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Student-Government meetings overflow with membership



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Student Government members fill the room at meetings since the freshman elections and the sabatical seats have been filled. Out of the total 44 SG members, 38 attended this weeks meeting, compared with the 16 members that attended less than a month ago.

BY MEAGAN BROWN

Beacon Staff Writer

Student Government (SG) was plagued with attendance issues earlier this year due to member taking sabbaticals because of class conflicts. Now after freshman and replacement elections, SG is near full capacity, the highest it has been in a while.

At Wednesday night's meeting, 38 of the 44 members of SG were present. The numbers are a huge jump from the low numbers seen at the beginning of the semester. At SG's September 14 meeting, only 16 voting members were present.

However, according to freshmen class president, criminology major David Sborz, there were some bumps in the process.

"I had to replace six people within the first week of being elected. Mostly, it was because they went on sabbatical," said Sborz.

Sborz said he discussed sabbaticals with a few of the newly elected members.

"I discussed it [sabbaticals] with a few. Some said they didn't know when the meetings were when they ran, which is ridiculous because meeting times are put out there, but some were available for next semester and not this one, so sabbaticals were fine for them."

The sabbaticals may have worked out in the best interest of the people taking them, but Sborz said it created more aggravation and work for him.

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Dr. Terry Zipay announces resignation

BY REBECCA GOODMAN

Beacon Managing Editor

Earlier this fall, the Chairperson of Wilkes University's Visual and Performing Arts Department, Dr. Terry Zipay announced a proposal to do away with the program's music and music education majors.

Last week Zipay made this fall's second major announcement for VPA: that he is resigning his position as chair.

Zipay notes that his decision to resign, is not because of the changes in the department, however. Instead, Zipay said, he is stepping down for personal reasons.

"I think [I made] the realization that I need a better balance in my life and there have been so many changes that I need

some time for me to think about where my life journey is going."

Zipay first came to Wilkes in the summer of 2000, attracted by the need for a revitalization of the music program and the multiple arts concept that he notes is very much alive in the VPA.

Although he requested to step down from the chairperson position, Zipay explained that he also requested and was granted a part-time teaching position for the spring 2006 semester. He sees his decision to resign and the position in the spring semester as a chance to return to where his roots lie: teaching.

This semester Zipay is teaching a course in the entrepreneurial major program on creativity and innovation, which he says he

is enjoying greatly, so he feels that the time he will gain from leaving the chairperson position will only help him.

"This position [VPA chair] and all administrative positions are very demanding and taxing, and I need time to feed my soul and recharge my batteries." Which in his case, he notes, means more creative work and research.

Joe Dawson, Associate Professor of Theatre, has assumed the reigns of the VPA department as interim chair.

Although he did not volunteer for the position, he accepted when Dean Darin Fields asked him to take over as interim chair of the department. Dawson expressed that he is ready to learn and to become chair in January.

"There is a lot that I have to learn, so I want to be able to listen to people and see what they want. [...] Chairing the department is not doing what you want, so to speak, but it is listening to what others want," said Dawson.

He noted that it is a bit early to discuss any plans he has for the department, but feels that the most important thing he can do now is listen.

"I want to listen. I don't want to make plans. I will listen to what everyone else wants and see where we can go," Dawson said.

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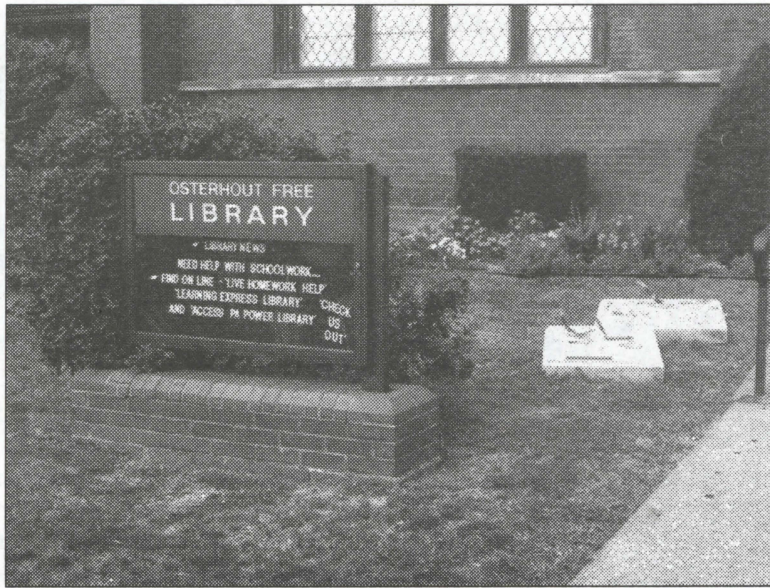
BY VICTORIA WHITE
Beacon News Editor

On September 22 the Osterhout Free Library was the victim of vandalism. The Working Mule placed outside of the library by the Historical Society was stolen from its place of honor.

Sometime in the afternoon of September 23, the mule was found on the Wilkes University campus, by a member of the facilities department, behind the Max Roth Center on South Franklin Street, just a few blocks south from its home.

The mule was damaged when it was ripped off of the metal "L" brackets that attached to the hooves of the mule and to the concrete pad that it had been placed on outside of the Osterhout Free Library.

The friction caused by the perpetrators as they rocked the mule side to side to break off the bolts in the feet caused the torso to crack, along with the damage to the feet. Other damage to the mule was to the hind quarter, where there were obvious scrapes in the artwork from the mule having been dragged on its side.



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One of the Working Mules, a part of the Miles of Mules program, was stolen and vandalized in September. After an investigation no perpetrators have been pinpointed.

Just over one month later, no charges have been filed in the theft and damage, and it appears none are forthcoming.

Director of Campus Support Services, Chris Bailey said, "No one reported to Public Safety any information regarding who, what, when, where and how of the situation."

After the mule was found on the Wilkes campus, Student Affairs and Residence Life officials coordinated an investigation into the incident.

Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Barbara King said, "Although the mule was discovered on Wilkes property, there has been no determination that it was stolen

by a Wilkes student(s). Student Affairs looked into several leads regarding the situation; but they were not substantiated."

With no definite perpetrators in the case of the mule Student Affairs ended the investigation. Although it could not be confirmed or denied that a member of the Wilkes community is responsible for the vandalism of the mule the University was generous with the Osterhout Free Library.

Bailey said, "The only thing we [the university] did was return it and offer to pay for any damage to the mule."

It may be some time before

members of the Osterhout Free Library see the mule back on its post outside the building as the damages are repaired and the artwork is fixed as well.

Elaine Schall, Reader Services Coordinator at the Osterhout said, "It's [the mule] a fixture around here, we miss it and can't wait for it to be back." Schall expressed that many of the members of the library are impatient to have the mule returned to outside of the library.

As for Wilkes University's stand on the event, King said, "It is unfortunate that vandalism of any kind should occur in the city."

MEMBERSHIP from FRONT PAGE

"I was against people taking sabbaticals. It's hard for me to go out and find people that I trust, and it is a 100-percent commitment. It is an important club, we represent the freshman class, which is the largest freshman class in a long time," he said.

Jared Shayka, SG Parliamentarian, agrees that the process is aggravating, but it is worth it. He speculates the student body is better represented now that freshman and sabbatical spots have been filled.

"All representative spots are filled. We had like 10 or 12 sab-

baticals, plus 10 freshmen to put in so we added on twenty-some people. Obviously, the freshman class wasn't represented and other classes weren't represented properly," said Shayka, a senior pharmacy (P2) major.

Shayka also said he can understand the apprehensiveness to make the commitment. "It [SG] is definitely a time commitment. You know, there's 15 hours of office time, plus community service hours. Basically, you have to get involved, and if someone doesn't want to do that, it would be tough to see why they're here."

Sophomore class president, James Juice, a pre-pharmacy major, had reservations about the size of SG at the beginning of the semester. His opinion has changed

somewhat now that attendance is up.

"We're much better than we were. I mean we have to steal chairs from the ballroom to seat everyone at meetings. Membership has increased and that is better for the campus," said Juice.

Despite some problems during elections and replacing people on sabbatical, Juice is overall happy with the progress.

"I am satisfied with the increased membership," he said. "However, there should be more non-SG people speaking out at meetings."

Those non-SG members would include students, because while membership in SG is high, attendance by non-SG members is low.

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News in Brief

Sex offenders' child taken away

BY MARK CONGDON
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Earlier this month Schuylkill County Pennsylvania's Children and Youth (C & Y) Services took Melissa WolfHawk's newborn son into protective custody.

Ms. WolfHawk's husband, DaiShin John WolfHawk, was convicted 22 years ago of the rape and sodomy of two teenage girls in New York and served ten years in jail. He is, as a result, registered as a sex offender under Megan's Law. The state contends the newborn's father poses a threat to the child.

Despite the fact that the couple does not live together currently, this is the third child Ms. WolfHawk has lost due to her husband's past. The child will remain in temporary custody awaiting a hearing concerning longer term arrangements, in addition to an enduring challenge Ms. WolfHawk filed in federal court.

The case raises numerous civil liberties issues and is likely to be closely watched as it progresses through the courts.

Dr. Kyle Kreider, assistant professor of political science, believes that Schuylkill County's C & Y agency is approaching this in an aggressive manner. "The U.S. Supreme Court has said that parental rights are fundamental, so if a state is to infringe upon a parent's right to raise their children as they see fit, then the state needs a compelling interest to do so, and I don't think that Schuylkill County does because the father hasn't committed a sex crime in over 20 years."

Conversely, Brian Waugh, Wilkes adjunct professor of sociology and Luzerne County C & Y caseworker, said he doesn't think that the state went too far because the public doesn't necessarily know all of the details about the case. Traditionally, the county cannot release all details associated with child protective cases to the press due to confidentiality laws. "The Children and Youth Services were created to protect all children...Once the C & Y agency finds out that a child is living with a sex offender, they must act and investigate...and if he's registered under Megan's Law, which he is, he committed some kind of sex crime against a child so the county had to respond," said Waugh.

Kreider, however, believes that the state is violating Ms. WolfHawk's rights as a parent. "What the state is essentially doing is infringing on the mother's right to say who she can associate with...The state's

main argument is that if you are going to continue to associate with your husband or any sex offender then we will take the child away...I think that if the father was convicted as a pedophile, which he wasn't, then the state would have a better argument for taking the child and for winning this case because being convicted as a pedophile is a more serious crime...I believe that the county won't be able to prove its case because of this," said Kreider.

The case raises what sociology and law classes may be studying intensely for years to come regarding the nature of rehabilitation and justice. "Can a sex offender be rehabilitated? That's a question that I don't have an answer for...this is why C & Y agencies are in counties and why Megan's Law is created, to monitor sex offenders and make sure they don't put anyone else at risk of being sexually assaulted. Since Mr. WolfHawk is a registered sex offender, the government was just doing its job because we don't know if he would sexually assault another child," said Waugh.

According to an October 22, 2005 *New York Times* article, "Officials Remove Newborn Over Father's Abuse Case" by Kate Zernike, Ms. Wolfhawk said that the couple has maintained separate residences for about two years, and she would be willing to sign an agreement to stay away from him if that's what it would take to win custody of her child. The *Times* article also noted that county officials stated that the baby is proof that she will not stay away from her husband.

Waugh predicted that, "As long as Mrs. WolfHawk stays with Mr. WolfHawk the child will not be returned to her...Schuylkill County C & Y didn't step out of bounds because they served their mandate, which is protecting children."

Kreider, however, reiterated that Schuylkill County has abused its discretion. Kreider predicted, "The courts are likely to side with the mother because the county is clearly infringing on her right as a parent."

Will the federal courts rule in favor of the state or the mother? Only time will tell, but according to the 1923 U.S. Supreme Court case *Meyer v. Nebraska*, Justice James Clark McReynolds said during the ruling, "[...] That the state may do much, go very far indeed, in order to improve the quality of its citizens, physically, mentally, and morally, is clear, but the individual has certain fundamental rights which must be respected."



The Beacon/Edward Youssef

On Thursday, October 27 many University clubs joined together to present Michael Zimmerman, executive director of the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross with a check for over \$3,000.

Student Government Notes

October 12 meeting

-John McClave made a motion to allocate \$2,000 to BACCHUS to help fund the Alcohol Awareness Week events. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Victor and passed 23-1-2.

-Stephanie Victor made a motion for \$2,000 to be allocated to the Speech and Debate Team. The team was not added to the SG budget for 2005-06 despite its recognition as a club last year. Dave Scordino seconded the motion and it passed 19-0-7.

-Kyle Ellis made a motion to allocate \$800 for the SG mentoring program. Dana Zlotucha seconded the motion and the motion passed 22-0-4.

-On November 10 a pep rally has been scheduled to celebrate the annual Wilkes v. King's football game and Mayor's Cup competition. WCLH will broadcast live from 6-7 p.m. The pep rally will also feature a car smash.

October 19 meeting

-*Real World* cast members will be on campus November 6.

-The Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom will be the site of the annual Pizza Wars on November 7.

-Casino Night begins at 8 p.m. in the Henry Student Center November 11.

October 26 meeting

-Texas Hold 'em sign ups will be Tuesday, November 1 and Thursday November 3 in the Henry Student Center from 11-1, and at the information desk.

-The grand prize for the Texas Hold 'em Tournament will be an XBOX 360.

-SG voted to accept a new logo to represent the organization. (seen below)



Amendments made to SG constitution

BY JEANNE STAPLETON
Beacon Staff Writer

In spring 2005, Student Government (SG) representatives launched an all-out effort to examine, discuss and amend the constitution that governs its organization.

This week marks the final step before the student body vote and ratification of proposed changes.

Amendments generally reflect procedural changes and often are in response to specific growth and/or challenges an organization faces in a given year. The idea behind frequent re-examination of the constitution is that such action keeps the document fresh and up-to-date for each new class of representatives as well as for the campus.

Some of this year's proposed revisions to the SG constitution include provisions for electing SG Representatives and SG sabbatical guidelines. Also, additional duties were added to the secretary position including chairing the Homecoming committee, publicity committee and Spring Fling committee. Other proposed changes include amending some of the powers and responsibilities of the Class President, Class Vice President, Class Secretary, regarding how officers are appointed and when they can be appointed. Class Representatives' responsibilities were also changed so that each representative must be a member of at least one committee.

The first SG constitution at Wilkes was ratified in 1977, and then amended twenty years later in 1997. Since then, the SG constitution has been amended more frequently in 2000, 2002, 2004 and again this academic year.

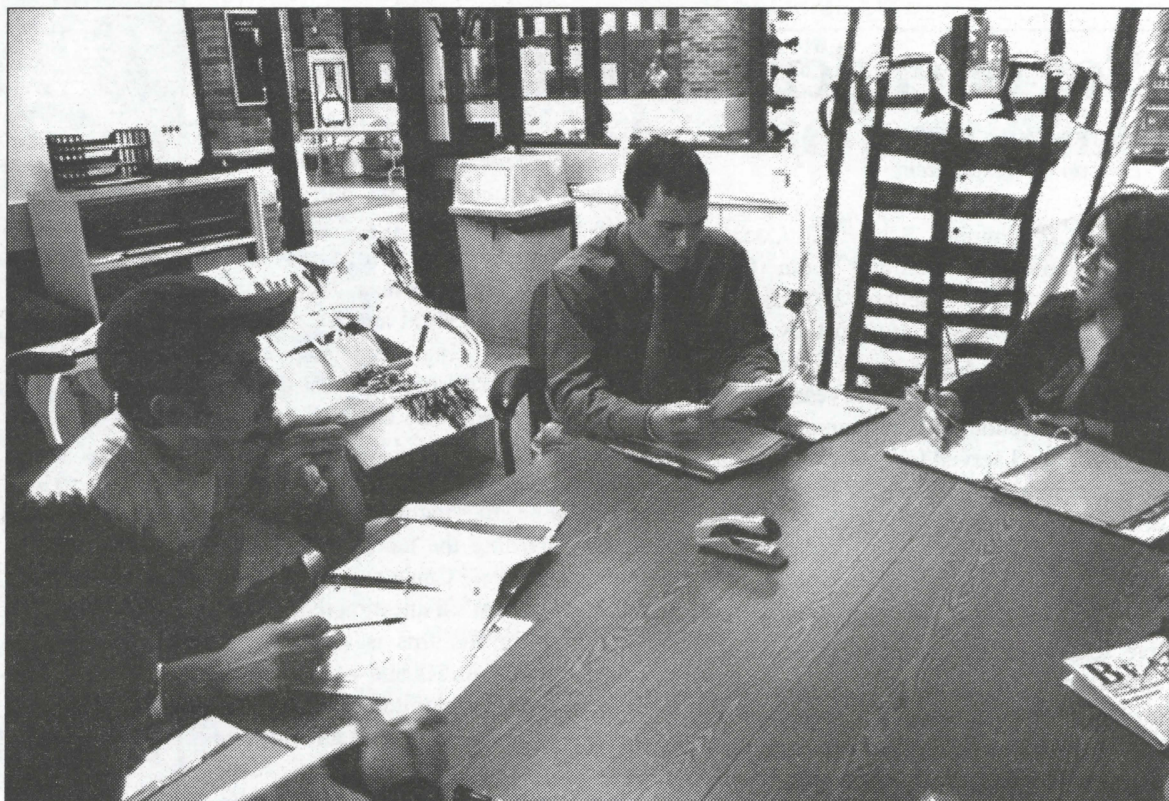
"We are trying to keep a goal of [amending the constitution] once an academic year," said Jared Shayka, SG Parliamentarian.

Revision of the SG constitution involves an eight-step process. This process consists of SG members first listing the desired constitutional revisions, and then discussing the language of the revisions. Next, the first draft of the revisions is brought before the constitution committee. At this time the committee makes any needed revisions to the proposed items.

At this point, proposed constitutional changes are brought before the executive board and general board for a two-week long discussion. After the first week of discussion, the constitutional committee discusses recommendations made by the general board and makes whatever revisions are necessary based on the discussion.

During the second week, the general board votes on revisions. When SG approves all of the revisions, the proposed amendments are presented to Wilkes President (Dr. Tim Gilmour) who then reviews the proposed changes.

This week President Gilmour will ratify the revisions to the constitution, making it ready to be



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Dave Scornido, Jared Shayka, and Jen Cerra discuss the new Amendments made to the SG constitution at a recent constitution committee meeting.

voted on by the student body.

To help students understand the importance of the SG constitution, Parliamentarian Shayka said, "The purpose of the Wilkes University Student Government is to represent the entire student body, to act as a liaison between the students and administration, to plan and coordinate activities on campus and to promote fellowship, scholarship and the name of Wilkes University. The Student

Government constitution represents Student Government and all that it is."

"One of the biggest changes we made this year was still making the sabbatical students due their 15 hours of office hours each month. We felt that having them maintain the office hours allowed them to stay active in SG and to still have a presence when they returned in the next semester," SG President Andrew Steinberg said.

Recently, the constitution committee met to discuss current issues in SG and how they resolve these issues through revision of the constitution. The committee categorized its long- and short-term goals for the SG constitution during this meeting.

"We hope to have the short-term changes completed by the end of the fall semester and the long-term changes completed by the end of the spring semester," said Shayka.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Wilkes University clubs join Wilkes-Barre community members in the annual Mischief Walk. Off Campus Council and Student Government are two of the clubs participating in the event this year.

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Both Dawson and Fields recognize that this is an unstable period for the VPA department, given the recent decision to dissolve the music program as a major, but Fields feels that Dawson may actually end up being the stabilizing force in the VPA.

"It is another level of change that all the people in that area are going to cope with. Fortunately he is not disappearing. [Zipay] is going to be around; he's going to

facilitate and help the transition to Joe Dawson. And in some ways I think having a tenured faculty member step up as the chair and provide leadership is a stabilizing counterpoint. I'm appreciative that Joe Dawson has agreed to do that," said Fields.

Although Provost Dr. Maravene Loeschke, is not directly involved in personnel issues, she did comment that she was looking forward to working collaboratively with Dawson, as interim chair, and the faculty to "reshape the Visual and Performing Arts."

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Nursing clinicals offer Wilkes students hands-on learning

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While most other majors have internships to allow students real world application of the skills they have learned at Wilkes, nursing majors look forward to clinical.

Nursing clinical allows students to work in local hospitals, doctors' offices, psychiatric wards and nursing homes to gain hands on experience--something that the Wilkes University nursing program contends is essential to a well-rounded education in the field.

"In our clinical courses, we do not want to do what is called front-loading our theory," said Dr. Bridgette Zielinski, an associate professor of nursing. "You cannot separate the theory and the clinical application."

Wilkes offers one of the few nursing programs to offer clinical experience in students' sophomore year. During clinical, students perform nursing tasks ranging from giving patients their medications, and taking care of their chart to administering

"They have to be part of their education because it's the only way you learn to apply the theory. We're dealing with human beings, and human beings are not predictable."

Dr. Bridgette Zielinski, associate professor of nursing

injections and inserting catheters. As students progress through the curriculum, the assignments get more advanced as they travel the road to becoming a registered nurse (RN).

"They get to apply the knowledge that they learn in class," said Larry Rosenquist, an associate professor of nursing and the level four coordinator for the senior class.

Students generally find value in applying the skills they read about and discuss in the classroom. "Clinical is more skill oriented," said Rachael Seroski, a senior nursing

major who has done a great deal of clinical work.

According to Zielinski, applying the theory that is learned in class is one of the most important aspects of becoming an RN. Zielinski said, "They have to be part of their education because it's the only way you learn to apply the theory. We're dealing with human beings, and human beings are not predictable."

"People are also under the mistaken impression that we do everything in hospital," Zielinski added. "That's just not true."

While some of the clinicals do take place in the hospital setting there are many other venues nursing students may take advantage of as places for practical application of their skills. Wilkes students go to local school districts to teach students about a wide range of health related issues, such as hand washing, stranger safety, immunizations, nutrition and heart health. While in the hospitals, students also experience the inner workings of almost every department, including surgery, the operating room and the intensive care units.

Clinicals are mostly part of an eight-credit course that students take. Half of the course is set in a traditional lecture setting while the other half is clinical. For her topics course in pediatrics in the spring semester, Zielinski plans to have students go out on clinical two days a week. However, other nursing courses are taught in a traditional classroom setting such as research issues, pharmacology, patho-physiology and physical assessment.



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Dyleski case points to challenge of trying juveniles

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL BOARD

"18 to party, 21 to drink."

How often have we all heard this? Numerous bars and clubs throughout the country place this age restriction on the guests they allow into their establishments. And this age restriction is one of many that Americans must answer to throughout their lives, including waiting to vote until 18, waiting to drive a car until the age of 16 or waiting to be eligible for retirement until they reach their mid-fifties.

These age restrictions, while arbitrary at best and downright unfair at worst, have little measurable, long-term effect on a person's life. So you bother your parents for a ride for a couple extra years, or grumble about politicians throughout your teenage years until you are able to actually make a difference yourself, or work a few extra years more than you would like to. And when

you do reach the age dictated by law, you become eligible for the long-awaited slug of beer or whip around the block.

However, some age restrictions are discriminatory and are a cause for concern in this country. They are not simply an annoyance but are arguably unfair.

One case where an age limitation appears not just arbitrary but potentially damaging is in the question of how we treat juveniles in our court system. Specifically, how we try a juvenile for a violent crime as either the juvenile that he is or as the adult that he is not, reflects a decision that few people are qualified to make and that affects the entire life of the criminal in question.

According to an October 22 MSNBC article, 16-year-old Scott Dyleski will be charged as an adult in the violent killing of prominent District Attorney Daniel Horowitz's wife. Tried as an adult, Dyleski will not be entitled to any of the protections accorded

him if he were tried as a juvenile, including serving time only until the age of 25 if convicted. Instead, he could go to jail for the rest of his life with no possibility of parole.

Some would argue that because Dyleski is under 18, he should be receiving the protections set up by law for this express purpose. Others feel that life in prison is a fair arrangement, that Dyleski should sacrifice the rest of his life for the life he took. However, prosecutors have ended this debate by labeling Dyleski's alleged crime as "disturbingly violent" and his actions as adult-like and punishable as such.

This situation lacks clarity, and raises a number of questions about how determinations are made regarding the nature of crimes and how they can be punished based on age. If Dyleski had waited until he was 18, a mere two years from now, there would be no question that he would be tried as an adult. However, if he had

committed this crime three years ago, at the age of 13, would the choice of trying him as an adult still be possible?

Why 18, then? What transformation is expected to occur in teenagers at that magical age that makes them capable of determining between right and wrong? Regardless of whether the child took a bat and beat a woman to death when he was 13, 16 or 18, the outcome is certainly the same, the crime no more or less shocking and perhaps most significantly, there is no way to truly prove a child's ability to rehabilitate at this stage of maturation.

And, truly, how do prosecutors make such a distinction when each individual confronts different situations throughout their lives and reaches moral and intellectual maturity at different points?

While it would not be beneficial nor realistic to measure each person's maturity level individually, and then make decisions about when they can begin driving or whether they realize the true ramifications of committing various crimes, some key issues must be confronted when deciding the future of a young boy's life.

Dyleski has years of life ahead of him, and whether he will spend it in jail or spend it amongst other people with the realization of what he has done remains to be seen. However, prosecutors' hasty decision to try him as an adult reflects little deliberation on their part as to his motive, prior behavior, and future ability to make amends for his crime.

It remains that Dyleski is not an adult as defined by law. When someone as young as Dyleski commits as heinous a crime as murder, something has gone terribly wrong somewhere along the line. It is imperative that prosecutors abandon their notion of him as a 16-year-old who committed an adult crime and focus on the individual boy whose fate is in their hands.

Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 51 responses.

The Beacon asked:

What is the scariest horror film?

- *Exorcist* - 39%
- *Silence of the Lambs* - 4%
- *The Ring* - 14%
- *The Shining* - 12%
- *Rosemary's Baby* - 4%
- *Se7en* - 2%
- *Alien* - 4%
- *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* - 10%
- *Psycho* - 4%
- *Nightmare on Elm Street* - 8%

Next Week's Poll

Question:

Which of the following people would have made the most impact had they not died so young?

- John F. Kennedy, Jr.
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Malcolm X
- Joan of Arc
- Princess Diana
- Anne Frank

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

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By Jason Nickle



Harriet Miers steps down to escape paper trail

YOUR VOICES

Pedestrians should use common sense

Dear Editor:

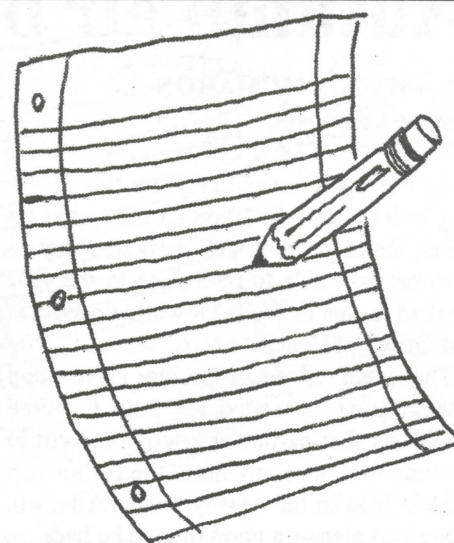
I believe the crosswalk signs are a very good idea, but I also believe some Wilkes students need to become aware that the statute says, "Yield to pedestrians in crosswalk."

The statute *does not* give anyone the right to waltz out into traffic forcing traffic to come to an abrupt halt. Rather, it requires motorists to stop if someone is already in a marked crosswalk.

If you step off the curb into traffic (as many Wilkes students do) and traffic stops, consider yourself lucky. If you step off the curb into traffic and get hit, consider yourself dead, since it is generally accepted that a direct eight mile per hour impact on a pedestrian is fatal.

Laws do not negate physics nor do they take into account the elderly population of this area who may not be able to react quickly enough to stop. Most importantly, laws do not preclude a little common sense and personal responsibility.

Joe Jackloski, Edwardsville, PA



Response to William Bennett's overt racism

Dear Editor:

The Beacon is a great publication, but I recently read your article on William Bennett's alleged racism. The reason he did not receive as much attention is that he simply stated facts. It is true, whether it is sad or insulting or both, crime rate is based on statistical evidence that shows that a greater proportion are black. Simple logical reasoning demonstrates that eliminating a significant contributor of a data set will lower the statistical rate of incidence for said set. This same comment could be applied to a host of other variables.

It is obvious [why] the media did not take as much reference to this comment as your editorial board. I feel this reflects very poorly on the editorial board. I never saw an article on Kanye West when he stated that white people shouldn't be allowed to use black people's language! Kanye's remarks are much more charged and not factual. Where was *The Beacon* then? This article shows *The Beacon's* lack of journalistic integrity as it presents a one sided view of a particular event, while simultaneously not covering other events that are similar, but speak for a different group of society. I am deeply disturbed by this one sided view, and the fact that simply facts were given, but racism assumed, further demonstrates the questionable integrity of the editorial board at *The Beacon*.

I wonder if *The Beacon* ever consulted anyone with regard to the facts made in this statement. As it stands today, blacks are a race who have a higher than population average crime rate; therefore, eliminating the black data set also will statistically lower the average. The personal conviction of the comments may have been derogatory or may have lacked morals, but they were not racist. *The Beacon's* insulting lack of accuracy leads me to believe that they are purposely misleading the readers. Racism is defined by dictionary.com as the following, and most people would agree:

1. The belief that race accounts for differences in human character or ability and that a particular race is superior to others.
2. Discrimination or prejudice based on race.

His comments do not fit either criterion for being a racist remark. He stated a fact. While it may have lacked tact, it is still a fact. I am anxiously awaiting a response. This particular article, lacked basic reasoning, both logical and analytical. I am deeply shocked and await a response.

Stephen H. Franko IV
Senior Sociology Major

Americans entitled to their own opinions

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the article published in *The Beacon* on 10.24.05. There is an amusing level of irony that Mr. Morrison is a history major. Maybe he has not been privy to any American history courses yet; nonetheless, I was under the impression that we learned a few basic concepts about the nature of free speech and freedom of expression prior to entering college.

What makes this country great is that every individual is afforded the opportunity to express their views on any issue, even if others, wait, especially if others, find it offensive. Any group in this country can make an effort to change laws, beliefs or antiquated stereotypes if they feel the status quo is unjust. One could argue that freedom of speech is fundamental to the existence of democracy.

Last year during the presidential race I remember being inundated with propaganda from Republicans and Democrats about the upcoming election. Now, I would have sooner set my hair on fire and become a TV evangelist than vote for John Kerry, but I was overwhelmed by the sense of American pride. People on both sides felt they could make a difference and that it was not just their right but their duty to do so.

This is just one example of two opposing view points trying to make others see things their way. Student organizations like the Multicultural Student Coalition and the Free Spirit Gay and Straight Alliance are trying to make students like Mr. Morrison conscious of the fact that not everyone looks or acts like him. Some people are flamboyant, Homosexual, Indian, Asian or Black, but hey, they chose their poison, right.

The next time you have a less socially acceptable minority to express your distaste for, I wonder if *The Beacon* will publish it?

I can see it now, during black history month Mr. Morrison gets an article published about how it is okay to be black as long as you are not overly black or that the music they decided to play "was really disgusting and morally wrong." Hey if this guy finds rainbows offensive he might melt if he hears some gangster rap.

I sat behind the display during National Coming Out Day for a few hours and I do not remember hearing anyone say they were offended. My first question to them would have been why. Why do stickers that say, "Have a gay day! God loves me just the way I am, or Celebrate Diversity" offend you? Thousands of hate crimes are reported every year all over the world and you think there is no need for a table, stickers and some rainbows to be put in the student center one day out of the year?

Every American is entitled to their opinion and we can make educated decisions on whether to agree or disagree. Thanks for sharing your opinions with the Wilkes Community Mr. Morrison. I don't like Skittles either but, I like homophobes even less.

Shane Jerominski, P3 Pharmacy Major

Autumn air brings scent of childhood days gone by

BY AMANDA MCMAHON
Beacon Columnist

As I stepped out of my dorm this morning into the fall air I couldn't help but be taken aback by how this particular day in October was able to return me to the year I raked leaves in my lawn while dressed as the Queen of Hearts.

The scent of decomposing leaves and changing air reminded me how I waited anxiously that particular afternoon for it to be time to prance around in the Halloween parade held in the nearby town. After all, there was always a good time to be had.

Awakening from this sudden trance to find myself trudging down River Street to campus, pushes me back into the harsh reality of deadlines and the pressing hours that the rest of the week has in store. I can't help but think to myself, "Isn't this what Halloween is all about?"

The fascination we have with and almost tantalizing need for holiday traditions, especially in acknowledging these customs merely for tradition's sake, have a lot to do with the ageless kinds of impressions



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these events have had on us as a result of our childhood experiences. It is why our grandparents refer to the "good old days" of apple bobbing, why we, though well past our belief in the tooth fairy or Santa Claus, still carve pumpkins and put up window clings of ghosts and vampires, and why, a week before Halloween, the line just to get into Party City extends three hundred feet from the door.

Year after year, despite the hassles of time

and the limited finances we face (after all, I'm a college student, too) we somehow manage to celebrate a yearly tradition from our past in order to, even if for one moment, reacquire ourselves with the feeling of being a kid again. It's like the smell of crayons that makes us laugh every time we think of the classmate who shoved "midnight blue" up his nose. Those moments are forever embedded in our hearts and minds.

Even if it means not being able to resist grabbing a festive bag of candy corn or some plain Kit-Kats (my personal favorite) on the way out of Wal-Mart, it's well worth the extra calories with each memory we bite into. After all, when it comes down to it we are essentially the spirit of trick-or-treat past- the sly, ever indulgent child grown into adulthood.

While I could go on and on about the countless number of other Halloween memories from my childhood, that that single moment in time managed to reacquire me with the white face paint smeared all over my turtle neck sweater or the high heels I insisted on wearing trick-or-treating that ended up blistering my feet. I'll instead leave you to your own goblin-dressing-pumpkin-seed-roasting-toilet-papering days. For it is our personal memory of days gone by that enlighten our being and send us searching for times that will become pieces of our past; days that will someday remind us of who we are. After all, that's what the celebration of Halloween and the essence of our humanity is all about.

Warning: This article may contain German nudity

BY KRISTYN OSTMAN
Beacon Asst. Business Editor

It has become increasingly apparent to me that the more I learn about those wacky Europeans, the less inclined I am to try an alternative spring break trip. Nonetheless, I continue to read up on the new, sociocultural phenomenon across the pond. I am pleased to say that I am rarely, if ever, disappointed when looking for a juicy new trend.

Recently, I came upon a delightful story about free expression, social taboos and change. Above all, the reason this story caught my eye is that it centered on nudism. Though I, myself, am not a nudist, it is a topic that I find incredibly interesting. The only nudists I've ever seen or heard about have been far from the types anyone would want to see disrobing, yet nonetheless, these ordinary Joes are living life *au naturel*.

Here's a little history on it: at the forefront of the nudist movement was pre-WWII Germany. People joined clubs where membership became so high that guards were posted to protect the patrons from peeping toms.

Now membership has been dwindling for the most shocking of reasons - a general decline of social taboos across the board. Modern Germans do not view nudism as shocking or wrong. In fact, it has become a part of daily life. Magazine covers, television and even supermarkets maintain loose policies on clothing as a necessity. Even if

there are laws against it, they are certainly not being enforced.

When nudist clubs were at their peak, members expressed the sentiment that baring it all was about escape and total freedom. So why are the traditional nudists so upset now that we're all liberated? Many might look at this and see a level of hypocrisy. Nudists of old acting like the A-list kids in high school; surely we must be mistaken at the thought of these pioneers being so self-ish! When I learned of the enmity they feel toward the anything-goes regime, I thought about their initial motives for donning only a pair of moccasins in the first place.

Our traditional nudists don't want to be socially acceptable; they are exhibitionists. With the culture moving to accept all walks of life there is no longer a venue for them to stand out, which I suppose would outrage anyone that is purely concerned with himself. The biggest gripe I have about this public display is not the blatant desperation for attention but having their ideology forced on me. Like telemarketers or people passing out leaflets at the airport, nudists are pretty obvious, and irritating, in how they share their values. However, unlike a telemarketer, we cannot simply hang-up on a naked woman asking us for the time because watches are just as confining as underpants.

Nudism is a growing subculture today in America. This past summer, a group of seniors and baby-boomers gathered in Penn-

sylvania for some naked recreation. It leads me to question how soon it will be before people are walking stark naked to class. Laws in New York have already been altered to allow either gender to go topless in public. Certainly, this is not common practice now but rest assured that when you give an inch, people take a mile.

Don't get me wrong, I don't believe that next year nudists will have taken over but I do see where there is a foothold for the U.S. to socially progress into a very dangerous place while continuing to taunt how "free" and "accepting" we are being. After all, why ban something that isn't hurting really anyone, or is it?

Your Voices: Response to "Our Father doesn't discriminate"

Dear Editor:

Being a Catholic priest is not just a matter of being able to stay celibate and chaste. It's a matter of being able to put forth all the Church's teachings with integrity and in their totality (i.e., undiluted).

In my experience, a homosexual priest can't do that. Why? Because these priests don't agree with these teachings. Indeed, they reject all the Church's moral teachings, because, frankly, if one is right, gee, might not that one on homosexuality be accurate, too?

This cheats the Catholic faithful of having all the tools necessary to fully live their faith, not commit sin and thus eventually enter heaven. People's souls are at stake. What the Vatican is doing is prudent and right.

Sincerely,

Brian O'Neel
Sacramento, CA

YOUR VOICES

Oppression needs to end now

To the editor:

Rosa Parks died this past week. Did you notice or even care?

The letter to the editor from James Morrison (10.24.05) expressed an opinion that I suspect is shared by many. The thrust of this opinion holds that it's okay to be "different;" just don't *tell* me you are different. Keep these differences to yourself and stay behind closed doors with your actions. Publicly hide from your own realities.

I must challenge these beliefs. History dictates that we must all challenge these beliefs if we wish to live in a more peaceful union.

It's too bad Ms. Parks had to shove down the throats of the American people the fact that she was Black. Why couldn't she have just taken another seat and kept quiet about her race? If she had, the buses of Montgomery would have been filled, the white folks could have had access to all the diner seats they wanted and Emmitt Till might still be alive today.

It's too bad Susan B. Anthony and her followers didn't remain barefoot and pregnant in their kitchens. If these women and their supporters had just kept to themselves, we wouldn't have all of these women clogging our voting booths. Why did they need to so vigorously demand their equal rights?

Have you seen the footage of the anonymous Chinese man who stopped a tank on Tiananmen Square? One person *can* make a difference. Alone, he brought the spotlight upon the human rights violations in China. It's really too bad others didn't more fully support him. A lot of people united in spirit and action can make a lot more difference. It takes a lot of people to stop oppression, although often it starts with just one.

Chief Joseph, of the Nez Perce tribe, after being chased all over the upper Midwest by the American military, said, "I shall fight no more forever." In my mind, those are some of the saddest words ever written, because we need to fight bigotry, hate and oppression. The fight should not be physical, but it must be intellectual and emotional. The fight for civil rights is not over and it continues to be a fight worthy of all our attention. It is disheartening to learn that Chief Joseph wasn't the beneficiary of the rights granted to all of us by the Constitution. In his day, as in ours today, we should have come together to protect each other from violations of our constitutional rights.

Although it may offend some when those oppressed use stickers, the press, marches and protests to make their points, this is a constitutional right. Where would the Civil Rights Movement have gone without peaceful protests against oppression? What would have happened had so many workers not walked the picket lines demanding safe working conditions? Sometimes, the best way to bring public attention to oppression is through public display. And, thank goodness we live in a country where such a right is protected.

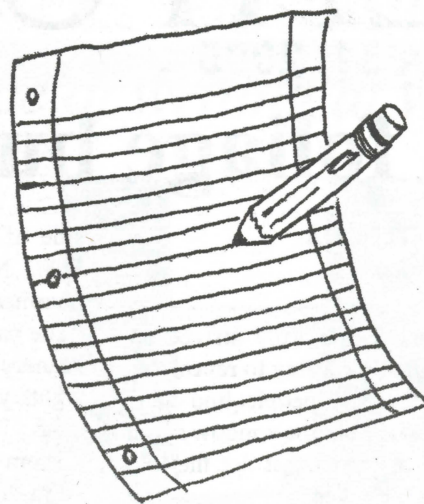
I can hear the argument now. All my examples are from our history. We've put all that behind us. We're all equal under the law. Then why did the young lady in the Philadelphia high school I was in last week have several buttons

talking about Black pride? Why can't two adults, who love each other, be granted the right to marry? Exclusion from that right alone prevents such individuals from receiving other benefits like family medical insurance, equal sharing of joint wealth and sometimes even medical decisions affecting their loved ones.

Two couples are walking down the sidewalk, each holding hands with their chosen partner. One couple is heterosexual and the other homosexual. Which couple will get stares, called insulting names and/or be scorned? Which couple won't even worry about what others may say or do to them? Is that equal societal protection? Think of examples of little things those in the majority take for granted that those in the minority are socially disqualified from enjoying in the same fashion—persons of color are often tailed by security in stores, a person who doesn't fit the profile of the neighborhood is deemed suspicious, old is equated with less intelligent, the most qualified women is deemed less capable than the least qualified man in combat, etc.

The bulked up, testosterone loaded man with the Eagles cap asserting his sexuality is accepted by society; however, the man whose voice is perhaps a little higher than average with the earring in the "wrong" ear and the gay pride pin is encouraged to take his sexuality behind closed doors. This rings of a double standard.

Sheryl Swoopes, of the WNBA, just came out. Why did she have to come out so publicly? She's says she's tired of hiding who she is and of keeping secret her love for another woman. These are both issues that heterosexuals simply take for granted as given social rights, but the same



doesn't exist for homosexuals.

Oppression exists in this country regarding race, ethnicity, age, religion, sexuality and much more. Such oppression exists on this campus. And it needs to end, now. If it takes public displays and protest, count me in. Our mission statement ("...welcome the opportunities and challenges of a diverse and continuously changing world...") our motto (Unity Amidst Diversity) and creed (An Educated Man or Woman, "...communicates ideas in a manner that assures understanding for understanding unites us all...") require us to stand up for the constitutional, civil and moral rights of all of our citizens. As citizens, we require equal treatment under the law. As citizens, we deserve equal treatment in life.

Mike Frantz
Dallas, PA

Homosexuals last minority to receive equal rights

Dear Editor:

As I read James Morrison's response [10.24.05] to Mark Congdon's article on homophobia on our campus [10.17.05] I experienced two gut reactions. First, I couldn't believe that there are still members of the Wilkes community whose confidence in their own sexuality is so fragile that those of us gay folks would pose a threat to them. And secondly, I was disappointed to see that the letter was written by an upperclassman rather than a first semester first year student. I also got a chuckle when reading that Mr. Morrison doesn't consider himself to be homophobic.

Mr. Morrison states his concern that the Gay and Straight Alliance is trying to push their beliefs on the rest of the campus. I believe that the alliance is merely trying to promote acceptance of the last remaining minority of Americans who do not enjoy equal rights. We live in a country where fundamentalism has taken over all three branches of our federal government: the White House, Congress, and the Supreme Court. The last presidential election was won due to the aggressive tactics of a bigoted fundamentalist Christian minority whose sole purpose was to force their values on those of us who do not share their narrow-minded morals or hateful, judgmental tactics. Such issues as gay rights, women's reproductive rights, stem cell research, and the teaching of evolution in public schools were focal points during the last campaign.

People like Mr. Morrison should watch national news programs, read newspapers, listen to debates, think, and start paying attention to the big issues facing his generation. We took over Iraq for the sole purpose of oil, we have offended all of our previous allies across the seas, our country is controlled by the extremely wealthy and by fundamentalists, and the right to a free and open education, such as our students at Wilkes receive, is being threatened.

And please, Mr. Morrison, stop shoving your heterosexuality in our faces. It offends me!

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Fall foliage bursts onto the scene

BY DANA ZLOTUCHA
Beacon Staff Writer

Now that autumn has truly arrived and the leaves are finally starting to reveal their beautiful colors, many people find themselves fondly gazing out the window admiring the palette of colors that dot the local maples, oaks and birches.

Why not make a day of it, though, and give nature's splendor the time it really deserves? There are many places locally that offer the opportunity to simultaneously clear the mind and enjoy the view during this colorful season.

One such opportunity is the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton which offers a Limited Train Ride Excursion. This is a seasonal program aboard a vintage passenger car or caboose and is available every day except Mondays until November 23. Tours are approximately 20-40 minutes and are scheduled for 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. The tours offer a nice view of the countryside and sometimes include additional walking tours at the destination of the ride. Call 570-340-5204 to make reservations, or for more information 570-340-5200, and visit the website at www.nps.gov.stea/seldom.htm.

For those who have a few hours to spare, Bushkill Falls, the "Niagara of Pennsylvania," is approximately a one hour drive from the Wilkes campus, located just this

side of the Delaware Water Gap on I-80 East. Natalie Kazinetz, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major, recommends this location. "The park has a lot to offer everyone. The scenery is beautiful and the waterfalls are sights you don't get to see everyday," she said.

From November 1-23, the park is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The park offers hiking trails and views of wildlife, waterfalls and of course, lovely fall foliage. Hiking trails here range from a 15 minute walk to a 2 hour hike, and all trails lead to observation decks and areas in which the park's eight waterfalls can be seen from. At the entrance, the park also boasts the Pennsylvania Wildlife Museum, which features displays about the area's natural wildlife. Adult admission is \$9 and more information is available at www.visitbushkillfalls.com.

Lake Scranton, off of exit 184 on I-81 North offers a 3.5 mile walking path around the perimeter of the lake. This time of year, anyone looking for some fresh air can enjoy a jaunt around the lake in addition to the pleasure of observing the local wildlife and natural beauty. Heather Washenko, a sophomore biology major, has been to Lake Scranton several times. "It's a nice place to visit any time of the year, but it's especially enjoyable on an autumn day. It's a place to go that perfectly combines scenery with relaxation, an atmosphere in which clarity of



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Looking out from a University Tower's balcony, one can see that autumn has truly arrived. The fall foliage scenery is a great way to enjoy nature. There are many opportunities to enjoy the changing colors of the leaves locally. The Steamtown National Historic Site offers a train ride excursion. Bushkill Falls, by the Delaware Water Gap, has beautiful sights including waterfalls. Lake Scranton has a 3.5 mile walking path where fresh air can be enjoyed. Lastly, across the Market St. bridge, Kirby Park offers a place to capture the look of fall in a very short walk from campus.

mind comes easily," she commented.

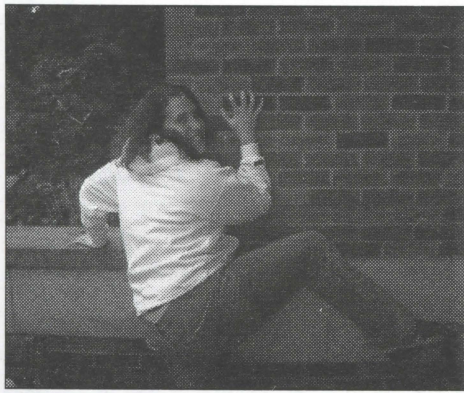
For anyone looking for some immediate local scenic enjoyment, the trees in Kirby Park, over the Market St. Bridge in Kingston, are also blossoming into robust fall hues. The park is just a few minutes away from campus by foot and offers an oppor-

tunity for amateur photographers to capture the fall foliage right in Wilkes' backyard. Or, if this sounds like too much physical activity, the shuttle can be taken from behind the Henry Student Center to Ralston Field, which makes the walk considerably shorter.

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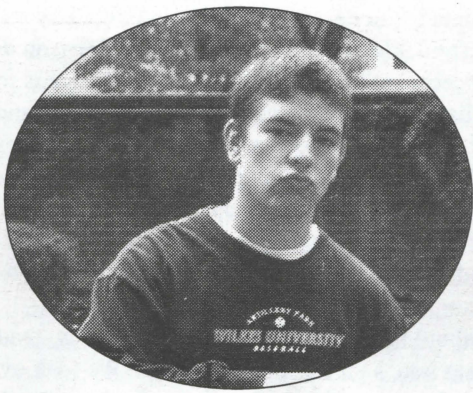
Beacon reporter Wayland Davis was curious about what Wilkes students are thinking. Here is what he found out...

What is your favorite way to deal with the stress of midterms?



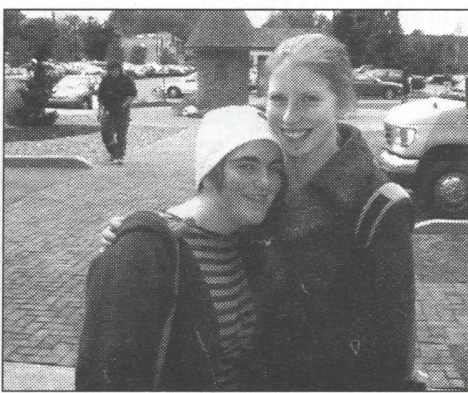
Amanda Baranowski - junior, psychology major

"Climbing walls."



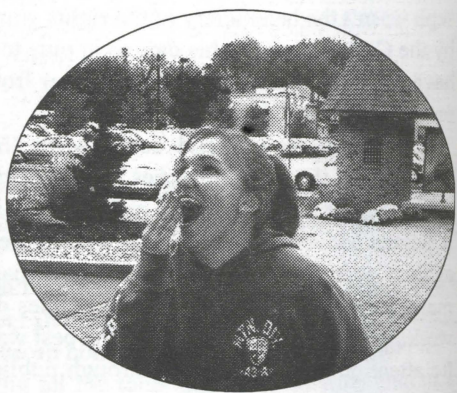
Nick Testa - sophomore, psychology major

"Play Tecmo Super Bowl and call my mom."



Cat Lettieri & Deirdre Cynda - freshman & sophomore theatre majors

"We sing."



Beth Kubus - freshman, undeclared major

"I like to hang out with my best friend Jackie Nikki Sawicki."

Write for the job? You bet!

Local professionals show Wilkes class importance of writing at work

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

If you think writing good will help you in the workplace, think again. It's *writing well*.

That example is an illustration of what can set one candidate apart from the next for a job or promotion. Writing, in some capacity, is vital to almost any workplace. And that is what Dr. Larry Kuhar, professor and chair of the English department, is grooming Wilkes University students for in his new topics course, "Writers in the Workplace: Texts, Stories and the Digital Age."

"My belief is that no matter what skills are learned academically, it is a huge leap to working in industry," Kuhar said of a class full of mixed majors.

Kuhar's goals for the course are for students to demonstrate the ability to write confidently and clearly about the changing nature of today's workplace, to understand how technology affects workplace culture, to apply understanding of stories at work and to understand how communication practices inform organization structure and hierarchy.

Just in case students still second guess the importance of writing in a professional setting, Kuhar filled the syllabus with guest speakers from the local business community who share with students how they use writing everyday.

"I like to think that they see a value in [the course]. This is a high level, mature class. Seeing these model writers can help bridge the gap between academia and career," said Kuhar.

Speakers thus far have included a lawyer, a human resource professional, journalists, sales executives and Amy George, an underwriter with Wilkes-Barre's Guard Insurance Group, was the latest. George received a B.A. in English from Wilkes in 2001 and is currently working on her MBA. Ironically, 'underwriting' has nothing to do with writing. For the curious, the term refers to undertaking, or signing one's name at the end of a policy showing responsibility to cover expenses in case of losses. Nonetheless, writing is something George does daily as an underwriter for the workman's compensation insurance company.

A paperless company, George says she is equipped with pre-formatted letters for all types of correspondence. Only the name, address and other specifics need to be filled in before the letter is either e-mailed or faxed directly from the computer. Still, that

does not mean writing is null. With e-mail becoming the norm, communication has evolved to incorporate more informal communication strategies. However, this makes it easier to become lackadaisical with writing and succumb to using IM-jargon and emoticons--to CEO's and clients. George cautioned students about the dangers of slipping into this unprofessional attitude in their writing.

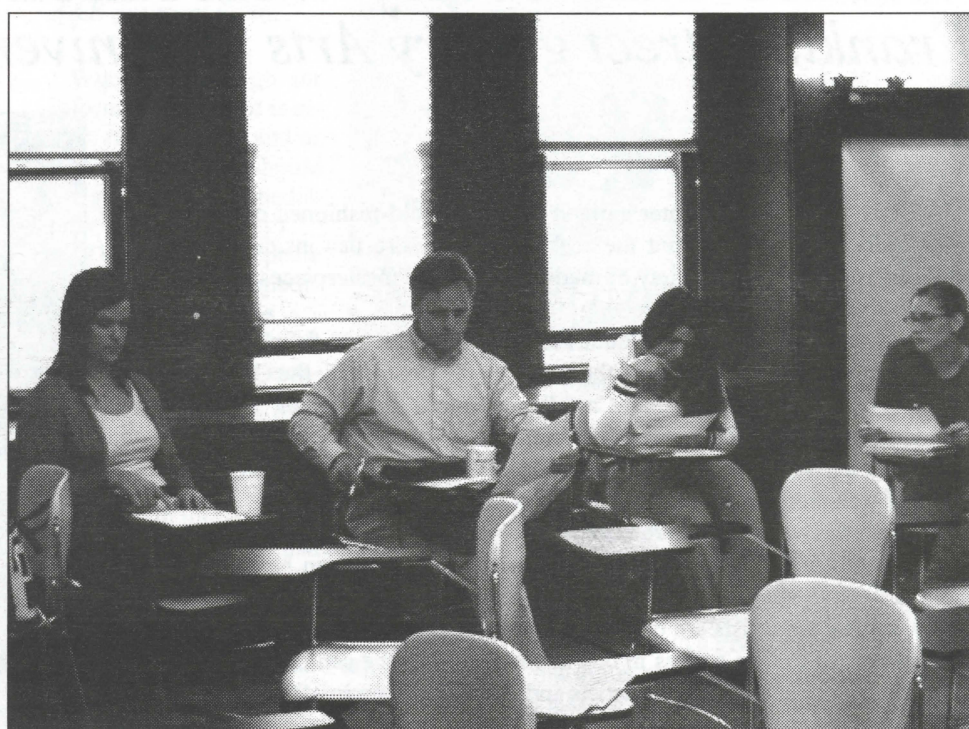
"You have to be careful with e-mail and misconstrued humor. I try not to get lazy and stop using capitals [letters] or punctuation. You will sound better, smarter and more professional," she said.

George also shared how employees can literally write their own ticket to the top through self-evaluations (SE). This common workplace practice helps employers recall employee accomplishments and reveal strengths, weaknesses and goals--all useful information for performance review time. (Read: raise, promotion or both.)

"I think it is very important to be able to do a self-appraisal and have ability to write a self-narrative. Internally within my department I have moved up and have gotten more responsibilities. Not sure if it is based on the SE, but it factors in," she said.

Kuhar reiterated something that he has been telling the class all semester. "Controlling the tone of the document is crucial to creating *ethos*," he said. *Ethos*, he says, is what administers one's character in the workplace.

In addition to guest speakers for which



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Amy George (left), an underwriter with Wilkes-Barre's Guard Insurance Group, was the latest speaker to address Dr. Larry Kuhar's "Writers in the Workplace: Texts, Stories, and the Digital Age" course. Kuhar's goals for the class are for students to demonstrate the ability to write confidently and clearly in the workplace, to understand how technology affects the workplace and to apply understanding of stories at work and how communication informs organization structure and hierarchy. Kuhar has packed his syllabus with a large amount of guest speakers to come into his class. Speakers thus far have included many local business professionals, a lawyer, a human resources professional, journalists and sales executives.

students write analytical papers, Kuhar covers topics like technology, organizational culture, leadership, language, writing and communicating. But most of all, Kuhar says he wants students to not just have skills to do a job--but also be able to

write according to the profession.

"This course is about living a full life at work, as well as being prepared," said Kuhar.

And a final point worth mentioning: students are unlikely to even find themselves in the workplace without the ability to write a cover letter, resume and thank-you note.

Just the FACTS COLLEGE DRINKING CONSEQUENCES

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(Hingson et al., 2005)

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Wilkes University welcomes new neighbor *Franklin Street gallery Arts YOUNiverse holds ribbon-cutting ceremony*

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Correspondent

The Arts YOUNiverse Center's grand pillars and old-fashioned charm may impress those who walk by, but the real artistic treasure lies inside the building, where artists are using a variety of mediums to create masterpieces and teach others how to create their own.

The center is located at 156 South Franklin Street [across from Breiseth Hall], and was recently purchased from the American Red Cross by the Quinary Group, which consists of Patricia Finan Castellano, Mary Louise Faber, Janet E. Flack, Kathleen Godwin, and Maureen M. Straub. The former Stegmaier family home and Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross building were converted into many studios, which are now rented out by local artists.

Kathleen Godwin, Executive Director of Arts YOUNiverse, said that while the center is still undergoing some renovations, many artists can be found there in their respective studios, and members of the public are welcome to walk in to discover what the artists are creating, to observe them while they are working on their pieces, or to take a class in one of the mediums the center features. "I want the public to come talk with the artists and realize they are just normal people who have found a way to express themselves," Godwin said.

The center features methods ranging from painting and sculpting to visual journaling and metalworking. It also includes a Rainbow Alliance Unity in Diversity room, which can serve as a meeting place or a reference room for gays and lesbians in the area. The gift shop features work by in-house artists, so visitors have the option of purchasing work by an artist who they have just learned from or watched work.

Painter John Pacovsky is one artist who currently rents a studio in the center. Pacovsky uses a technological technique to capture color and detail in his work. He explained that he began observing detail through digital photographs, and then took it one step further, using the computer to display images, and zooming in to see pixels and colors at their truest.

Pacovsky said that being around other artists definitely has advantages as opposed to working in more secluded surroundings. "I'm inspired by their work," he said. "Artists need to be in surroundings where they can be inspiration. And I've got a key to a mansion. How many people can say that!"

Another in-house artist is Rose Brostoski, who shares a studio with two other women. She compared Arts YOUNiverse to the New York City Art League, but noted that, "It's much cleaner here." Brostoski has been creating art since she was ten years old, and has always had a passion for both painting and teaching. She considers the fine arts to be her real passion.



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Luzerne County commissioner Todd Vonderheid and a group of art supporters listen to Wilkes-Barre mayor Thomas Leighton as he speaks at Arts YOUNiverse ribbon-cutting ceremony inside the Franklin Street mansion.

FYI: Arts YOUNiverse is now open.
Hours of operation are noon-9 p.m. on most days, with hours expanding soon.
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A&E Profile: Performer, poet and published author

BY REBECCA SCHAAL
Beacon Correspondent

Wilkes alumni, graduate assistant, performer, radio personality and published author - Jim Warner has an impressive resume. His first chapbook of poems, *Paperhearts Made Easy*, was just picked up by Foothills Publishing. Warner's work has been seen in many magazines, and he has traveled to read his poetry. Sunday mornings, from 10 to 12 p.m., Warner's poetry is on the Univeristy radio station WCLH-FM.

Beacon: Why did you become a creative writing major?

Warner: Well, I didn't have a choice. It's something I have always done for as long as I can remember. I got my undergraduate degree at Wilkes, and I knew [Creative Writing] was a building program, but I started here and wanted to continue here. I feel like I am helping build a community of writers. That is more important than getting my MA, and being a part of that is amazing.

Beacon: How many years have you had an interest in reading your poetry?

Warner: Publicly, going out for five or six years. Right after I graduated from Wilkes. I have read in New York and Philly. It is nerve racking, because you are throwing your-

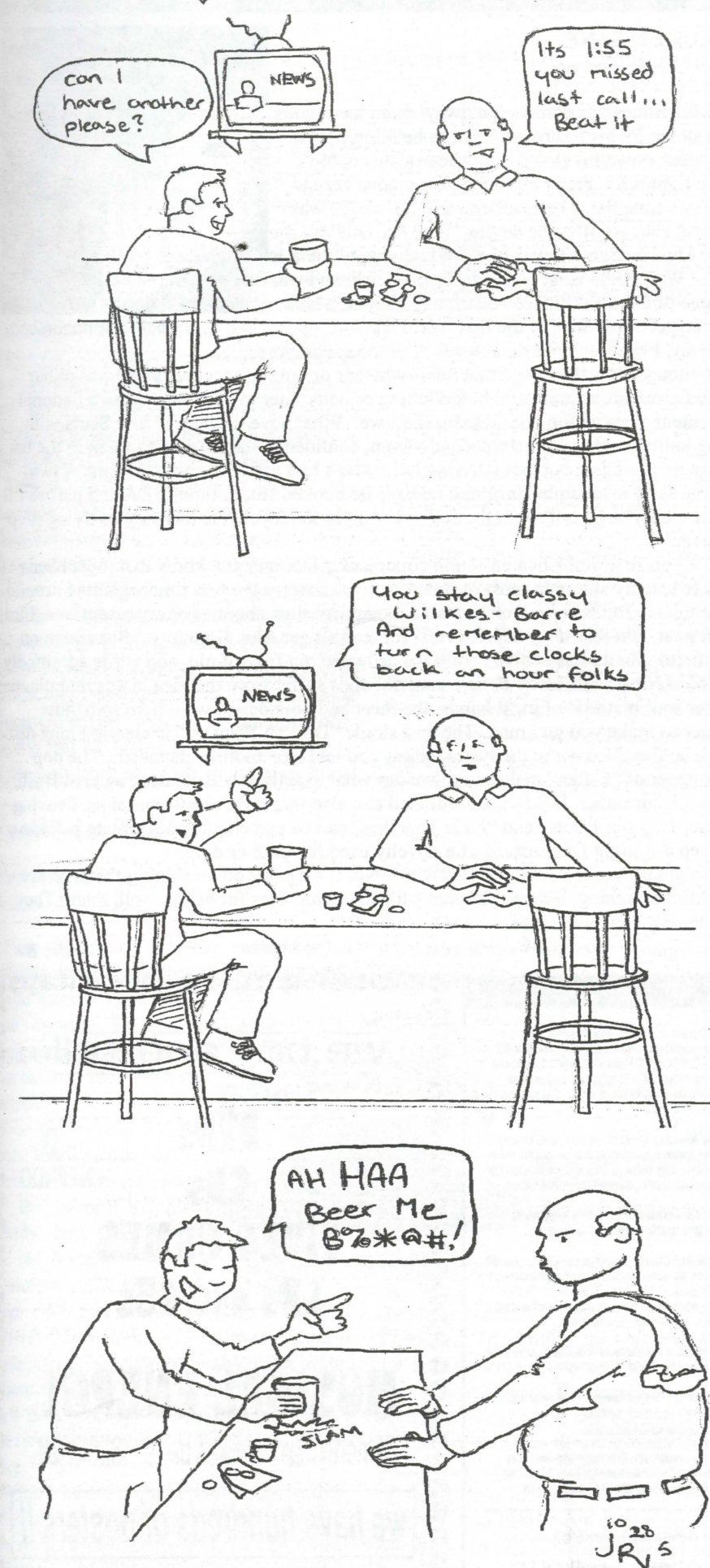
self out there for people to hear. A good poem will have to stand on its own. It's like a child. You can feed it and nurture it, but you have to let go ... It's not so much about me...it is about the writing.

Beacon: What do you like most about poetry?

Warner: For me, with any really good art, be it poetry, or film etc., you are able to connect with it. It kind of resonates in the pit of your stomach. To have that on both ends, like, when I read it to myself and feel something or when I read it aloud and have someone connect with me.

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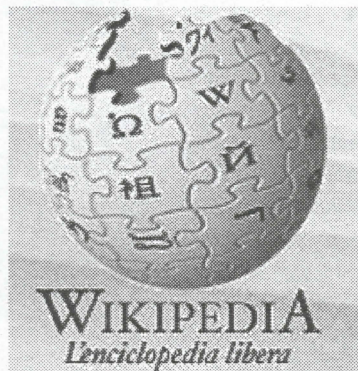
This week on the web

BY MYLES RUMBEL
A&E Assistant Editor

Where do you go for information when it is either: random, new and/or pop culture? You should be going to Wikipedia. (www.wikipedia.org.)

The free encyclopedia is run by the Wikimedia Foundation, which is, according to their website, an "international non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging the growth, development and distribution of free, multilingual content." Wikipedia is available in numerous languages, but primarily written in English and Dutch.

The way it works is that you search for a topic, such as "Taco Flavored Kisses." The search takes you to "Fat Butt and Pancake Head," a South Park episode in which the song "Taco Flavored Kisses" is in. The entry has the plot (with spoilers), quotes and trivia.



Courtesy of: wikipedia.org

Everyone updates these topics. With a few clicks of the mouse and a few taps on the keyboard, you too can add to the vast amount of knowledge already on this site.

There are nearly 800,000 topics in English on Wikipedia. Topics range from "Bees" to the "Russian Revolution" to the

South Park episode mentioned above. A lot of the information is pop culture based and current; two things traditional encyclopedias have a problem with.

The only downfall of the site is that there is no fact checker. Anyone can post anything about a given topic. Some information is correct and some isn't - which makes it a completely unreliable source. However, it's a good jumping off point.

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A&E Profile

Highlighting contributors to campus and community culture

Beacon: What are you looking to accomplish with your readings?

Warner: I want people to come out to hear me read and say, "I can do that." I am interested to turning people on to poetry. People too often see it as being pretentious, but it is not always that. It's like any other form of communication. It is my way to communicate with the outside world, to talk to the other people who are shy and introverted like I am.

Beacon: Where do you regularly hold your readings, and, where else are you seen and heard?

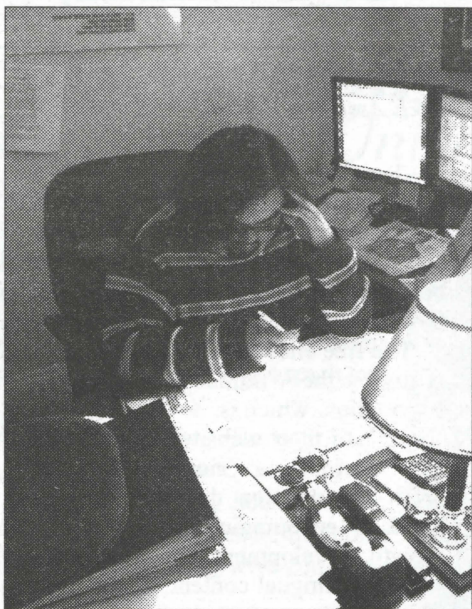
Warner: There are tons of places around this area I host, one at Barnes and Nobles for four and a half years. Ever since I got into this program, I was in an anthology among other books. I've traveled to Rochester, New York City-the lower east side, Philadelphia. I have future gigs in New York City that I am excited about.

Beacon: What do you like about the readings, you hold and attend?

Warner: I don't get paid to read. I do it for the experience. I love to just go and read my poetry and maybe turn someone on to do it. There is a pride to represent Wilkes-Barre, and such a great writing program. Also, I like the connection, the immediacy. You spend all this time writing in your room, your apartment, desk, working at circuit city wherever, and when someone reads it, but when you perform it is immediate connection. When I read poetry for the five or ten minutes, I am there. It's just the connection up there. I love it.

Beacon: Who have you opened for?

Warner: The biggest person I have



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski
MA in creative writing student Jim Warner already a becoming master poet.

opened for is coming up in November, Edwin Torres and Marty McConnel. I am excited for Torres because I saw him read two years ago. He's read everywhere. He's opened up for rock bands and was on Death Poetry Jam.

Beacon: How do you plan to incorporate poetry into your future?

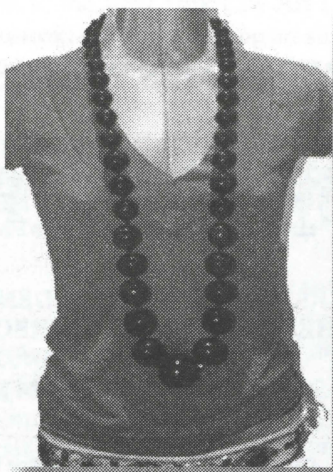
Warner: This is all I have. This is what I plan to do. I'm a poet. I love poetry. I have done enough things in the last ten years, and I have never given myself the opportunity to just be a poet, to just go out there and read and write. I am willing to make any sacrifice to do this. Its not always fun, like many things, but I love doing it. This is my life.

Trendspotter: Big Beads

BY MEGAN MANCE
Beacon Staff Writer

Beads, beads and more beads. And no, ladies, you don't have to get these beads at Mardi Gras.

Big beaded necklaces, like the ones pictured here, are very chic this season and can be found at any department or trendy store. This stylish piece of jewelry is the perfect accessory to compliment whatever you're wearing, and looks stunning by itself or layered with other necklaces. Wearing a big beaded necklace will turn you into a major bohemian babe in no time. The great thing about these beaded necklaces is that they come in almost every color. Turquoise, peridot, coral and jade are this season's most popular colors, but anything goes. So go out and get yourself a beautiful, big beaded necklace, and you'll look much more stylish than Wilma Flintstone ever was.

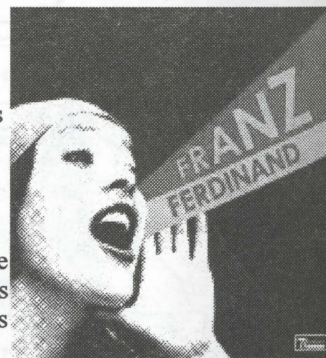


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Off The Charts

Music Review

BY PAUL LESSANE
Beacon Correspondent



Courtesy of Amazon.com

Alex Kapranos has come a long way- from having his vodka stolen by his future guitarist, to begging police not to close down his stolen club because he couldn't pay the light bill. Franz Ferdinand have gone zero to sixty in no time flat. Their self-titled debut album was an instant success after the single "Take Me Out" hit the States. Then everybody was like, "Which one of them is Franz?" Well guess what pop kids, Franz Ferdinand was the name of the assassinated Austrian Archduke who's death triggered the start of the first world war.

Anyway, I can't explain the relevance of the sophomore album enough. It is the gauge that reads whether or not the previous work was either splendid virtuoso, commercial blood letting or deity later to be contrived as a fictional act of intent. Lets get on with it then, shall we. What have we here is four Scots with ripping haircuts who, after the second album, confidence started poking them in the back like a more confident backseat driving twin who's less afraid to drive at night. A twin who wakes up in an ambulance and realizes he booked studio time in LA and parties till he pukes, only to go out again the following night to recycle the memory of living it up ... forever.

But, if you're a sophisticated sound connoisseur like me, you know that most bands out there usually summon most of their creative energies the first time signature around. By the time seconds are put on the table dynamism runs about as omnipresent as a third person goat. But fear not true believers, for lead singer Alex Kapranos' Superman on duds studio vibrato has evolved from the drowned out fuzz of old, and while admittedly *You Could Have it So Much Better* material does suffer from the idea hiatus that plagues the after-tour material of most bands, the meat and potatoes of what here somehow manages to make you go hmm. The first single "Do You Want To" is classic Franz disco change up fun. Moving to the lyrics makes you feel like another character. The pop punk opener of "Fallen" makes you wonder what exactly it is Brits have against Bush, or was it Blair rather. But Franz Ferdinand can also throw the slow ones at us. Proving "Eleanor Puts her Boots" and "Fade Together" can be presented as legitimate ballads that keep a straight face instead of a novelty used for truth or dare.

Is this album better than the first album? No. It's a party down shindig that's on some satire kind of a thing, but you shouldn't like them any less for being, well, them. They could have it so much better.

Grade: B-

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Dinner and a Movie

See: Elizabethtown

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

Maybe Dorothy was right...there is no place like home, and nowhere is this phrase held more true than in the movie *Elizabethtown*.

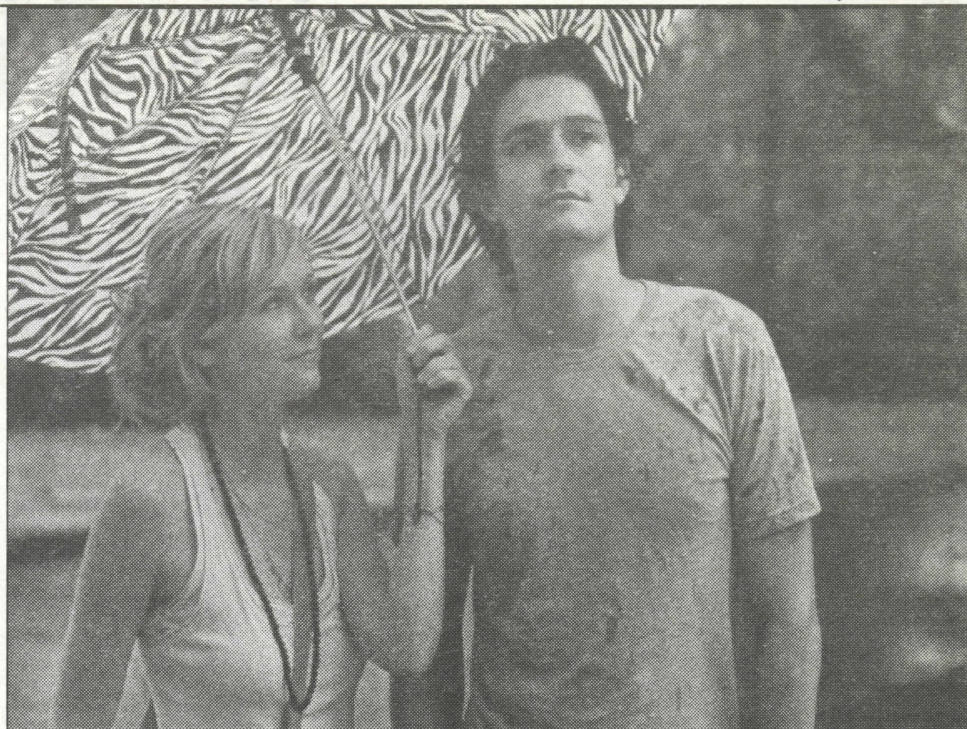
Elizabethtown is one of those movies that reminds us that sometimes what we've been looking for all along is right where we left it. I know that sounds very philosophical, but stay with me on this. Orlando Bloom shines (as he usually does) in his all-American role and has a great cast of big name supporting actors following right behind him, such as Susan Sarandon and Alec Baldwin.

Talk about a bad day. Drew Baylor (Orlando Bloom) has just caused the Oregon shoe company he works for to lose hundreds of billions of dollars and as a result his boss (Alec Baldwin) gives him the boot. And, as if being fired is not enough, he also gets dumped by his girlfriend Ellen (Jessica Biel). Later that evening while on the verge of suicide, Drew gets a call from his sister (Judy Greer) and mother (Susan Sarandon) saying that his father has died and since he is the only son, he needs to come to Eliza-

bethtown, Kentucky for the memorial.

While pondering over success and failure, Drew returns to Elizabethtown, the small American dream town where everyone knows your name, as well as the rest of your family and in Drew's case, his father. While dealing with his loud and overwhelming family, Drew considers his responsibility to fulfill his father's last wishes and, in turn, finds new purpose in his life. On the plane ride home, he meets a young flight attendant, Claire (Kirsten Dunst) who is the picture of optimism and although annoyed at first, Drew finds himself becoming oddly attracted to her and the fact that she seems to be the only other person who makes any sense to him. The romance that ensues may be just what Drew needs to get his life back on track.

Elizabethtown had many good points. The cast is a definite hit, and Bloom especially, shines as he portrays a young man forced to go through a gauntlet of emotions from dealing with grief, to trying to find a reason to live, to falling in love. Kirsten Dunst definitely plays the eternal optimist but at times I wondered if she did so to too much of an extent. Like Bloom's character towards the beginning of the movie, her



Courtesy Yahoo! Movies

Kirsten Dunst and Orlando Bloom

character does tend to get on your nerves for a little while, but overall she gets credit for having the good message and delivering it well. While highlighting many historical sites in the U.S., another benefit of the mov-

ie, *Elizabethtown* captures what's really important in life and how you see yourself as a success or a failure. That is definitely a great message for us college students.

Grade: B

Food: La Tolteca

BY MYLES RUMBEL
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Fans of *South Park* may remember an episode in which the first 'Bennifer' couple made guest a appearance. The episode featured a song sung by Jennifer Lopez called "Taco Flavored Kisses."

For those who haven't seen the episode or remember song lyrics, some of the words included: "Baby, let's make a run for the border, / I've got a hunger only tacos can stop. / Do you remember what I want to order? / Three tacos, two tostadas, and a soda pop." Lopez's inimitable song aside, where can you get a great taco? Sure, Taco Bell is decent, but Wilkes-Barre's newest Mexican restaurant La Tolteca takes the cake.

What's so great about these tacos? Well, I could emphasize how the tortillas were just right (which they were). Or I could expound about how the chicken was shredded

to perfection (which it was), and the entire thing just melted in my mouth (which it did). Or I could tell you that there was a margarita sitting next to it. A large strawberry margarita, to be exact. Coming from someone who isn't much of a tequila fan, take it from me- that margarita was great. The tequila was a little overpowering, but it's tequila. However, the actual margarita was so thick, you almost had to eat it with a spoon and that, my friends, makes an excellent margarita.

Prices at LaTolteca are student-friendly. Average entrees run \$7.95-\$12. In addition, the wait staff keeps the free (warm) chips and salsa coming. The atmosphere of the restaurant is also excellent. Most of the servers are Hispanic or fluent in Spanish. In addition to the wall painting of Aztec scenes, decorated booths - it really feels like a restaurant in Mexico. Granted, I've never been to a restaurant in Mexico - but this is what I'd expect one to be.

Grade: A



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Students weigh in on hope for a men's lacrosse team

Growing popularity of lacrosse causing some to request men's team

BYRYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Sports Editor

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a two-part series investigating the possible creation of a varsity men's lacrosse team at Wilkes University.

Anyone who was out on Club Day earlier this semester may have noticed a table for a Lacrosse Club. Although the Lacrosse Club may have seemed to be just another club on that day, in reality its goals are much more grandiose.

Wilkes used to support a men's lacrosse team at the varsity level, and it is the goal of many on the team to see the sport rise to the varsity level once more. The process, however, still has a long way to go. In fact, the Lacrosse Club is still busy getting on its feet as an organization.

"Coach [Matt] McCaffrey started the club last year," said senior Mike Fox. Fox no-

ticed McCaffrey's stand on Club Day and signed himself up. "Coach said I could hit people," said Fox, who is also a defensive end for the football team at Wilkes.

Club Day was a great success for the Lacrosse Club, according to Fox: "We managed to sign up thirty people."

Although the club is still in its infancy, support for it has grown. In addition to the thirty sign ups at Club Day, "We also got a \$4,000 dollar grant from Student Government (SG)," said Fox. "We also had fifteen helmets donated to us from Army." The helmets and SG grant will go a long way toward supplying the club with necessary equipment. The club has also established a place to practice. "There's a plot in Kirby Park we can use. Wilkes lines it for us," said Fox.

The Lacrosse Club is clearly trying to gear itself for a move to the varsity level, and many in the student body--both male and female--are looking forward to it. "Lacrosse

is a growing sport," said women's lacrosse player Stacy Fimmano. "There is a lot of interest from the male student body in starting the team." In addition to the women's lacrosse team, Fimmano is involved with the Lacrosse Club. "Fox asked me to sign up on Club Day," said Fimmano, explaining how she heard of the Lacrosse Club.

The biggest obstacle for the move from club to varsity level will be Title IX. According to Title IX, institutions must offer equal opportunities for both male and female sports. But Fox is excited about a new statute in Title IX that he said, "allows [the school] to poll the female population to find out if they are pleased with their athletic opportunities. If they are, then you can add a sport and remain in compliance with Title IX."

Although such a poll has yet to be taken at Wilkes, Fimmano feels that there will be no arguments from the female student body. "I'm satisfied and I've never heard any neg-

ative comments regarding women's sports or the need for another sport," she said. Although both Fimmano and Fox are hoping to see the Lacrosse Club transform into a full-fledged sport, there remains a great deal to be done in order to see the change occur. "I signed up on Club Day," said Fox, "and it's been my baby ever since. I'd love to make it a sport before I leave."

Next week, *The Beacon* will take a look at the situation from a faculty point of view, along with a thorough breakdown of Title IX and how it affects Wilkes.



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Speed and agility program pushes athletes to stretch limits

Keith Klahold's system brings student-athletes to higher levels of athleticism

BY REBECCA SCHAAL

Beacon Staff Writer

Those who are not regular patrons of the fitness center in the basement of the Arnaud C. Marts Center probably wouldn't know about Fitness Coordinator Keith Klahold's speed and agility program.

But anyone who wanders into the fitness center would certainly know something unusual was up as soon as they spotted one person harnessed and tethered to a rope and running as hard as he or she can, against a partner pulling back to provide equal resistance.

In technical terms the program consists of over-speed training, plyometrics, resistant speed, resistant jump, balance drills and reactive drills.

In simpler terms, according to Klahold, the speed and agility program is a "different way, as well as [a] more fun way to achieve the same cardio workout done on the traditional treadmill or elliptical."

One of the greatest features of this program is that it was not designed for only athletes. Any student can participate in the program.

Although it is not a program for athletes alone, it is still important for athletes to participate in this program. Not only does it purport to improve performance of athletes

by making them faster, "It teaches athletes to learn to balance properly which prevents injury," Klahold said. "Unfortunately, many freshmen do not know of this program. In many circumstances it is imperative for freshmen to participate because many of the drills done in these exercises are given to the athletes during the summer."

Some athletes on campus have already proven to benefit from Klahold's program.

"I've already seen an improvement in my sprinting," said senior lacrosse player Pam Carey. "I'm definitely quicker because of it."

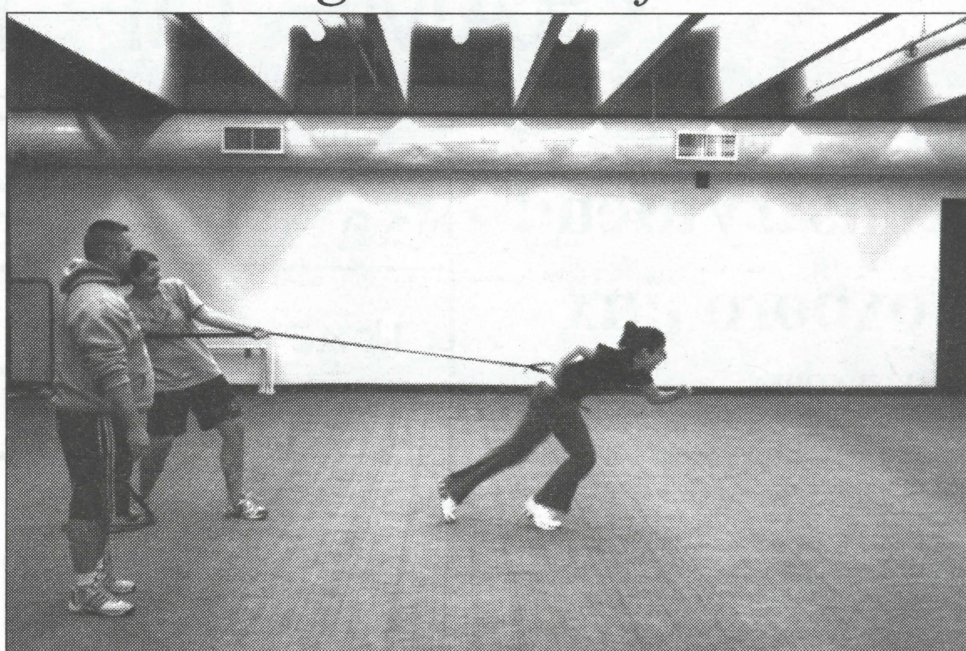
Carey, a psychology major, has been using the program twice a week through the entire semester.

"I think it's very beneficial," Carey said. "What [Klahold] is doing helps in a tremendous way."

Although Carey enjoys using the program, her focus is on the end result: becoming a better athlete for the start of the women's lacrosse season in the spring semester.

"I definitely enjoy it," said Carey, "but I'm doing it because it is going to help me during the season."

The program has undergone many changes since it was implemented last fall. Klahold has incorporated more equipment such as ankle cords, jump resistant cords and over



Courtesy of Sports Information

Pam Carey and Alex Wood use resisted running exercises during a speed and agility workout in the basement of the Marts Center. The program was instituted by Fitness Coordinator Keith Klahold (far left) during the 2004 fall semester.

speed cords. But these aren't the only improvements in the last year. This past summer there was a speed and agility camp with Bishop Hoban High School. Improvements came from this camp, but more specifically new drills.

Klahold learned drills from Wilkes wide

receiver Bo Tkach, who happened to run many camps in Allentown, PA. Klahold also has learned new drills from his masters' classes.

"We keep trying to reform it and make it better," Klahold said.

Men's basketball team cracks the *Street and Smith* top ten

Colonels looking forward to a championship hunt this season

BY RICH HANNICK

Beacon Staff Writer

For four years, the senior members of the Wilkes University men's basketball team have gazed at the banners that those before them worked so hard to obtain.

This year they hope to hang their own banner in the Marts Gymnasium. And *Street & Smith's*, considered the leader in NCAA previews and predictions, agrees there's much to be optimistic about this season for Wilkes.

According to a recent poll, *Street & Smith's* ranked Wilkes University tenth in the nation for Division III men's basketball.

But head men's basketball coach Jerry Rickrode cautioned that the focus of the team's preparations for the upcoming season is *not* on media predictions, but the realities of teamwork, training, and leadership.

The three captains on the team include seniors Drew Amoroso, an English major, Greg Cardamone, an engineering major, and Evan Walters, an engineering major. All three captains, Rickrode noted, are team-oriented.

He observed, "All three have the same goal in mind: team first."



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Senior Evan Walters goes for a layup last season against Delaware Valley College.

Rickrode noted that Walters worked on his game all summer and that he looks outstanding. "I think the seniors are on the

right track and leading the younger guys in the right direction," he said.

Amoroso agreed, "We've been to a championship game before, and know what it takes to get back."

Rickrode says the mix of senior leadership and youthful enthusiasm will only benefit the team. "It could be a team that plays with good chemistry, camaraderie," he said.

The men's basketball team is returning a lot of guys who had quite a bit of experience last year. Cardamone said, "We have a lot of veterans who are experienced with big games."

Rickrode recognized that the team was only in the second week of practice and needed to fine-tune its game in various ways.

"I'm hoping we become a better free throw shooting team...last year we struggled a bit." Rickrode would also like to see a season that is not plagued by injury.

Rickrode recognized that for the team to be successful this year, the younger players will have to perform in their roles. "We have four sophomores who are going to play a lot," said Rickrode. He also believes that even the freshmen are going to see some time on the court this season.

The Colonels will face off on the court for the first time this season against Potsdam in a non-conference match-up November 18. The first conference game is against cross-town rival King's College November 30 in the Wilkes University Arnaud Marts Gymnasium.

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Monday Night Football: Indianapolis Colts vs. New England Patriots

Colts try to end Foxboro jinx

BY ARIEL COHEN

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Twenty years in Indianapolis and not even one appearance in the Super Bowl for the Colts.

But after a great start to the season, the Colts will try to prove they're ready for the big show when they take on the two-time defending Super Bowl champion New England Patriots in a Monday night battle between two AFC first place teams.

The one major twist in the match-up between the Colts and the Patriots is going to be the return of Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi, after his mild stroke just over eight months ago Bruschi.

Bruschi who came to the Patriots in the 1996 season has accumulated 11 touchdowns, 768 tackles, and forced 17 fumbles in his 88 starts. With Bruschi back on the field, the Patriots are looking forward to having some sort of depth back on their defensive line after giving up 164 points through the first seven weeks of the season which ranks the New England defense 26th in the league.

After coasting through the first seven weeks of the season with a perfect 7-0 record the Indianapolis Colts will return to the field in week nine looking to keep their faultless season going strong. During this upcoming week the Colts will try to nurse the team back to full health. At the end of week seven's game the Colts' Bob Sanders, the second year starting safety suffered an arm injury shortly before halftime.

Other injuries, although minor, included safety Joseph Jefferson who has been out since week one with a toe injury, linebacker Cato June who is out with a groin/knee injury, defensive tackle Montae Reagor who is out with an injured elbow, and guard Jake Scott who has an injured knee.

The last time these two teams met during the regular season was the first Monday night game of the 2004 season in Indianapolis. The game between the two rivals was close but the New England Patriots took the game, winning 27-24.

The Colts seemed to dominate on the field from an offensive statistics perspective but

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when it came down to it the Patriots were able to squeak out the field goal in the first quarter which made all the difference in the win. The Colts led in first downs with 28 and total net yardage with 446 yards and even in possession time, controlling the ball for nearly 32 minutes. But in the end it is the number on the scoreboard that matters.

For the Patriots, Tom Brady was 26-38 for 335 yards and had three touchdowns. Brady chose Branch as his number one receiver giving him seven carries for 86 yards and one touch down. Corey Dillion who raked up 86 yards on 15 carries led the Patriots running game.

Prediction: With the Colts' defense only allowing eight touchdowns through the first eight weeks and allowing teams to gain an average of 4.5 yards per offensive play, the Patriots will be challenged considering that they have only won three games so far this season. The Patriots' Tom Brady has also only thrown for 8 touchdowns while Manning has thrown for 11 and has a total of 24

under his belt for the season. I am going to have to side with the last unbeaten team in the AFC and make the score 27-14.

Quick Game Info Week 9

Colts (7-0)*
@ Patriots (3-3)*
Gillette Stadium
Kickoff: 9:00 PM
Television: ABC-WNEP

Peyton Manning
vs. Tom Brady

*Through Week 7

Double Take

BY SARAH HERBERT

Beacon Features Editor

How much longer do I have to wait to see the end of the football season? The Super Bowl can't come soon enough. Football is painful, even to write about, but here I go.

This week's game is the New England Patriots versus the Indianapolis Colts.

I think the Patriots are a good team in terms of victories. I understand that they have won three out of the past four Super Bowls or something like that. Their uniforms are red, white and blue though. Not very eye catching; I think they could do better in that respect. Yes, I know they are supposed to look patriotic seeing as how they are called the Patriots, but I just don't like the uniform. Too boring.

I think the Colts are blue and white, which isn't much better. They do have a cute little horseshoe on their helmets that surely brings them the best of luck. Well, okay, they've never won a Super Bowl, but I'm sure they've won some good games in their day. Furthermore, one of the very handsome Manning brothers plays for the Colts.

With a talented good looking guy on the team and a lucky charm on their helmets, the Colts are sure to pull off this win. Go Colts.



VS.



Athlete of the Week

Field Hockey: Hilary Weber

BY RYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Sports Editor

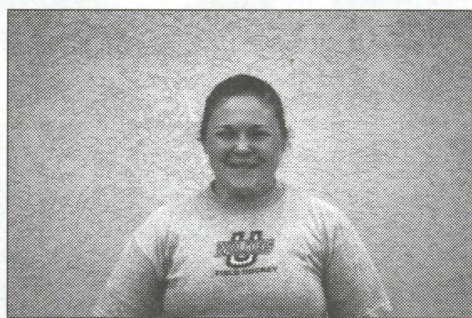
The Wilkes field hockey team has fought its way to the brink of greatness this season, and it has done it on the shoulders of a very solid defense. As the 9-9 Lady Colonels prepare to take on King's College in the first round of the Freedom Conference tournament, all eyes are on goalkeeper Hilary Weber.

Weber is closing out an outstanding season in the goal. The sophomore goalie has helped the Wilkes defense move up the stats charts this season, as they are ranked third in the conference for total goals allowed and average goals allowed on the season. "She's our most solid player," said first year head coach Sara Fuller. "She works hard in practice, and it shows in games."

While helping her team move into playoff contention, Weber has also made a name for herself. She has been voted Freedom Conference Defensive Player of the Week three times this season, and is currently ranked third in the conference with 104 saves through sixteen games. Her eight saves against DeSales helped Wilkes make a 3-2 comeback victory on Wednesday, bringing them one step closer to making the Freedom Conference playoffs.

Despite the lavish praise she is receiving, however, she is still focused on her team, especially her defense. "My defense is amazing," said Weber, "I owe them so much credit."

A team that is only giving up 1.38 goals per game certainly doesn't rely on only one player, but Weber has definitely done her share. Fuller, who was head coach at University of Scranton during the 2004 season, knew about Weber's skill in advance and was still impressed. "I knew she was strong," said Fuller, "but I didn't know how



Courtesy of Sports Information

Hilary Weber has worked her way into being one of the best goalies in the Freedom Conference during the 2005 season.

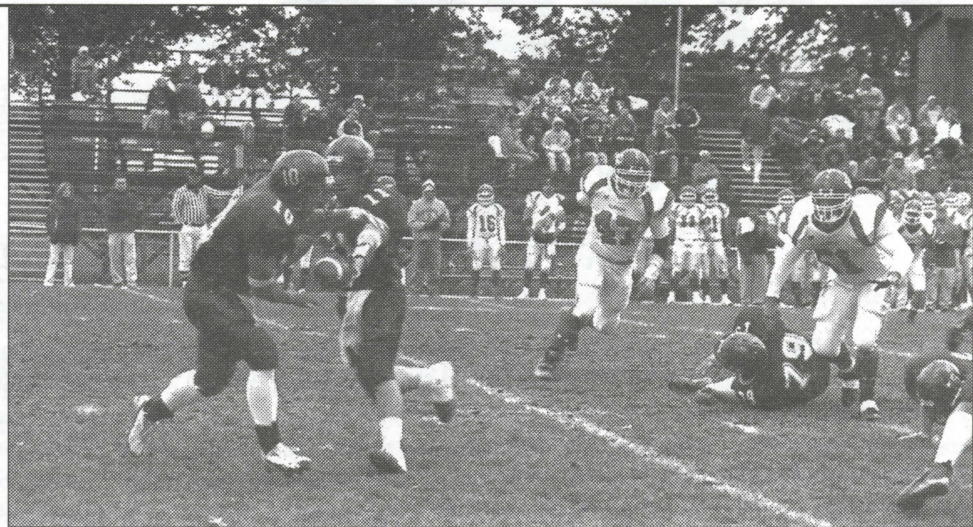
strong she was."

Weber has also stepped up as a leader on the team. "She's someone that I can always count on to lead the team in games," said Fuller. "She's one of our strongest leaders on the team."

As the Lady Colonels prepare for the Freedom Conference tournament, the pressure will be on the defense to stay strong while playing against the top teams in the conference.

After a 1-0 victory over FDU-Florham on Friday afternoon, the Lady Colonels locked in the fourth seed in the Freedom Conference tournament by finishing conference play with a 4-3 record. On Wednesday at 2p.m., Wilkes will travel to Betzler Fields to take on King's College, currently the top seed in the conference. The game will be a rematch for the cross-town rivals. Earlier this season, Wilkes topped the 18th-ranked Lady Monarchs 1-0 in a defensive battle at Artillery Field.

A Wilkes-King's rematch will likely end up with the game depending on the play of each team's defense, and Weber may give the Lady Colonels an edge over nationally ranked King's. "I'm proud of the way she's been playing," said Fuller. "I can always count on her to get the job done."



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Sophomore running back John Impagliazzo takes a handoff from quarterback Al Karaffa during Sunday's contest against Albright. The Wilkes "O" averages 130.8 rushing yards per game.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Football

Running back Tom Andreopoulos rushed for 196 yards and scored twice as the Wilkes offense ran amok against Albright Saturday, winning 48-21. The Colonels scored on their first drive as Al Karaffa dumped a screen pass to tight end Matt Pizarro, who went in for the score. The Colonels looked to their backs for the rest of the game as Andreopolous and Jason Nabba scored twice. Keith Cavolotti sealed the deal with a 70 yard fumble recovery as Wilkes remained in second place in the MAC behind Delaware Valley with their win.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team will have to settle for third seed in the conference playoffs after they squandered a 2-0 lead over Drew in the second half Saturday afternoon at Ralston Field, losing 3-2. Jen Compton and Catherine Simone scored unassisted in the contest.

Men's Soccer

Drew scored twice in the first half and held on for the 2-0 victory over the Colonels Saturday at Drew. Wilkes, who is seeded fourth going into the playoffs, will face (either DeSales or Drew)

Field Hockey

The field hockey team secured a birth in the Freedom Conference playoffs with a 1-0 victory over FDU-Florham Friday afternoon. Lauren Risser scored the game winner off a penalty corner with 29 seconds remaining. Despite losing to sixth-ranked Montclair State on Saturday, the team will take the number four seed going into its game against King's

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

196

Yards by running back Tommy Andreopoulos during Saturday's football game. Wilkes beat Albright College 47-21.

5

Shutouts by field hockey goalkeeper Hilary Weber this season. Weber notched her fifth save on Friday against FDU-Florham.

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Seed in the Freedom Conference tournament for the women's soccer team. The Lady Colonels finished their season 13-3-1.

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Seed in the Freedom Conference tournament for the field hockey team. Wilkes sealed its playoff berth after a 1-0 victory over FDU-Florham on Friday

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Game Preview: Wrestling at York November 5th

Rex Harris in; Jeremy Mayer out as Wilkes begins season

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

As the trees catch fire with vibrant oranges, yellows and reds, the winter sports scene hits harder than an October Nor'easter as the wrestling team faces perennial national contenders York Monday night.

This year's Wilkes team has its fair share of storylines coming into this season, the biggest being the departure of Jeremy Mayer, who won the MAC title last year and advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament. His departure opens up a spot at 125 pounds, which will be only one of the positions up for grabs during Sunday's wrestle off in the Marts gym.

"The wrestle off is a match where you compete for your spot. It's not like any other sport. You let kids go at it and the guy who wins, wins the spot," said head coach John Laudenslager.

Three grapplers will contend for

Mayer's spot, including sophomore Billy McEnvoy, who posted a 7-9 mark last winter.

"We got three very solid kids. I couldn't tell you who's gonna win yet. It's that close," Laudenslager said.

The return of Rex Harris (174) is also greatly anticipated. Harris, a 2003 MAC champion, suffered a torn ACL two years ago and hasn't wrestled since. He will make his return against Duane Bastress--last year's Division III national champion.

"Ah man, it's great. I can't even explain it. I'm so excited to get back into competition," Harris said.

When asked about the big match, he noted, "Listen, I never really looked much at an opponent's status. [His rank] really means nothing to me. I just look at him as another opponent. He's just one more person I have to go through to get to my ultimate goal--a na-

tional championship."

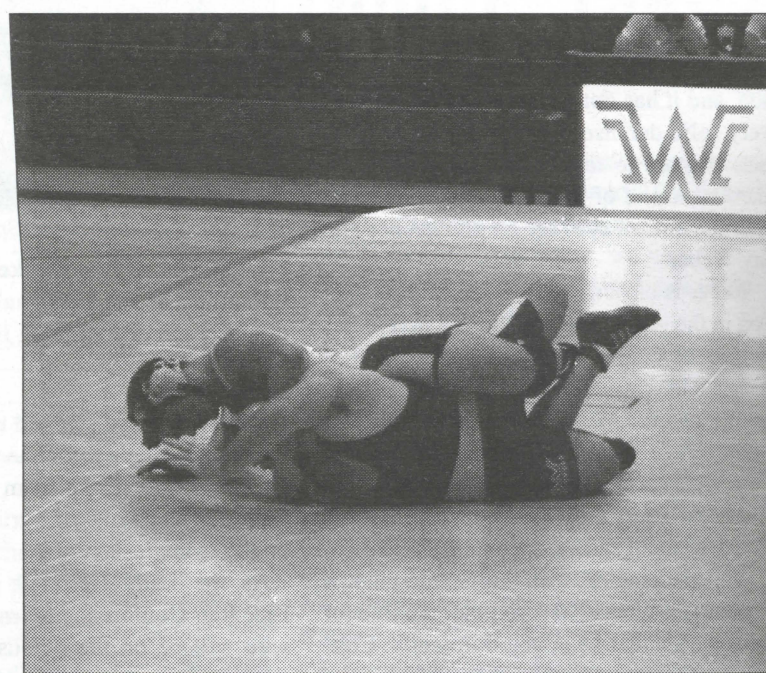
Other key returnees include last year's MAC runner up Brandon Kelly (197), juniors Matt Carey (285), junior Kyle Lenio (174) who finished third in their weight class at the MAC's.

Also coming back are senior Joe Yutko (133), juniors Mike Sciulara (149) and Dan Giancola (157), sophomore Tom Leggio (165), and junior Keith Altiery (285).

The team looks better than its 8-9 duel match record last season, but York will not be an easy first outing. They beat the Colonels last season 31-6 at Wilkes.

"I know we have a lot of talent. I just think our guys need to be confident. York will be nationally ranked at the time, and I don't know if we'll beat them, but we're gonna surprise a lot of people this year," Laudenslager added.

The duel match begins at 11:00 a.m., November 5 at York College (York, PA).



The Beacon/Ryan Dippre

Angelo Dileo (Belleville, NJ) battles with Bill Bleiler (Phoenixville, PA) for a spot at 174 pounds at the 2005-06 Wrestle-Offs at the Marts Center Sunday afternoon.

Campus Calendar

ALL WEEK

Hideous Beauty, Sordoni Art Gallery

MONDAY (10/31)

*Registration for Spring 2006 schedules begins

TUESDAY (11/01)

*New York City trip tickets on sale 11:00 to 1pm in the Henry Student Center

*Texas Hold 'em Tournament sign-ups, Henry Student Center-- 11:00 to 1 p.m.

*Majors and Minors Fair, HSC Ballroom -- 11:30 to 1 p.m.

*Men's Basketball - Meet the Colonels Night, Marts Center -- 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (11/02)

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

THURSDAY (11/03)

*Texas Hold 'em Tournament sign-ups, Henry Student Center--11:00 to 1

*New York City trip tickets on sale 11:00 to 1pm. in the Henry Student Center

*New York Governor George E. Pataki (Kirby Lecture Series), DDD -- 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY (11/04)

*RSVP for the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet at culture@wilkes.edu

SATURDAY (11/05)

*Pharmacy Job Fair, HSC Ballroom -- 9 to 5 p.m.

*Wrestling @ York -- 11 a.m.

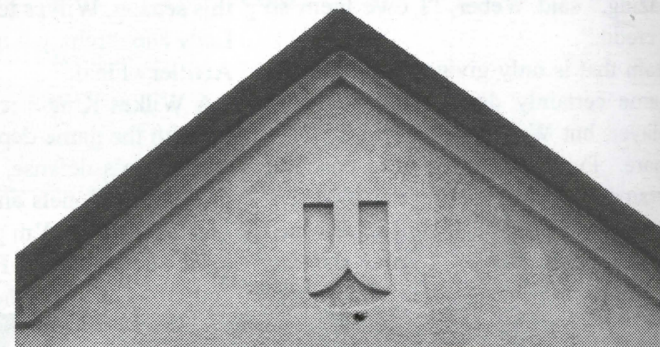
*Football @ Susquehanna -- 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY (11/06)

*No events listed



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Congratulations to Lori Kratz, who correctly identified last week's picture which was located on the top floor of Stark on the door going out onto the roof next to the observatory room.