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Incident during sprinkler installation causes flood damage

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon Managing Editor

On Friday, September 19, several residents in University Towers woke to find their apartments waterlogged and their possessions damaged by a leaking pipe on the eighth floor.

"We have workmen working from the people who are installing the fire sprinkler system in the building as part of the fire protection upgrade. They were working in room 870 and they were installing the part of the piping in the closet where the heat pump is," said Paul Kaspriskie, project manager for Wilkes University.

According to Kaspriski, the person working in apartment 870 dropped a pipe on a series of tubing that connects the water line to the heat pump. The water, which was under pressure, burst from one of the pipes until they were able to shut it off.

Amber Kaminski, a senior nursing student, lives two floors below 870, the room where the incident occurred.

"I just woke up around 8:30 a.m. and it sounded like it was raining in our living room. So I got up and checked it out and there was... water coming from the ceiling - everywhere," she said.

She added that, "It sounded like somebody



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A facilities employee cleans access water from a Towers' apartment floor after a pipe burst and flooded rooms on six floors.

was taking a shower, but I went and checked it out and it was coming from the room with the air conditioner and the heater."

Lisa Bova, a sophomore psychology and pre-med major, and her roommate came to the aid of their neighbors.

"My roommate and I actually heard the water coming down in their room and tried knocking on their door but they were at class. One of the RAs let us in, and we went

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Health & Wellness Services to move to Passan Hall

BY AMY FUSCO
Beacon Asst. News Editor
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Beacon Correspondent

As the weather begins to cool down, the number of students waylaid by colds and viruses will undoubtedly increase. To prepare, it's important for students to know where they can go for cold medications-and as of winter break, that place will be new.

Health & Wellness Services will move

to in Passan Hall on Franklin Street across from the Martz Gym. The services, previously located in Evans Hall, operate under the Student Affairs umbrella. Passan Hall already houses Residence Life and the Student Affairs offices, so adding Health & Wellness Services will make it a more cohesive area.

Residence Life will move to the third floor during fall break. After this, construction and upgrades for Health & Wellness Ser-

vices will be completed for the first floor in time for the offices to move to Passan Hall during winter break this year.

The main reason for Health & Wellness Services to move into the first floor of Passan is that the gurney will not fit into the elevator. Other benefits of the move include ambulance access and having a parking lot,

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Bed bug outbreak at Wilkes dorm

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon Managing Editor

Recently some Wilkes University residents have learned to take the old cliché, "Don't let the bed bugs bite," as gospel.

Brenda Stanley, director of residence life at Wilkes University, confirmed an outbreak of Cimex lectularius, or bed bugs, in one of the University's residence halls.

"The Office of Residence Life can confirm a report of bedbugs in one of our residence halls," said Stanley.

Out of respect for the residents in the hall, Stanley did not want to name the location.

"All the students in the residence hall were notified of the situation in a timely manner. Students were reassigned to temporary housing while pest control professionals (Terminix) treated the building," said Stanley.

However this is not an isolated incident. Reports of bed bugs have been coming in from colleges across the country.

According to BedBugCentral.com, "Bed bugs have made a recent resurgence all across the United States as well as worldwide and are now being found in high-end hotels, apartment complexes, hospitals and even college residence halls."

Jeff White, a research entomologist for BedBugCentral.com, said that one of the problems is that people believe that bed bugs are a myth.

"When in truth and reality they are insects that do infect structures. They usually live in association with sleeping areas, although that's not definitive...which could be beds

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in and put trashcans and bowls [under the leaks] to try and catch the water," she said.

Bova added, "It was literally raining in their room. The only room that did not get damaged in their apartment was the bedroom. The living room, bathroom, kitchen, and all the closets suffered water damage."

Bova's roommate, Casey Marks, had already gone to class and was alerted to the situation when the Office of Residence Life called her.

"I panicked and then checked my text messages from my roommates saying that there was a minor leak in the ceiling in my bedroom and it wasn't too bad but that there were some rooms that it literally had been raining in," said Marks, a sophomore pharmacy major.

Marks added, "I saw the apartment next to ours and part of the ceiling was peeling back and water was still coming in pretty steadily into their bathroom and closet. I didn't see any of the other rooms

though. The damage in my room was very minor with the wall and part of the carpet getting a little wet."

Kaspriskie said that the damage spanned the length of six floors and caused varying degrees of damage.

He said the damage, "went down to the third floor...it was all the 70s... [Apartment] 370, I think, didn't receive anything or minimal. Then in the 90s, which are adjacent to that, starting with [apartment] 790... and going down to the third floor. The one wall just got wet, a little bit. That was actually common to the 70 wall."

According to Kaspriskie there was "very, very minimal damage to the walls and ceilings. There will be some work that needs to be done, but not a heck of a lot."

Kaminski said that as of 3 p.m. on Friday she did not hear anything about leaving her apartment. She did say that the Office of Residence Life was going to be bringing in a cleaning crew over the weekend.

Kaminski added that she was very happy with how everything

was handled, including the replacement of her possessions.

"Yeah, they are really good with that. They are going around to each room asking if anything got ruined," said Kaminski.

Bova added that the only problem she had was with communication from Wilkes officials.

"If that was my apartment and water was leaking in like that, I would have wanted to be contacted as soon as the pipe got struck on the 8th floor," she said.

"That's people's personal belongings and some things can't be replaced. If my roommate and I or the RA didn't hear the water leaking in my neighbors apartment, a lot more of their stuff would have gotten ruined."

Kaspriskie said, "...obviously we compiled a list of what they have come up with now as far as damages go. And they [the contractor] will reimburse them full for any damages received as a result of the leak."

According to Kaspriskie, this is not the first time this same incident occurred.

"Exactly the same thing hap-

pened in the summertime. Of course it wasn't as bad because the place was not occupied," he said.

"Going forward, to prevent this from happening again, what I've asked the contractor to do now is construct a wooden cover that they would place over those pipes that go to the heat pump... and they will just place that cover over those pipes before they work in that closet," added Kaspriskie.

The contractor installing the pipes was G.C. Fire Protection and according to Kaspriskie, the contractor's insurance will pay for all damages.

Brenda Stanley, director of the office of residence life, added "We did not have to displace any residents. The extent of the water leakage was small enough to be contained to a few apartments and not the en-



The Beacon/Jenna Stephens
Buckets catch water leaking from the ceiling of apartment 670.

tire building. Facilities was able to respond quickly with a cleaning service to remove the excess water. We will assess further damages (if any) on Monday to allow the cleaning service to complete their work."

Breaking alcohol-related laws leads to sanctions by police, university

BY NICOLE FRAIL
Beacon News Editor

During the 2007-08 school year, 66 Wilkes University students were disciplined for off campus behavior by Student Affairs. According to Dr. Paul Adams, vice president of Student Affairs, approximately 90 percent of those cases were alcohol-related.

While on-campus students generally respond to Residence Life and off-campus to Student Affairs if they have been found to have

participated in an illegal activity, all university students must first face local law enforcement. Once the police or courts are finished, if the university has learned of the incident or if the student has been identified as a member of the Wilkes community, the student is then further reprimanded by the university.

"The university can take disciplinary action based on the handbook, which says that basically you can't break the liquor laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

and that you are a representative of the institution," said Barbara King, dean of Student Affairs.

"While we try and standardize our processes to be fair, you have to realize that every incident is its own situation and is judged on its own merits. While we try to remain consistent, we also reserve the right to judicate situations based on individual circumstances and recognizing that there's a full range of things to go wrong, from somebody who may be found underage drinking to someone who

is supplying minors or someone who has a DUI or has caused damaged or hurt someone. There's a whole spectrum of severity," said Adams.

Sanctions issued by the university may include monetary fines, probation and the requirement of off campus assessments of the student's alcohol use. Offenders are also required to participate in an Alcohol Education program and their parents may also be contacted.

"The university says that it ex-

pects that students will, at the end of their education, express actions that reflect ethical reasoning and civic responsibility. So I think that's why we're concerned when young people have violated the laws of the Commonwealth or have behaved publicly in a way that doesn't reflect well on the university or on them or their fellow students," said Adams.

The handbook states that the sanctions given to students who

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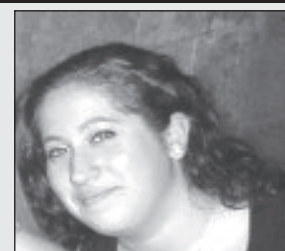
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ELECTION 2008

Presidential candidates on the economic crisis

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

Beacon Managing Editor

Political Analysis

Troopergate, race, Iraq, and the cost of a gallon of gasoline all took a backseat among voters' chief concerns, as Wall Street and the Nasdaq looked like Disney's latest rollercoaster thrill-a-second attraction last week, and citizens became acutely aware of just how fragile their retirement nest eggs might actually be.

As of Sunday, September 21, the Bush administration had proposed a buy-out plan that would allow the federal government to purchase \$700 billion in foreclosed housing, believed to be one of the main causes for Wall Street's current troubles.

The New York Times reported that the plan was receiving bipartisan support from Capitol Hill and the Secretary of Treasury, Henry Paulson said that the plan had to work. The Times also acknowledged that this government bailout would bring the national debt to \$11.3 trillion.

The current economic crisis has placed the presidential candidates' economic plans under an even more powerful spotlight. The economy also recalls a campaign mantra from Bill

Clinton's first election. "It's the economy, stupid." The phrase was originally penned by James Carville, a famed Democratic strategist and Clinton advisor. During the 2008 presidential election that slogan has morphed into the popular "It's still the economy, stupid," meaning that the main issue to talk about in this election is the economy.

Poll after poll shows that Americans care about the economy more than any other campaign issue, and according to GALUP, Sen. Barack Obama, D-IL, is seeing a slight surge in numbers because of the current economic climate. However, in another GALLUP poll Obama leads Sen. John McCain, R-AZ, by only 1% when people were asked who could do a better job handling the current economic problem.

Thus, the economy is the center of all politics and life. The economy is best viewed a wave with highs and lows, and like everything the two major political parties have different ways to handle it.

Republicans, most but not all, tend to move towards a hands-off approach when it comes to the economy. They believe that the economy should be allowed to go through its cycle with as little interference as possible. The Republican party tends not to like legislation that gives the government control over economic matters like a minimum wage.

Democrats, most but not all, tend to go in the other direction - a hands-on policy. This approach is based on the belief that the market can be manipulated through legislation and dif-

ferent programs. The difference between the hands-on and hands-off approach is also one of the fundamental differences between the two parties.

Currently the United States economy is in what many would call a bear market, which means that things have not been going well. The proposed government bailout would bring the government further and further into the inner workings of Wall Street. Although this may not be the approach the Bush administration would like, officials consider this to be their only option.

According to statements from Obama and his representatives he supports the proposed actions of the Bush administration even though he has not truly come out with a concrete plan. However, Obama has said that he believes the country needs strong leadership and cooperation during these tough economic times.

During a recent speech in Wisconsin, McCain said the government should "get back to its core business of responsibly managing our money supply and inflation."

McCain has come out against many parts of the Bush administration's plans but said that he would listen to any suggestions proposed by the administration and members of Congress.

McCain seems to be playing to his Republican base during this crisis. By sticking to the idea that the economy will work itself out will ring in the ears of many conservative voters.

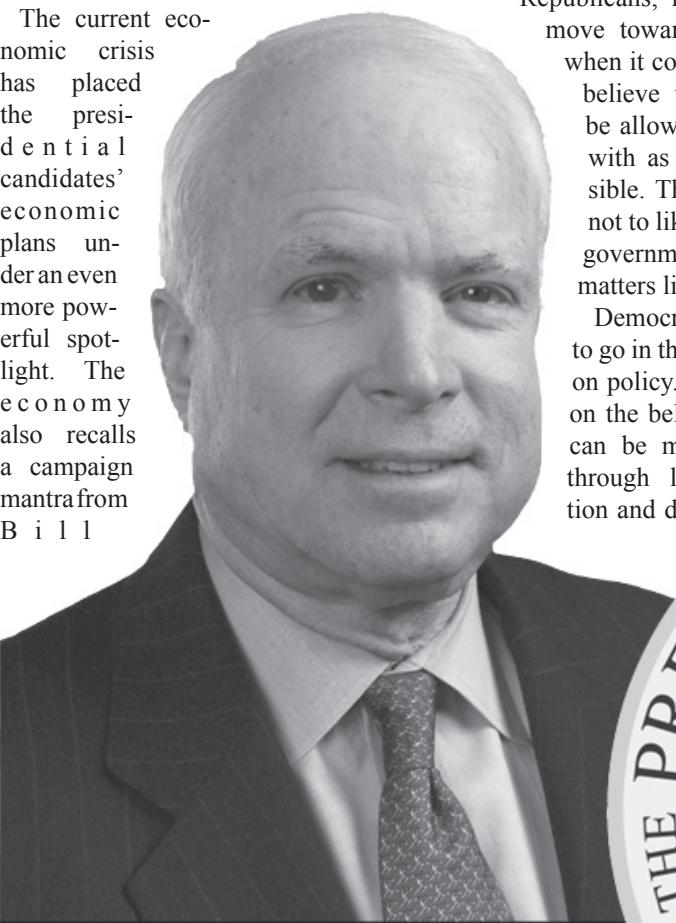
McCain is considered a maver-

ick by many in the Republican base, which is why he has been taking a much more conservative stance than he normally would.

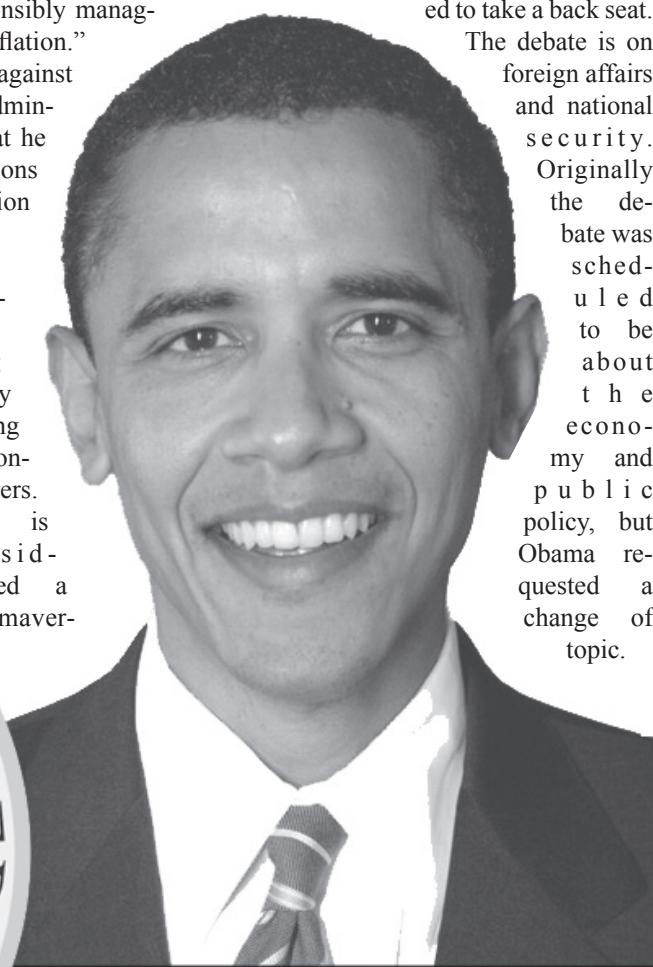
Obama's cooperation with the bipartisan movement is also helping him in the polls. His cooperation with the Bush administration and Congress seems to be playing in the minds of voters as a willingness to cross party lines for the best of the country.

For now the economy seems to be helping Obama, but with an economic climate that can change from day-to-day. And with the first presidential debate less than a week away, Obama and McCain will have an opportunity to debate about various issues; however, the economy is expected to take a back seat. This week's debate is on foreign affairs and national security. Originally the debate was scheduled to be about the economy and public policy, but Obama requested a change of topic. McCain will have an opportunity to debate about various issues; however the economy is expected to take a back seat.

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Sen. John McCain, R-AZ



Sen. Barack Obama, D-IL

BUGS

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or couches, depending on where people are sleeping,” said White.

He added that bed bugs must be transferred from one carrier to another.

“Meaning, you can’t get them walking down the street or taking your dog for a walk or anything like that,” he says. “You either have to go visit someone who has a bed bug infestation or somebody that had had them on them and they walk off while they are there.”

White describes bed bug adults as “small, about a quarter inch long, reddish brown insects.”

“They feed on blood...and they come out from where they are hiding - they hide in cracks and crevices and different places - they come out while you are sleeping, at night, and feed on blood,” says White.

For those who may have been bitten by bed bugs, White offers some words of comfort by explaining that there is not relation between bed bugs and disease.

White says that one of the most effective treatments against bed bugs is education.

Stanley says that the students and parents impacted by the bed bug outbreak at the resi-

dence hall was sent literature on bed bugs and the October edition of their parent newsletter will also include information on the subject.

How does a student know if they have bed bugs?

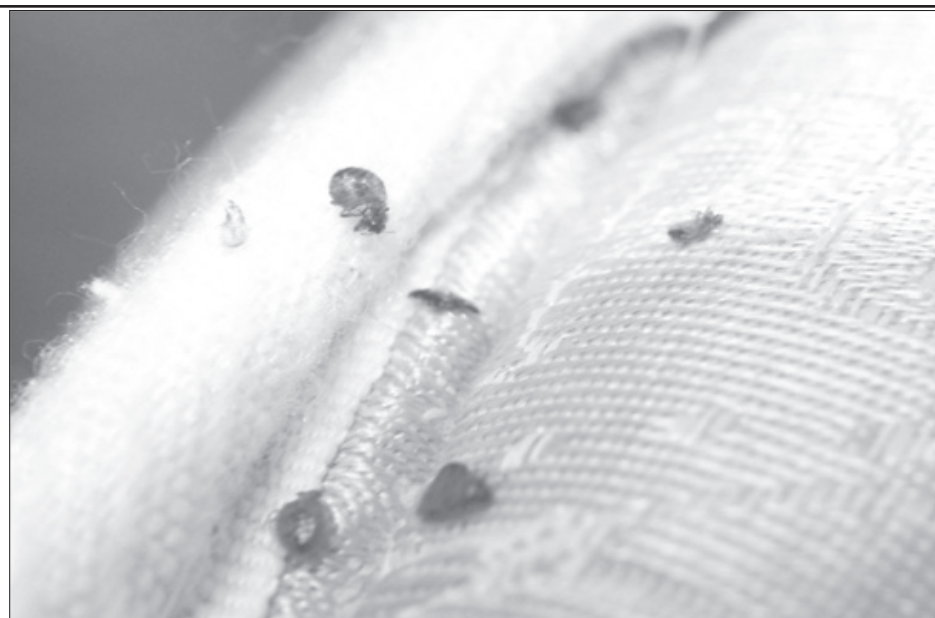
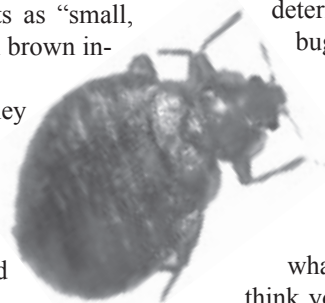
“If someone has a series of bites on their body, typically on the chest/torso or leg/foot region, they should visit our Health and Wellness Office, located on the first floor of Evans Hall. The bites would have not pattern (random) and may appear to look like mosquito bites. A professional can determine if in fact, they are bed-bug bites,” says Stanley.

White added that these bites tend to appear in rows or clusters.

White says that “it’s just being aware and knowing what to do and what not to do and when you think you may have a problem reporting it to your university housing as fast as possible.”

Stanley says that if an infestation is confirmed or suspected, the office of residence life has a set process to follow.

“Terminix has a standing contract with the University and so they are called to do an assessment to determine if in fact the sus-



Images Courtesy of Cornell University

Cimex lectularius, or bed bugs, burrow in mattresses and come out at night to feed on human blood.

pected report is true. If they find bedbugs, we immediately begin a process of treatment as recommended by Terminix to remedy the situation in a timely and efficient manner. The typical response is a high intense steam treatment, coupled with a chemical spray and powder in the affected areas. Following the first treatment, Terminix schedules five additional weekly check-ups to the affected areas

to ensure their chemical treatments were effective,” she says.

Stanley also added that it is important to note that, “Bed bugs should not be associated with a hygiene or cleanliness issue.”

None of the residents who were impacted by the bed bug outbreak were available for comment.

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have broken the law or violated the guidelines for student conduct are issued in addition to law enforcement penalties “in an effort to protect the health, safety and well-being of all members of the community, as well as the violator of the regulations,” but many Wilkes students don’t believe that the university should be able to issue further sanctions, especially if the alcohol violation has occurred off campus or in a different city altogether.

“I think that you should only be subjected to police penalties, especially if the problem didn’t occur on Wilkes soil. For example, if I was caught driving drunk across town... The penalties are high enough for dealing with that. I’d already be facing at least a year without my license, probably more... plus fines and jail time. Wilkes students should only be subjected to Wilkes rules and regulations while at Wilkes,” said sophomore Matt Duffy, secondary education and history major.

“There are occasions though when people get identified as Wilkes students and when that happens, it’s a negative perception on all of the students, so we step in in those circumstances,” said Adams. “Most schools hold students responsible for their behavior off campus.”

“I do see where the school is coming from with [a student] representing Wilkes, but I just can’t completely agree with them. If you

are on campus I can see how you are as a representative of Wilkes, so if underage drinking or an incident happens because someone is drunk on campus then the school should step in along with the police. If the situation occurs far from Wilkes campus then I think that the police has the authority to do what they wish and the school doesn’t need to step in,” said Josh Hamilton, senior psychology major.

Robyn Snyder, senior accounting major, disagreed. “I think that Wilkes does have a responsibility to punish the students as well as the police. When students get into trouble and the news covers the incident and says it’s a Wilkes student then it makes the school look bad. And the school has the responsibility to show people that they have steps to take to punish the students and also offer them help if they need it.”

Adams said, “There are consequences for your behavior, but those consequences are designed hopefully to make people reflective so their future isn’t impacted.”

Many colleges and universities across the nation have begun to speak in favor of the Amethyst Initiative, which suggests that the drinking age should be changed to 18 so binge drinking would occur less frequently on college campuses. Wilkes’ position on this initiative has not yet been finalized.

HEALTH

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since the expansion of the greenway took away the original parking lot next to Evans. "[Passan Hall is] closer to the [Henry Student Center], the hub of student activities, so it is also more convenient," explained Diane O'Brien, director of Health & Wellness Services.

Mark Allen, dean of Student Affairs, agreed that the move will be more convenient for everyone. It will be significantly more accessible for the Martz Gym and any athletes who may become injured. Brenda Stanley, director of Residence Life, stated, "We are in direct respect to the Athletic Department."

"The design of the offices [on the third floor] will allow for better communication in general. There is a commons area; it's easier to tell where you need to be going when you walk in, and it's easier for us to see who is coming in and direct traffic," explained Stanley.

As far as problems for anyone being inconvenienced, Allen said, "Much of it [the move] was done with students in mind. I asked students about their feelings and one of the reasons [for the move] was to assure confidentiality with the utilization of

counseling and the location is still very accessible. Also, parking is much better for emergency situations."

Along with moving Health & Wellness Services, slight organizational restructuring will occur. There is no longer a coordinator of Campus Counseling; however, Wilkes will offer two full-time campus counselors, Melissa Gaudio and Susan Biskup. Additionally, there will be a consultant psychologist who will be on call and attend monthly meetings with the campus counselors.

"We don't know what to expect [in relation to the move], but we are excited," stated O'Brien. "Passan Hall has better accessibility [than Evans Hall] and it's a little bit bigger. The first floor fits our needs better than the third floor," she added.

"We are very excited about moving and having a chance to organize everything," said Gail Holby, coordinator of Health & Wellness. But she added, "I think the students from Evans Hall are going to miss us."

Resident Assistants have already been informed of the move. It will be announced on the Wilkes Today page and pamphlets will be spread around campus once the move is complete to increase awareness of all students.

SG Notes September 17, 2008

Treasurer's Report

All College: \$22,240.00
General: \$9,333.85
Special Projects: \$3,500.00
Spirit: \$2,000.00
Leadership: \$3,744.59
Conferences: \$12,500.00
Start-Up: \$1,200.00

Club Reports

The following clubs presented updates on their events.
Programming Board

New Business

-Acceptance of position- sophomore student accepted position on SG.
-Undergraduate Leadership Conference- motion passed to send one student government representative to the conference, costing \$75.00.
-Multicultural Student Coalition- Liaison, an elected executive member, will represent the coalition at SG meetings.
-Miniature War Gaming Club- requested to become a recognized club on campus. Discussion and name recommended to change it to Strategic Gaming Club.

-Homecoming- rough budget was shown for activities and such. Planning is still underway and a finalized budget will be shown this week.

-Rock wall training October 9

Old Business

Students for Environmental Sustainability (SES) Club

Step Club now WUSA

Club Day allocation \$2,760

Events

Party on the Square

Council of Clubs September 23 11-1pm

Fall Elections September 22-24

Council of Clubs September 23 11:30am

Homecoming September 29-October 4

* 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 in the Miller Conference room on the second floor of the HSC.



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Risk taking essential to human advancement

Why the 'doomsday machine' is worth the chance

BY THE BEACON
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If life were a comic book, the machine would be portrayed either as the monstrous invention of mad men--hulking, impenetrable, set to destroy the earth. Or, as the long-sought key to understanding humankind's origins--a great turning point in humanity, a beacon of light peeking through the shadows.

But the final chapter that determines the Large Hadron Collider's (LHC) place in history has yet to be written, so its character is still a question mark. And what we don't know or can't predict often scares us.

The LHC is located inside a 17-mile long circular tunnel beneath Geneva, Switzerland; it is considered to be one of the world's largest machines. Many people have also speculated that the LHC has the possibility to claim the title of the world's deadliest machine.

According to the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), the creator and operator of the LHC, the machine is the world's most powerful particle accelerator. The LHC completes one task; "high-energy protons in two counter-rotating beams will be smashed together in a search for signatures of super symmetry, dark matter and the origins of mass."

For those of us who are not physicists, this all boils down to smashing bundles of protons against each other at really high speeds in order to see what happens.

But some scientists and non-scientists alike have a case of the jitters about smashing protons. What will happen? Could such experiments cause damage? Will hurling protons at each other at such a rate cause some sort of

rip in the time-space continuum? Will their collision create a black hole on earth? These and other speculations have alarmed many; however, though we know some

tions like the American Physical Society (APS) concur with CERN that there are minimal risks associated with the experiments conducted by the LHC.

rumor that the LHC may create a black hole or antimatter capable of destroying the earth.

Steven Hawking, one of the world's most famous and influential physicists, told the BBC that this claim is erroneous. "The world will not come to an end when the LHC turns on. The LHC is absolutely safe. If the collisions in the LHC produced a micro black hole - and this is unlikely - it would just evaporate away again, producing a correctoristic pattern of particles," said Hawking.

Hawking added that the chance of the LHC producing a black hole is less than 1%.

In addition, some religious groups argue that using the LHC is akin to "playing God." In fact, the entire project's objective has been criticized as purposefully working to disprove the existence of a god. The same might have been said for many other important scientific advancements for humankind. Space travel, Darwin's theory of evolution, and various medical breakthroughs have all been resisted by religious officials who feared that the faithful may be led to question an all-powerful god if other explanations for human life and sustainability could be offered the public. However, such an argument not only limits human advancement but undercuts the foundation of faith. Those who will choose to believe in a god will do so, regardless of other explanations.

A report from the APS notes, "... there is nothing to fear from particles created at the LHC. In fact, collisions just like those the LHC will make have been produced by cosmic rays bombarding the earth throughout its existence. It would take about 100,000 LHC experiments to match the number of cosmic ray events that have already occurred. We can rest assured that our planet will not be affected by the four experiments about to be conducted in Geneva."

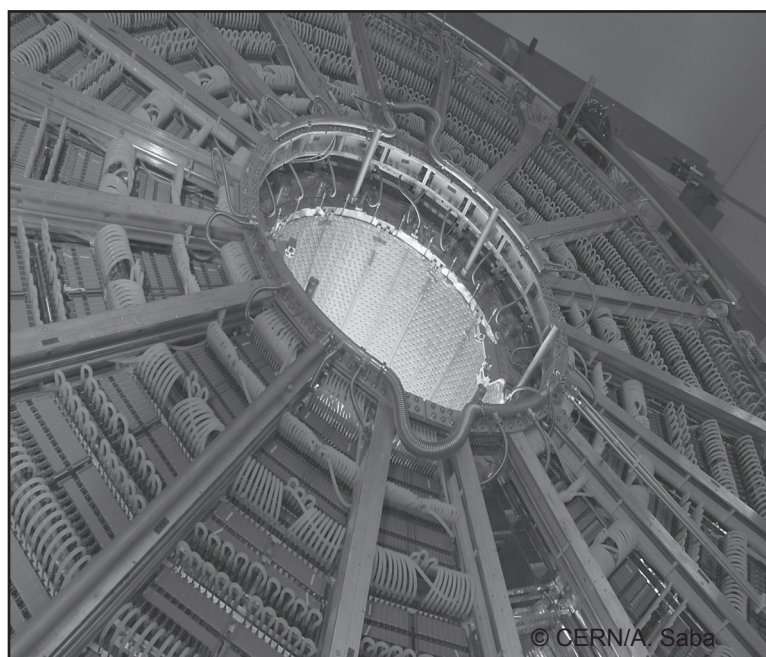
Some critics have also spread a

will view the LHC's operation as an unnecessary human safety risk, the fear of the unknown should not keep humankind from exploring and asking questions.

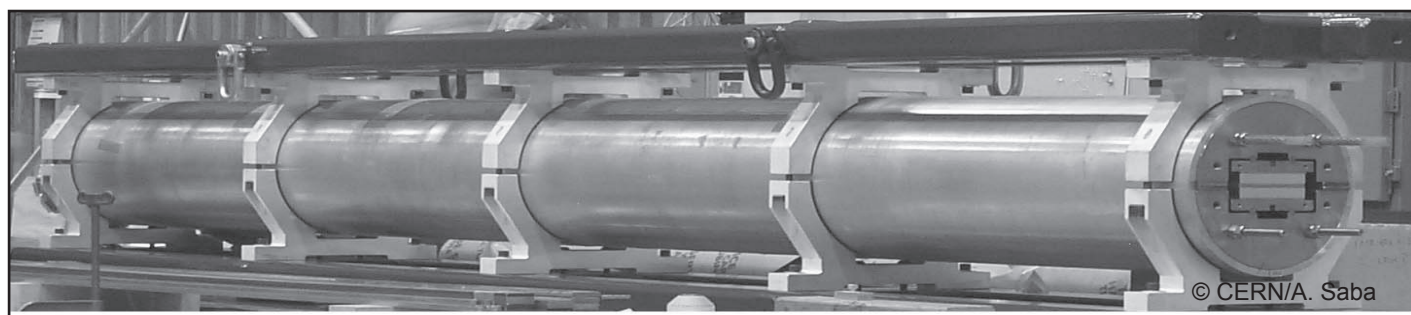
The main critics of the LHC argue that CERN cannot accurately predict what will happen when particles begin colliding. Some say that effects can produce doomsday results, which is where LHC's nickname, "the doomsday machine," comes from.

CERN representatives have already addressed all of these safety

concerns through widespread media statements and publications. Even outside organiza-



An inside view of the "Large Hadron Collider."



Point 1



- The LHC, a powerful particle accelerator,

has the possibility to be destructive, but there is great potential to further scientific research.

Point 2



- The American Physical Society says there is a minimal chance

the LHC could destroy the Earth because it would take 100,000 LHC experiments to match the number of cosmic ray events that have already occurred.

Point 3



- By not turning the LHC on, humanity

would miss out on the great innovations this experiment has to offer.

The Angry Rant: Let's Get Parked!

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Staff Writer

Webster's dictionary defines the word irony as "the use of words to express something other than, and especially the opposite of, the literal meaning" and "a usually humorous or sardonic literary style or form characterized by irony c: an ironic expression or utterance."

It is also worth noting that Alanis Morissette's song "Ironie" contains no such examples of irony, which, in and of itself, could be considered irony. But, we'll just forget that because she's Canadian. And if there's one thing that I don't need, it's a cleverly crafted song by a Canuck.

But I digress. The topic of this week's rant is not Alanis Morissette and her seemingly forever greasy hair. It's about something far more sinister, far more rage inducing:

The ironically named Wilkes-Barre Parking Enforcement. Ironie because, while they are enforcing the parking regulations of downtown Wilkes-Barre, they themselves frequently violate those very same rules while making things very unsafe for commuters.

On any given day, one can see these public servants slowly driving around downtown Wilkes-Barre on an endless quest to seek and destroy the wallets (and eventually the psyche) of any poor soul who didn't adequately fund their meter.

In reality, I have no problem with local law enforcement penalizing those who violate the sacred trust of the parking meter. Let's face facts. It's arguably more important than the Bill of Rights. Free speech is

important and all, but I need someplace to park on Wednesday morning. Without that, my friends, we would have chaos.

Anyhow, the parking debacle that is Wilkes-Barre is the result of what happens when limited parking spaces meets increased demand brought on by college students. The lack of adequate on-campus parking for Wilkes students (We can't figure out a better system for divvying out the parking passes? How does a resident get a better shot at getting a permit than a commuter? Let's think about that for a moment.), has only exacerbated the situation, leaving fewer spots available for more people.

But my problem isn't with the suits at our fine university, it is with the Wilkes-Barre Parking Enforcement, who are actually doing more harm than good in their jihad-like quest to hand out a \$25.00 ticket.

The problem isn't that they give out an absurd number of tickets; it's how they do it. They drive around in their jeeps and wait for meters to run out. Trust me, they do this. I've seen it, as have countless others. They will literally wait for five minutes for a meter to run out so they can get their fix.

If that's not enough, they also deem it necessary to double park on Franklin Street while they write up the tickets! Franklin is a cluster-screw of a street; it's a one-way, two-lane street that has meter parking on the left side, and on the busiest hours of the day, it's a safe bet that the

right lane will be blocked in several spots due to moving vans, construction vehicles, or other cars that are dropping people off.

So it's only natural for Parking Enforcement to double park in the left lane in order to give out tickets to those who are in violation of the parking meter. Listen, you idiots, it's a one-way street, not a slalom. You're blocking the street, and making things unsafe.

It's not bad enough that you intentionally drive up and down the streets where college students are parked and take advantage of the fact that they have classes, but you sit on their meters until the time runs out.

How do I know this? Because I see you do it all the time. Meanwhile, there are cars double-parked on Public Square every day, but nothing ever happens to them, does it?

Imagine you're a poor college student who has to decide whether to pay a parking ticket or to buy gas. The rub is that the ticket will increase in 72 hours if it's not paid. How awesome is that? Word to the wise: don't get a ticket on a Monday if you don't get paid until Friday.

But I guess that's all we can expect from the "parking police," right? I mean, you're all just guys who couldn't make it as cops, aren't you? The draw of giving people

tickets must have been too great to avoid. Does it give you goosebumps knowing that you just took some poor kid's gas money for the week? I bet the actual police don't even respect you guys. You're like the Jermaine Jackson of public servants in Wilkes-Barre. Even though Michael is the crazy one, everyone scatters when you show up.

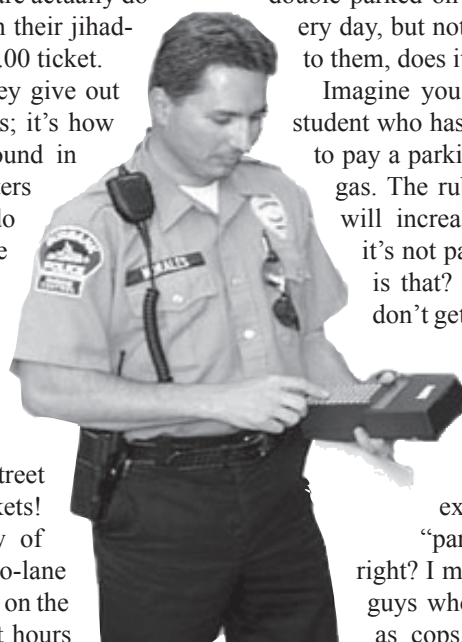
O.K., parking police, I'm going to help you repair your image. Seeing as how my tax dollars directly fund your little campaign, I think I'm more than entitled to tell you how to do your job.

First: don't double park when you're giving out tickets. The roads are congested enough without having to dodge your cars. Instead, park your car at the end of the block and walk down the street. Of course, that means you need to be a little more active and you actually have to interact with the people you're ticketing, but that's part of the game, I guess.

Second: Stop targeting college students. There are lots of streets in Wilkes-Barre that I'm sure are teeming with cars that have expired meters. Go and throw a few tickets on there every now and again. I can't blame you for it, really, because all college students are the same to you. Kids with no respect for authority, green hair and nose rings. But then again, you did go to college in the early 20s, so I can't fault you too much for that.

And finally...get a real job.

Thank you and good morning.



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Safety of Irradiated Foods Questioned

BY GINO TROIANI

Beacon Op-Ed Editor

In the 1920s, a French scientist discovered that the shelf life of food could be extended if it were irradiated. Irradiation essentially means to purposefully expose materials to low doses of radiation.

After many years, this technology was adopted by the United States during World War II when government officials needed to consider alternative ways to preserve food for troops.

According to Wenonah Hauter executive director of "Food & Water Watch," irradiation occurs when "astronomically powerful blasts of X-rays, electron beams, and gamma rays are used to kill bacteria, to extend shelf life of food by delaying ripening and spoiling, and to eradicate fruit flies and other invasive pests." Or in other words, it is a way to control the amount of radiation the food absorbs. The process is viewed as

a easy way to prevent bacterial outbreaks such E. Coli and also terminate parasites.

After sponsoring a series of tests on various types of food, in 1963, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) finally approved the irradiation of wheats and flours. Post 1986, numerous foods have also been approved such as herbs and spices, pork, poultry, red meat, and fruits and vegetables.

Naturally, the thought of blasting food with potentially harmful X-rays, electron beams, and gamma rays has raised a few eyebrows. So far, the FDA has reported that food irradiation is completely safe, and has been adopted by over 37 countries worldwide, some of which have been using the technique for decades. However, the FDA has been wrong before.

Hauter explains that eating irradiated foods will not cause you to "sprout a sixth finger," but it does create change to the food's composition.

According to the "Public Citizen," a national non-profit public interest group, startling results have been recorded as far back as 1968, which show that when irradiated foods are fed to animals, side effects may include: internal bleeding, fetal deaths, embryonic deaths, mutations, vitamin E deficiencies, and so on.

Here is an excerpt from the Public Citizen's findings highlighted in a 1968 article by A.T. Spiher titled, "Food irradiation: An FDA report," "A careful analysis by FDA of all [Army] data present (including 31 looseleaf notebooks of animal feeding test results) showed significant adverse effects produced in animals fed irradiated food... What were these adverse effects?... A decrease of 20.7 percent in surviving weaned rats... A 32.3 percent decrease in surviving progeny of dogs... Dogs weighing 11.3 percent less than animals on the control diets... Carcinomas of the pituitary gland, a par-

ticularly disturbing finding since this is an extremely rare type of malignant tumor."

In addition, the "Center for Food Safety" also wrote a letter to the FDA in 2003, strongly encouraging officials to "reconsider the safety of all of its past approvals of food irradiation."

What to do?

Let's be honest. Chances are that you have probably already eaten irradiated food in some form during the course of your life, whether you knew it or not. If you are worried about health risks, it is easy to avoid purchasing them, because the FDA now requires food to be properly labeled if it was irradiated. The fact is that a large majority would agree that the FDA is both understaffed, and under-funded. But the FDA needs to address the health findings above, and reconsider the irradiation of all foods. This type of technology cannot be used until long-term test results confirm that food irradiation is 100% safe. No Questions.

Researchers reconsider Gardasil vaccine

BY LAUREN SALEM
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Each year in the United States 3,700 women die from cervical cancer and 9,710 more women develop cervical cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But in the past two years, medical professionals have advocated widely for a vaccine that they have claimed could lower those startling numbers: the Gardasil vaccine.

"I chose to get my daughter vaccinated because I want her to be one less woman affected by cervical cancer," a mother says in a Gardasil commercial as she sits down beside her daughter on the couch smiling.

In 2006, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved and reported Gardasil to be "the first

vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer, precancerous genital lesions and genital warts due to human papillomavirus (HPV) types 6, 11, 16, and 18." HPV infects about 6.2 million Americans a year, which makes it the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States. The FDA reports that the Gardasil vaccine "is effective against HPV types 16 and 18, which cause approximately 70 percent of cervical cancers and against HPV types 6 and 11, which cause approximately 90 percent of genital warts."

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices advises that girls between the ages of 11 and 12 get vaccinated before they become sexually active; so many state legislators are introducing legislation that many require, fund, or educate the public about the HPV vaccine. According to

The National Conference of State Legislatures, 17 states have enacted this legislation. Michigan and Ohio were the first states to introduce legislation that requires the HPV vaccine for girls entering sixth grade, but it was not enacted in either state.

Texas was the first state to enact a mandate requiring the HPV vaccine for school entry (with some

exceptions) by executive order. Legislators in Texas passed H.B. 1098 to override the executive order and the governor withheld his veto, according to The National Conference of State Legislatures. In 2007, Virginia legislators also passed a school vaccine requirement, which is currently in the process of being removed.

Charlotte J. Haug, M.D. Ph. D., stated in the New England Journal of Medicine that "we lack sufficient evidence of an effective vaccine against cervical cancer" and that "the overall effect of the vaccines on cervical cancer remains unknown... How can policymakers make rational choices about the introduction of medical interventions that might do good in the future, but for which evidence is insufficient, especially since we will not know for many years whether the intervention will work or-in the worst case-do harm?"

On August 20, 2008, ABC reported on "World News with Charles Gibson" that the HPV vaccine potentially caused a series of serious side effects including 78 outbreaks of genital warts, 18 deaths, and 6 cases of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (which can cause paralysis). Out of roughly 8 million girls who have been vaccinated, 9,000 of them reported that they had serious side effects shortly after their shots. Dr Richard Haupt, the executive director of Merck Research Laboratories, stated, "these reports of conditions

that have occurred following vaccination do not necessarily mean they are causally related."

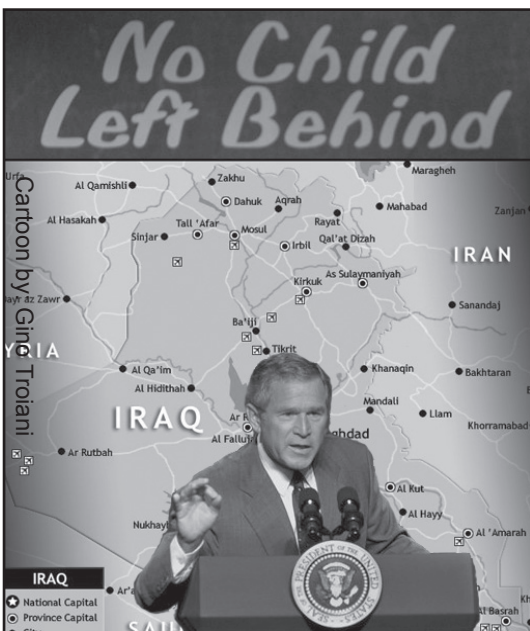
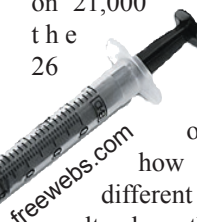
According to the FDA, Merck & Co., Inc. conducted four studies on 21,000 women between the ages of 16 and 26 by giving them either the vaccine or placebo to see how Gardasil affected different age groups. Results show that Gardasil "was nearly 100 percent effective in preventing precancerous cervical lesion, precancerous vaginal and vulvar lesions, and genital warts caused by infection with the HPV types against which the vaccine is directed," but "the study period was not long enough for cervical cancer to develop."

It is unclear whether or not Gardasil prevents cervical cancer, but the FDA believes it is highly likely.

Enough research has not been conducted to show what long-term side effects Gardasil may cause or whether or not the serious side effects reported on ABC were even caused by the Gardasil vaccine.

Many state legislatures are still processing legislation that would require girls to be vaccinated for school entrance. Some of which include the District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, and Kentucky.

Most states would allow parents to opt-out their daughters from being vaccinated, but a vaccine should not be mandatory for school entrance if examinations have not proven it to be completely safe and effective at all."



YOUR VOICES : Amethyst Initiative

Dear Editor:
(Yes) I believe that President Gilmour should sign the Amethyst Initiative for Wilkes University. I don't say this so I can freely go and binge around campus, I grew out of that last year after realizing that it really isn't worth the risk.
Frankly, drinking parties aren't that fun. You have to watch for any authority or enforcement figure during and after the party. The music is always too loud, playing the same boring junk that you can hear on today's popular modern

radio stations. That and the rooms or buildings that the party happen to be in... Well, let's just say that I feel sorry for the housekeeping staff, unless those in the football house actually clean the building.

I'm not afraid to admit that I have been to parties in the past. I'm also not afraid to say that I haven't been to one for quite some time. Instead, I spend my weekends not only working on homework, but I have a few hobbies that do require time. I've also managed to find a good group of people that I

can tell real understandable jokes to and have a good time without getting in trouble. Yes some of them are 21, but to them drinking is pointless, or for a reserved occasion.

I, for one, would like to see what happens if the drinking age is lowered to 18. I will also take the opportunity to take advantage of this law, but I won't spend all my money or waste my time and life away like so many other people. Instead of so many who drink X number of beers, and Y number

of jungle juice drinks, and play Z games of beer pong. No, I would rather sit at my computer and talk to my friends online, or hang out with my local friends with a glass of red wine.

Unfortunately I can see the college scene turn into the high school scene. With the drinking age lowered, the threshold could bring the binge drinking down to a lower age.

Mark Simmons
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Beacon Poll Results:

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

The Beacon asked:

Should the United States ban direct to customer advertising of prescription drugs?

- Yes - 97%
- No - 2%
- Depends - 1%

Next Week's question:

Should scientists continue to experiment with the "LHC" device?

- Yes
- No
- Depends

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Students audition to become the big blue face of Wilkes

BY BETHANY YAMRICK

Beacon Correspondent

The face of Wilkes has changed. Now it's big and blue.

With the celebration of Wilkes University's 75th birthday, it seemed an appropriate year to roll out a whole new element to school spirit: a redesign of the school's mascot. The new mascot is the first life-sized official mascot played by students in costume. Tryouts for this position were held September 16 and 17.

Students came to tryouts prepared, with props, resumes, and creative routines that varied from athletic to serious to funny. The routines were performed during the open 30-second free-style at tryouts.

"We did that intentionally to see how creative and how much thought they gave to what they wanted to show us," said judge and coordinator Christine Tondrick.

The students who tried out are already widely involved at Wilkes, and wanted to give back while having fun, Tondrick explained.

"They were all very good in very different ways, so our decision will be difficult. Everybody brings something new to the table," said Marketing Communication graduate assistant Shannon Curtin at the judging.

The new Colonel mascot costume was unveiled at recent Club Day activities.

"This was an unveiling, but

not a formal introduction. The unveiling was just an introduction to his look," said Tondrick. "There has been 100 percent positive support for a reintroduction of a mascot into the campus community and we have received nothing but positive feedback."

The students who will become the mascot will be chosen based on performances at tryouts, and from their callbacks. The callbacks, which were held on September 18 and 19, involved testing interaction with people while in the new Colonel costume.

There will be up to three students chosen to attend mascot boot camp, where they will learn how to bring their own personalities to the

mascot while creating a brand that is seamless no matter who is in the costume. Requirements included good academic standing, and proof they have held leadership roles in the past. There will be \$3,000 scholarship awarded to the three who take on the position as mascot, which will be an entire year position.

The job of mascot will be full time from

October 1 to September 30 of 2009. The goal is to elevate school spirit. The mascot will be a symbol of the University and what it stands for, as well as recognized in the community. The mascot will work with coaches to enhance the cheerleading routine.

"We're very excited, especially since they can come to practice with us and can work with our routines. We have never had that before," said cheerleader Tanya Feiertag.

The mascot will be present at least one home event for every sports team, and some other events such as play-offs. There will be three students playing the mascot because he will be requested at many events for hours at a time. This leads to opportunity for a handler, which is someone who accompanies the mascot to act as the voice, and relieves the mascot when the student gets tired.

"The three students will work collectively as a team and when they are trained, they will better know how they can work together," said Tondrick.

The process of redesign for the mascot actually began two years ago. It originated as part of the new ad campaign launched in 2006, to highlight the personal attention students receive at Wilkes University.

The partner behind the remodel is a marketing team in Philadelphia, called 160over90. When marketing representatives offered ideas, one focused on a new mascot hand delivering acceptance letters to



The Beacon/Bethany Yamrick

Judges watch and deliberate at the first Wilkes' Colonel mascot tryouts. Three students will be chosen to play the Colonel.

prospective students. Since Wilkes didn't really have a mascot character at that time, campus officials realized it was necessary to start thinking about one.

"With expanding the ad campaign they saw an opportunity to establish an official mascot for the first time. We saw how a mascot could change the face of the campus," said Tondrick.

There was much thought and hard work put into the redesign, from his props to attire to color of his face. Comments were made on the face color being scary and "like a Smurf," according to communications major Sara Cosgrove. This was a decision by the design committee, to be sensitive to racial diversity. Several mascot programs from around the country were looked at to consider the redesign of the colonel.

The next step is familiarity, creating a brand and making sure he is likable, which will be accomplished by the level of energy the mascot has and his introduction at events. Furthermore Tondrick hopes that "he will introduce new ideas and traditions to be involved in."

As one of the students trying out said, "I think it will bring back the spirit of going to the games."

Serving to learn/learning to serve

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS

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Presumably, serving others shouldn't be something students have to learn. It should be as natural as breathing.

But many schools are formalizing service learning as a part of their curricula and even high school and college graduation requirements.

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, service learning is defined as "a method under which students learn and develop through active participation...that meet actual community needs."

While not yet a requirement at Wilkes University, many academic programs integrate service learning as part of the curriculum.

"Service learning is occurring all across campus. We just don't know where it's occurring," said Megan Boone, Wilkes's director of Community Service.

While many courses are not directly referring to their out-of-classroom experiences as 'service learning', there is one professor in particular who is.

Dr. Jennifer Thomas, assistant professor

of psychology, has implemented service learning into her curriculum. Thomas' Adolescent Psychology class has been asked to participate in a community service program in accordance with the Lands at Hillside Farms.

Each student from the course who participates will be matched with students from a local high school. The groups will then have particular projects to work together and complete before the end of the semester.

"I wanted to help students see that what we are learning in class is related to real life. Also, I want my students to have a greater understanding of the community that they live in. I want them to feel more socially responsible and give a greater sense of civic duty," stated Thomas.

Over the course of the semester, the PSY 222 course will be working directly with Lake-Lehman High School to improve the Lands at Hillside Farms. The class will meet with their high school students a total of five times to get to know one another and work out their proposed problem.

"Hillside Farms has a lot of longstanding projects. These projects need a large group

of people, as well as make an impact on the organization. We want students to make the connections with what they are learning in class," said Boone.

Eleven students from the Adolescent Psychology course will participate in Service Learning. Last Wednesday the group met to do a team-building exercise in the UCOM.

"We had a lot of fun. This is definitely worth while. We get out of the classroom and get a more hands-on approach," said junior Rich Pellegrini.

While Adolescent Psychology is one area where service learning is being implemented this semester, it is not the only one. According to Danielle Kern, an AmeriCorps Vista coordinator in the Community Service office, many courses use service learning.

"We want to start institutionalizing service learning across Wilkes. Just getting into the classrooms and seeing how passionate the community here at Wilkes is about it is great. It really is a good opportunity for all of our students," said Kern.

Thomas, Boone, and Kern, are prepared to implement service learning into more of

her courses in the upcoming semesters.

"I want to implement it more in many of my classes. Students could be placed in day care centers, nursing homes or women's shelters to become more aware and make more curriculum connections," said Thomas.



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Dr. Jennifer Thomas instructs her adolescent psychology class. Members of the class will participate in service learning.



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New mentor program to aid underrepresented students

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA

Beacon Lifestyles Editor

The college transition can be difficult for anyone but the lack of a knowledgeable support system can make the change even harder.

So in order to help students adjust, Wilkes University is developing a program that brings that assistance right to campus.

The Center for Global Education and Diversity is putting together a Global Scholars program, a mentoring program that targets high-achieving incoming students from underrepresented groups. According to Brandon Ice, the associate director for Global Education and Diversity, this includes students from a minority background or those who are first-generation college students.

“We’re trying to develop a mentoring program where we expose them to things

they may not have been exposed to before,” he said. “We develop relationships that may not be part of everyone’s experiences. Really, it’s a form of life coaching.”

Arriving at a predominantly white campus can be difficult for minority students, so the program is developing ways to help the transition. Talking with someone who shares similar experiences and a common background can be a way to ease new students into college life.

“It’s awfully lonely in a classroom, and being asked to speak on behalf of your whole group is an issue that underrepresented students face,” Ice said. “There’s an overall assumption that people know everything coming into the room or share the same background, and that’s not the case.”

The program’s goal is to increase retention rates and graduation rates for minority

and first-generation college students, two groups which have traditionally struggled. By instituting a program like this, Dr. Godlove Fonjweng, Director of Global Education and Diversity, believes that it will contribute to increasing diversity, and the acceptance of diversity, on the Wilkes campus.

Another goal of the program is to expose the students to faculty members. According to Ice, the benefit of this is to familiarize students with professors’ research, and also make them feel more comfortable to ask questions if they do not

understand something.

He hopes to have the program running sometime this semester, or in January, at the latest.

Ice said the Center for Global Education is looking for current students to help get the program off the ground.

Along with building student-faculty relationships, the program also intends to pair incoming students with established students to create a peer-to-peer mentorship.

“One of the reasons why we are targeting marginalized students is that they often times don’t have other people to look for in their classes,” Ice said. “So what we want to do is, connect those students so they can see familiar faces or feel more comfortable

with someone who has lived through this experience before.”

According to Fonjweng, the program is looking for mentors who will be available to talk with the students about their classroom experiences and any other issues they are having adjusting to the campus. If they share a major, the mentor can also help with tutoring. He or she also can pass on experiences regarding what to expect for a certain class, or what activities would be beneficial to them.

However, even if they don’t share a major, the mentors can work on building personal relationship with their partners.

Ice believes that mentoring transcends the classroom and focuses more on sharing life experiences.

“It might not be ‘I can answer two plus two’ or to know what quantum physics are about, but it can be dealing with life prob-

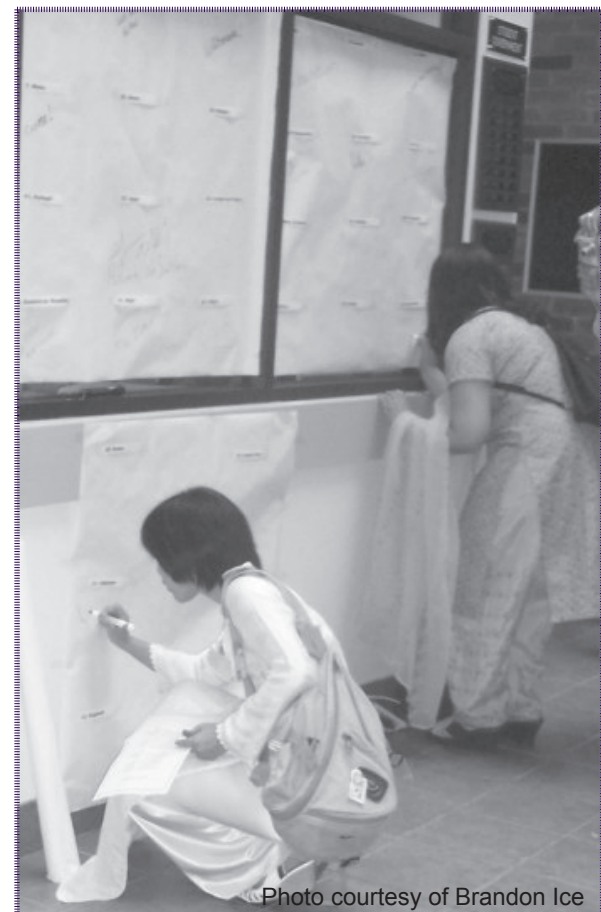


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Students sign a wall in the Student Center by writing messages in their native language. Activities such as this work to promote diversity on campus, a major goal of the Global Scholars mentoring program.

lems that some of our students have who are first generation,” Ice said. “It can be a listening ear, consoling, empathizing, just someone who can relate to and share experiences.”

The program aims to focus especially on the sciences, and the trips that are in the developmental stage reflect that. Possible trips include excursions to the pharmaceutical company Merck & Co., Inc., Boston, Philadelphia, and New York City.

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Brandon Ice, associate director of Global Affairs and Diversity

Fonjweng had first-hand experience of the benefits of close faculty-student interaction. As an undergraduate, Fonjweng took part in a “take your professor to lunch” program. At lunch with his chemistry professor, Fonjweng said there was a give-and-take discussion where each learned a little more about the unique experiences and backgrounds of the other.

After the lunch, Fonjweng and his professor developed a close working relationship. His professor even started a collection among the faculty to purchase Fonjweng an airplane ticket so he could attend his sister’s wedding in Cameroon.

“Sometimes students look at professors like they are of something out of this world, but when you create an environment where students can interact with their professors, they feel more comfortable,” he said.

As co-captain of the equestrian club, Jessica Ashford is involved in one of the more under-acknowledged clubs on Wilkes’ campus. “We are little and not many people on campus and involved with the school know about us, but I believe we are helping Wilkes and putting the school’s name out there,” Ashford said.

However, the club is deftly leaping high fences by co-hosting a show with ESU in Briarwood, New Jersey, on September 27. There will be 80 riders present at various riding levels from regional schools. Because of her leadership to the club, *The Beacon* has chosen Ashford as its Student of the Week.

The Beacon: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Ashford: In ten years I see myself working as a pharmacist at a children’s hospital, and still competitively riding horses.

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

Ashford: Fun, determined, and spontaneous.

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

Ashford: I love everything *Harry Potter*.



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Party on the Square draws 1,400 to downtown

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The city of Wilkes-Barre, Diversity Partnership, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry and participating schools, welcomed back the students of the area with the 5th annual Party on the Square held last Thursday. An estimated 1,400 students from all local colleges enjoyed food, music, and games all in the name of deepening college-community relations.

The State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement was also out in force for the event and made 14 arrests for underage alcohol possession and consumption. In addition, two local bars were cited for serving to minors.

The purpose of Party on the Square is to integrate the student population into the community and motivate them to enjoy Wilkes-Barre as their home away from home.

Administrative coordinator for Wilkes-Barre, Bridget Giunta, said, "It's a welcome event for students in the area to downtown Wilkes-Barre."

Also, Party on the Square has become an annual celebration of the revitalization of downtown since businesses can directly connect with students and have a better sense for how to reach a target market.

"We always try to reach out to new businesses of the area to give them the opportunity [to connect with] the college community," said Giunta.

Rachel Pugh, general manager of *The Weekender*, expressed similar excitement about the event. "We have been sponsors of Party on the Square for five years now, and this is the fifth anniversary so we are proud of being part of the event again this year."

The Weekender played an important role when it came to advertising the party. The weekly publication designed a college oriented issue, wrote stories on college radio stations along with

where we step in," said Pugh.

At 5 p.m. students from Wilkes University, King's College, Misericordia University, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, and Luzerne County Community College headed downtown to enjoy a variety of activities. Some of the highlights and surprises in-

year we see an increase from the year prior so that is right on target," said Giunta. She added that the goal for the 5th Party on the Square was met in terms of attendance, and "We also increased the participation from the business community as well," said Giunta.

Both live and recorded music entertained the crowds. Junior English major Sarah Hartman said, "I really enjoy the music. So far it's been things that I listen to on my own."

Though most of the students just went to have a good time with their friends. Junior computer science major Frank Kopyta said, "I am an RA on campus and want to get students involved more in activities, so I brought a small group of my residents with me."

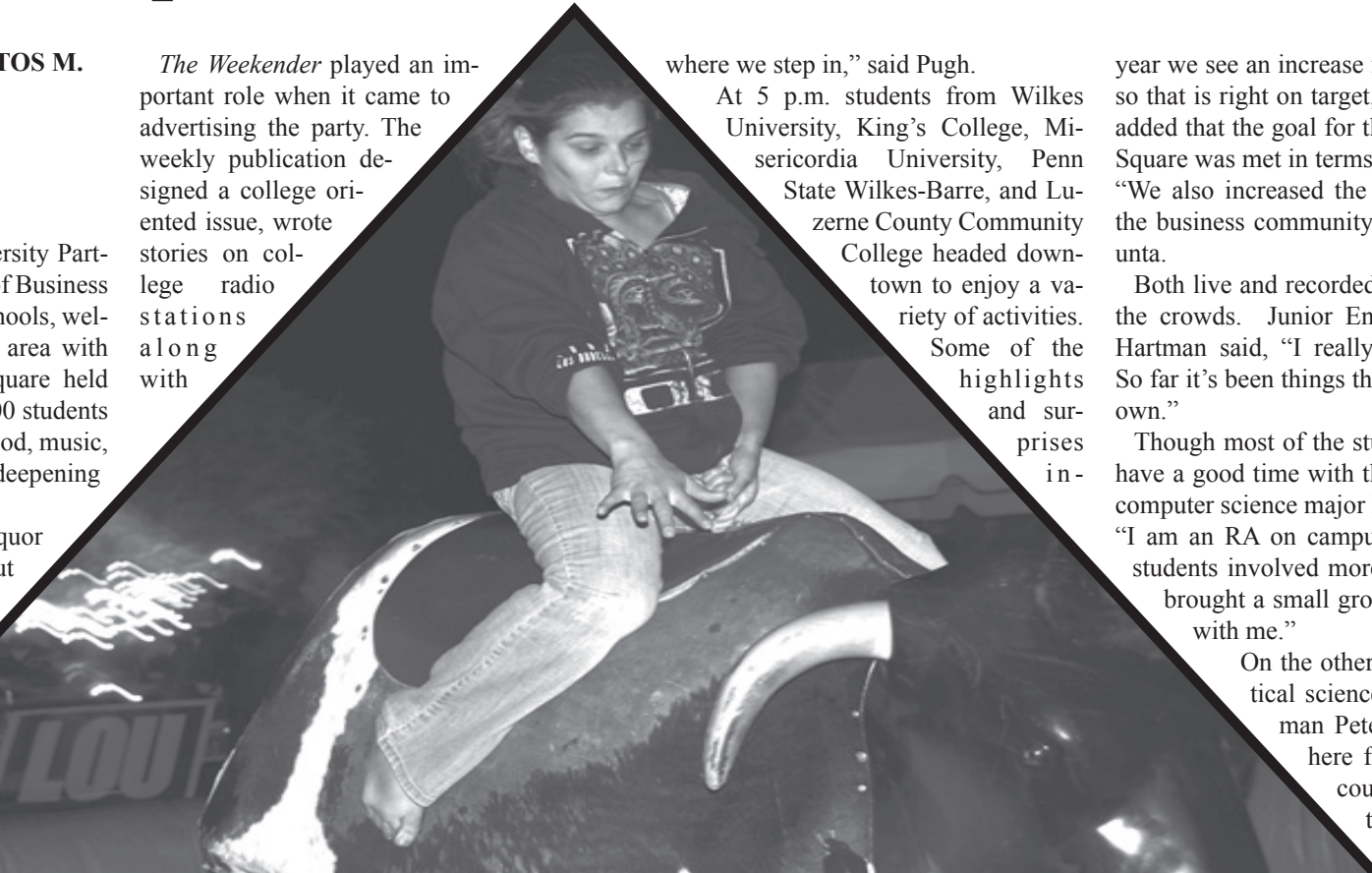
On the other hand, pharmaceutical science major and freshman Peter Bush said, "I'm here for the student discount tickets for buses to New York."

The scavenger hunt was a new activity introduced to the party. "Basically, there are going to be different things at different booths in which the students have to go to the booths and obtain that item. There is a point system, so depending of the points that you have as a team or as individuals there are different prizes," said Pugh in addition, the mechanical bull was pretty popular among students.

As the evening came to a close, people and mascots danced to local a 80s cover band, M-80, and watch a King's student win the Domino's sponsored pizza-eating contest.

Top: Party on the Square attendant rides mechanical bull on Thursday evening.

Bottom: Nate Myotte of GO GO Gadjet plays their last set at Party on the Square



cluded: Sartorio and Sons Barber Shop providing "party-goers" with free haircuts and 89.1 WSFX, LCCC's radio station, offered giveaways ranging from CD flipping to free T-shirts to getting and giving free hugs.

"We had about 1,400 students at last night's event, which was an increase. Each

British medium helps crowd connect with dead

BY AMANDA GUNTHER

Beacon Asst. A/E Editor

Both the living and the dead gathered in the Kirby Center for the Performing Arts on Monday, September 15, to see and speak with Lisa Williams, a famous medium and clairvoyant.

The lights dimmed and overwhelming applause echoed throughout the theater shortly after

8 p.m. as Williams entered the stage.

The room was filled with skeptics and devoted fans

Graham's case, down to the nickname she gave her father.

While some incidents were very emotional, others were quite comical. In one case, a man's deceased mother was scolding him for always being late.

People in the audience raised their hand if they believed all of the clues fit the description of someone they knew. She called on people to narrow it down as she received

more information and vibes from the spirits. Sometimes

dozens of individuals felt as though

a spirit could be connected

with

son, which Williams explained was normal. Sometimes more than one spirit could join in order to convey similar things to their loved ones in the audience.

Many people had high hopes for coming in contact with their loved ones. Lynn Mul- lery of Plymouth wore her father-in-law's wedding band, hoping that bringing something of his would help to connect with him.

After the show members of Lisa's Fan Club lined up in the lobby to chat and get autographs and pictures.

"I think it is a great thing to make someone feel at ease with their loved ones," said audience member Lisa Harkins of Drums.

Fans were ecstatic when Williams emerged from backstage. Although questions were left unanswered for some, many others were content after Williams helped them gain closure with their loved ones.

Williams is a British medium famous for her work with communicating with the dead. She first realized she had this gift when she was a young girl and thought it was normal that she could see dead people.

When she realized that not everyone had the ability to do what she could do, she hid her ability from her peers for fear of becoming an outcast. As she grew older she came to the conclusion that what she had was truly a gift.

"Slowly I learned to embrace it," Williams said, when she was explaining her ability to the audience.

She now uses her gift to help people work with their deceased loved ones and resolve conflict and provide closure. Williams travels to different venues to reach out to her fans. Her Lifetime show, "Lisa Williams: Life Among the Dead," explores her daily routine of helping individuals communicated with the dead.

Lisa Williams, host of: "Lisa Williams: Life Among the Dead", presented at Kirby Center on September 15.



alike, all curious as to what the evening would bring.

Throughout the show, Williams was able to reach out to a number of individuals in the audience, helping them to communicate with dead friends and family members. As a spirit would come to her, she most often began with a name. Once she learned more about the spirit, she would add both physical and personality characteristics.

Tears streamed down faces as people watched Williams uncover memories and bring closure to some families. Lisa was able to communicate with Exeter resident, Mari Beth Graham's deceased father. "What she was saying was so dead on, it was unbelievable," said Graham. Williams was able to pinpoint very specific details in

them, while other times it was immediately directed specifically at one particular person.

Eventually Williams narrowed it down to one audience member and began to ask questions of both the spirit and person, making connections to establish more specific details from both individuals. Some were able to come in contact with just one deceased family member, while others connected with aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents and children.

Messages ranged from a simple "hello", to apologies and specific instructions. In some cases, all of the characteristics and messages from one scenario matched the exact characteristics for more than one per-

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Play review: *Evita* at the Wilkes-Barre Little Theater

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA

Beacon Lifestyles Editor

A two-and-a-half hour musical about the history of the government of a South American country doesn't sound too riveting.

But if you add in illicit sex and governmental corruption, both under the glamorous backdrop of 1940s show business, then the picture just may become a little more compelling.

All of those facets come together in the musical *Evita*, a play written by Tim Rice and composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber in the 1970s. It tells the story of Eva Peron, an illegitimate child turned film starlet who became the notorious First Lady of Argentina in the World War II years.

The musical kicked off the 86-year-anniversary of the Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre. On the September 20 show, 165 people filled the theatre to watch the legendary story of Argentina come to Wilkes-Barre.

Evita began on a haunting note, with Argentine peasants mournfully circling the coffin of Eva Peron (played by Nicole Rasmus). As the people of Argentina lament the death of their First Lady, the narrator, Che (Dave Baloga), sings cynically to the audience that her death is "our funeral too."

Everything after that is a flashback. We meet Eva as a precocious fifteen-year-old from the wrong side of town, who latches herself onto tango singer Augustin Magaldi (Doug Hertel). With him, she escapes to Buenos Aires to pursue her dream of becoming an actress.

One of the most comical parts of the musical was the number "Goodnight and Thank You," which chronicled Eva's self-promoting stream of lovers after she arrived in the city. Man after man emerged from a literal revolving door on stage, leaving a long line of rejected lovers listening to Eva half-heartedly explain to each, "Oh, but it's sad when a love affair dies."

The strength of this rendition of *Evita* was its number of extras on cast. With nearly 50 women, men, and children to play the people of Argentina, the play was able to replicate the energy and passion of Eva's supporters, the working class. This was especially noticeable in "A New Argentina," in which Eva wins the people to her side to back her latest beau, military man Juan Peron (Joe Sheridan), and their quest to take over the country. The enthusiasm and sheer number of the extras made the mob-like speech scenes believable, and gave the audience a sense of how one woman could take a country by playing a crowd.

Another noteworthy song included the classic "Don't Cry

for Me Argentina." With this strong song, Rasmus did an excellent job of keeping her voice powerful without oversinging or screaming the words. She is believable as a woman imploring her people to overlook her youthful indiscretions and to take her seriously in her plight to help them.

The second act of the play takes the audience through the pinnacle of the Peron years. The audience watches Eva jet off to Europe, to show the riches of Argentina to the countries devastated by World War II. Then, she brings that philanthropy home with "And the Money Kept Rolling In (And Out)," in which Eva sets up a foundation to aid the poor and possibly to pad the Perons' own Swiss bank account.

The play ends when Eva's plan to run for Vice President is thwarted by her sickness which will later kill her. It culminates with a montage from the earlier songs that traces the path of Eva's life, from wily seductress to First Lady to virtual saint of the people.

Just as the play began, it also ends on an eerie note. With the lights dimmed and Eva's coffin only visible, Che's voiceover hauntingly informs the audience that while money was raised to build a spectacular tomb, it couldn't be used. After her death, Eva's body went missing for 17 years.



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Keller Williams

Where: Sherman Theatre

When: Sept. 28, 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$21.00

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BY CHRIS KUDRAK AND DEVIN KING

Beacon Correspondents



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Volleyball women set to take on King's this week

Lady Colonels now 1-1 in conference play

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA

Beacon Staff Writer

In their last three appearances on the court, the Wilkes University women's volleyball team has begun to prove its hard work is paying off by coming out on top in two conference matches against Manhattanville and Lycoming.

"Wilkes volleyball showed up to play," said junior Julie Page. "We are not only going to have to maintain the skills that we have but improve overall as a team to make it to the top."

The Lady Colonels certainly showed up to shut down the Valiants of Manhattanville 3-0 in their Freedom Conference opener. Wilkes held the Valiants to a .010 hitting percentage while dominating in nearly every facet of the game. Marissa

Harrison and Katherine Harrington were the stars of the game, combining for 19 of Wilkes's 33 kills. Harrison also led the charge with a team-high four service aces.

After not playing as well as they expected in the non-league Scranton Invitational, the Lady Colonels stormed into the home of the Little League World Series and pounded the host Lady Warriors of Lycoming College, 3-1. Harrington led the way, picking up her first volleyball version of a double-double, scoring 12 kills and 16 digs. Page also had a quality night of her own with 11 kills and only four errors. Sophomore Libero Allison Kelleher pitched in with a team high 24 digs. Harrison and freshman Katelyn McGurk each broke the 20 dig barrier for the first time this year with 23 and 21 digs respectively.

The Lady Colonels then traveled to Center Valley, Pennsylvania where they took on conference favorite DeSales in a tough league matchup. The Bulldogs proved why they were the preseason favorites, overwhelming the Colonels in straight sets. DeSales played nearly perfect committing only eight errors the whole night with a .324 hitting percentage. "We need to work on consistency all around," explained Page. "defense specifically; reading the other team and getting to our positions to play the ball." The loss dropped the Colonels to 1-1 in Freedom Conference play.

Tonight, the Lady Colonels face off with crosstown rival King's in a crucial mid-season matchup. The last time the two teams met, King's had home court advantage and escaped with a closer-than-what-meets-

the-eye 3 to 1 match victory. The loss has no effect on the team and as Kelleher said, "We have a big advantage going into the King's game because we've played them before and we know what to expect. We've also improved as a team since we last played them. Not to mention we're hungry for a win and it's Kings. That is enough to get us pumped up to dominate."

The question is which Wilkes team will show up for the much anticipated city match--the one that thoroughly embarrassed Lycoming and Manhattanville? Or the one that came out flat against DeSales? If it's as good as anticipated, we could be in for one for the ages in the Marts Center. The only way to know is to show up for the opening serve tonight at 7 p.m.

Colonels will host the Captains in home-opener

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

When head coach Frank Sheptock designed this year's schedule for the Colonels, he wasn't interested in booking mediocre programs for his team to demolish for the sake of a pretty record.

Sheptock wanted the big dogs.

That's why for the non-conference portion of the Colonels schedule, he scheduled regionally-ranked teams, No. 8 Muhlenberg College and No. 24 Montclair State University.

The Colonels barely lost both games on the road and have one more chance at a win over a non-conference opponent before MAC play begins on October 4.

This time, the Colonels are at home versus Christopher Newport University (0-1), a Virginia program that reached the national tournament last year.

"I have a philosophy where I like to schedule high ranked teams because it's about the challenge," Sheptock said. "We are a young football team (but non-conference games) demonstrate what we are capable of."

Last week, the Colonels had a bye week and the emphasis during practice has been remaining poised during critical situations and executing in the red zone; which is

logical being that the Colonels led 21-20 entering the fourth quarter against Muhlenberg but lost 34-21. And against Montclair State, the team had offensive possession for over 38 minutes but lost 13-6. Their points came off two field goals by freshman kicker Chris Horn.

"We're doing everything right until the last play or last minute or second of the half," said senior wide receiver Jason Prushinski. "But again, we are experiencing this early so that we can correct our mistakes."

Prushinski leads the team in reception yards (56.5 per game) and touchdowns (2).

The Colonels might be able to find their niche offensively against Christopher Newport since the Captains have allowed 406 total yards, 337 of those were rushing. Lead running back Jamar Beverly, who averages 59.5 rushing yards per game, should play a major role against the Captains.

The Colonels have used two quarterbacks this season. Junior quarterback Rob Johnson. He averages 109 passing yards per game. Freshman Ryan Cushman averages 26 yards per pass and according to his teammates, he is not afraid to scramble out of the pocket to pick up the first down.

The Colonels defense will have to shut down junior running back Tunde Ogun. He rushed for 89 yards against Salisbury as the team posted 170 rushing yards total while using four different ball carriers. The Captains junior quarterback, Matt Long, finished 6-15, with two interceptions for 127 passing yards total. The Colonels allow 218.5 passing yards per game.

"We are playing these teams that are nationally ranked, top-ten even, and we should be winning the game," Prushinski said. "Progress is definitely showing in practice and in the games, even though the record doesn't show it."

Kickoff is scheduled for 1pm.

(At Right) Number 36 Joshua Williams catches the ball during practice on Wednesday September 17 at Ralston Field.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani

Women's tennis still on top after four matches

BY GINO TROIANI

Beacon OpEd Editor

The Wilkes women's tennis team entered the season under much pressure to perform at a high level. Mainly because they are the defending conference champions.

Last week, the women had their work cut out for them but made a statement when they competed in three important matches, Lebanon Valley on Wednesday, Eastern on Saturday and Lycoming on Sunday.

Led by Michelle Knight, Xiaoqiao Zhang, and Alison McDonald, all three dominated in their singles matches against a solid Lebanon Valley, helping the team win with a 5 - 4 victory over the Dutchmen, setting the pace for the rest of the week.

The Lady Colonels went 6-0 in singles and 3-0 in doubles on both Saturday and Sunday, rolling over their opponents with ease.

So far, the girls are on fire, posting a record of 4-0 in team play, and have racked up an impressive thirty two victories and only four losses this season.

"I think that if we continue to work hard,

and play like we have been, we should have no problem making it to nationals again," said Junior Xiaoqiao Zhang.

Indeed, with seasoned coach Chris Leicht at the helm back for his sixth season, it wouldn't be a surprise if they kept the momentum rolling and defended their title.

Leicht said, "'I am glad we won this close match. We will use this as a spring board as we enter our tough conference matches."

The Lady Colonels' next two games are against FDU and Manhattanville on Thursday September 25 and Tuesday September 30. Both of which should be easy wins for the women.

The only team that may pose a problem to Wilkes in the next couple of weeks is the undefeated, Misericordia Lady Cougars. But if the girls keep up the level of play that they have exhibited in their first four games, they should have no problem generating yet another victory.

(At Right) Junior Xiaoqiao Zhang prepares for the ball during Wednesday's match against Lebanon Valley.



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FIELD HOCKEY

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Despite a close game on Thursday evening, Myers feels the historic Keystone game was a much better performance and displayed the progress the team has made since the beginning of the year.

With only five goals scored against and 26 goals scored for, the forwards, defense and goalkeepers have obviously dominated their opponents in the respective zones; however the midfield is not to be forgotten as they are key to fast transitions from the defensive zone to offensive zone.

"I think our mids are our most consistent players and although mids might not always get a lot of goals they set up our team so well and its a hard position to play because your all offense and your all defense and your running so much the entire game but they've been consistent for 70 minutes every game we've had and I think that really sets us apart," Myers said.

Minix, who is third on the team in scoring with three goals and one assist, believes much of the forwards success comes from communication on the field and repetition in practice.

"We [the forwards] all work really well together and we all want each other to score and we all want to score. We do repetitive drills until it works," Minix explained.

Senoir captain and defender Kerry Battersby believes the team has had an obviously awesome start to the season and one of the keys to the defense's success has been working out problems from previous years.

Battersby said, "All three of our goalies are really good and we worked out a lot of kinks from last year. We [the defenders] work really well together.

With two games this week including a conference game against DeSales and eight Freedom Conference games in their final twelve games of the season, the pressure is on for the team to not become comfortable in their current play.

"September is all about getting people in the right positions and fixing our mistakes and working on the little things to be ready for October. I think every game we have gotten better at the little things so hopefully that will carry into October and help us against our conference schedule," Myers said.

Battersby added, "Our motto is never be satisfied, so I think the three of us [captains] are all on the same page that we never want to give up. We just try to be silent examples, always push ourselves on the field and we push each other."

The Lady Colonels will be back on the road this week, traveling up 81 north to visit the University of Scranton on Thursday September 25 and then opening their conference play against DeSales University on Saturday September 27.



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RINKSIDE REPORT



WBS Penguins coverage and analysis

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI

Beacon Staff Writer

Four months ago, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins had their backs to the wall.

Trailing the Portland Pirates 3 games to 2 in the Eastern Conference finals, the Penguins needed a win at home in Game 6 to keep their Calder Cup dreams alive.

After a scoreless opening frame, Portland dominated the second period, scoring three goals during a span of 5:33 to take a 3-0 lead. The last goal came with just thirty-three seconds to play in the period.

"When Portland went up 3-0 it was tough, because we kept fighting and fighting and nothing was coming up," said Rob Tonnesen, a 2008 Wilkes graduate and Penguins fan who attended the game.

Throughout the season, the Penguins had not relied on their offense to win games. Despite winning the American Hockey League's East Division, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (223) scored the third fewest goals out of any team that qualified for the AHL playoffs.

At the time of Portland's third goal, the Penguins had scored only once in the last 113:07 they played. Mike McKenna, who replaced the injured Jean-Sebastian Aubin as Portland's goalie in Game 3, had turned away everything the Penguins threw at him. Tonnesen added, "Seeing the time just melt away in the second period, I felt like there was nothing we could do in order to get one past McKenna."

Then, with only twelve ticks left on the clock, Connor James took a drop pass from Alex Goligoski and snapped a shot past McKenna to put the home team on the scoreboard.

The comeback was on.

Chris Minard scored twice in the third period, setting the stage for one of the most dramatic overtimes in the team's nine-year history. It was a do-or-die situation in its purest form; if the Penguins didn't score the next goal, they would be eliminated.

They needed a hero.

They found one.

Only twenty seconds into the extra session, James rushed in on the Portland de-

fense and roofed a shot over McKenna's glove, capping the Penguins' comeback and forcing a winner-take-all game seven.

Aubin returned to the Portland net in the final game, but it didn't matter. The Penguins rode the momentum of their win the night before to a 3-2 win. Former Pirate Tim Brent scored the game-winner, breaking a 2-2 tie with just thirty seconds to play in the third period, sending the Penguins into the Calder Cup Finals for the third time in team history.

Despite their heroic comeback against Portland, the Penguins could not tame their next opponent, the Chicago Wolves. Chicago won the first three games of the series, putting the Penguins in a hole that they could not crawl out of. Despite winning games four and five at home, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton ultimately fell in six games.

While last season's team may not have lived happily ever after, the next chapter in Penguins history begins on September 23, when the team opens training camp. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton will play four preseason games in preparation for the regular

season home opener on Wednesday, October 8 against Hershey.

It's going to be difficult for this season's team to top the performance of the team that came within two wins of capturing the Calder Cup.

But if last season's squad taught fans anything, it has to be that nothing is impossible.

WBS Penguins Preseason Schedule

Friday, September 26

Penguins @ Binghamton, 7:05 PM

Saturday, September 27

Penguins vs. Binghamton, 7:05 PM

Friday, October 3

Penguins vs. Hershey, 7:05 PM

Saturday, October 4

Penguins @ Hershey, 7:00 PM

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Men's soccer loses 6-0 to Dickinson

Return to Ralston Field spoiled after impressive road trip

BY DANIEL KAUTZ
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

After winning two straight road games over Widener and regionally-ranked Muhlenberg by scores of 2-0, the Wilkes University men's soccer team had high hopes as it returned home to face Dickinson at Ralston Field on Wednesday, September 17. Those hopes were dashed, however, as the Colonels were routed by a score of 6-0.

Both teams fought hard throughout the beginning portion of the game, with neither side able to score. Dickinson's John Freed eventually broke the scoreless affair, putting the ball in the net off of a cross from Taylor Ferry with just under two minutes to play.

"We played at least evenly with another regionally ranked team in the opening 43 minutes, forcing them to clear two balls off of their end-line," said head coach Philip Wingert after the game.

"We were able to do this with two starters sidelined with injury for the match. After analyzing the goals allowed, we can learn from those opportunities and continue to solidify our team defense," he continued.

Both teams took just four shots in the first half.

The second half saw the Dickinson Red Devils break open the game. Not a minute after senior goalkeeper TJ Baloga made a save for Wilkes in the opening moments

of the half, Dickinson's Ben Gemberling-Johnson was able to find the back of the net for their second goal. They were also able to score again two minutes later, this time on a shot from Zach Pritchard off of an

linquish.

The Colonels threatened Dickinson multiple times but were never able to break through; sophomore forward Ryan Phillips had the best opportunity to score when he



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Despite playing Dickinson tough in the first half, the Colonels found themselves on the wrong end of a 6-0 decision at Ralston Field on Wednesday, September 17.

assist from Thomas Parkinson. The three goals, all coming within five minutes of actual game time, allowed Dickinson to take a comfortable lead that it would never re-

shot on an empty net from within the penalty box in the first half. The shot attempt was blocked by a Dickinson defender, however. Matt Edgar, Dale Rodman, and Mike

Montross would later add goals of their own to help the Red Devil's win the game by the score of 6-0.

"In the first half we were the better team but allowed a goal late in the half. In the opening two minutes of the second half, we allowed Dickinson a very 'soft' goal, putting them up 2-0. As a result they had a two goal lead in a game and a high energy level at that time," said Wingert. "We, on the other hand, had played very well but [lost our energy after falling behind]. We were unable to establish an intensity level to match Dickinson in the second half," concluded the coach.

The Colonels' loss was unfortunate considering the impressive road wins they had strung together before their game against Dickinson. Said Wingert, "[When we played Muhlenberg] we played off of each other's intensity and energy, capitalizing on our scoring opportunities. In the Widener match we created the most scoring opportunities of all of our matches to that point. In both matches the team defense bent, but never allowed an opponent to break through."

"I think in order to improve we simply need to learn how to play better for an entire game instead of just one half," said junior defender Keith Gardiner.

Lady Colonel's soccer ties Lebanon Valley 1-1

BY DANIEL KAUTZ
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The Lady Colonels played Lebanon Valley College to a 1-1 tie in a double overtime game on Tuesday, September 16, at Annville.

After falling behind 1-0 just four minutes

into the game on a goal from Lebanon Valley's Lauren King, the Wilkes University women's soccer team clamped down on defense. Freshmen forward Katy Fissel scored for Wilkes in the game's 62nd minute to tie the game.

The Lady Colonels out-shot Lebanon Valley 13-8 and had four more shots on goal

than their opponent. Lebanon Valley had just two shots on goal the entire game.

"We played hard for each other after the first 20 minutes or so. The effort put us in a position to win and I was pleased with our ball movement at times. We will work on the discipline in our style but we made progress today," said head coach John Su-

moski.

The Lady Colonels (3-4-1) next play Manhattanville this Sunday at Ralston Field in an important Freedom Conference match. The game begins a stretch of four straight at home that the women can use to help build on their record.

WILKES COLONELS

Football

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Field Hockey

W 2-0 Gwynedd Mercy
W 8-1 Keystone

Men's Soccer

L 6-0 Dickinson
L 1-0 @ Elizabethtown

Women's Soccer

T 1-1 LVC
L 1-0 @ NYU

Women's Tennis

w 5-1 LVC
Doubles: 2-1
Singles: 3-0

Men's Tennis

Muhlenberg Tournament
Singles: 2-4
Doubles: 2-1

Volleyball

W 3-1 @ Lycoming
L 3-1 @ DeSales

Cross Country

Cougar Classic:
Women- 7th
Men- 9th

Field Hockey continues domination of opponents

Team remains undefeated after 7

BY ALISSA LINDNER
Beacon Sports Editor

When you're hot, you're hot and that's exactly the word to describe the Lady Colonels field hockey team.

The forwards have worked together for a combined 26 goals on the season while the defense and goalkeepers have allowed just five goals in the cage. The midfield has consistently transitioned the ball from one end of the field to the other throughout the season. Oh yeah and, the team is also undefeated seven games into the season, making the 2008 season the best start in team history.

The Lady Colonels were in action this week with three games in seven days. On Monday September 15 the team traveled to Arcadia University in Glenside, PA, and then hosted Gwynedd Mercy on Thursday September 18 and Keystone College on Saturday September 20.

The team easily defeated Arcadia 5-0 as five different players scored for the Colonels. Senior forward Alyssa Koncelik was the only goal scorer of the first half when she connected on an unassisted shot 22 minutes into game.

Junior Jennifer Keegan was the first to score in the second half, posting a goal 12 minutes in the half and Wilkes never looked back. Koncelik forced a penalty shot shortly after Keegan's goal in which junior defender Amanda Tilley connected on. Freshman Chelsea Minix scored the Colonels fourth

goal of the game and junior Brittney Sines would score the final goal of the game just past the 60 minute mark.

Freshman goalkeeper Lindsey Davenport continued to perform strong as stopping the two shots she faced from the Knights.

The Lady Colonels returned home Thursday after four straight away games as Gwynedd Mercy visited from Gwynedd Township, PA. Senior Devon McKay scored first for the Colonels, connecting on

stopped the three shots she faced from the Griffins.

Saturday's game against Keystone College proved to be historic for the Lady Colonels as the team easily defeated the Giants 8-1 in front of 120 people at Ralston Field. Eleven different players recorded points for Wilkes and freshman goalkeeper Caitlyn Jordan recieved her first collegiate start in goal for the Colonels.

Minix was first to score for Wilkes as she

for the Colonels. Sines was credited with an assist on Keegan's goal.

Keystone's only goal of the game was scored 31 minutes in; however the goal was scored on a mistake by Wilkes. Freshman Alyssa Davis attempted to block Keystone's shot but the ball deflected backwards into the cage. Nicole Macedonio was credited with the goal for the Giants.

The Lady Colonels would dominate the second half again scoring four goals.

Koncelik would open the second half scoring as she scored her second goal of the game and team high seventh goal of the season on a pass from Gina Elmy. McKay would score the next two goals for Wilkes. Elmy was credited with her second assist of the game on McKay's first goal and senior Diana Wright assisted on the other. Freshman Lindsey Raleigh would round out the scoring for Wilkes finishing on a pass from sophomore Angela Passamonte with seven minutes left in the game.

The seventh straight win for the Colonels marks the best start in school history for the field hockey team.

Head coach Sara Myers is pleased with the performance of the whole team thus far. Despite a tiring schedule this week, she

believes the team is conditioned enough where fatigue never became an issue for Wilkes.

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Number 23 Amanda Peters battles a Keystone defender for the ball during Saturday's game at Ralston Field. Wilkes went on to win the game 8-1. The team will be away this week and returns home Thursday October 2 when they host FDU-Florham at 4:00p.m.

an unassisted shot 16 minutes into the game. Koncelik scored her fifth goal of the season on a pass from freshman Amanda Peters and secured the win for the Lady Colonels in the second half.

The team posted their fourth shutout of the season and third straight as Davenport

finished on a pass from Peters just under nine minutes into the game. Koncelik was next to connect for Wilkes as she pushed in a pass from Minix. Koncelik's goal would prove to be the game winning goal.

Keegan and sophomore Alyson Paulauskas would round out the first half scoring

What to see and do this week...

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Take the drive and visit the Bloomsburg Fair now until Saturday. The gates open at 7:00a.m. and close at 9:00p.m.

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Visit Cold Stone Creamery in Moosic and buy an ice cream from 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. 25% of all profits will be donated to the Salvation Army.

25
Enjoy the production of "Picnic" at 8:00p.m. in the Dorothy Dixon Darte Center put on by Wilkes' Department of Theater and Performing Arts.

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Attend the Global Partners Mixer from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. in the Miller Room. The event is free and sponsored by Diversity Affairs.

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It's that time of year again! Go to the Grave-stone Theatrical Haunted House in Plains, PA from 7:00p.m. to 11:00p.m. Admission is \$10.