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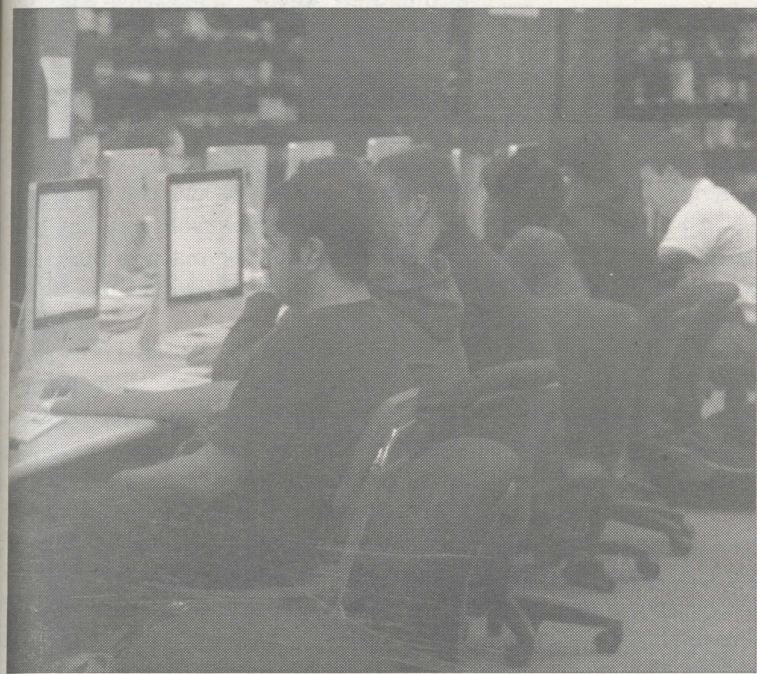
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New computers on the first floor of the library are the first change in the renovation project for floors one through three. Other renovations could start as early as this summer.

## Library to undergo further renovations

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News Editor  
& EMMA ZIMMERMAN  
Staff Writer

After renovations to the Alden Learning Commons in the basement of the Eugene S. Farley Library, more changes could begin this summer.

The renovation of the library began with the basement, which was remodeled during the fall semester. Study rooms and study areas for larger group work were installed, as well as computers for individual students or small groups.

Since the changes, traffic to the basement has significantly increased. John Stachacz, dean of

the library, said that before an average of 25 students utilized the basement and its resources daily. Stachacz said that the numbers have amplified to nearly 600.

"The use has skyrocketed," Stachacz said.

After the first stage of remodeling, library employees have utilized several empty rooms in the basement for teaching, reorganized the reference section and updated the Web page.

Stachacz hopes that the renovations on the rest of the library can start by this summer, though it is still too early to determine when exactly they will be able to begin.

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## Resident parking limited within garage

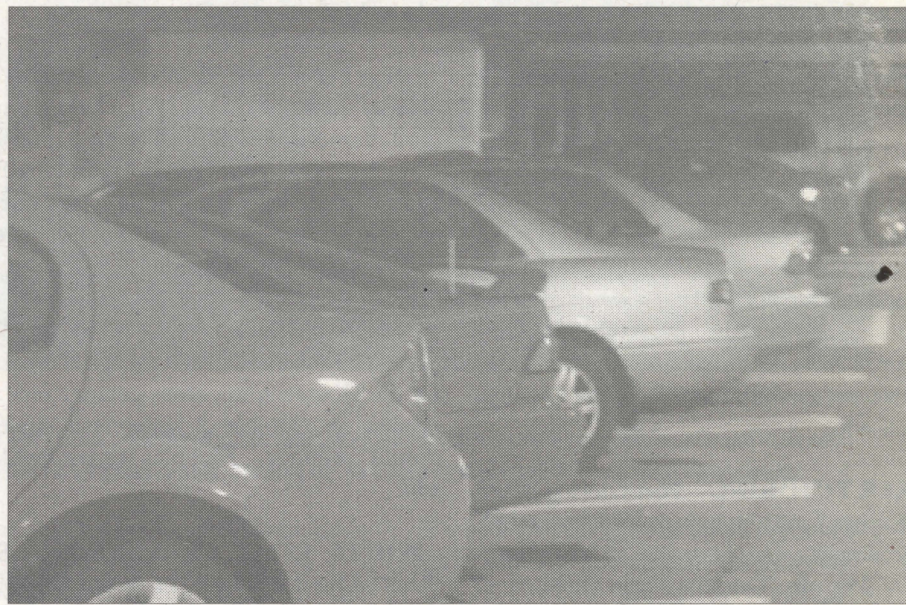
BY CATHRYN FREAR  
News Editor

Resident students on Wilkes' campus were recently informed by residence life via e-mail that they will now be assigned to park almost exclusively on floors four through six of the parking garage.

As with every year, parking enforcement hasn't started right away. All parking rules will begin to be enforced September 20.

According to Public Safety Manager Jerry Rebo, the change has to do with the safety of students and their property. Rebo wants students to know that this decision wasn't made in haste.

"We took our time and talked it



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Starting on September 20, resident students who park inside of the Wilkes University Parking Garage will now be assigned to park their vehicles on floors four through six. As always, resident students, as well as any permit-carrying person parking on campus may also park on the roof of the garage.

out and really, that's just the safest place [to park on campus]," Rebo said.

He continued, "Last year there

were a lot of vehicles being broken into at the Creative Printing lot [located at the corner of Ross

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## New software combats phishing attempts

BY KIRSTIN COOK  
Assistant News Editor

Recent issues with spam e-mails have prompted Information Technology Services (ITS) to install new security measures to protect the computers of the campus community.

To help guard against phishing schemes, which is where hackers attempt to acquire personal information via phony e-mails, a spam filter called Barracuda Networks was installed over the summer, according to ITS Chief Information

Officer Gloria Barlow.

"Should there be problems with spam going out, Barracuda monitors that and stops it, so we don't have problems like we had over the summer," Barlow said.

Students received several e-mails and announcements from ITS over the summer warning them about malicious e-mail activity. Barlow links these spam outbreaks to a lack of education among users.

"People typed in their Wilkes ID, their Wilkes password and then the spammers basically hijacked their accounts, and used their ac-

counts to send out high volumes of spam," Barlow said.

According to Ikram Muhammad, manager of network services at ITS, phishing scams are a nationwide problem that have been making an increasing impact.

"It's been going on for a very long time, but recently it has picked up some pace," Muhammad said.

The reasoning behind this increase in spam is unknown to ITS, but Muhammad identifies

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# Beacon Briefs

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS

Editor-in-Chief

**MOCK GRAD SCHOOL TESTING** – Kaplan Test Prep is offering a free test for the GRE, LSAT, GMAT or DAT tests at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 19 at King's College in the Mulligan Science Center on the second floor. To register, go to [www.kaptest.com/practice](http://www.kaptest.com/practice). For more information, contact career services at [careers@wilkes.edu](mailto:careers@wilkes.edu) or 408-4060.

**PSYCHOLOGY PICNIC** – The psychology department will hold the Annual Picnic at Kirby Park in pavilion number one at noon on September 19. New students are encouraged to attend to meet other students and professors. Children and significant others welcome. RSVP to [Deborah.tindell@wilkes.edu](mailto:Deborah.tindell@wilkes.edu).

**PEER TUTORING** – Peer tutoring began September 7 in Conyngham Hall, room 113. Appointments can be made at <http://tutor-trac.wilkes.edu>. Questions can be directed to Alberto Prado at [alberto.prado@wilkes.edu](mailto:alberto.prado@wilkes.edu).

**WEEKLY MEDITATION** – Weekly meditation will be held every Wednesday from 5 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the salon of Kirby Hall. First time mediators should come to the question and answer session from 4:45 p.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, contact [mischelle.anthony@wilkes.edu](mailto:mischelle.anthony@wilkes.edu) or [Linda.paul@wilkes.edu](mailto:Linda.paul@wilkes.edu).

**IDENTITY THEFT WORKSHOP** – An identity theft workshop will be held with information on personal safety on September 15 at 6 p.m. in the lobby of UCOM. Wilkes alumni, students and community are invited to attend. For more information, contact [bridget.guinta@wilkes.edu](mailto:bridget.guinta@wilkes.edu).

**CROSS-COUNTRY VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers to direct runners through the course for the Homecoming cross-country race are needed on October 2. Interested students should contact [Nicholas.wadas@wilkes.edu](mailto:Nicholas.wadas@wilkes.edu).

**WHITE COAT CEREMONY** – Students of the class of 2014 of the School of Pharmacy invite friends to the "Oath of a

Pharmacist" White Coat ceremony on Sunday, September 19 at 11 a.m. in the Rite Aid Auditorium, Stark Learning Center, room 101.

**ISLAMIC INTEREST FUNCTION** – The Islamic Interest Society is holding a celebration called Eid-ul-Fitr on September 16 at 7:45 p.m. in the HSC ballroom. This will include food, fun and learning.

**KEVIN HART TICKETS** – Tickets for comedian, Kevin Hart, will be on sale Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the Henry Student Center. The show will be on September 30 in the Marts Center with doors opening at 8 p.m. and the show beginning at 9 p.m. Tickets prices are as follows: students, \$10; faculty and staff, \$15; general public, \$20.

**WORKSHOPS BY CAMPUS COUNSELING** – Campus Counseling will host workshops on building relationships every Wednesday evening from September 15 through September 29 from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the first floor of Passan Hall. Susan

Biskup, M.A., NCC will administer the workshop, which will include information about managing relationships and finding relationships. Anyone interested in attending should contact [susan.biskup@wilkes.edu](mailto:susan.biskup@wilkes.edu).

**HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST** – Dr. and Mrs. Gilmour invite students to enter a design for this year's Wilkes University holiday card. Prizes will be awarded to the winner, \$175, and an honorable mention, \$75. Submissions should be made to Susan Di-Bonifazio in UCOM 221 by October 18.

**SUSTAINABILITY SALVAGE** – Students for Environmental Sustainability (SES) Club will be hosting a free 'sustainability salvage' by giving away dorm and household items that were donated by students last year. It will be held on September 16 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the first floor of the Henry Student Center.

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## Student Government Notes - September 8, 2010

BY KIRSTIN COOK

Assistant News Editor

### Treasurer's Report:

All College: \$14,000  
Conferences: \$12,500  
General Funds: \$9,500  
Leadership: \$1000  
Spirit: \$2000  
Special Projects: \$3000  
Start Up: \$1500  
Total: \$43,000

### Club Reports:

**Programming Board** – Ticket sales for comedian Kevin Hart have begun and will continue for at least another week. The event will take place on September 30 in the Marts gym. There is also a skydiving trip planned for September 21.

### Student Concerns:

Library has had a few issues with printers being jammed and the air conditioning being broken. The issue of air conditioning was a result of squirrels chewing through wires and will be resolved soon.

Students request that SG make a more inviting atmosphere for other students to attend meetings. There were some comments on a lack of chairs and space.

There have been some issues of clothes being singed by dryers in Evans Hall.

### New Business:

**Homecoming Allocation (Week 1 of 2)** – The budget was presented for the homecoming weekend with a total cost of \$17,015. Some adjustments were made to the dinner dance, which will have a theme called Colonel carnival. Dinner was also switched to a less expensive meal to cut back on costs.

A clown was incorporated into the budget, but was removed due to concerns over effectiveness. The band Three Imaginary Boys are scheduled to play at the pep rally. The Homecoming allocation is a two week process, and will be voted upon next week.

### Old Business Updates:

**Fall Fest Allocation** – Fall Fest will be taking place September 16-18. There will be a Hillside Farm truck booked for Friday, September 17, with a minimum cost of \$500. Students will be receiving tickets for going to three separate events, which are movie on the greenway, foam party, and mini block party. The tickets will go into a raffle, for which the prize is undecided.

### Committees:

**Curriculum committee** – Attempts are being made to bring different languages to

Wilkes, possibly Arabic.

### Closing comments:

**IRHC** – Toy Story 3 will be played during movie on the greenway, which will take place during Fall Fest on September 16 at 9pm.

\* At 7:30 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn the SG meeting. The motion was approved.

**SG meetings are open to all students. They are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Miller Conference Room located on the second floor of HSC.**

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## PARKING

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Street and River Street], so we figure we'll make that a commuter, [faculty and staff lot] because they go home [early] and then it's empty."

Security is increased in the parking garage in comparison to other lots on campus because a Wilkes ID card is necessary to get in. The cameras at the entrance and exit of the garage also provide further security for those parking in the garage.

Another reason is that commuters move their cars more and having them on the first three floors is more convenient, according to Public Safety Officer Phil Miller.

"If you have your car on the first or even third floor and you're just going in and out, it's just faster," Miller said. "It's easier for people who are going in there a lot to get in and find a spot when they get there and also easier for them to leave."

As to picking the location, Rebo said that they spoke with residence life to figure out a centralized location for the residents to park.

"I spoke to Residence Life and for the safety of the students on campus we changed all of the resident lots except one, which is the Marts [lot], to the garage," said Rebo.

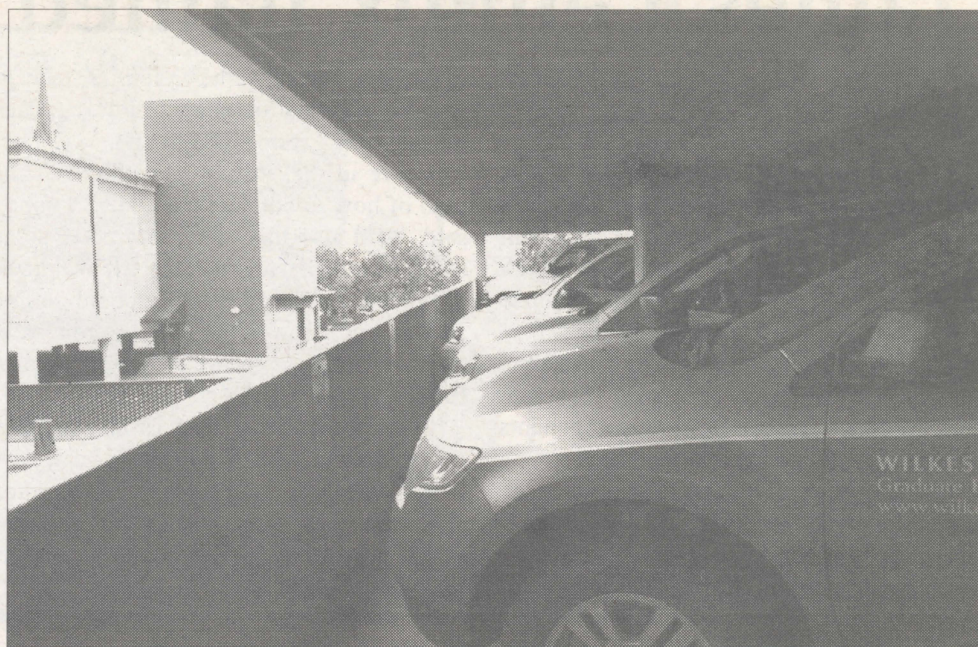
Elizabeth Swantek, formerly Elizabeth Roveda, director of residence life, agreed.

**"If you have your car on the first or even third floor and you're just going in and out, it's just faster," Miller said.**

"A smaller amount of people wanted to park [in the Creative Printing lot] and more people wanted to park at the garage," said Swantek. "It's something I've been trying to do for the students, and we are finally able to do so now that we own that whole parkade."

She said that there were 40 spots in the Creative Printing lot that were allotted to residents which have since been moved to the extra space in the garage.

As for space, Rebo said there will always be parking spots. He explained that the garage is packed now because people are parking either with no parking passes or no



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According to Jerry Rebo, manager of public safety, he worked with residence life to find a safer and more centralized location for residents to park, deciding on the fourth through sixth floors of the parking garage.

passes at all. Once enforcement starts, Rebo said more spots will be available.

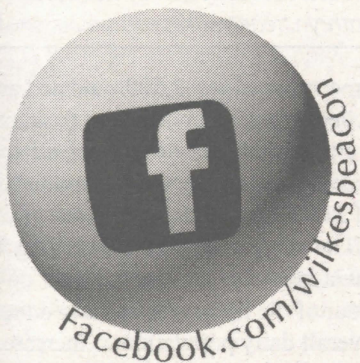
Rebo and Miller both emphasized the fact that any and all parking-pass-carrying parkers may still park on the roof of the garage.

Violators will be given a ticket charged the regular \$25 for ignorance of the new rule.

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## NEVER A SLOW NEWS DAY.





# James Lennox named new CSE safety officer

BY CATHRYN FREAR  
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James Lennox has been named the new University safety officer for the College of Science and Engineering (CSE). He will be working with the Environmental Health and Safety Committee (EHSC) to regulate safety around campus.

For the CSE, Lennox will be overseeing not only the implementation of safety practices, but also the paperwork components of the labs used on campus.

Lennox will be ultimately answering to Dr. Reynold Verret, the Wilkes University provost, when it comes to his responsibilities.

"What I expect from him is to provide oversight on all of our safety functions, both in the academic and non-academic sector," Verret said. "He will also provide the training for different challenges and dangers that may arise around campus."

Lennox also said that, to be clear, his job isn't the same as someone in public safety.

"It's really the environmental and workspace safety," Lennox said. "It's not as much public safety, although it does duck tail into that side of things from time to time. However, it's more about 'Is this lab safe for students, employees and staff to work in?' That sort of thing."

According to Lennox, EHSC looks over possible safety issues on campus and decides the best course of action to take in situations which are deemed unsafe.

"Depending on the situation, a certain member or members of the committee are alerted and they then respond accordingly," Lennox said.

One of his duties is to work with the EHSC to perform the annual safety audit across campus as well as regulate the safety format

of the labs. Currently, the various lab managers have a format that they follow, but each lab manager's format is different.

"We're in the process of laying out the plan of how to conduct the audit," Lennox said. "I'd also like to set into place some safety standards for the labs...It would be a standard format so that you could go into any lab and know where the different safety procedures are as well as the chemical forms."

He said that this standardization will make it easier to continue from year to year.

"It makes it easier for everyone," Lennox said. "Once you know what it is, you know where to go for it and it's so much easier and it's easier to maintain, as well."

Despite his new position, Lennox isn't new to the Wilkes community.

"I started at Wilkes in 1985 and I worked with the dean of science and engineering then, as well," Lennox said. "I did a lot of the laboratory instrumentation work and research, that sort of thing."

Lennox also said that he did work in all of the different sciences in the CSE back then.

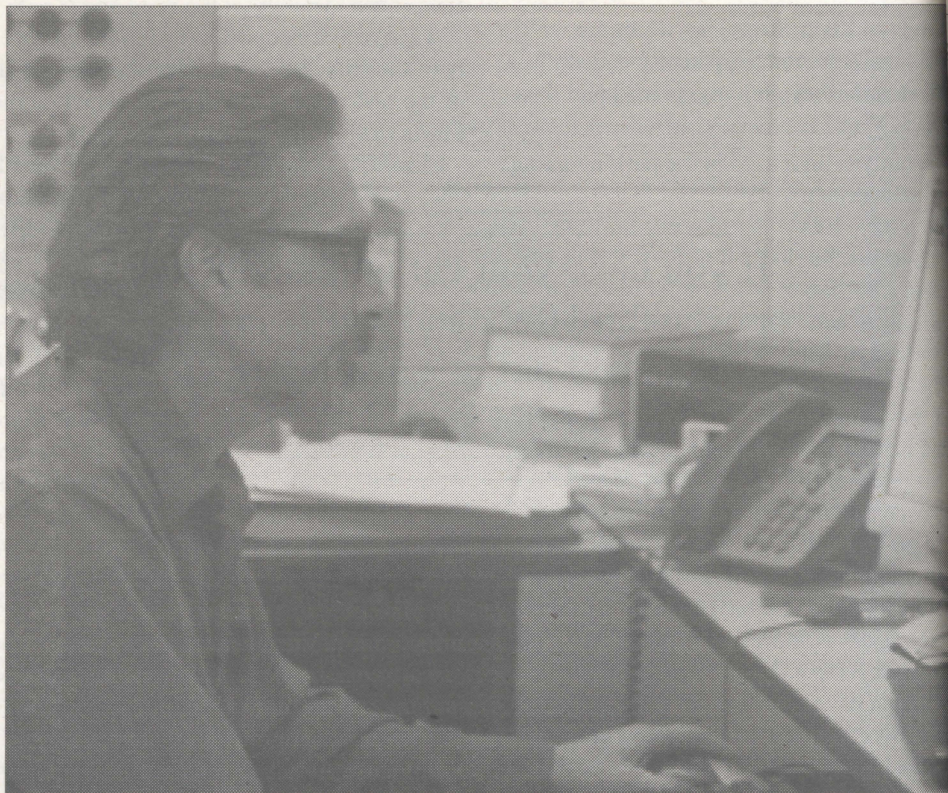
"I did work in biology, chemistry, engineering, et cetera, so I'm really familiar with the labs and with the people in the labs, which works in my favor," Lennox said.

Lennox also had a hand in helping Wilkes through its technological progression.

"Back before Wilkes had a real IT [information technology] team, I helped with different things on the technological front," Lennox said. "We did all of the IT work."

When Wilkes's IT department did form, Lennox was a member of the staff.

"I did wind up in information technology," Lennox said. "For a period of time I worked for SunGard, who is the IT services provider



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James Lennox (above) was named safety officer for the College of Science and Engineering. He will be working with the Environmental Health and Safety Committee to address safety issues around campus.

here on campus. I worked for them as the chief information officer for Wilkes."

His official IT systems work lasted about three years. After that, he left Wilkes to pursue other endeavors.

"I went to different colleges and universities doing basically the same thing," Lennox said. "It was a lot of IT management. I went to north New Jersey, south New Jersey, Ontario, Canada...[the work] was mostly on the east coast."

According to Verret, Lennox will also be

responsible for making sure that different health issues are addressed.

"While he, himself, will not be delivering any immunizations," Verret said, "making sure that all of the documentation is there and that all of the people who need to have the vaccines are identified, and that those delivering the vaccines go through the process of being trained."

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## LIBRARY

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Before renovations can begin, the university needs to find a designer.

"The design will likely come late fall," said John Pesta, director for capital projects and planning. "We'll work through that probably through spring if it needs to take that long and then we'll start getting the work scheduled for the coming months."

"We have two things that are an issue: design and the weather... and we are looking at a plan that would encompass all three floors at once and will proceed according to costs," he continued.

While the design has yet to be decided on, there are some concrete ideas of what to expect once the library is finished. The main

concern - and biggest challenge - is the front entryway, which will be redone and made handicap accessible. There is no system in place now to make access with a wheelchair in or out of the front of the library possible, though they are looking for a solution.

"The thing that we'd probably focus on first before we do any other work in the library is probably the entrance, making it handicap accessible," Pesta said.

The plan is to keep the concrete pillars and stairs where they are and to install a ramp.

"However, we'll be installing a different door system because the current doors aren't wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair," Pesta said.

Another new feature students will see is more workspace.

"I want to add four more group study rooms

as well as places for individuals to study," Stachacz said. "Overall, [we want to] make it more habitable for students to work in."

The possibility of installing a coffee bar is still being discussed.

There is the possibility that the renovations will run into next school year. If that is the case, Stachacz emphasized that the floors of the library that are being worked on will still remain open, unlike the basement which was blocked off during the renovation process.

Students will be directed where to go in order to avoid construction during any renovation to the remaining floors to the library.

Though no changes were made to the library's structure since the finishing of the basement, though other adjustments made.

"Since we [haven't been doing] any renovation projects, the library wisely used the

time to weed out 2,500 outdated and superseded reference books from the main floor as well as hundreds of reels of microfilm that were supersede by the electronic collections of JSTOR," Stachacz said.

The current changes, including the basement and the new computers on the first floor of the library, have caused the library's overall daily population to increase.

"There is this mystical number of 1,500 [students] we're said to have," Stachacz said. "We reached it couple of times before the downstairs was renovated. Now, we reach it every day."

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# University Towers renovations nearing completion

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Since its purchase in 2006, University Towers has undergone many changes. This summer, more projects were added to the long list.

A pair of new elevators were installed last spring that replaced a set of elevators installed in the building circa 1976.

"The elevators were just breaking down," said John Pesta, director of capital projects. "They were so old and the equipment to repair the elevators were becoming hard to find, so it was well over time for new ones."

Other somewhat smaller changes were made over the summer to revitalize the building's interior.

"Initially it was safety stuff that we did," said Paul Kaspriskie, manager for capital projects. "The fire alarm system that was in there was inadequate, so we installed new fire safety equipment to meet codes including a new fire alarm system and a fire suppression system [sprinklers]."

Many surface repairs and rejuvenations are currently nearing completion or are already completed, such as painting.

"Over the summer, all of the walls and doors were repainted," said Kaspriskie. "Everything that is considered a common area got a fresh coat."

That includes the lobby, the downstairs bathrooms and the corridors.

"We redid the common bathrooms on the [ground] floor," said Kaspriskie. "We painted and put in new paper, so that's looking really nice."

The downstairs carpeting was stripped and a new ceramic tile floor was installed in its place.

"Along with the painting, we pulled the carpeting out and put in ceramic tile," said Kaspriskie. "We changed the ceiling tiles on the ground floor, too. Those are all new."

The elevators are no longer available to anyone who comes into the lobby, which changes the accessibility to the building.

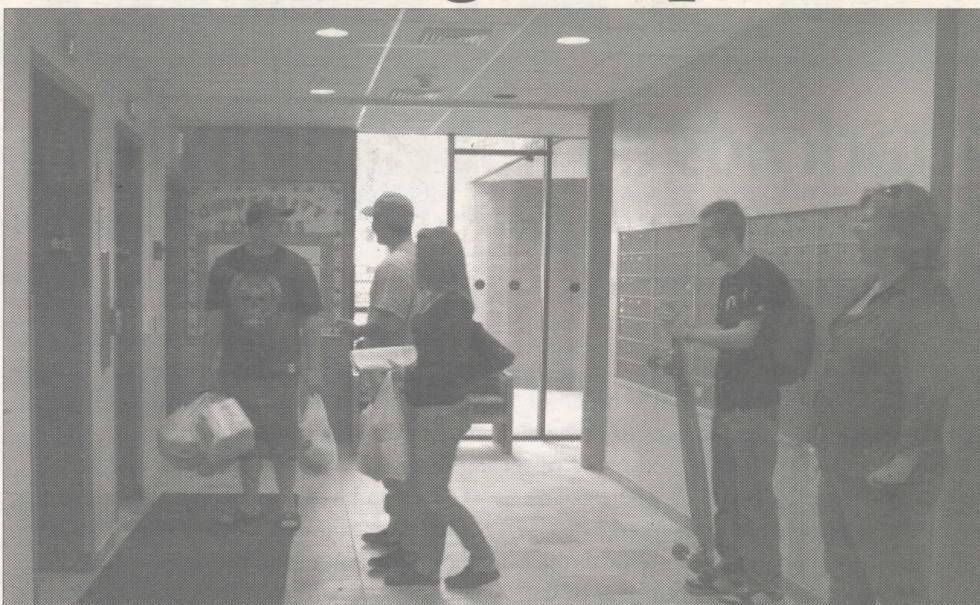
"We did card access to the elevators," said Pesta. "That way someone just can't follow someone else in. The only people who can use their card to get into the elevator are people living in the building, just like any other access to any other dorm around campus."

This brings about better security for those residents residing in the University Towers building.

"Now students who can get into Evans can't get into Towers the same way that the residents of Towers cannot get into Evans, and so on with the rest of the dorms," said Pesta.

The renovations aren't over, however. Over winter break, there are more changes that are set to be made.

The biggest of these upcoming changes will be the new carpeting. The carpet was originally scheduled to be installed over the



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Pictured above is the lobby of the University Towers building, which received two new elevators, a new paint job and new ceiling and floor tiles. Other renovations to the building are set for winter break.

summer break. This was because, according to both Kaspriskie and Pesta, the team at capital projects wants to do it when students are not on campus to avoid any inconvenience. But the carpeting had to be put off due to time constraints.

"We just ran out of time, but we do have the carpeting, which is carpet tile," said Kaspriskie. "That will be done during the holiday break. It's already here and it's all ready to go."

He also said that the overall University

Towers project is nearing completion.

"With the exception of installing the carpeting and whatnot, we are about 99 percent complete," said Kaspriskie. "Other than that, we just have some small things like window treatments that need taken care of on a couple of the windows, but that's about it."

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## PHISHING

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possible motives. He said that spammers will often treat user names and passwords as a "launching pad" to expand to assets such as bank accounts.

Barracuda provides security by supplying a list of detected scammers among a network of devices and recognizing when accounts are sending mass amounts of e-mails. This allows ITS to block the source immediately, said Muhammad.

In order to prevent infections from the source, ITS is providing access to McAfee Anti-virus software. Barlow says that all students, faculty and staff members are entitled to a copy of the software.

McAfee can be picked up at Barnes & Noble or downloaded from the MyWilkes portal.

"I think it will really help everybody keep their computers free of viruses and spyware and all those bad things that can happen to us out there in cyberspace," Barlow said.

Even with the new security measures, Mu-

hammad explained that the magnitude of e-mails is a determining factor in effectiveness.

"It's humanly impossible to monitor that kind of traffic, especially e-mails, because every second a piece of mail is coming through," he said.

ITS is also working on improving education towards computer security.

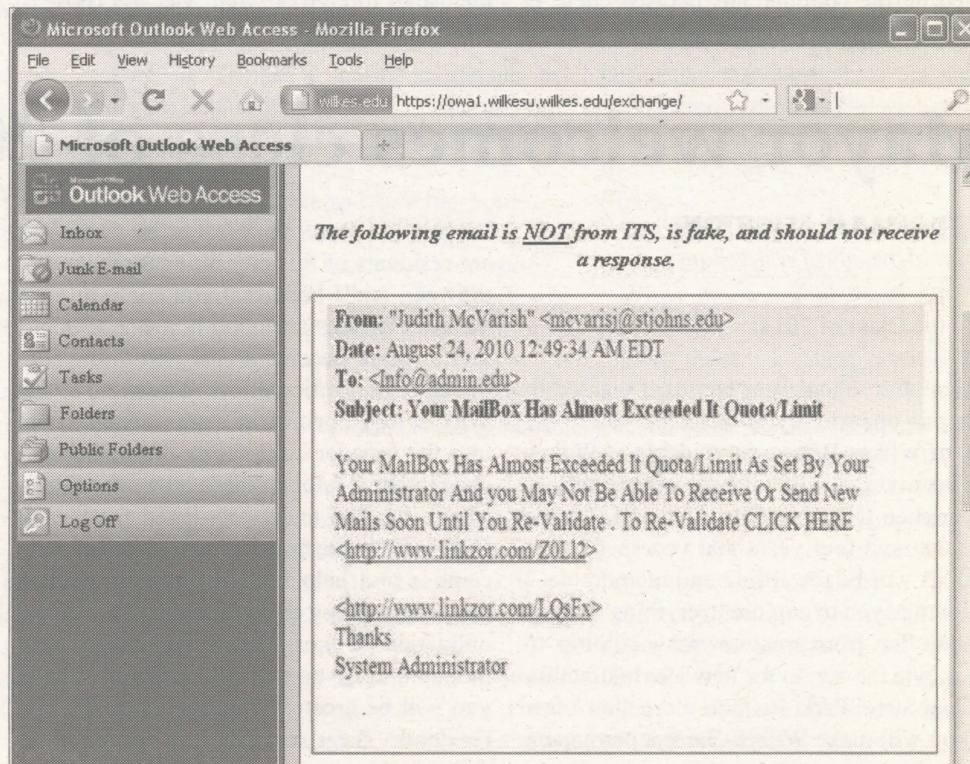
Barlow said to expect announcements shortly regarding a series of workshops for users to learn about being safe on the Internet. The sessions will cover phishing, protecting privacy on social networking sites and more.

For users faced with phishing scams, ITS gives simple advice.

Never give out your user name, password, or any other valuable information, they say, while urging users to avoid clicking on links in e-mails that do not pertain to Wilkes.

"My best suggestion is: when in doubt, hit the delete button," said Barlow.

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Many phishing e-mails have been circulating with the motive of stealing personal information from recipients. Above is a screenshot of an phishing scam, which was sent in a notification from ITS to warn users.



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## Attack ads do not contribute to election season

*Political ads should focus on candidate's policies, not the opponent's*

BY THE BEACON

Editorial Board

It's election season again. It's time for campaign signs to go up, debates to be held and the beginning of another season of political attack advertisements. We here at The Beacon are against these types of ads.

Attack advertisements are political poison. They generally don't inform you of the policies of the candidate that paid for the commercial. Instead, they focus on bringing down the opposition, stating previous voting records and political faux pas of the other candidates.

Although these ads can potentially sway the outcome of an election, voters are not receiving any information on the beliefs and policies of the attacker.

We can only assume that the person who approved the ad opposes the other candidates' beliefs, but policies are not always black and white, meaning that the polar opposite is not always the appropriate assumption.

Is it that the candidate is the lesser of two evils? We can't really say for sure solely based on the commercials because there is no hard evidence, except what the person

being attacked supports.

Attack ads also customarily mislead the audience by using some statements, which are outdated and others, which take out of context altogether what the person was trying to say.

They also have a tendency to confuse the public. For example, during his 2010 campaign, Sen. John McCain had a series of attack ads that portrayed then Senator Barack Obama as nothing but a celebrity.

One particular commercial started with now President Obama being "the biggest celebrity in the world" and ended with a quip about him raising taxes and being pro-foreign oil. One of those things is not like the others. One of these things isn't even a political issue at all.

From that commercial you learn that President Obama wants to raise your taxes and is opposed to offshore drilling.

We also know that, rather than utilizing his 30 seconds on TV and millions of constituent dollars spent on this ad with a message about how he would lower our taxes and find ways for America to be less dependent on the use of foreign oil, Sen. McCain chose to attack his opponent instead.

Current senatorial candidate Joe Sestak (D-Pa. currently has an attack ad out criticizing opponent Pat Toomey (R-Pa.). The commercial tells the audience that Toomey is against taxing corporations. Whether you support taxing corporations or not, you learn nothing about Sestak from this commercial other than that he is anti-Toomey.

However, that's so obvious that anyone could have figured it out without Sestak spending thousands of dollars on an advertisement.

While the advent of radio, television, and the Internet brings these ads to the forefront, they are nothing new. Attack ads have been around for ages. Then President John Adams once posted an ad calling then presidential candidate Thomas Jefferson "too French."

Adams believed that Jefferson would bring with him the sexual looseness that France was notorious for at the time. Because Jefferson was enamored by France and was a frequent visitor of the country, Adams made the assumption that Jefferson was a proponent of that lifestyle.

History has shown this to be true. No matter what, guess who didn't get reelected that year?

## Mayor welcomes class of 2014 to Wilkes

BY THOMAS M. LEIGHTON

Mayor of the City of Wilkes-Barre

To the Class of 2014:

As a new school year begins, I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you to the city of Wilkes-Barre. As students of Wilkes University, you will have the opportunity to experience this great city firsthand. I hope that the next four years that you spend here with us will be rewarding and memorable. I encourage you to explore everything the city has to offer: from great downtown dining, to the movie theater, to the new ice rink facility at Coal Street Park. Perhaps more than a few of you will make Wilkes-Barre a permanent home once you graduate and become alumni of Wilkes University.

The city has seen a rebirth in recent years

but there is more work left to be done. You are residents of this city nine months out of the year, and I hope that you come to view Wilkes-Barre as a second home. As such, I invite you to become a vital part of the continued revitalization effort. While you attend Wilkes, look beyond the campus and venture into the broader community. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, tutor children after school, distribute food to under-privileged families at CEO, or take the time to "adopt" a block near campus and help keep it clean throughout the year. Serving the community is a sacred obligation. Wilkes-Barre is an inviting community and if you extend your hand to help, you will be greeted with open arms by city residents. There are limitless opportunities for you to get involved in the community, and it will benefit from your contributions. If you invest in this community, you will

receive a dividend more valuable than any paycheck. Most importantly, be safe and be smart. Look out for your fellow classmates both on and off campus.

I am very proud to welcome the class of 2014 to Wilkes University. You are the lifeblood of the school and without question you will leave your mark not only on the university, but also on the city as a whole. I wish you the best of luck this year and beyond. I look forward to following your achievements and success in the coming years. Good luck, and know that my door will always be open to you.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Leighton  
Mayor of the City of Wilkes-Barre

### BEACON POLL

The Beacon poll is unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on the Wilkes campus.

#### Last week's question:

No poll question last week.

#### This week, The Beacon asks:

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- No

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# Building of NY mosque should not be inhibited

BY STEPHANIE WILKIE  
Staff Writer

Obtaining the "American Dream" is a goal that every citizen of the United States of America wants to achieve.

So, why has it become an issue for Islamic-Americans to practice their religion at their own choice of location?

The media is overwhelmed with people expressing frustrations toward a mosque being built one-tenth of a mile from Ground Zero, but has anyone given this issue a look from the other side?

Since the mosque is not exactly being built at Ground Zero, it is an overstatement to say that the mosque is at Ground Zero.

Since you would actually have to travel three blocks total to reach the proposed site, it's much more appropriate to say that the mosque is *near* Ground Zero.

I would not even describe the building as a mosque, which is an entire place of worship. The building is simply a cultural center with a prayer room. The misuse of the word 'mosque' can be blamed on the over-exaggerating, opposing forces who do not want this prayer room to be established.

FOXNews.com has a horrible assumption that building a mosque near Ground Zero is a recruitment procedure for terrorists.



Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, head of the proposed prayer center, has made it clear that his intention for the building is to create harmony among Christians, Jews and Muslims.

He pointed out in an interview that people from various religions died in the September 11 attacks all together.

He also stated that if the Muslims and Christians begin cursing each other, then people will begin cursing Allah and Allah will hold the Muslims responsible. Rauf certainly does not want to wish this upon himself.

Denying the building of the mosque would be against our country's own foundation. We all take serious consideration of 'equal opportunity' when our own demands are at stake.

To object to another person's is only proving that we don't look out for our fellow man. In our own constitution, we claim to have the freedom of religion; to practice it and to not have it infringed upon.

Objecting the construction of a place of worship for fellow Americans would be going against what our country was founded on.

President Obama has even expressed himself that Muslims have every right to practice their religion in this country, as does every other citizen. Although, Obama has not taken an official stance on the mosque.

- Overall, denying Muslims a place to worship would be going against the intentions of our forefathers to create a country based upon unbiased solitude.

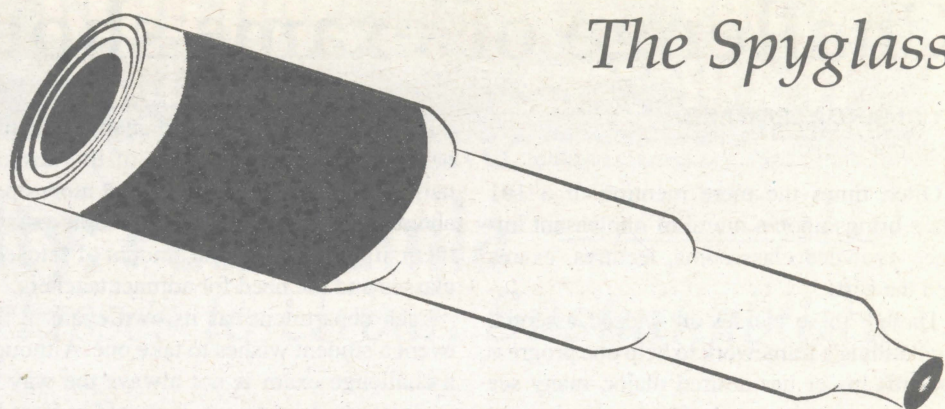
The more we obstruct others from living by the framework of our society, the more we are asking for some sort of rebellion.

It takes a sacrifice or two to establish an understanding between people from different nationalities.

Allowing the prayer center to be built is a step in the right direction.

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A place of worship, like the one pictured at left, should be able to be built anywhere without scrutiny. Denying anyone in America a place to practice their religion goes against the foundations of our country.



## The Spyglass

### Hypnosis should not be overlooked as a cure

BY ANTHONY TRUPPO  
Opinion Editor

Physical and mental ailments have plagued humans since the dawn of time.

Many embark on arduous searches that can last years in the hope that they will be able to discover a cure.

Whereas most seek medicinal and therapeutic remedies, many overlook hypnosis as a possible cure.

Treatment through hypnosis can be just as effective - if not more effective - than traditional medicine and therapy.

Tim Triplett, a native of Doylestown, PA, now residing near Atlanta, GA, performs 25-30 shows per year as a comedy hypnotist.

Unlike most performers, Triplett uses his skills for healing as well.

"Being hypnotized can literally change your life," said Triplett, and he could not have been more right.

One of Triplett's major successes involved him working with a woman that suffered from a severe case of arthritis. The woman's pain was so severe that she was rendered unable to leave her home.

After being put under hypnosis, the woman experienced complete pain relief.

Triplett has not only had great success in healing physical ailments with hypnosis, but mental ailments as well.

He encountered a woman with Alzheimer's disease who was experiencing heavy memory loss.

While under hypnosis, the woman was able to recall vivid memories and specific details that she had completely forgotten.

Despite the documented healing powers of hypnosis, many skeptics believe that hypnosis simply does not work.

People who do not understand hypnosis tend to believe that hypnosis is an act.

"People tend to lump hypnotists in with mentalists and magicians and think everything is a trick," said Triplett.

I have witnessed firsthand that hypnosis

is most certainly not a trick. Sitting front row center at one of Triplett's shows, I watched as he randomly selected 10 spectators from the audience.

All of them were under hypnosis within a matter of minutes. Some went much deeper than others, one being a close friend of mine who made absolutely no contact with Triplett prior to the show.

Many of those who are skeptical of hypnosis have attempted to be hypnotized themselves, but were unable to go under. Factors preventing one from being hypnotized, however, are easily avoidable.

Triplett has recognized that hypnosis may not work if the subject is afraid of being hypnotized.

According to Triplett, 80 percent of people in their teens and twenties will go under easily, as they are less afraid of being hypnotized.

Other factors that may prevent hypnosis are trying too hard to go under, analysis of whether one is going under or not and belief that the hypnosis is not working.

Whether some people wish to acknowledge it or not, everyone has been hypnotized countless times throughout his or her life.

"People go in and out of hypnosis all day, every day," said Triplett.

When daydreaming, you are in a hypnotic state.

Even those who deny having daydreams are still going in and out of hypnotic trances in the moment before waking and the moment before falling asleep.

"If you can allow yourself to go under and find a competent hypnotist, the changes you can find are incredible and can be long term," said Triplett.

Although some may not believe in hypnosis, hypnosis can be an effective cure for all sorts of physical and mental ailments and should not be overlooked as a treatment option.

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# Challenge of exams shouldn't be discovering them

BY AMANDA LEONARD

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Often times the mere mention of a 101 class brings upon a mural of unpleasant images: crowded classrooms, lectures, exams and the sort.

Though these classes are indeed essential for building a framework to help one progress towards his or her desired major, many see these classes as a repeat of high school work.

Incoming students have varied backgrounds in education, and some may step foot on campus that are beyond the 101 course work. Is it really necessary for each and every English major to take Math 101, even if he or she took calculus in high school?

Yes, the opportunities for AP classes may have been offered, but not every student comes into college with a bag full of AP credits.

While it is extremely important to have a strong liberal arts background, is it necessary to endure each and every 101 as if he or she has never been exposed to the material before?

Though it may seem hidden between the lines, Wilkes University offers challenge exams to be exempt from a 101-level course. The fee is \$90 per credit, which is significantly cheaper than the normal credit rate.

According to the 2009-10 Wilkes bulletin, one may request permission to take a challenge exam if "there is clear evidence that the student has adequate background in the field to attempt the exam."

Interestingly enough, not many students, or even teachers, are aware of this examination. Why are departments not more open about these exams? If more people passed them, it would lessen the amount of "closed" classes and the need for adjunct teachers.

Each department has its own exam in the event a student wishes to take one. Although a challenge exam is not always the way to go in every department, it should at least be presented to students.

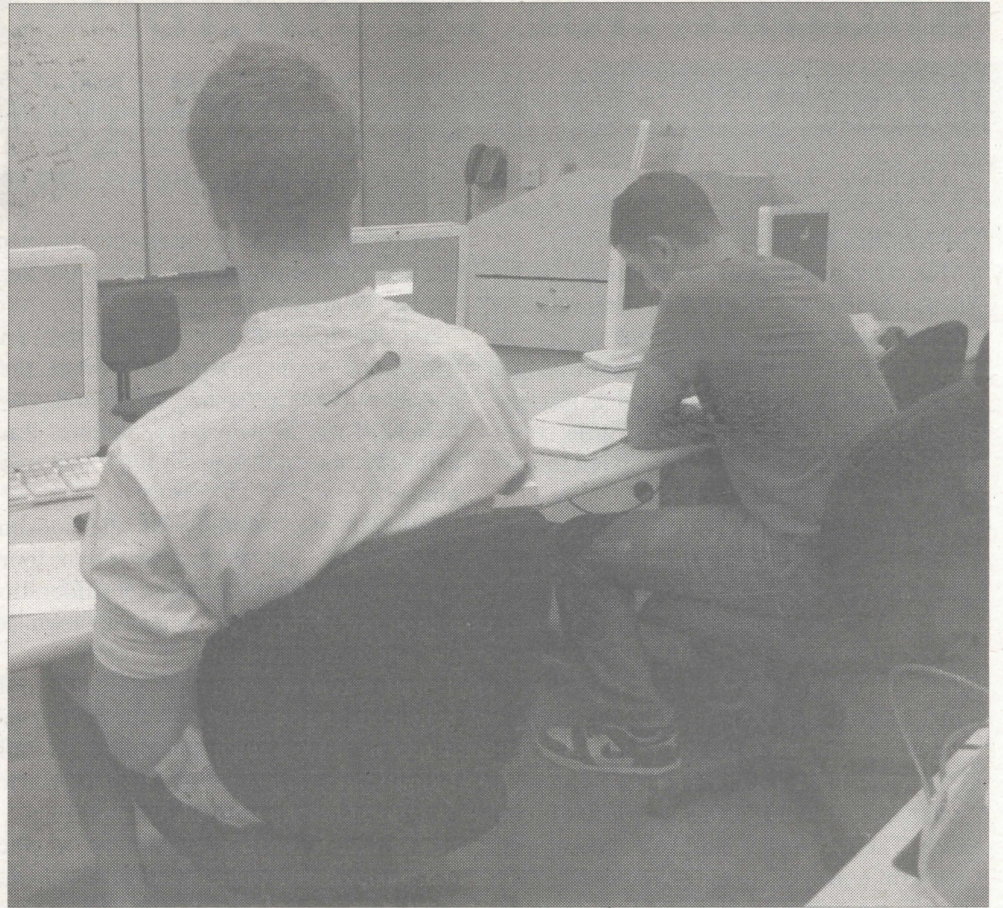
Dr. Stine, chair of the communications studies department at Wilkes, says that advisers, especially those within his department, do not bring up the topic of challenge exams because they are "not a good idea because successfully challenging one exam is difficult."

However, courses like Math 101 and History 101, which deal with set information, differ from a communications exam, which would involve "being able to deliver a wide variety of speeches, as well as the ability to grasp the theoretical portion," Stine explains.

The option for challenge exams should be more open and advisors should be more willing to talk to their advisees about this opportunity. By being exempt from a course, one can take higher-level classes that pertain to his or her major, without the credit overload.

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Students Erik Karlsen (left) and Altay Uzel (right) sit in a 101 class. Unbeknownst to many, students may have the ability to be exempt from 101 classes by taking a challenge exam; however one must demonstrate knowledge of the subject in order to be eligible for taking a challenge exam.

## Student Government President encourages involvement on campus

BY BENJAMIN BEIDEL

Student Government President

Wilkes University Students,

It is my honor and privilege to welcome everyone to the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

I'm truly excited to enter into a new year in our education with everyone and thrilled for the opportunity to learn, socialize, and volunteer my time with those whom I have come to have the utmost respect for: my fellow students.

As we move forward into another year, for some our last, for others their first foray into the collegiate lifestyle, I want to bring to attention to everyone that this is an excellent opportunity to get to know your fellow students, explore your own identity, and find how to affect the world around us in a positive way.

I want to take this time to encourage everyone to take full advantage of our time here at Wilkes University. Wilkes has a

great deal to offer, from a plethora of trips with Student Development as well as the new Adventure Education Program, to an array of opportunities to become involved with different clubs and organizations on campus.

No matter what your interests, be it journalism, sports, government, politics, pharmacy, business, or any other club or organization, Wilkes has a group for it.

As Club Day is now in the rear-view mirror, I hope that those who were interested in writing stopped at *The Beacon* table and learned about submitting articles, those who were interested in leading stopped by the Student Government table, or the Off Campus Council, InterResidence Hall Council, or Commuter Council tables to learn how they can represent themselves and give back to the University.

It is also my hope that students took time to learn about Programming Board and MSC and their role on this campus.

We have a great deal of events ahead of us, including a new three day event known as Fall Fest, September 16-18, as well as Homecoming, October 1-3 with the Pep Rally and comedian Kevin Hart on September 30th, and of course, Casino Night, set for November 5.

In the Spring semester, look forward to a revamped Winter Weekend, Spring Fling, and another Casino Night.

I encourage all students to take advantage of all the events going on throughout the year on and around campus.

By taking advantage of our time at Wilkes, we can continue to move forward together, forging a new ideal; active students helping their University to exceed the heights it has climbed before, and set a new standard for those to follow.

Benjamin Beidel

Student Government President 2010-2011



The Beacon/Marjorie Whispell

During club day, students had many opportunities to join various clubs and organizations. Most clubs meet during 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays when classes are not in session, in order for everyone to have the chance to participate.



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## Chatting with Faculty: Paul Lumia

### Professor introduces freshmen FYF classes to Urban Sustainability

BY MARK ATTILIO  
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The Wilkes community has again increased with the addition of professor Paul Lumia, who will impart his life knowledge onto a new year of First Year Foundations (FYF) classes. The 48-year-old native of Hampton, Va. came to his teaching position at Wilkes through a fulfilled past.

After four years in field artillery and being mobilized - but never deployed - for the Gulf War, Lumia pursued a bachelor's and master's degree in teaching.

However, life took twists and turns, and he found himself working in a main-stream job.

Currently, he works as the executive director of North Branch Land Trust, where he conserves portions of land in the Wyoming Valley area.

Lumia made some friends in the environmental science department at Wilkes, and later received a formal invitation to teach from Dr. Ellen Flint, dean of undergraduate programs. Teaching his FYF class, Topics in Urban Sustainability, he can share his knowledge of the environment with a new generation of environmental activists, ready and eager to learn what they can. The FYF class, Lumia's first teaching position in an academic environment, is proving to be a good segue into the teaching career he's always kept in the back of his mind.

**The Beacon:** In the past have you considered a teaching career?

**Lumia:** Years ago, I actually came to Wilkes in order to take some teaching courses. I thought, 'Maybe I want to teach', and I took some courses and I greatly enjoyed it. Life took its twists and turns and I stayed in the outside of academia and worked in the regular job world, so to speak. So, I haven't had the opportunity to teach but I have always had it in the back of my mind.

**The Beacon:** What is the primary lesson of your FYF class?

**Lumia:** This is FYF section R, Topics in Urban Sustainability. Basically we are looking at how to make urban environments

more stable. We want to do that because population trends have shown more and more people are moving into the urban environment globally.

To try and achieve some kind of sustainable development in the world, we are going to need to work on the resources we use and all we put out on the other end. We need to try and balance those out so that we can run a neutral system and not run an environmental deficit which we are sort of doing right now.

The things we will look at are the urban transportation systems, waste stream, energy, how energy is utilized and how to make buildings more environmentally sustainable to reduce a building's ecological footprint. We are going to touch on other things like population, zoning, and food production, and things with secondary effects on the urban environment.

**The Beacon:** How is Wilkes treating you?

**Lumia:** I think Wilkes is a fantastic university. I have known a lot of people who have taught at Wilkes. I know a lot of people who have gone to Wilkes, but I have never really had a reason to be on campus until I started teaching. It has been a really pleasant experience. Physically, it looks great, and from another perspective, I am being treated quite well.

**The Beacon:** Do you have any pets?

**Lumia:** I have two terriers, a cat and frogs.

**The Beacon:** If you were to run into a ninja on campus, what would be your reaction and would you try to fight him?

**Lumia:** Well, if I saw him stalking me like he was going to jump out and attack, I would get ready to battle. If I just saw him walking along I would just think he was part of the theater. I wouldn't bat an eye on a campus.

**The Beacon:** What is your happiest memory, which you are willing to share?

**Lumia:** The birth of my first daughter, it was an incredible experience.

**The Beacon:** Is there anything your students should watch out for the most?

**Lumia:** They should watch out for surprises from me; I like to keep them on their toes. I don't mean by pop quizzes, I mean by throwing them curve balls with different ideas that relate to the subject matter. In the middle of class I might say, 'Let's get up and go for a walk downtown,' a real surprise to get them thinking. They should keep themselves ready, mobile and wear sneakers.

**The Beacon:** Will we see you around in future years?

**Lumia:** I would love to continue to teach a class or two. If they have me back, that is.

**The Beacon:** If you were stuck on a deserted island with a fax machine, Sean Connery and a roll of duct tape, which would be the most useful?

**Lumia:** The duct tape, definitely the duct tape.

**The Beacon:** If you could trade all three for something else, what would it be?

**Lumia:** A short wave radio transmitter. I may actually just trade it for a ride home, that would work too.

**The Beacon:** What are your recreational activities?

**Lumia:** I do a lot of road riding and mountain biking. I also fly-fish and ski.

**The Beacon:** What is your favorite part of any of your current jobs?

**Lumia:** I am the executive director of North Branch Land Trust which is a land conservation organization which we operate in Northeastern Pennsylvania. What we do is conserve property so that it can no longer be developed.

**The Beacon:** How much wood would a

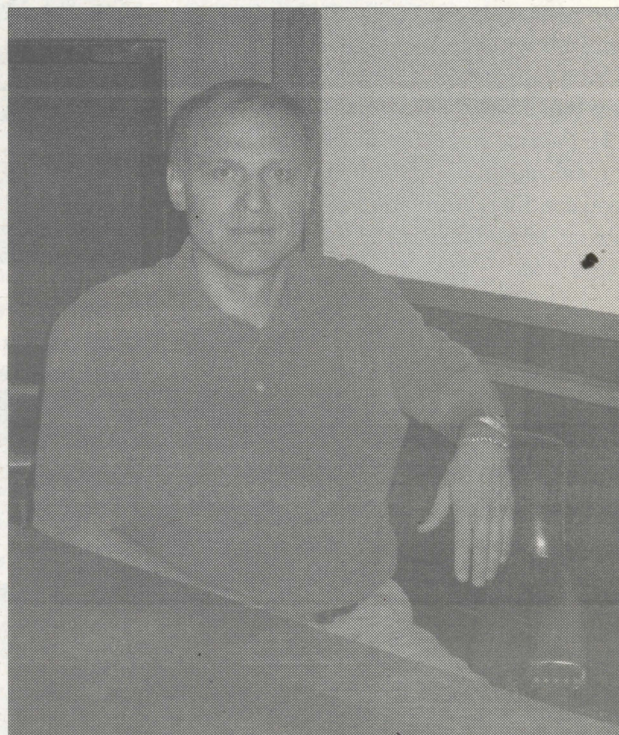
woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

**Lumia:** A woodchuck could chuck as much wood as a woodchuck could chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

**The Beacon:** Do you miss college?

**Lumia:** Yes, it is nice to be in the academic environment. It didn't make me miss being in college myself, I mean, I enjoyed being in college and I enjoyed the experience, but it made me a little nostalgic about the actual environment. So it is nice to be here again, on the teaching side.

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Professor Paul Lumia is a new addition to the Wilkes staff. He teaches an FYF class titled, Topics in Urban Sustainability, in a slightly nontraditional manner. Students are encouraged to be ready for anything and to always wear sneakers.



# Gak, fencing, Dippin Dots, and music at Club Day 2010

BY RUTH WHISPELL

Life Editor

On Thursday, September 9, the greenway was a sea of chaos as Wilkes students scoured the numerous tables at Club Day.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. students built bears at a Build-A-Bear Workshop sponsored by the Wilkes University Programing Board table, fought over t-shirts at the Student Development table and made Gak by mixing chemicals with the chemistry club.

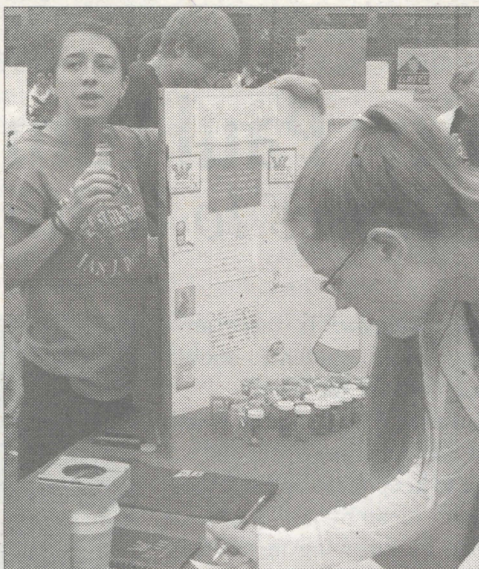
This year was the first Club Day for the Paint Ball Club and Robotics Club.

*The Beacon* was there to capture some of the memories made at Club Day 2010.

You can find information about all Wilkes clubs at <https://sites.google.com/site/wilkesusga/clubs>.

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The Beacon/ Marjorie Whispell  
Students were able to stop by the pre-pharmacy club table and grab a medicine bottle filled with candy to munch on while browsing other Club Day tables.



The Beacon/ Allison Roth  
Numerous Wilkes University students flooded the greenway on Thursday, September 9 for Club Day 2010. They enjoyed food such as pretzel twists, sausage and peppers, vegetarian chilli and corn dogs provided by Sodexo.



The Beacon/ Marjorie Whispell  
At the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) table you could sign up to receive information about this year's ASB trips and pick up a free bag.



The Beacon/ Allison Roth  
You could have picked up a copy of *The Manuscript* at their Club Day table, stopped by the chorus table and signed up to sing a tune or at the history club table and learned about the past while munching on delicious baked goods.



The Beacon/ Marjorie Whispell  
The fencing club, hoping to attract new members, put on an interesting display when they took to the greenway in full fencing uniforms and swords for a lively demonstration in the sport of fencing.



The Beacon/ Allison Roth  
Above is an aerial view of the Education and other club tables set up towards the end of the greenway by Capin and Breseith Halls.

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# Fall 2010 fashion for college girls

BY GILLYAN GOWARTY

Assistant Life Editor

Fall weather is in the air. Summer is fading away and the days are starting to get cooler. It is time to start putting away shorts and tank tops and switch over to fall favorites.

For those who are keeping up with the latest trends, fashion has been moving backwards to styles that were popular in the 1980s, and as far back as the 1950s. An example of modern styles that were popular in the 1950s is ballerina style flat shoes. An example from the 1980s is leggings. Other popular fashions this year are lace clothing, military-style clothing, and fur boots, according to fashionising.com. The major color for this season is purple, according to Ashley Mehall, sophomore pharmacy major. She also said that vests that go over shirts are popular this year, as well as leggings.

Leggings, not to be confused with pants, are very popular among female college students. According to Mehall, leggings are definitely in style again. This can be seen just by walking through the greenway. Leggings can be worn under long

sweaters, as well as an accessory to fall dresses and skirts. They can also be worn under jeans to add extra insulation on particularly chilly days. Many girls wear leggings in place of tights or stockings, but they do not qualify as actual pants.

"Leggings are not pants, they make pants for a reason" said Cierra Cellerari, sophomore musical theater major.

Leggings come in many different types of fabric, some of the most popular being of a blend of spandex, cotton, or polyester, but lace and leather leggings are also coming into popularity.

Brittany Battista, freshman communication studies major, is an employee at Justice, which is a clothing store for young girls. She said the store sells many pairs of leggings and that they are very comfortable.

'Jeggings' are a newer form of leggings that hit the runway last year and have now made the transition into main-stream clothing. They are made to look like skinny jeans, but they are made of the same spandex blend as leggings.

The difference between the two is that jeggings have a button on them to make them more like actual jeans, according to

Jessica Short, sophomore pharmacy major. "I saw them and I thought they were really stupid at first, but I have a pair and they're actually really comfy," said Short.

Aside from the leggings family, some college students do not pay much attention to the latest fashion trends. College students typically wear hoodies, and sweat pants or jeans, especially when the weather is chilly.

"Fall fashion doesn't change much [for college students]," says Short. She also said it's basically sweats and jeans if you're lucky. "I just wear what I'm comfortable in and what I think looks good on me," said Cellerari.

Skinny jeans, jeggings, belted sweaters, and military jackets can be found in the "must have looks" section of [www.boscovs.com](http://www.boscovs.com).

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Cierra Cellerari, sophomore musical theater major, sports popular fall fashions that span across decades, including leggings from the 1980s and ballerina-style flat shoes from the 1950s.



## CLUB

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The Beacon/ Allison Roth

Raina Connor, sophomore business major, and a fellow member of the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) Club helped recruit new SIFE members and showed off the club's past projects and achievements on a poster board.



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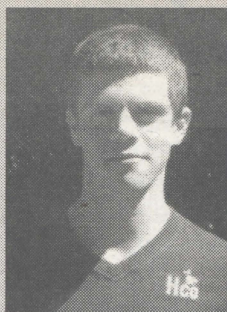
The Build-A-Bear Workshop, sponsored by the Wilkes University Programming Board (WUPB), was swamped with students who enjoyed building stuffed dalmations, elephants, bears and dogs. Students enjoyed the workshop so much that the table ran out of supplies for building the stuffed animals rather quickly.



## STREET BEAT

### What made Wilkes your school of choice?

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**Adam Bailey**

Freshman pharmacy major

"It was the most affordable pharmacy school around here and it's a really nice school."



**Cody Bauman**

Freshman computer science major

"It was the only school I applied to."



**Miranda Baur**

Freshman English major

"I love the location. I love the atmosphere, and I knew that Wilkes had a strong program for my major."



**Laura Preby**

Freshman communication studies major

"Close to my home and people in my family went here, so I knew it was a great school."



**Melissa Shoemaker**

Freshman Special Education Major

"My cousin went here, and when I used to come visit her I fell in love with the campus, and I knew they had a special education program."



**Megan Shinert**

Freshman undecided

"I live close by and basically I got a nice scholarship. I'm familiar with this area, and it felt like home."



**Kaitlyn Brown**

Freshman pharmacy major

"The pharmacy program, the size and the softball here."

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## Wilkes University's Health & Wellness Corner

The Health and Wellness Corner is a weekly feature in The Beacon. Students who ask questions will remain anonymous. All questions will be answered by Health Service staff.

**Q. I've noticed that using the Internet has started to interfere with my daily life. Do you think it is possible to become addicted to the Internet?**

**A.** As you know, the Internet has revolutionized our ability to communicate and learn allowing the world to be a much smaller place. This is positive, allowing us to be "connected" to others such as family, friends and colleagues. It is also a wealth of information at our fingertips making it necessary for many of us to be online several hours a day for employment/education purposes.

That being said, the Internet can sometimes interrupt lives of real connection and relationship building while fostering unhealthy habits. In other words, if you feel more comfortable with online friends than your real friends or wish you could stop gambling, shopping and/or compulsive surfing so that you finish your class assignments, you are using the Internet too much and may be developing an addiction.

Some signs of unhealthy computer use include: mixed feelings of well-being and guilt while online, unsuccessful efforts to limit computer use, neglecting friends, family and/or responsibilities while online, feeling anxious, depressed or irritable when your computer time is interrupted, using the computer as a way to feel better (sadness, anger, or sexual gratification) and/or frequent thoughts about when you will be using the computer again.

If this describes you and you would like to work toward change and balance in your life, make an appointment with a campus counselor to learn new coping skills, strengthen your relationships, and process any underlying reasons that may need therapeutic treatment.

**Do you have a question for the Health & Wellness corner? Email your questions to [wellness.services@wilkes.edu](mailto:wellness.services@wilkes.edu), and you may see your question in next week's Wellness Corner. Your privacy will be protected. You can reach those working at Health Services at 570-408-4730 or by visiting their office located on the first floor of Passan Hall.**



## Go big or go foam: party a new addition to Fall Fest

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI  
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The Wilkes University Programming Board plans to transform the greenway into a dance floor with the school's first ever foam/dance party, complete with an inflatable foam pit, disc jockey and light show.

The event, which is scheduled for this Friday from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m., will highlight Wilkes's annual Fall Fest celebration.

Every year, Fall Fest allows several clubs to get together and host events over a three-day span.

The celebration will commence Thursday, when the Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC) and Commuter Council show "Toy Story 3" on the greenway at 9 p.m.

The following night, the greenway will transform from a movie theater into a dance floor when the foam party takes place.

On Saturday, Student Government will

hold several activities from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Programming Board has planned the foam/dance party in hopes to gain more campus involvement in the fun and exciting activities made available to the students. Jeff Simpson, a senior business major and Programming Board president, stated that since this year is a rebuilding year for the board, they wanted to see if they could bring in some new activities.

"This was just an opportunity to do something we [have] never done before," said Simpson, "With the success of the concert over by Evans [Hall, we can] utilize space that we never used, and just basically try to give the students something they never had before."

The event hopes to attract many students and its location will surely make it hard to miss.

"It's something that's been thrown around for awhile and we were the club that said we would make it happen," said Christina

D'Ippolito, a senior pharmacy major and PR Secretary for Programming Board.

D'Ippolito explained that each year Programming Board has the opportunity to attend a NACA (National Association for Campus Activity) conference. At this conference, students are able to talk and receive information from over 300 vendors, who then provide entertainment and activities of all variations, to colleges and universities.

"This year, it's a smaller executive board," Simpson added. "We want to push more events that we haven't done before and expand what we do. Something new. We want student participation."

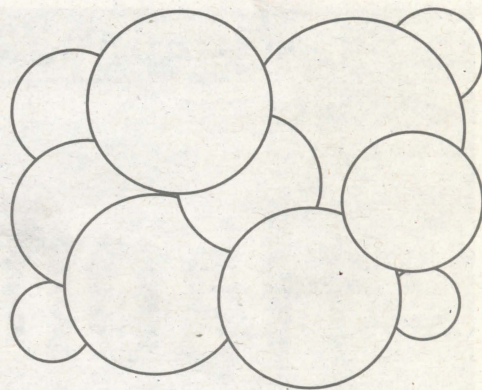
Attire for the foam party is a t-shirt and shorts, and Programming Board encourages students to dress appropriately.

Though the party is highly anticipated, it's just the beginning of exciting activities that Programming Board is sponsoring this year. On Tuesday, September 21, the group will also be host a sky-diving event during

club hours in the greenway. On September 30, at 8 p.m. comedian Kevin Hart will be performing at Wilkes.

Also, with the addition of the new Wilkes University Programming Board fan page on Facebook, students can become more involved with events on campus and even make suggestions on future events.

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## Student Development activities Affordable trips offered during Fall '10

BY STEPHANIE WILKIE  
Staff Writer

Wilkes University Student Development is offering dozens of affordable activities for cash-strapped students during the Fall 2010 semester.

The mixture of programs include day trips, experiential adventures, cultural activities and more. The majority of the events will cost students less than \$10.

Student Development's experiential adventure series is an alternative learning experience, which allows students to engage in physical activities and build teamwork skills. On September 25, an Urban Bike Tour will take place in New York City. The cost of the excursion is \$15 and includes a bike rental.

If you are interested in Disc Golf, which is a game where discs are thrown into a basket or at a target, on October 10, students can attend a free Disc Golf event and a Boulder Field Hike at Hickory Run State Park.

For those who are daring, there will be a haunted tour of Jim Thorpe, Pa., which includes a hike and bike rental for \$10. This will take place on October 23.

Student Development heads back to Jim Thorpe on Halloween when they sponsor an opportunity to play paintball at Skirmish. A prize will be awarded to the student with the best costume for this Halloween event, which costs \$15.

Students can sign up now at the Student Center Info Desk for a free hiking trip of the Appalachian Trail, which will take place on November 13. And if you're hesitant about leaving campus or spending money, there's always the free UCOM Rock Wall, which every student can attempt to scale on Mondays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Other day trips sponsored by Student Development include a trip to Citizens Bank Park to see the Philadelphia Phillies battle the New York Mets on September 24. Tickets and transportation for this trip cost \$10.

On October 9, there will be a trip to New Jersey's Six Flags Great Adventure for \$10.

If you are up for a thrill, there is a trip to the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia for a haunted tour called "Terror Behind the Walls." For only \$5, which is \$20 off of the regular cost, you can visit one of the top haunted houses in Pennsylvania.

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# Happy Little Hot Dog Co. makes customers happy

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI

Interim A&E Editor

Located on South Main Street in downtown Wilkes-Barre, The Happy Little Hot Dog Company is easily the quaintest restaurant within walking distance of the Wilkes campus. The owners, Jim and Daphne Roberts, are a retired couple who find a joy in providing and catering to the downtown region and its college student inhabitants, which is why they offer great food at a price that anyone can afford.

Originally starting out as a hot dog cart, the Roberts' are now constantly expanding their business each and every week, adding more and more quality choices to their once strictly 'hot dog' menu. There are no preservatives in the hot dogs or hamburgers served and everything is 100% beef.

Though the food at the Happy Little Hot Dog Company

is unparalleled for what it is, the best part of this restaurant is the quick service, perfect for those patrons who need to grab a quick bite to eat between meetings or classes.

Upon entering the Happy Little Hot Dog Company, a customer will feel just that: happy. A patron will feel like they are sitting at their own dinner table waiting for mom and dad to finish up their cooking. All of the restaurant's food is homemade and served with a numerous choice of delicious toppings.

Whether it's a hot dog, hamburger or fries, the food is served with a smile and a friendly hello, just like mom and dad would.

Prices are affordable especially for college students who are hungry for food on-the-go and are on a budget. Menu items range from \$3 to \$9, and that usually includes two hot dogs, a drink, and fries. If that's outside your price range,

lunch specials can be found nearly every day. Plus, students can receive a discount on their meal by presenting a valid college ID.

In two or three weeks, breakfast will be offered, in a 'design your own' manner such as wraps and breakfast sandwiches.

Also, hours will be expanded to cater to the college students who might be coming back from a movie late or even for those who dorm close by.

Whether its the friendly service or the cute 'made-to-order menu,' this Little Hot Dog Co. is relatively new, but it's obvious that downtown Wilkes-Barre just can't seem to get enough of it.

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Happy Little Hot Dog Co., located on South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, is open generally from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

The Beacon/Jonathan Bowman

## STREET BEAT

**Who is your favorite Jersey Shore character?**

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The Beacon/Molly Kurlandski



"Vinny."

**Erin Hanley**

Junior pharmacy major



"Sammi."

**Brittany Battista**

Freshman communications major



"Snookie."

**Jessica Short**

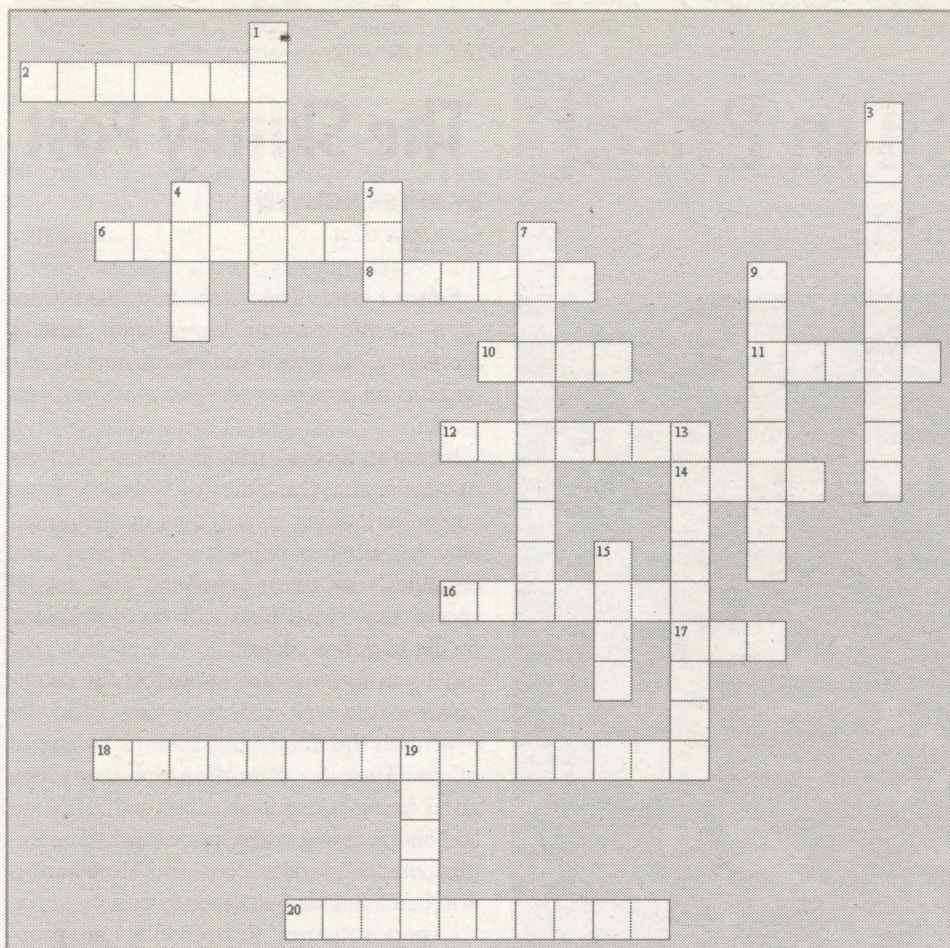
Sophomore elementary education major



# ZerCross: "THINGS WE DO TO PROCRASTINATE"

BY ASHLEY ZERFOSS

Correspondent



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2. Click here for the latest videos of anything and everything.

6. Head here during the day to bask in the sun, hang out with friends, or enjoy a block party.

8. Pop some popcorn and text your friends because these are an easy way to kill a few hours.

10. Some turn to other books to get away from studying.

11. For some, it's easier to do this to their rooms, even though mom and dad aren't around telling us to do it.

12. Fling this around on the green with some friends.

14. Pull this out of your pocket and rock out to your favorite music anywhere, anytime.

16. Grab a roommate or a friend and just do this.

17. Raid your minifridge or head to Rifkin for this time-wasting activity.

18. Hint Hint: you're doing it NOW.

20. Pull out your controllers and enter the virtual world through these.

1. Pull out your cellphone and do this to "c what ur friends r up 2."

3. How about pulling out Clue, Sorry, or Parcheesi to blow off some steam with your roommate?

4. Fluffy, Fido, and even Bubbles the fish can provide easy distractions.

5. Head here to lift some weights, shoot some hoops, or anything else to get your heart pumping.

7. Watch this to see what's happening on the Jersey Shore or to catch the big game!

9. Here, you update your status, write on walls, and post pictures of your procrastination.

13. Head here for the best bagels on campus!

15. Grab a stick and shoot stripes or solids in this game.

19. Take one of these to get away from campus and see some sights.

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## DEVELOPMENT

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On December 4, a trip is being held to New York City. The price of \$25 includes tickets to a Broadway show and dinner. Interested students can sign up at the Student Center Info Desk for any of these trips.

There's also a cultural series of activities presented by Student Development, which offers discounts on two local productions.

The first show is located at the Little Theater of Wilkes-Barre. "The Producers" is being performed on September 17 through September 19, and admittance is free with a Wilkes ID. The Broadway Theater of NEPA will be performing the musical version of "Legally Blonde" on November 20th. Tickets for this are available at the Student Center Info Desk for \$5.

Community Service is also part of this fall's events. There will be blood drives in the SUB Ballroom on September 29 and November 30 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. World Habitat Day, designed to reflect on the state of our cities and the basic human right to shelter, is on October 1.

Make a Difference Day, a day intended to be a day of helping others, is on October 23.

Frances Slocum State Park will be holding the Bark at the Park and Nay Aug State Park will be holding Light the Night Walk. Both of these events are on October 2, starting at 9 a.m.

Bark at the Park is a non-profit event to spread awareness of the abuse to animals. All of the proceeds will find homes for animals, spay/neuter animals, present humane messages against violence to animals and save lives of sick animals.

Light the Night walk is a nationwide event inspired by the illnesses leukemia and lymphoma to build awareness of blood cancers and to raise funds for cures.

Campus Interfaith provides many different resources for

students of different faiths. The first Monday of each month, Scoops of Spirituality will be held at 5 p.m. in Fenner Hall. Every Sunday, Protestant and non-denominational services are held at 7 p.m. in the Savitz Lounge on the second floor of the SUB.

Roman Catholic Services can be attended every Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Miller Conference Room, also on the second floor of the SUB.

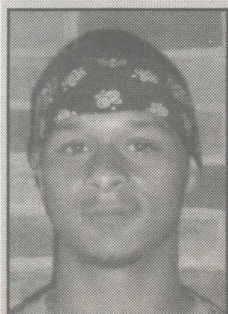
Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre applications are available within the Student Development Office.

E-Mentor applications will be available on December 1 at the SUB Info Desk and Co-op office.

If you become fan of Wilkes University Student Development on Facebook, you are eligible for free prizes and give-a-ways.

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**Bruce Chesson**

Sophomore nursing major

"Sammi."



**Michael Wagner**

Freshman pre-pharmacy major

Vinny."



**Maggie Wesolowski**

Senior business administration major

"The Situation."



**Helen Lawry**

Freshman pre-pharmacy major

"J'Wow."



# Wilkes women's soccer has ball in Brazil

## Attend club Championship, learn life lessons

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA

Sports Editor

While most students were soaking up the rays and making the most out of their last few weeks of summer, 13 women of the Wilkes University soccer team were exploring Sao Paulo, the largest city in Brazil.

For some, the trip to Brazil, which was organized in conjunction with the United Soccer Academy, has been something that they've been dreaming of their whole lives.

"Playing soccer in Brazil has always been on my list of things to do in life," said junior midfielder Ashley Thorpe. "So having this opportunity was truly awesome."

For sophomore midfielder Brooke Edwards, words do the experience no justice.

"The trip was amazing," Edwards said excitedly. "We got to experience a completely different lifestyle then we have here at home."

The 10-day event began on Monday, August 2 and was made possible by immense amounts of fundraising by the team over the past couple of years.

Between the solicitation of alumni, apparel sales, Valentine's Day rose sales, and numerous camps and clinics for local high school athletes, the team surpassed its original goal of \$13,000 by more than \$1,000.

Between trekking through South American jungles, crashing through waves at some of the most beautiful beaches in the world and visiting the Favellas slums, the trip had a little bit of everything. And out of all their experiences, it was easy for the women to pick out their fondest memory from the trip.

Both Edwards and Thorpe agreed that going to the Sao Paulo soccer game was the highlight of the trip.

"My favorite part was going to the Sao Paulo soccer game," said Edwards. "It was completely different then anything in the U.S. Nothing would compare to the experience."

"Easily the Sao Paulo game was my favorite part," said Thorpe. "It's something that everyone needs to experience to understand. It doesn't compare to a World Series or Super Bowl in America."

The girls were lucky to attend the game because head coach John Sumoski was warned



Photo Courtesy of Ashley Thorpe

The Wilkes women's soccer team spent 10 days of their summer in Brazil where they not only had the chance to play, but interact with local kids where they were able to give out anything from shirts to jerseys.

about the dangers of attending a game of that magnitude due to the rowdy crowds. But Sumoski, who wanted the women to really experience the South American culture, would not take no for an answer.

"We were told ahead of time [the game] would be dangerous, but we wanted to go, because that's what the culture is all about," said Sumoski. "You don't get that kind of passion in the US. It was the South American club championship and the tickets were hard to come by, but they kind of fell in our lap."

The women's visit into the Flavella slums in Paraisopolis, a small municipality in Sao Paulo, was another experience that they will always remember.

The visit, which was Sumoski's idea, was an eye-opening experience for the women because the team was not accustomed to that lifestyle.

"It truly was a humbling experience," said Edwards. "The picture of the slums was like watching 'Slumdog Millionaire.' These kids had barely anything compared to the city life, but still managed to have a soccer field and equipment to play with."

By going to Flavella, Sumoski's goal was to show the girls how some people live and to teach valuable life experiences.

"Honestly, I hate complaining," said Sumoski. "I wanted them to see people in the worst circumstances possible. My first question to the company was take us to the most exciting games possible, and take us to see the people in the slums and do community service. What those people have... they just play soccer all day. Some kids cut school just to see us. I wanted them to see poverty and to look at what they have and when they think about complaining, they think twice."

While there, the team gave away anything from shirts to pens and jerseys. According to Sumoski, the locals wanted anything they could get from the Lady Colonels.

"I went with 10 Wilkes shirts, and I gave nine away," said Sumoski. "If I would have known, I would have had hundreds of Wilkes shirts printed off to give away."

The last time Sumoski took his team overseas, in 2005 when the team visited Belgium, Holland and Germany, they came back and won the Freedom Conference for the first

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## The Skinny Post

BY PETER NGUYEN

Correspondent

*Editor's note: This is the first installment of a weekly column highlighting fantasy football. Check back each week for insights and tips on how to ensure you win your next game.*

All right, football fans, It's about that time of year again. The ladies of Wilkes University were looking mighty fine on the greenway this week, so enjoy it while it lasts... the countdown to sweat pants and high school sports team sweatshirts with their nickname on the back has begun!

All you fanatics also know that the countdown to the NFL season is now officially over with the Saints and Vikings kicking it off last Thursday. Boy, did Drew Brees look good airing it out in that first half? It's too bad his receiving corps looked like "The Replacements." I mean come on! How hard is it to catch a wide open money pass?

I know you Brett Favre owners are probably getting nervous with his performance, but I don't think he's really to blame. He played fairly well with a good amount of protection from that offensive line.

I know for a fact that Visanthe Shiancoe owners are loving life right now. While Adrian Peterson owners might be a little worried about the weak 10-point showing, keep in mind, he did rush for 87 yards on 19 carries in a losing effort against a pretty legitimate defense.

So here comes the reality of fantasy sports, which ex-Jets coach Herm Edwards stated very clearly, "You play to win the game!" Instead of torching the Vikings secondary, the Saints wisely managed the clock ended the game with some not so sexy football, fantasy wise that is.

Without further adieu, I would like to start with the things I hope you didn't do. Let's start with your draft. I hope none of you took defenses or kickers early to fill up your team. The Jets D/ST and Mason Crosby earlier than the last two to three rounds are just not good options. It's much wiser to load up on those precious RB/WR positions as they will be scoring the bulk of your points.

There's also the issue of some general managers selecting players that they want on their team ahead of players that are much

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# Athlete Spotlight: Marissa Harrison, volleyballer

BY JUSTIN JONES

Staff Writer

In today's society, when someone is tallying up kills, it would be safe to assume that said person is playing some sort of violent video game.

For Marissa Harrison, her kills aren't violent in nature, but they still go a long way towards winning her type of game.

The senior volleyball player has opened up the first stretch of the season with a bang, already generating 71 kills and 57 digs for the Lady Colonels. Harrison's superb play on the court and her evident team leadership has garnered this week's Athlete Spotlight.

To get a glimpse of how well Harrison has played thus far, just look at her individual stats in the team's last game against Albright where she had 17 kills and 12 digs.

Harrison is nowhere near becoming complacent, saying that, "I am always pushing myself to do better, so I wouldn't say it was a great game, but definitely a good game for the beginning of the season."

She admitted that against Albright, she had a lot of help from her teammates and coaches telling her where the other teams defense



The Beacon/Melissa Polchinski

Senior volleyball player Marissa Harrison has started the 2010 season strong with 71 kills and 57 digs for the Lady Colonels throughout the first 18 games of the season

was set up, and where the block was.

Harrison attributed her success during the beginning of the season to aspects of her game that she has worked on over the past off-season.

"I think I have become a more well-rounded and smarter hitter," she said. "I definitely can place the ball better this year, and I am able to pick out the holes in the opposing teams defense."

The senior acknowledged that with her class standing also comes a responsibility to lead her team.

"I definitely think it is my duty as a senior to lead by example both on and off the court," she said. "I always try my best to be as vocal as possible and to always encourage my teammates, as well as help them improve their volleyball skills."

The team, despite the play of players such as Harrison and junior Kate McGurk, has struggled so far in the win-loss column, going just 5-5 in their first ten games.

"This season has started off a lot different than last season," Harrison said. "Last season we started off with a 10-0 record, however this season we have faced much tougher competition than we did last year. I feel like this will only push us to strive and get better, and we can only benefit from playing better teams."

"Compared to the past, I think this years team has a good mix of freshman and upperclassman," she added. "The freshman are definitely stepping up,

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9/4 @ Stockton 1-2 L  
9/5 @ Rowan 0-5 L  
9/8 @ Scranton 0-1 L  
9/11 vs. Moravian 1-0 W

## MEN'S SOCCER

9/1 vs. Marywood 2-3 L  
9/4 @ Neumann 2-3 L  
9/8 @ Muhlenburg 0-4 L  
9/11 @ McDaniel 0-1 L  
9/12 vs. York / Medaille

## FIELD HOCKEY

9/4 @ Scranton 0-1 L  
9/8 @ Cabrini CANCELLED  
9/11 vs. Arcadia 2-1 W

## VOLLEYBALL

9/1 vs. Scranton 1-3 L  
9/3 @ Swarthmore 0-3 L  
9/3 @ Alvernia 3-1 W  
9/4 @ Cabrini 1-3 L  
9/4 @ Centenary 3-0 W  
9/7 @ Albright 3-0 W  
9/10 @ Centenary 3-2 W  
9/10 @ Pitt-Bradford 0-3 L  
9/11 @ Scranton 0-3 L  
9/11 @ Kings 3-2 W

# WEEK AHEAD

## FOOTBALL

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

9/16 @ Lebanon Valley  
9/17 @ Widener  
9/21 @ Centenary

## MEN'S SOCCER

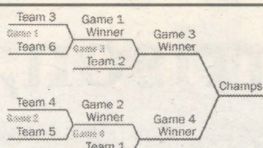
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9/18 vs. Moravian  
9/21 vs. William Paterson

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9/15 @ FDU-Florham  
9/18 @ Lycoming  
9/18 @ Baptist Bible College



# FACE OFF



## BCS vs. Playoffs: Which should we have?

**"Playoffs?! You kidding me? Playoffs?"**



Sports Editor  
**ANTHONY DORUNDA**

As my favorite super hero alter-ego Tony Stark has said, "Oh, it's good to be back."

Oh, and it is. You know what my favorite part of the start of fall semester is? Having classes at 8 a.m.... joking, joking.

The real reason I'm glad to be back is the official beginning of what America waits a dreadful eight months for: college football.

It's the return of tailgating, of white outs, of Richter-scale measuring crowd noise and of Lee Corso and the College Gameday gang.

It's also the return of the hottest debate in college sports: a football playoff system. To be, or not to be; that is the question.

What better way to spark up this daily debate than the opening weekend finale featuring possibly the team with the most at stake in the BCS system: Boise State.

The high-flying Broncos (clad in their ex-

tremely sharp Nike Pro Combat uniforms) did what they do best: win. They are the sole reason (along with a few teams like Utah and TCU) that a playoff system should surely be considered as a way to determine a national champion in college football.

See, the only problem with that is there are only a handful of teams that actually deserve that shot.

And to be completely honest, although this year Boise State is surely in the upper echelon of mighty teams (are there really any "mighty" teams this year?), the Broncos are just not enough to warrant a playoff format in Division-I college football.

Now, before someone threatens to hang me from Breiseth Hall, at least hear me out.

No, I'm not going to point to their weak conference schedule. To be honest, they incinerate every single team they play. They get the job done, day in and day out.

I'm simply going to point to their record versus BCS conference opponents since 2002: 6-7. I'm sorry, but if Ohio State was 6-7, not only would they not get a crack at

the title, they might not get invited to the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl (which, by the way, is my favorite game purely because of the name).

Before we drop nearly 100 years of unique college football history as one of the few sports without a playoff to determine a champion, I want to see Boise State play a top notch team one week, and then come back the next week and face another legitimate foe.

That's the difference between mid-major teams and BCS teams – there is no week off. Sure, Boise wins those big games. But they also have all year to prepare, use up all the energy they have in the tank to pull off a nail-biter, and then relax because they know San Jose State's coming for them next week (I'm shaking, too).

ESPN's Colin Cowherd said it best when he said that that game was just another Saturday night in the SEC. Let's just sit back, relax, and let it be another year for the BCS.

## BCS: Big Controversial System



Assistant Sports Editor  
**CHRISTOPHER HOPKINS**

For 12 years, the best college football team in the nation has been crowned under what has been a faulty system. The BCS format is too flawed and comes with too much controversy to be taken seriously anymore and should no longer be the basis for how we determine the best team in the nation.

Just take the 2003-2004 season for example. You ask people in Louisiana and in California who the National Champion was that year and you're going to get different answers.

How is that possible? How can there be different answers for such a clear cut question? There are no ties come postseason. Both LSU and USC considered themselves to be champions.

With three teams from the BCS conferences, LSU, USC, and Oklahoma, finishing with only one loss, USC was left out of the "championship" game because of a low computer ranking, a major component of the

BCS. This is despite being number one in both the AP polls and the coaches' poll.

With both USC and LSU winning their respective games, USC topped the AP polls while LSU took over the coaches' poll, although not by a unanimous count, the first and only time in history the coaches' poll was not unanimous.

Two national champions, never getting the chance to play each other to determine a true winner.

Let's go back to last year, where I'm sure Boise State and TCU would be glad to give you their thoughts on the current format. These two teams made strong cases throughout the season that they deserved a shot at the championship by going undefeated.

However, not only were they not granted a spot in the National Championship, but they were pitted against each other - denying them an opportunity to show they could hang with any major conference team.

A similar problem is already in the works for this season. Only one week into the season and controversy is already brewing with the same two teams, Boise State and TCU.

With both schools already in the top five, can we really penalize them again for playing in a weaker conference?

Boise State proved their talent with an impressive win over then-tenth-ranked Virginia Tech in the first game of the season, while TCU also took out a ranked Oregon State team. However, it appears a national title may be out of their hands, even if they never lose, if two teams from a "BCS" conference also go undefeated. It would be a shame to see them miss out again.

It's not a hard problem to fix. Playoffs are the solution to not leaving deserving teams out wondering what if or having "co-champions." In a recent survey done by ESPN, 135 Division I-A football players were asked, "BCS or playoffs?" Playoffs were the decisive choice, as 62% voted in favor of a bracket.

So I ask the NCAA to take a hint and move on from past mistakes. Listen to your athletes and toss the BCS before we have another set of co-champions. I think Julie the Cat said it best in "D3: The Mighty Ducks," "I hate ties. It's like kissing your brother."



# New field hockey coach brings intensity, focus and experience

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS

Editor-in-Chief

New head field hockey coach Mollie Reichard is no stranger to the game. And she knows that although winning is a main goal in the minds of many players, to her, it isn't always everything.

Reichard said that the players have one common goal in mind: win the MAC championship.

"My goal is helping them achieve their goal," Reichard said of the players' idea of winning the MAC championship. "For me, I want to see them each improve and understand concepts."

Midfielder/forward Amanda Peters said that making it to the MAC championship is important to the team because last year, the team was ranked as high as 12th in the country.

"It would be nice to be ranked again and to make it to the championship," she said. "We definitely have the potential; we just have to fight it out and stick together."

During their first game against the University of Scranton, Reichard said the team was a bit nervous, which may have attributed to the 1-0 loss.

Each game is a learning experience for Reichard and the players. For the rest of the season, Reichard has high hopes due to intense and focused practices.

"I'm pleased right now, but I'm not having any idea of what to expect," Reichard said. "Pre-season went very well and things moved along with good intensity and fo-



The Beacon/Allison Roth  
Head coach Mollie Reichard looks on during the team's 2-1 victory this past Saturday versus Arcadia. The victory marked her first win at the helm of the Lady Colonels program.

cus."

Reichard spent her 2009 season with Old Dominion University as a recruiting coordinator. Prior to that, she served on the coaching staff at Ohio University.

She chose to come to Wilkes for a number of reasons. The choice was a good opportunity for a head coach position. Because Reichard feels so strongly about academics and athletics, she felt Wilkes University was an institution where successes in both areas could be achieved.

"I want the kids to leave not only being better hockey players, but better people, as well," said Reichard. "I want students to have a well-rounded college experience."

In addition, at a smaller school like Wilkes, Reichard is able to do a mix of everything, such as recruiting and hands-on coaching.

Assistant coach, Kaitlyn Martin, a Towson University graduate, said that receiving a new coach made the girls nervous.

"Obviously it's going to be a change, just because of transition of coaching staff," Martin said. "The girls were of course nervous, they were just trying to stick together and be as positive as they can about receiving a new coach."

Martin said that Reichard turned out to be a good fit for the girls and for Wilkes.

"She is very knowledgeable about the game coming from Division 1 programs," Martin said. "She is very intuitive with the girls, very positive and very serious about getting the job done and getting the job done correctly."

Senior defender Rachel Cannuli said that coach Reichard has brought skills and coaching techniques to the table.

"She is actually a great coach and everyone's really excited to have her," Cannuli said. "She is bringing a lot of intensity into the program."

Peters said that transitioning to Reichard's coaching style was difficult in the beginning.

"It was rough at first because she is a very hard coach," said Peters. "But she knows everything [about the game]."

In addition, Cannuli's skills have improved due to the coaching of Reichard and Martin.

"I think that out of all the years I've played, I've developed most this year because of everything Katie and Mollie have taught us."

Prior to the game versus Arcadia University, both Cannuli and Reichard were expecting a win and the team reached their goal by defeating the Knights 2-1.

Marni Mancini, freshman, scored the first goal, which was unassisted, within the first two minutes of the game. During the rest of the first half, junior goalkeeper, Lindsey Davenport, saved 11 shots.

With the start of the second half came another goal for Wilkes by Olivia Dworak, freshman. Arcadia pressured the Wilkes defense and scored with five minutes left in the second half. That goal came from Abigail Brockelbank of Arcadia. Before the half was over, Davenport saved six more shots to secure the first win of the season for the team.

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## SKINNY

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more skilled and would be a much better pick.

I've seen some questionable stretches for players who are taken for personal bias when clearly there are better options still left out there. For example, Brent Celek (who was taken in the fourth round of one of my drafts, before the likes of Antonio Gates, Dallas Clark, and Vernon Davis) is just not a good pick.

Don't get me wrong, Celek is a great young talent and was fourth in points for that position respectively, but by reaching that early for Celek, you're missing out on those great depth choices.

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## HARRISON

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and fulfilling their roles on the court, which allows us to be a better team."

Although Harrison has strong values regarding teamwork, she also commented on where she sees herself individually.

"I have recently broke the 1,000 kill mark, and I hope to break the record this season for kills in a career," Harrison said.

Whether she achieves that goal or not, her devotion to the team and love of the game has helped her decide that no matter how this season ends, she wants to stay with the team her final two years as the Graduate Assistant.

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## BRAZIL

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time in school history.

Sumoski hopes that this trip can spark a little more of that magic this season.

"It's certainly crossed my mind," said Sumoski. "It's not so much about the trip as it is the group of players. That [2005] group was a special group with high standards, and I can see glimpses of that with this group. We're just trying to find ourselves right now. We have enough talent, and I always believe that if your in the playoffs, who knows what can happen."

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# Colonels sting Jackets in opener, 38-35

## Bernsten scores four touchdowns in Wilkes debut

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There's only one number that mattered to the Wilkes University football team on Saturday.

One win.

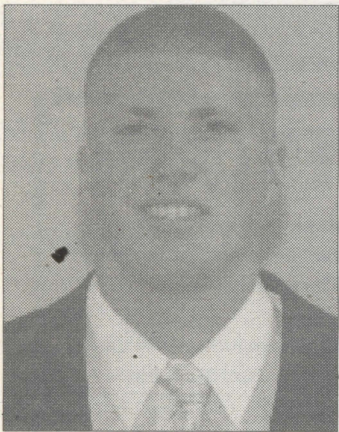
It didn't matter how many yards or points the Colonels gave up. All that mattered to the Colonels is that they won the game.

Thanks to sophomore quarterback Tyler Bernsten's four total touchdowns and a game-saving interception by senior defensive back Greg Nielsen, the Colonels defeated Waynesburg 38-35 in the team's first-ever game at the newly renovated Ralston Athletic Complex.

"We knew that they were going to be a very good team," said Bernsten, who finished 11-for-16 with 129 passing yards and added 55 rushing yards on 16 carries. "We got their last three films from last season. We knew their offense was very good and their defense had a lot of good players, especially in the front seven. We just ran our stuff."

That "stuff" was a balanced offensive attack that saw the Colonels score four touchdowns in the game's first half to build a 28-7 advantage. All told, the Colonels rushed 45 times and threw 25 times, recording 379 yards of total offense.

Bernsten was at the center of it all, throwing touchdown passes to junior wide receivers Shawn Gregson and Todd Eagles, as well as senior wide receiver Jordan D'Emilio, while running one of his own in as well. Junior running back Zach Tivald recorded the other Wilkes



BERNSTEN

touchdown on a 1-yard run.

With less than two minutes remaining in the first half, it looked like Wilkes was heading into the locker room with a decisive advantage. But Waynesburg had other plans.

The Yellow Jackets erupted for two 64-plus-yard touchdown drives before the half was over, cutting Wilkes' lead to 28-21 as the teams headed to the locker room.

The Colonels responded with a big drive



The Beacon/ Jacqueline Lukas  
Junior Todd Eagles and senior Jordan D'Emilio celebrate after Eagles scored on a 34-yard touchdown reception from sophomore quarterback Tyler Bernsten in the third quarter.

of their own to start the third quarter, with Bernsten capping off a 66-yard drive with a 6-yard rushing touchdown. Chris Horn nailed his fifth PAT of the afternoon to give Wilkes a 35-21 advantage.

"We're up 28-7, have all the momentum I think we relaxed a little bit," said Wilkes coach Frank Sheptock. "Obviously, Waynesburg's a very explosive offense. They get back in the game, but being that we were able to come out of the locker room, drive it down, score, get a three-and-out and sort of reestablish ourself, I just thought that was tremendous by our team."

After the Yellow Jackets scored late in the third to make it 35-28, Horn put a 21-yard field goal between the uprights to give the Colonels a 10-point lead. But Waynesburg responded with another touchdown midway through the fourth quarter to make it a three-point affair with 8:16 remaining in regulation.

The Colonels then mounted an 11-play, 68-yard drive that ate more than five minutes off the clock and saw them advance to Waynesburg's 12-yard line. However, with a chance to put the game out of reach, Bernsten fumbled the ball and the Yellow Jackets recovered.

Waynesburg drove down the field to their own 42-yard line, which is when Nielsen reacted to a throw over the middle and made his second interception of the afternoon to save the game.

"Oh my God," said Nielsen. "I can't even explain the feeling. I've never been so happy in my life. The way we got out of there, I'm still recovering from that."

"Coach said before the game that nothing's ever going to be easy," Bernsten said. "You're going to have to face adversity in everything that you do in life and football is a part of life. We had some highs... we had the momentum and we lost it. We were able to gain it back again at the end."

### NOTEBOOK

In addition to Nielsen's two interceptions, the Colonels also received picks from freshman linebackers Tom Calabrese and Rob Houseknecht.

The Colonels return to action next Saturday when they host Springfield College (MA). Kick-off is set for 12:00 p.m. at the Ralston Athletic Complex.

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## BY THE NUMBERS

1

Game now played at the newly renovated Ralston Athletic Complex, where the Wilkes Colonels defeated Waynesburg 38-35.

2

Interceptions by senior defensive back Greg Nielsen, the second of which put an end to a late comeback attempt by Waynesburg.

4

Touchdowns sophomore quarterback Tyler Bernsten accounted for in his debut for the Colonels after transferring from Monmouth University, three passing and one rushing.

38

Points scored by the Colonels on Saturday, the most they have scored in a single game since winning 47-0 over FDU-Florham in 2007.

