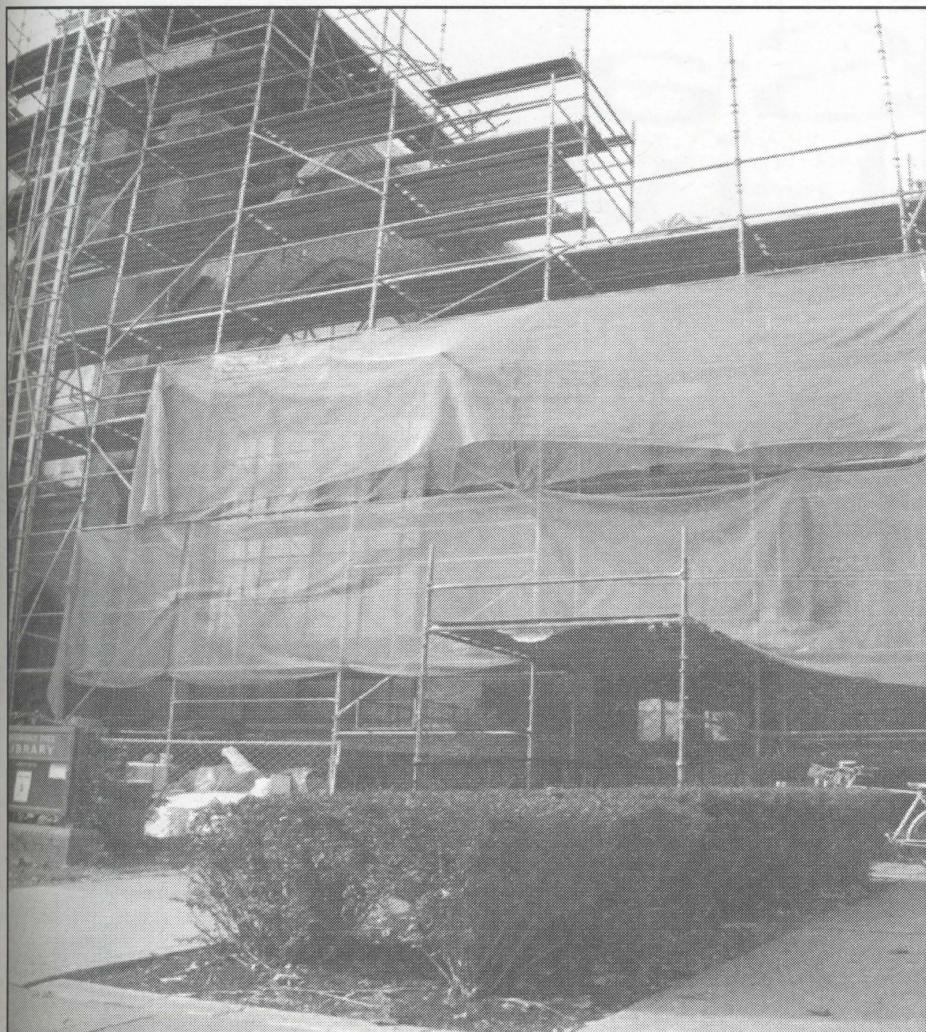


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Osterhout Library has had the same face since 1849. Renovations to update the building are underway.



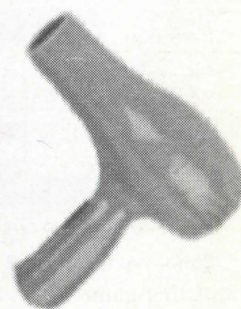
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CD Review: *Dig Out Your Soul* by Oasis

BY MATTHEW GOGAS
Beacon Staff Writer

After several Destiny's Child-like line up changes, a barrage of bar fights, and more alcohol than any two people should ever drink in a lifetime, one thing has remained constant: the Gallagher brothers are still making music. Oasis' latest album, *Dig Out Your Soul*, was released earlier this month on October 6, 2008 after little publicity.

Oasis is most known for their popularity amongst the "indie" crowd on college campuses with their success in the mid to late 90's with songs like "Wonderwall" and "Champagne Supernova." However, the group's popularity has diminished after a series of low key singles and brotherly squabbling.

Adored by British fans and forgotten by most Americans, Oasis has produced seven studio albums and many more compilations. *Dig Out Your Soul* is a departure from the excessive use of the acoustic guitar prevalent on their previous three albums. This album can be more accurately described as a late 60's rock and roll project. It is heavy with the electric guitar, drum solos, and the implementation of an organ—all the key ingredients for a Doors type of psychedelic rock production.

The album starts off with a "spit in your face" attitude-adjusting anthem. With a gritty melody and heavy drums, "Bag It Up" sets the tone for an obvious rock and roll album. The upside is that it gives the impression that the album is

worth listening to and not just going to meet the self-fulfilling prophecy that every Oasis album (since "What's the Story Morning Glory?") will start off with some steam, but eventually end in disappointment.

"The Turning" follows the same path as the first track, but with a mellower sound. Catchy and distinct, these first two tracks clearly distinguish Oasis' mature sound from the past few albums they have produced, which were blunders at best.

"The Shock of the Lightning" is the band's first single off the album. This song explodes from beginning to end and is a definite radio favorite. While it has very little substance to it with garbled, nonsense lyrics, the song still provokes head nods.

Also worthy of mention is that Liam Gallagher, the band's lead singer, contributes by writing a few songs on this album. The fifth song on the album, "Outta Time," is definitely his greatest contribution to the album.

There are few highlights on the album other than three or four songs that contain a message and do not drone on into calculated guitar solos with no purpose. However, the band's lead guitarist and primary song writer, Noel, actually sounds like he is singing with enthusiasm, a response to previous criticism of his work.

Although there are many differences between this album and the group's previous failures, *Dig Out Your Soul* lives up to the reputation of failing to say anything of any real value with little substance and conviction. This album is

worth one or two good listens, but will inevitably end up on the shelf with all the other Oasis albums to collect dust.

Grade: C

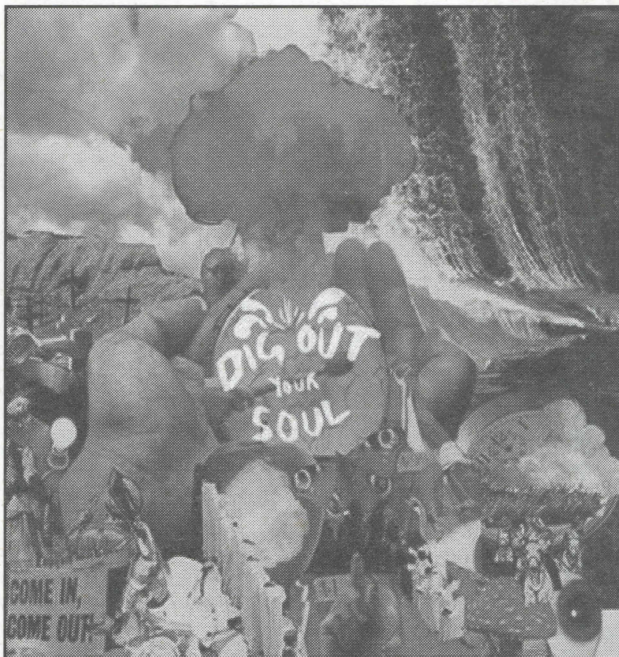


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Oasis' *Dig Out Your Soul* is a must-hear for British fans but here in the U.S. is not gaining much momentum.

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Led Zeppelin Experience: Hammer of The Gods

Where: F.M. Kirby Center
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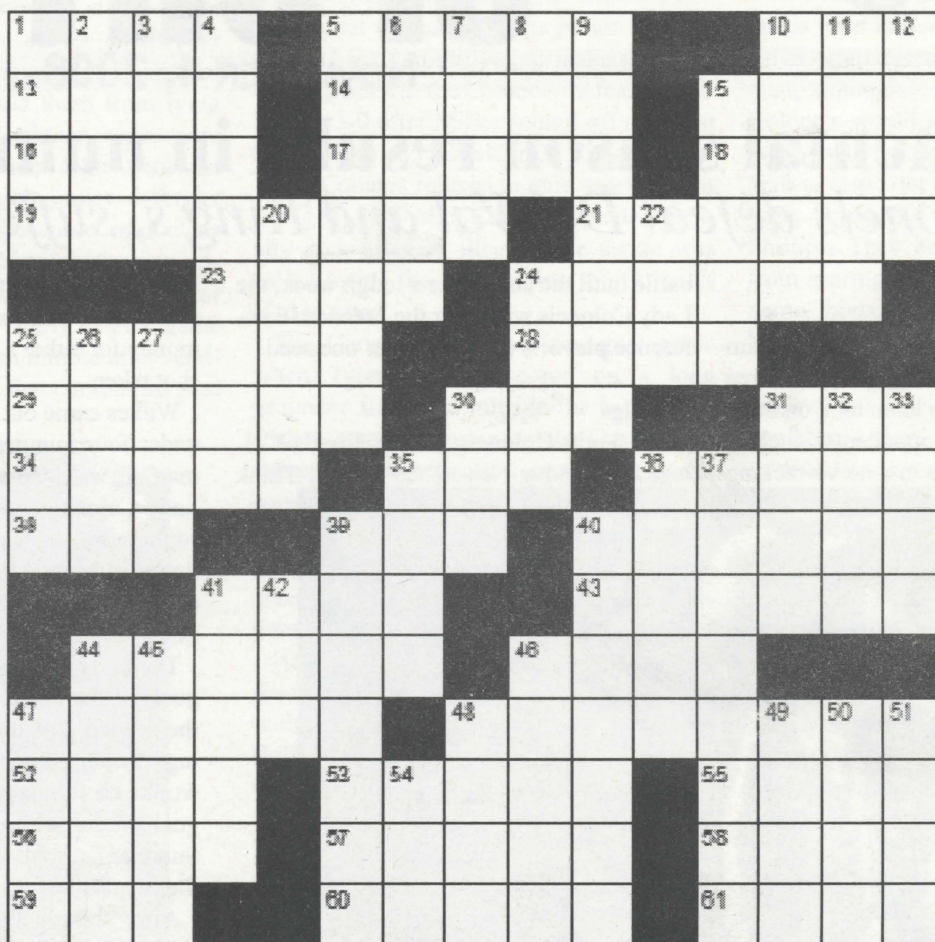


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BY CHRIS KUDRAK AND DEVIN KING
Beacon Correspondents



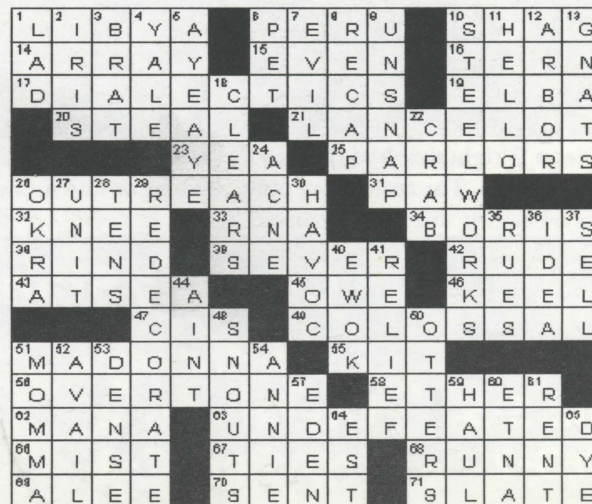
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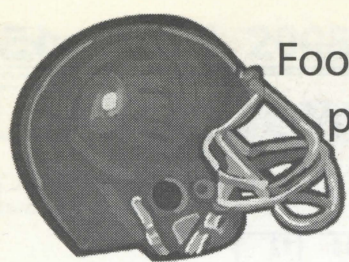
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Monumental season results in number-one seed *Lady Colonels defeat Del Val and King's, suffer loss to Alvernia*

BY ALISSA LINDNER
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The Lady Colonels field hockey team finished the season strong, playing three games in four days. The team took on three Freedom Conference opponents, including rival King's College in a nerve-racking

battle until the end. After a tough week, the Lady Colonels will enter the Freedom Conference playoffs as the number one seed.

Kings

The Lady Colonels hosted King's College on Sunday November 2 for a Think

Pink game supporting breast cancer. Both teams sold t-shirts and fans could donate money for either a goal scored or offensive shot taken.

Wilkes came out strong, striking first just under four minutes into the game. Freshman forward Amanda Peters scored the Lady Colonels' first goal off an assist from sophomore forward Alyson Paulauskas. Peters also gave Wilkes their second goal, off an assist from junior midfielder Brittney Sines.

The Lady Monarchs scored the next three goals of the game, including a goal late in the second half that left the Colonels railing by one. Junior forward Erica Sundberg would tie the game at three with her first goal of the season at just the right time. Sundberg's goal forced overtime between the two Wilkes-Barre rivals.

After starting the game strong and then going down by one goal, the Lady Colonels could have given up; however if this season has proved anything, giving up is not their style.

Myers said the team has consistently played hard until the last second and today was no different.

In a nail-biting 15 minute sudden death overtime, the Lady Colonels and Monarchs battled back and forth, racing from one end of the field to the other. And with less than a minute left, Peters would strike again ending the game with a goal off a pass from senior forward Devon McKay.

Wilkes has not beaten King's since 2005, in which the two teams played twice, each winning once. Head coach Sara Myers said today the team bounced back from Saturday's game and played for five "amazing and well-respected" seniors.

According to Myers, one of the major strengths of this year's team is their hard-working attitude. She believes what the

team may lack in skill against some opponents, they make up for in effort and heart.

Wilkes finishes the season with an overall record of 16-2 and 6-1 in Freedom Conference play. The team will play again on Wednesday November 5 at an undetermined time. The teams' opponent will be decided tomorrow when King's College takes on FDU - Florham.

Alvernia

The Lady Colonels traveled to Reading, PA for a Freedom Conference game against Alvernia University on Saturday November 1.

The Crusaders came out strong in the first half, scoring three goals to Wilkes' zero. The three first period goals scored by Sarah George, Katy Eby, and Janelle Lynch would prove to be all Alvernia needed to secure the win.

McKay was first to strike in the second half, scoring an unassisted goal just under four minutes in. Alvernia's George would strike again a little under ten minutes later before freshman Gina Elmy scored her second goal of the season off an assist from senior forward Alyssa Koncelik.

Alvernia would hold on for the 4-2 Freedom Conference win and hand Wilkes their second loss of the season.

The Lady Colonels have performed well all season long; however Myers believes one of the weaknesses in Saturday's game was the team's mindset. Myers believes the team was looking ahead to the game against King's College instead of "playing in the now." She also commented the game was not their best effort of the season.

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The Beacon/Bethany Yamrick

Number 22 Diana Wright dribbles the ball down the sideline in Sunday's game against King's College. The team wore pink headbands and money was raised to support breast cancer during the contest.

Current Standings (as of November 2, 2008)

Football
Overall: 3-5
MAC: 3-2

Field Hockey
Overall: 16-2
Freedom: 7-1

Men's Soccer
Overall: 9-7-2
Freedom: 5-2-1

Women's Soccer
Overall: 9-9-1
Freedom: 5-3

Volleyball
Overall: 11-19
Freedom: 5-3

Men's soccer loses 4-3 despite comfortable lead at half

BY DANIEL KAUTZ

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Fans of Wilkes' men's soccer team left Ralston Field stunned on Thursday October 30, after the Colonels lost to visiting Misericordia 4-3 in double-overtime despite leading 3-0 in the second half.

"The team was extremely upset that we let the game get away from us," said head coach Philip Wingert. "We discovered more about ourselves individually and as a team because of that result, however."

The Colonels took an immediate 1-0 lead after sophomore midfielder Doug Moore scored on a header in the game's

fifth minute. Misericordia responded ten minutes later with a wave of attacks from inside Wilkes' box but senior goalkeeper T.J. Baloga was able to make a couple of key saves that prevented them from tying the game. In the 34th minute, sophomore forward Ryan Phillips sent a low shot just wide after working with junior defender Arthur Jankowski, sophomore midfielder Sean Stitt, and Osswald to produce an opportunity in Misericordia's box. Cougar midfielder Alec Parker nearly tied the game at one apiece in the 38th minute after sending a hard, slicing shot that curved just past the top left post.



Doug Moore (6) and the Colonels fight for a free kick during Thursday's game.

The second half saw Wilkes increase its lead soon after the whistle, as Osswald netted a goal on passes from junior forward Greg Miller and Phillips to make it 2-0. In the 50th minute, the Colonels increased their lead to 3-0 after Miller scored off an assist from freshman midfielder Ed Zulkoski.

The Cougars refused to quit, scoring their first goal after Max Campbell made a penalty kick after an illegal slide tackle was called inside the box, cutting the Colonels lead to two.

The Cougars made it a one-goal game when Tyler Mensch scored on a long grounder from just outside the box in the 75th minute. Two minutes later Osswald received his second yellow card of the game, resulting in a red card and immediate ejection. Osswald was not the only player to be carded for his actions, as eight yellows were awarded in a game that saw 43 total fouls between the two teams.

Holding a one-man advantage, Misericordia renewed its attacks on goal and applied withering pressure on the Colonels defense. Baloga and the defense were able to contain the Cougars until the 87th minute, when Mensch scored his second goal of the game, locking the game at three in the process which sparked massive celebrations on both the Misericordia sideline and in the teams' cheering section.

The Colonels had a shot to win in regulation, when Moore sent a header wide of

Misericordia's goal following a free kick from Miller. With the score tied at three, the teams went into overtime.

The first overtime passed without incident, although it became apparent that the Colonels would struggle to keep up offensively with the Cougars while down a man. Wilkes came out strong in the second overtime, producing offense from Miller and Phillips. They could not prevent Mensch from scoring his third and final goal of the game, however; a hard shot from point-blank range in the 104th minute.

The heart-breaking loss dropped the Colonels to 8-7-2 overall, with a 4-2-1 mark in conference play.

"Everyone was really down after the loss," said sophomore forward Rusty Helwig.

"Everyone was looking for a scapegoat, whether it was the officials, each other, etc," added sophomore midfielder Sean Stitt.

Misericordia improved to 14-2-1 overall and nearly perfect in conference play, with a 6-0-1 record.

"It was a very impressive second half performance by Misericordia," said Wingert. "Many teams would 'fold up the tent' when down by three goals with less than 40:00 minutes to play. We experienced a playoff atmosphere and learned that no lead is too large. I trust that the match vs. Misericordia will help us as we advance and prepare for the start of the Freedom Conference playoffs on Thursday afternoon," he concluded.

Athlete Spotlight: Taryn Hallowell

BY DANIEL KAUTZ

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Meet Taryn Hallowell, a sophomore forward on Wilkes University's women's soccer team from Belvidere, New Jersey. In just her second year on the team, Hallowell helped take a very young and inexperienced Lady Colonel's team to a 9-9-1 overall record (5-3 in Freedom Conference play).

Hallowell is majoring in entrepreneurship and elementary education, with a minor in reading. She has performed exceptionally well this season despite the heavy course load, scoring 13 goals and acquiring three assists on the season. The 13 regular season goals fell just short of the school record of 15, which is held by three different women and was last accomplished in 2003 by Christina Waldele.

"Taryn's ability to find the back of the net is a great motivating factor for our team," said sophomore midfielder Alison Weidman. "She is a dangerous threat to any defense and the number of goals she has scored this season speaks to her hard work and dedication."

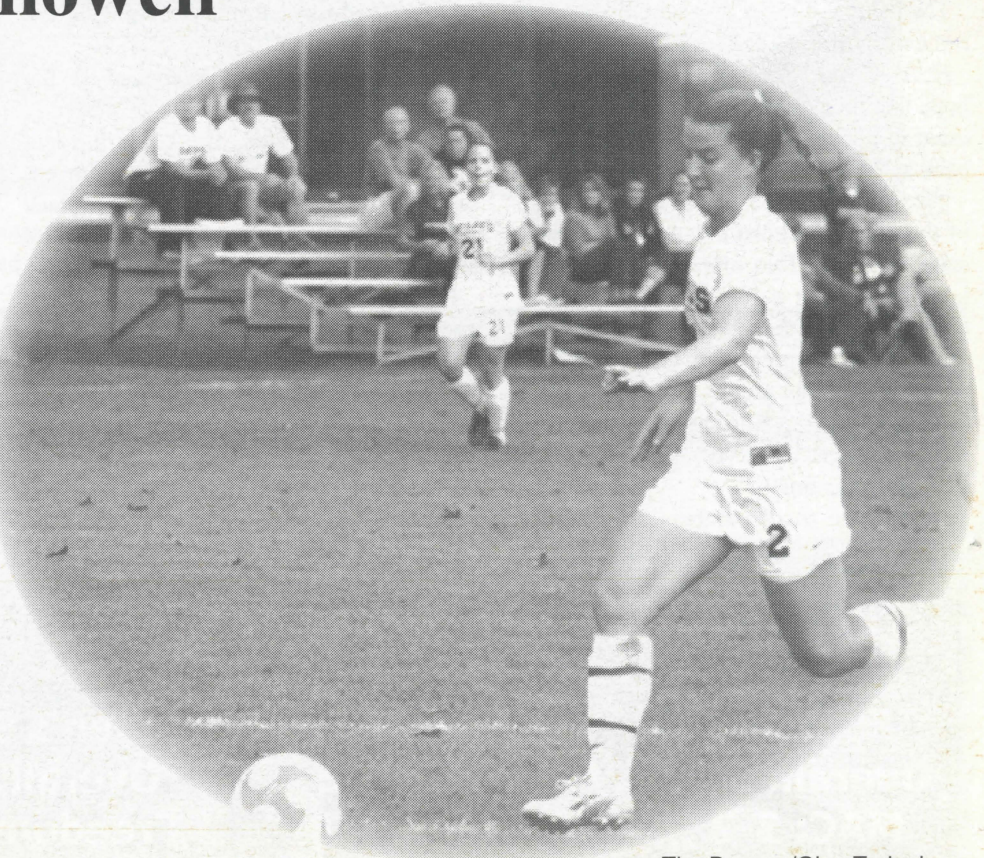
Coming into the season, Hallowell's goal

was to play more minutes per game than last year and to meet the fitness standard, both of which she accomplished. She has no designs for her junior year other than to again meet the fitness standard and work with her teammates to improve on their performance this season.

Her performance late in the year helped propel the Lady Colonels to a Freedom Conference playoff berth, as she netted seven goals and an assist in the team's last four games.

"I think that there have been plenty of games that we could have and should have won, but we do not have as much experience as some of the other teams in our conference [and sometimes it showed]," said Hallowell about the Lady Colonel's 2008 season. "I think that we will get better in the years to come because we will have the upper hand with experience [when the team gets older]."

Hallowell, Weidman, and the rest of the Lady Colonels entered the first round of Freedom Conference playoffs against DeSales University Monday, after publication deadline.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani

RINKSIDE REPORT

Jeffrey adjusting to to pro game well

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI

Beacon Staff Writer

Last Spring, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins center Dustin Jeffrey found himself in a situation he had never experienced before.

The twenty-year old Jeffrey signed an amateur try-out contract with the Penguins after he concluded a successful junior career where he recorded 252 points (100 goals, 152 assists) in 246 career Ontario Hockey League (OHL) games with Mississauga and Sault Ste. Marie.

Jeffrey, taken in the sixth round by Pittsburgh during the 2007 National Hockey League entry draft, went from being one of the oldest players on his junior team to being the second-youngest player on the Penguins playoff roster. The youngest, by roughly five months, was fellow amateur try-out Luca Caputi.

Even though Jeffrey played in the OHL All-Star game and led Sault Ste. Marie in scoring during his final two seasons there, his AHL ice time was not nearly what it was in the OHL.

Jeffrey wasn't discouraged.

"It's not a time when they're going to start giving young guys the opportunity to earn ice time," he said. "Playoffs is more, I took my five-on-five time, I took any responsibility that they gave me and I ran with it."

Jeffrey appeared in 15 games for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton during the 2008 Calder Cup Playoffs, finishing with a pair of goals and one assist.

Jeffrey's summer was a short one, as the Penguins were eliminated from the playoffs in June and training camp started in August. But the dawn of a new season has given the native of Courtright, Ontario a chance to secure a greater role in the American Hockey League.

"At the start of this year... they try you out in different spots, you have more of an opportunity to earn more ice time. I've been getting a lot of penalty kill time and a lot of big face-offs. I'm trying to earn the team's trust, earn the coach's trust."

Head coach Dan Bylsma is taking notice.

"Face-offs, penalty kill, defensively, he's been reliable," Bylsma said. "He's done a lot of the little things that we're asking our players to do right, and those are sometimes difficult for our first-year players to get."

As a rookie, Jeffrey is still looking to establish a niche at the professional level.

While he was a prolific scorer in the OHL, the center is looking to add other dimensions to his game in the hopes of one day reaching the National Hockey League (NHL).

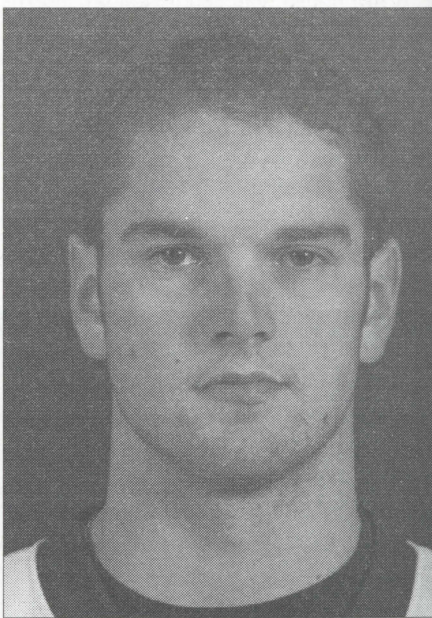
"You look at some of the guys that are playing in the NHL, a couple of the fourth line guys, they take face-offs," Jeffrey said, citing NHL veteran Yannic Perreault as an example.

"He's been around for 10, 15 years, and his thing is that he takes face-offs. If I can add that attribute to my game and become really solid at it, it can only do me well in the long run."

Bylsma said that Jeffrey, who had a goal and two helpers going into last weekend's games, has found some success early in

the season.

"He's got a long way to go as a professional," Bylsma said "But he's certainly started with a good foundation right now."



Number 21 Dustin Jeffrey is fitting in well with the changes to pro hockey.

Cross country finishes first year strong

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA

Beacon Staff Writer

Coming into this season, the Wilkes Cross Country team had not lost a meet in 13 years.

The reality was that the team also hadn't run a meet in 13 years.

Head Coach Nick Wadas could only hope that there were enough runners interested in pursuing the sport in its first year back at Wilkes.

"We only had three girls in the beginning of the season and just a handful of guys," stated Wadas. "Two more girls came out later as well as a few guys. With them coming out late, they did not have the summer training to prepare them. We're facing programs that are developed and have been around for awhile, and with that said, our teams have done very well with what they are up against."

Despite the small numbers, Sophomore

Phat Nugyen enjoys the camaraderie of the team.

"Our team has become fairly close. We go out to eat after most races and sometimes the night before to prepare. It's always a good time. Runners in general get along fairly easily."

The team's first test happened at the NEPA Classic hosted by King's College.

On the men's side, the team finished eighth overall. They were led by Nguyen, who crossed the finish line in 43rd place followed by Tom Larrabee in 47th and Mike Griesemer in 53rd.

Freshman Michelle Wakeley, in her first ever collegiate race, finished fifth out of 64 runners with a time of 15:15 for the women. Ameila Farnham followed Wakeley with an eighth place finish. Despite the strong efforts, the women did not matter on the teams' score card because only four runners competed.

The Lady Colonels were first to strike with just under three minutes into the game. Freshman forward Lindsey Raleigh scored off an assist from Sines. The Aggies tied the score at one when Michelle Cernobyl scored an unassisted goal 23 minutes into the first half.

Koncelik drew a penalty stroke early in the second half in which senior forward McKay scored to give the Lady Colonels a 2-1 lead.

Then the Colonels traveled to Collegeville, Pennsylvania, to compete in the Ursinus College Cross Country Invitational.

Wakeley and Farnham led the way to a fifth place finish as they both medaled for the women's team finishing eighth and twelfth respectively.

For the men, Nguyen again led the way, followed by Larrabee and Griesemer as they locked up the seventh spot in the tournament.

Following the race at Ursinus, the team competed in the Cedar Crest College invitational.

Wakeley and Farnham continued their impressive freshmen seasons as they led the Lady Colonels to a seventh place finish. Wakeley medaled in the contest, finishing in eighth place. Farnham completed the course just outside of medal contention, coming in 11th place.

The men also had an impressive show-

ing, finishing ninth out of 13 teams.

"The members of the squad have dropped time at every race so far and are working hard," says Wakely. "We have really learned quickly who we can run with and how much we can accomplish."

It's safe to say that the resurgent year for the cross country team has been an overwhelming success. The future of the program looks bright because nearly every runner will be returning next year with each person gaining invaluable experience at the collegiate level.

"We're going to be much better next year," said Nguyen. "We will have an off-season and summer to train. We've been actively helping our coach recruit, and could be looking very competitive with the addition of some of next year's incoming freshmen."

Wakeley added, "There's nowhere to go but up."

for Wilkes beating the Aggies' Jackie Deschenes on the lower right.

Delaware Valley continue to pressure the Lady Colonel defense and eventually scored once more when Danielle Heyne knocked one in off an unassisted goal with just over five minutes left in the game.

The Lady Colonels would hold on for a 4-2 conference win.

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Delaware Valley

After two postponed games due to weather and just over a week off, the Lady Colonels field hockey team took on Delaware Valley on Thursday October 30. The game was played on the turf at Wyoming Seminary High School due to poor conditions at Ralston Field.

Delaware Valley pressured the Wilkes defense following the stroke, rallying for six shots in the second half; however freshman goalkeeper Lindsey Davenport continued to perform well, snatching two saves to hold off the Aggies.

In a quick change of possession, sophomore Paulauskas dribbled down the sideline before connecting with McKay for her second goal of the game. Nearly three minutes later, Koncelik scored a security goal

Colonels capture fifth consecutive Mayor's Cup

BY GINO TROIANI
Beacon Op-Ed Editor

On Saturday afternoon, the tension between two bitter football rivals was so thick that spectators couldn't have cut it with a knife. A full house watched as King's (1-6) and Wilkes (2-5) battled on the gridiron for ownership of the Mayor's Cup.

The Colonels got off to a slow start but would not be denied their fifth consecutive win over the Monarchs, 21-3, improving the teams' record to 3-5.

The Monarchs dominated the Colonels in the first quarter, racking up 85 yards to only 3 for Wilkes.

"I think they really slowed the game down on the opening drive and they really had the momentum," said junior quarterback Rob Johnson. "But once we got into a rhythm, we got going."

Wilkes responded with 02:46 left in the second quarter, when Johnson hooked up with his bread and butter man, Gennaro Zangardi, for a 13-yard pass in the corner of the end zone for a 7-3 lead. From there, it was all downhill for the Monarchs.

Johnson, bouncing back from a tough 17-10 loss and a three interception performance last week against Albright, put on an impressive show, completing 14 of 20 passes for 160 yards and 3 TDs.

"I thought Rob Johnson stepped up and made some plays today. He did a great job of improvising and making things happen," commented Wilkes head coach Frank Sheptock.

With less than a minute left in the second quarter, Johnson hit Zangardi with a 20-yard bullet for a 14-3 cushion. The touchdown was a key momentum swinger before the half, giving Wilkes the upper hand.

King's came out strong in the third quarter, forcing and recovering a fumble on the Monarchs 20-yard line with 6:05 on the clock, but their offense simply could not

get it done, going three and out after the recovery.

On the next drive, the Monarchs defense flushed Johnson out of the pocket. He hit receiver Jordan D'Emilio on a slant pattern where he stretched out for a diving score into the end zone for a 21-3 lead.

It was all clock management from there. Wilkes steadily pounded the Monarchs, running the ball up the middle to milk the clock and solidify a win.

"I think we've been fortunate and op-

portunistic. I think (King's players) played very hard and we just took advantage of the breaks," said Sheptock.

Wilkes's fierce all around defensive play was a key component in the victory. Senior linebacker Drew Letcavage played a major role in the Colonel's victory, racking up 16 tackles (seven solo) and earning Most Valuable Player award for Wilkes.

At the end of the game, Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom Leighton was joined at center field by both teams, and presented M.V.P.

awards to members of the Colonels and Monarchs, and then the Mayor's Cup to Wilkes.

The Colonels are now fifth in the MAC, and will play their final game of the season this Saturday against Delaware Valley at 1 p.m. at Ralston field in Edwardsville.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani

Jordan D'Emilio (81) dives into the endzone in the fourth quarter to give the Colonels a 21-3 lead against King's in the Mayor's Cup. The Colonels have defeated the Monarchs in the last five Mayor's Cup games.

WILKES COLONELS

Football

W 21-3 King's

Field Hockey

W 4-2 Delaware Valley
L 4-2 @ Alvernia
W 4-3 King's

Men's Soccer

L 4-3 Misericordia
W 4-2 @ FDU - Florham

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W 2-1 Misericordia
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Volleyball

W 3-2 Alvernia

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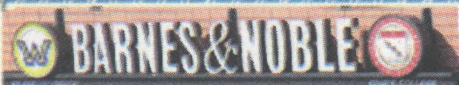
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