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Wilkes chosen for Congress to Campus program

BY REBECCA GOODMAN
Beacon Managing Editor

Substitute teachers generally encourage bad behavior among students. But last week, two former U.S. Representatives served as guest lecturers in a variety of Wilkes classes, and the stand-in profs gave Wilkes students an "A" for their engagement with tough issues and intellectual curiosity.

The Congress to Campus program brought former Representatives James Bilbray, a Democrat from Nevada, and Nick Smith, a Republican from Michigan, to Wilkes to participate in classes. Both Congressmen arrived on Wednesday and spoke to students in a variety of disciplines, from environmental science, to political science, to business.

The Congress to Campus program is the brainchild of a unique collaboration between the Stennis Center, the Center for Democracy and Citizenship (CDC), the Council for Excellence in Government and the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.

According to the program's website, (www.stennis.org) the program was originally conceived in order to combat the decline in political literacy among the youth of America. The goal of the program is to foster knowledge and to try and engage the youth of today in public service. The program, which brings a retired member of Congress from both parties to college campuses throughout the nation, provides students on the campuses that are visited the rare opportunity to be able to talk with and question former members of Congress about issues of their choice.

Wilkes was one of only 12 colleges in the nation to participate this year.

Anne Pelak, Director of Grant Support, discovered the program and decided that it would be beneficial to try to bring to Wilkes. "It looked like something that would tie in with what we promote ourselves as providing in an undergraduate education. It looked doable," she said.

The program would not have been so successful without the help of the faculty generating an interest to bring the former Congressmen to their classrooms and the support of the Provost, who recognized the benefits of the program and offered some financial support, Pelak noted.

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As part of the Congress to Campus program, students were afforded the opportunity to interact with Congressmen James Bilbray (left) and Nick Smith (right) in the classroom. In the Political Science 311 class the congressmen addressed the topic the nature of the interaction between the presidency and Congress.

Wilkes drafts new mission vision values statement

BY VICTORIA WHITE
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Last spring Wilkes community members embarked on the first leg of a journey toward self discovery. The group's first questions were: Who are we? What do we value? And who do we want to be?

At that point, a committee comprised of Wilkes faculty, staff, students and Board of Trustees members began to brainstorm about and draft a new Mission, Vision and Values statement that

will serve as the University's definitive answer to the questions posed above.

The Mission, Vision, and Values statement is used in many of the university's key documents and serves as a guide for future planning at the institution.

With the University in the midst of a 20-year restructuring plan, the task of rewriting the Mission, Vision and Values statement poses a substantial challenge, particularly given the constant change that defines any dynamic institution. The previous statement

was thought to be "too long, generic and lacking language that reflected the goals of the university as laid out in its strategic plan," according to an October 14 Marketing Communications news release.

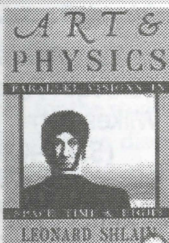
As part of the process of drafting a new statement, President Tim Gilmour sponsored several open forums for faculty and staff on Thursday and Friday, October 19 and 20 respectively. The faculty and staff were invited to the forums in

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DUI accident story resonates with Wilkes students

Sterner puts face and name with consequences of DUI

BY TABITHA HAPEMAN
Beacon Staff Writer

The crowd was restless, laughing, and maybe even a little skeptical. But the night began with levity as Wilkes students gathered in Stark Learning Center room 101 on Thursday, October 20.

Alcohol awareness educator Mark Sterner's goal was simple: to move the listeners enough to save their lives. Sterner's presentation to Wilkes community members was part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

Sterner initially engaged the crowd by asking a few questions that elicited some laughter and many positive responses. Sterner asked: "How many of you have done something stupid while you were drunk? How many of you have woken up and thought, 'Where the hell am I?' How many of you have wondered, 'How did I get home last night?' How many of you have opened one eye and then the other, and thought, 'Where the heck did they come from?'"

Following some initial comments, Sterner then turned the presentation over to a DVD that illustrated the last night in the lives of three of Sterner's friends. The film footage showed relaxed young men wearing baseball caps and sweatshirts with their college logo. The audience watched as each of the five young men started drinking heavily as a way to celebrate the last night of the senior year of a college spring break trip.

Sterner noted, "We wanted to experience spring break like we had seen on MTV and in the movies," meaning that none of them wanted to miss out on the last night of partying.

After drinking at the place where they were staying, the five young men headed to a local bar only 15 minutes away. At the bar, ironically, one of the last images was two of the young men singing the lyrics, "Don't worry about a thing; everything's gonna be all right." Unfortunately for the young men, everything was

not going to be all right.

The video skipped to pictures of what was once a car. The front of the car was completely destroyed. One paramedic on the scene said that it appeared to be to a compact car involved in the accident. Viewers, however, knew that it was a full size Lincoln town car.

The five crashed on their way home from the bar a little after midnight. Sterner was driving when one of the wheels went off the side of the road. The car swerved back onto the road, but skidded out of control, flipping into a ditch and finally coming to rest against a tree. Aaron and Pete, both 22, and Jim, 23, were killed instantly.

Sterner's friends were pronounced dead at the scene. Another friend, Darren, was conscious and coherent when the police and paramedics arrived, and was able to tell them how many passengers had been in the car. Sterner was

immediately transported to the hospital, but there were few who thought he would live. He had nine broken ribs, a punctured lung, broken pelvis, a tree limb puncturing both his foot and his arm, and had lost a third of the blood in his body. Sterner explained he was in a coma for one week, awoke briefly, only to slip back into the coma for another week.

Sterner explained to the Wilkes crowd, "As I laid in that hospital bed, all I wanted to do was die." On the projection screen a mug shot of Sterner, taken from a hospital bed, appeared. His left eye appeared nearly swollen shut as he was read his rights by a few policemen. Sterner was finger printed and read his rights while lying in a hospital bed. He was charged with three counts of DUI manslaughter, with a maximum allowed sentence of 45 years.

In the state of Florida, as in Pennsylvania, DUI manslaughter

is a violent offense. Sterner was sent to a prison for violent offenders. The real punishment, according to Sterner, though, is living with himself. He explained the nightmares don't get easier as he tries to live with the fact that he killed three of friends during one night of what was supposed to be fun. Darren, the fifth passenger of the car, refuses to take Sterner's phone calls. They no longer have any communication.

Diane O'Brien, Director of Health Services said, "I think that it is a very hard age population to connect with, and I think students

connected with him. They saw themselves."

Andreas Chandra, a junior pharmacy major agreed. "I think it was such an effective example of how having a good time can turn into a disaster in a heartbeat and how having to live with the self punishment of doing what he did is having to live with it forever and impact a person."

Sterner finally challenged Wilkes students, "Maybe you are cooler than we were. Maybe you are smarter than we were. And maybe you are luckier than we were. Then again, maybe you're not."



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Mark Sterner spoke to students on the hazards of underage drinking as part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

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Bilbray has visited six colleges so far with the program and feels that there are many benefits of the program to the college campuses. "Some of the things I really feel strongly about are the understanding of how Congress works and how government works and moves and how bills are moved, differences in the state legislatures and federal Congress. In some of the campuses we've done, there is just a complete lack of knowledge of the congressional system," Bilbray said.

Congressmen Smith, although only a year into the program, sees it as a way for the participants "to convey how important what happens in politics, whether it is the federal level, the state level or the local level, how much it affects your life and the things you do and how you do it."

Overall both representatives were very impressed with the knowledge demonstrated by the Wilkes student body. Bilbray remarked that out of all the campuses he had presented to, "The students were very well-informed. I was really impressed with the students at Wilkes. I see more activity here than I have seen at a lot of other campuses."

Students who were in the classes had much to say about the program and what they had gained from the presentation.

Alexandra Wood, sophomore political

science and criminology major had the congressmen visit her classroom. Wood felt that she and her fellow classmates benefited a great deal from the ideas presented by Smith and Bilbray. "We were able to see different opinions. Both representatives showed me that you don't need to be one way or another on an issue. There's not just black and white. There is a gray area and I was surprised with some of the responses that the Democratic representative gave," said Wood. Wood also noted that the manner of the former Congressmen helped the overall productivity of the sessions because they did away with the stereotype of the stuffy CSPAN politician and instead were extremely engaging.

Other students found the presentations to be beneficial to them as well, but noted a small problem with the program. Gavin Robb, senior communications studies major, was able to listen to the former Congressmen speak in his Mass Communication Law class. Robb found the idea of Congress to Campus to be "terrific." He reasoned that the program and the engagement of students in the political process needs to occur more often and that this program serves as a great way to do that.

The one drawback to the whole program, however, was that of time constraint. "I felt the class period was too short to pack in all the information and answers that were asked of them. When dealing with something as vague as law and politics, time is needed to talk about it," said Robb.

Bilbray acknowledged that many benefits

can come from such a program but he ultimately hopes that students get involved with politics. His ultimate goal is to nurture an interest in public service. "It makes me feel good that we come here and talk to the students, and to see how bright so many of the students are [...]. But I am hopefully nurturing a bit of interest in public service from the students," Bilbray said, and he continues to try and do so with each campus.

The benefits of the program are far reaching and the program could have served

many uses for each individual student. "It is generally good for all students to have that kind of interaction that makes what they talk about in class seem more real in the sense that you're not just reading about what Congress does, you actually have the opportunity to interact with somebody," Pelak said, noting that for some students the program could have served as a transitional experience, generating an interest in public service that the student had not previously cultivated.

News in Brief

Miers nominated to the Supreme Court

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO

Beacon Staff Writer

Harriet Miers' nomination to the Supreme Court earlier this month has led to uncertain predictions about its future.

President George W. Bush nominated Miers, who served as his White House counsel and private attorney, to the Supreme Court on October 3. If confirmed, Miers will replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Miers has no judicial experience, which has left both conservatives and liberals uneasy. Because she has not ruled in any legal cases, it remains to be seen whether she will lean to the left or right. Her lack of constitutional experience may make it even harder for the Senate to oppose her confirmation.

Conservatives, even more so than liberals, seem to be concerned about the ambiguity of Miers' judicial future. Many are surprised by this nomination and concerned by the fact that some Democrats strongly support her. However, it is unlikely that Miers will follow in the tradition of David Souter and Anthony Kennedy, ruling in an unpredictable manner. Dr. Kyle Kreider, assistant professor of political science, said, "I tend to think that President Bush knows how she's likely to vote on the major issues or else he would not have nominated her."

There are three possibilities concerning what could happen if Miers is appointed, according to Kreider. The first is that she will turn out to be a very conservative justice. This outcome would lead the Supreme Court to tilt to the right, or conservative side. "The court would be more consistently conservative across social issues," Kreider said, "There is a strong likelihood that could happen, that she is a conservative."

Kreider's second scenario is that Miers will mirror O'Connor's ruling style, and

take a very "moderate, pragmatic, practical, case-by-case approach to deciding cases." If this is the case, there would likely be no major change in the court.

The third alternative is that Miers will turn out to be more moderate to liberal. If this occurs, the court would tilt to the left, or liberal side. "You would have a consistent five votes for abortion rights, gay rights... the high profile, controversial social issues," Kreider said.

Although all of these scenarios are possible, Kreider personally believes Miers will lean to the more conservative side. "I tend to think that she will be a conservative justice, more conservative than O'Connor, so I would predict we will see a tilt to the right of the Supreme Court."

Some students think Miers' lack of experience will not only hurt her, but may also damage the court. "[Her appointment] could mean a downward spiral in the Supreme Court in terms of qualifications... you lower the bar for one, you lower the bar for all," said Michael Canzanella, sophomore criminology major. Canzanella added, "We should be focusing on strengthening the Supreme Court, not weakening it because it is the final word when it comes to the constitutionality of our government."

Junior political science major Nathan Goodwin echoes this sentiment. "I feel that Miers is a fine legal mind. However, I question the morals of the appointment, with her being so close to the president. She has served under him for the better part of a decade, making me wonder if there is more to this honor than meets the eye. The biggest question will be what comes out of the Texas lottery scandal during her questioning in front of the senate."

Miers will face questioning from the Senate in coming weeks, and they will then either confirm or deny President Bush's nomination.

Signs aimed at pedestrian safety



The Beacon/Nick Zmjewski

New crossing signs were placed in front of the Henry Student Center Friday, October 21, to increase pedestrian safety. Jerry Rebo, Manager of Public Safety, said the signs were posted to increase driver awareness of pedestrians and call attention to the yield requirement.

"I think it will increase security for the students," Rebo said.

Rebo said Public Safety officials have discussed installing the signs for a while, and thought it would help to increase safety when students are trying to cross the street. Similar signs are seen outside the Luzerne County Courthouse on River Street.

Public Safety to move between Thanksgiving and winter breaks

BY RICH HANNICK
Beacon Staff Writer

Like the Jeffersons, Wilkes University Public Safety is "movin' on up."

The office's move to the Park and Lock on South Main Street will take place between Thanksgiving break and Winter break. While the plan calls to move all public safety operations, including security, only two blocks, the change puts officials at the east edge of the campus.

Chris Bailey, Director of Campus Support Services, was unsure if the views of the students were taken into consideration when the move was planned.

Bailey noted one positive implication of this move was the fact that the University was looking to move east to west as opposed to north and south. In addition, the move seemed logical given that a significant percentage of students and faculty are likely to begin parking in the Park and

Lock. "The new parking garage over there will be our single largest area of parking," Bailey said, "Co-locating public safety over there will provide additional coverage for those operations."

Given the growth of public safety personnel and equipment over the past few years, the existing offices in Bedford Hall simply couldn't afford proper maneuvering room. "One of my managers has to share his office with the bike equipment," said Bailey. The new Main Street office area for Public Safety will be roughly 4,000 square feet. Bailey said, "This will provide us enough area to put in multiple offices, to have adequate storage for traffic control equipment, bike equipment and safety equipment."

The fact that Public Safety is moving from its current central location on campus is Bailey's biggest concern. "Bedford Hall was a good central location...very visible...readily identifiable," said Bailey. With Public Safety offices on the periphery of campus, it

may take away from some of the presence and security the South and River St. location afforded. But Bailey assures that it will be a rarity that students, faculty or staff will find an officer in the office because much of their work is done on patrol.

Another one of the concerns Bailey has as a result of the move to the parking garage is that the crossing path right in front of the parking garage has the potential to be unsafe for pedestrians. Bailey recognized that there have been talks to utilize the pedestrian bridge above Main St. but there are some drawbacks to that solution as well. "The problems with the bridge are: A) it takes you to the second floor of the garage, and B) it doesn't have an off street access yet," said Bailey.

Andrew Steinberg, a junior biology major and Student Government President, likes the fact that there will now be a presence on Main St., but is slightly concerned that there will not be a presence in the center of the University.

Steinberg's solution would be to see the resurrection of the satellite offices of Public Safety. Steinberg said locations such as "Stark, Breiseth, maybe even in the [Henry] Student Center" could serve well as satellite bases.

Adam Hindmarsh, senior business administration major, thinks the move is a disadvantage because Public Safety will no longer be on campus. "They (students) will not feel as safe knowing that Public Safety is not right on campus," said Hindmarsh.

Hindmarsh said about his own safety, "I'd feel a little bit less safe."

The parking garage is an asset for Wilkes according to Steinberg because it gives Wilkes access to Main St. "It [the Park and Lock facility] will give us a larger security office," said Steinberg.

Perspective is needed in all of this says Bailey. "As part of the master plan University Towers is going to be our primary residence hall," Bailey said. In essence the Public Safety office is moving

closer to where the University's main presence is going to be.

Bailey has confidence in his officers and feels they do not need any special equipment or additional training. "I feel very confident that they will be able to do their job with what they have," said Bailey of his officers, and their training and equipment.

Bailey does not see the need for his officers to carry sidearms even though they are moving downtown. "You change the relationship between Public Safety officials and the campus if they go to a true police officer and become a swarm force. There are very few things that you need a sidearm for," Bailey said.

When all of the goals of the master plan are achieved, Public Safety will be centrally located again. Until that time Bailey has looked into opening some satellite bases closer to where the main presence is currently. Bailey said, "We're really considering re-opening that Stark desk."

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order to review and comment on the revision of the statement.

Dr. Thomas Hamill, associate professor of English and a member of the drafting committee said, "Faculty should have a strong voice and play a major role in shaping the University's sense of and representation of itself, and for this reason the formal input of all faculty is crucial to the drafting of the Mission, Vision, Values Statement."

At the start of the forum on Friday, Gilmour began by defining the goals of the statement. "The mission statement should define the University's purpose, and should be a defining mission and a distinctive one. The vision statement should be aspirational, not where we are today but where we will be in 5 to 10 years. The values are standards of principles we should abide by," he said.

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Darin Fields chaired the drafting committee. Other members of the subcom-

mittee included Director of Grant Support Anne Pelak, Assistant Professor of English Dr. Thomas Hamill and Director of Diversity Al Zellner.

Fields reminded faculty and staff in attendance that the purpose of the forum was to identify specific places within the statement that would be of concern to the university as a whole.

Much of the discussion at the session on Friday focused on the words "nationally recognized" as they appear in the Vision section of the draft.

Gilmour responded to the issue by noting, "The fact of the matter is that we are not trying to become a top ten elite. With the type of institution we operate, we want to be the best that we can be. If we focus on being an institution that focuses on unique relationships with students, we will, over time, become the best at the type that we are."

Gilmour and the drafting committee do not see Wilkes eventually competing with Harvard. But, as both Gilmour and Fields suggested, they do hope to see Wilkes regionally and nationally recog-



The Beacon/Victoria White

Faculty and staff participated in open forums last week about content and wording of the proposed Mission, Vision, and Values statement for the University.

nized for its unique approach to mentoring.

"If we really want to be what we want to be, then we are going to have to make some tough decisions on how we do it, but we will have to do it as a community," Gilmour added.

Dr. Arthur H. Kibbe, chairman of Pharmaceutical Sciences department said, "All very successful organizations have clear missions that everyone can relate to. It is important that as many people as possible get involved."

Hamill added, "My hope is that

upcoming meetings of the faculty at the college and university levels will allow faculty the opportunity to discuss the document and express and gauge officially whether or not we endorse the Mission, Vision, Values statement and why."

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PEC dinner highlights environmental partnerships, initiatives

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The Woodlands Inn and Resort Grand Ballroom in Plains was a place of environmental hope and support on the night of Thursday, October 20.

Environmentalists and environment-related industries from all over the state convened for the 15th annual Pennsylvania Environmental Council dinner. In addition to invited speakers and businesses, several student groups from area universities participated, including a Wilkes contingent of five students organized by Dr. Marleen Troy, associate professor of geoenvironmental science (GES). Other Wilkes faculty in attendance included Dr. Sid Halsor, professor of GES and Dr. Dale Bruns, Dean of the College of Science and Engineering.

"Regardless of what's out there, you bring us hope. You bring us determination," Dr. Edward G. Boehm, Jr., the President of Keystone College told the crowd in his

opening remarks.

The dinner was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC), an organization that promotes the protection of all aspects of the environment in the state. The evening's program also recognized companies and individuals who had accomplished outstanding environmental work in the year.

For local college students and businesses in attendance, the event offered an opportunity to develop partnerships and explore options. A variety of informational resources such as brochures, newsletters and environment-friendly business cards from all over the state were widely available to the students who attended the dinner.

"It's a place where partnerships, I think, are going to be coming together," said John Hambrose, the Community Relations Coordinator of Waste Management's Alliance Sanitary Landfill, Inc. in Taylor, PA.

"Your contacts are the most valuable thing to you when you get out of school,"

said Holly Longenberger, a lab technician at Wilkes. "A lot of people can get jobs easily by just meeting people and talking to them." Longenberger, who graduated from Pennsylvania State University in the spring, felt the frustration of finding a good job before she landed her position at Wilkes.

The venue also served as a way for the companies to demonstrate the environmental work they do everyday.

"A place like this is a great opportunity for our company to explain all the great environmental things that we do," said Hambrose, standing in front of his company's informational table. Waste Management supports a significant amount of environmentally related work, including the landfill that reclaimed an old strip mine and its education programs for wildlife conservation and turning waste into energy.

"I think it's one mechanism for them to show their support for the environment by participating in the dinner and then it's a nice display area for the people who work

in the environment," said Julie McMonagie, the Director of the PEC about the businesses that presented. "Their support is very important to the work that we do. Without them we couldn't do a lot of things that we do," she added.

The recipients of the annual Environmental Partnership Award included: The Annual Northeast Regional Contractors/Engineers Workshop in Wyoming County; the Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Ernest Keller of Lackawanna County; the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority; the Northern Tier Coalition in Susquehanna County; the Pike Conservation Partnership in Pike County; Paul W. Snyder of Skytop, and the Wyoming Valley Wellness Trails Partnership in Luzerne County. To round out the awards, William D. Lange, of Clarks Summit, won the 11th Annual Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award for his environmental work for the community.



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William Bennett's overt racism should shock nation

Media has obligation to focus on real obscenities

BY THE BEACON
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According to an October 9 MS-NBC.com article, William Bennett, former Education Secretary, made some reprehensible comments regarding abortion in the African American community and America's crime rate.

Bennett said on his conservative talk radio show, "I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could, if that were your sole purpose, you could abort every black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down."

Soon after, Bennett claimed that his remarks were taken out of context, and that he was merely making this statement as a means of refuting it. He agreed that this act would be morally and socially

wrong; however, he still maintained that it would drive down the crime rate.

Bennett's statement basically attributes sole responsibility for crime in America to black people; such a position is a shocking stance in 21st century America, particularly by one supposedly so in touch with American morals he feels enough authority to pen the definitive tome to good behavior called *The Book of Virtues*.

Bennett showed little concern for the entire black community and for the sanctity of human life. But sadly, this is not surprising. The issue of racial tension plagues Americans everyday in this country. While race is an arbitrary way to catalog and assign meaning to human beings, it continues to influence ways of thinking and structure hierarchies that are illog-

ical and exclusive in this country.

What is surprising is that Bennett's egregious *faux pas* received far less media attention throughout the nation than it ought to have. In no way did the backlash Bennett received for his comments measure up to the media frenzy that surrounded the Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake Super Bowl fiasco. Keep in mind that both examples involved public airwaves and public statements. The latter, of course, was a far more visual statement than the former, but both illustrate what the public will and will not tolerate in terms of obscenity.

While black American leaders did meet with Bennett to express their concerns, his radio network was not charged with any fines for allowing such a comment to be uttered. However, when "Nipple-

gate" occurred, the MTV production company in charge of the halftime show was severely reprimanded and both stars involved made public apologies. Bennett, however, made no genuine apology and attempted only to clear any guilt from his name, blaming the media for distorting his comments.

What is wrong with this country? Why are we more offended when we see someone rip off a portion of a woman's shirt to expose her nipple than we are when someone so blatantly belittles and bashes the status of an entire national community? Janet Jackson is a grown woman who willingly made the decision to show the country her nipple. As a country that enjoys R-rated movies and subscribes to magazines like *Cosmopolitan*, public outrage over the incident felt at best hypocritical and shallow.

In contrast, the blame for crime rates Bennett decided to place on the entire black community was not only racist, but deeply damaging when uttered over public airwaves. A comment like his has a much more lasting impact on people than the sight of an exposed nipple. Bennett's comment falsely represents African Americans as being at fault for something that is a national problem and clearly illustrates the lack of value he places on life.

It becomes the nation's and the media's responsibility to respond to such extreme hate-mongering. As a country, we need to come together to realize what is worth our energy and time to protest. We need to reevaluate what we take issue with and what we are not willing to accept. We cannot allow comments like this to go unnoticed by the vast majority of the country. We must not turn our heads from such discrimination, even if there is an exposed nipple out there somewhere.

Nickle for Your Thoughts



By Jason Nickle

Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 133 responses.

The Beacon asked:

Which of the following rock icons would have influenced music the most had they lived longer?

- Janis Joplin - 20%
- Jim Morrison - 9%
- Selena - 4%
- John Lennon - 21%
- Kurt Cobain - 12%
- Jimi Hendrix - 11%
- Elvis Presley - 8%
- Buddy Holly - 10%

Next Week's Poll Question:

What is the scariest horror film?

- *Exorcist*
- *Silence of the Lambs*
- *The Ring*
- *The Shining*
- *Rosemary's Baby*
- *Se7en*
- *Alien*
- *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*
- *Psycho*
- *Nightmare on Elm Street*

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

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Students should explore all Wilkes has to offer

Interdisciplinary learning has no boundaries

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

Yeah, it sounds corny, but Pee Wee Herman's "Connect the dots, la, la, la, la" has become my personal mantra.

Many things have come together for me the past year, and interviewing Dr. Leonard Shlain a few weeks ago and then attending his "Art and Physics" lecture only verified those connections.

I am hoping that the Interdisciplinary Task Force at Wilkes continues to implement its goals into both the classroom and the culture on campus. The group is just in its wee beginnings, but I am already an example of how breaking down barriers can enhance the college experience.

I first set off to college for the sole purpose of getting a job. In fact, I wanted a career in the media so much that I left school to take a full-time radio job in the spring semester of my sophomore year. I'll spare the details, but I am now back at Wilkes at age 27 with a whole new outlook. Sure, I want a great job. But I truly feel I am here to learn--anything and everything.

In the course of needing to fulfill social science requirements, I took Sociology 101 and became so fascinated that I eventually added it as a second major. I didn't fully see the connection between my first major in communication studies and my second, until I took a course called Mass Media and Society this summer. Many theories and terms from my sociology classes were reiterated in the media class, but focused on the effects of media on different groups of people. I wished other sociology students were there to learn the material--it would have been a neat elective. I never really considered graduate school, but after this class, I was inspired to learn more about media theory, research and the impact of media on society. I may even want to teach it.

In my text for Math 101--a class I dreaded so much I waited until this year to take it--I read the biography of George Gallup of public opinion polls fame. I never knew he was a journalist, sociologist, businessman, political analyst and statistician. Will Gallup join Ben Franklin as a great American role model? I never thought I would admit this, but for once in my life, I feel math will benefit me. I'm not learning about geometry or algebra; I am learning math useful to someone going into social sciences or communications studies. And, in my sociology and anthropology and even philosophy electives, I learned how small American culture really is and how enormously diverse the world is out there.

We are not required to take these classes just because. No, their value lies in the fact that our curriculum is designed to make us think beyond common boundaries. The more I learn, the more curious I get. I'm a sponge, and there is room for more. Everyday, I discover links between things. And nearly every day, I am able to apply something I have learned in the classroom to my real life, and not just career-wise. I want to read, I want to learn and I want to share. It's almost scary.

Recently, assistant professor of English Dr. Mischelle Anthony and assistant professor of music Phil Simon team-taught a course in Gothic music and literature. There have been other team-taught courses across majors as well. But, I think more can be done. Listen up, interdisciplinary task force! Here are some ideas I'd like to informally propose for interdisciplinary topics classes:

- Satirical Journalism/Humor Writing- A class that would prepare students to write humor columns, write for comic strips and political cartoons, write for magazines like *The Utne Reader*, *MAD*, *Radar* and more. This could be great for political science, journalism, creative writing, English, theater and even art majors.

- Media and Vietnam- This would be a great class for history, journalism and sociology majors and minors as many aspects can be explored on how this television war changed society.

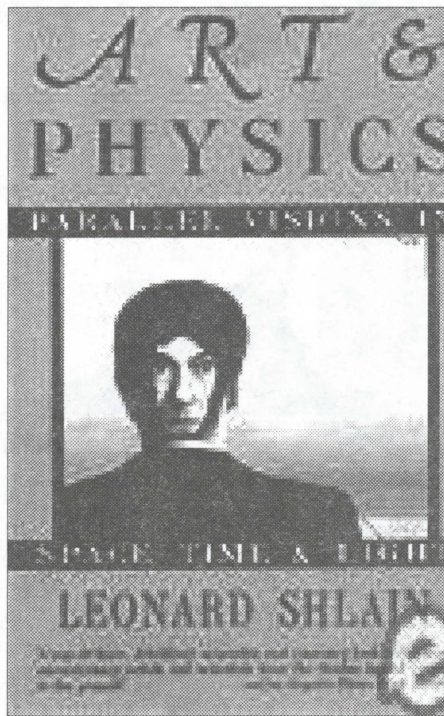
- Media and Civil Rights- Much like the latter idea, only insert "civil rights movements."

- Music and Society- I did an independent study with Dr. Michael Garr this summer for "The Sixties." Much of the course dealt with folk music. After a candid chat with Simon, he expressed an interest in co-teaching a class like that, as he mentioned how Bob Dylan changed society.

- Targeting Tweens (and other niche markets)- would be great to have a course filled with case studies on marketing geared toward different age and other groups. Great for communication studies, business, marketing, advertising, public relations.

- Scientific Discoveries- can be an elective for a history, business (after all- many of these things made money), engineering as well as fulfill the non-lab portion of science requirements. Could cover some of the biggest breakthroughs of all time, from the stone tool to the nanochip.

- The Sociology/Psychology of Natural Disasters- could be an elective for GeoEnvironmental sciences, sociology and psychol-



Courtesy of Amazon.com

Leonard Shlain, author of "Art & Physics: Parallel Visions in Space, Time, and Light," suggests that interdisciplinary learning is beneficial for students

ogy. Could show how these events happen, why they do, where they do and how it affects people and places.

- Writing for Journals- No, not journal writing. But, as I became aware, one of the

criteria for both hiring and tenuring professors is to be published. Why not teach a course in writing for academic journals? This could be offered to all majors, and fulfill a writing requirement. Assignments could be geared toward individual majors, but class could focus as a whole on where and how to get published. This way, students can one, get published and two, already have credits on deck if they choose to teach.

- The Art of Preservation- a look into museums around the world, and what they hold. This could be an elective for art, music, history, anthropology, sciences or really anybody. How are records kept? How are artifacts found? How are these things preserved? And our location screams of field trips within a short drive.

I hope Shlain's lecture in September set the wheel in motion, especially for freshman. Everyone should take advantage of attending a liberal arts school, instead of wincing with pain when it comes time to register for a class outside specific career goals. I'd also like to encourage anyone with outside-the-box ideas of how to cross curriculum by either offering new topics courses, music or theater performances, art exhibits, study abroad, lecture series, field trips and more to share them to the Interdisciplinary Task Force. The ones above I listed may sound silly, but perhaps if they were offered, it may spark a new academic fire.

What do YOU think?

Is there an issue you feel strongly about and want to comment on? Did you read something that you have formed a dissenting opinion about and want to voice?

The Beacon wants your voice to be heard. Your Voices is the opportunity for students to voice their concern. If you want your voice to be heard, please contact *The Beacon* with the following information:

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A desperate cry for the Ferris Bueller treatment

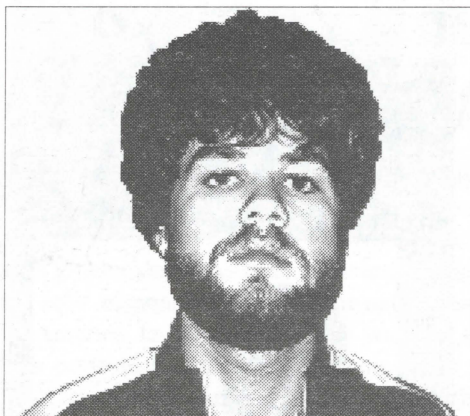
Doesn't anyone care that I'm sick?

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
Beacon Asst. Op/Ed Editor

None of the news really concerns me much this week. Pretty much two stories are taking up the limelight, but I really don't think that there's that much to say about either of them.

So there's a warrant out for Tom DeLay. Big deal, it's about time. Throw him in prison and let him rot. Figuratively speaking, of course, because it's not like prison for Tom DeLay will be anything like prison for pre-fame Tupac Shakur anyway. Once you get a small percentage of the rest of the bajillion other corrupt politicians in jail as well then maybe we'll have something to talk about.

And so the Harriet Miers nomination is turning out to be a real black eye for the administration. As if we couldn't see *that* coming...she has like not even a day's worth of experience behind the bench. As strange



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and misguided as their views may be, even ultra-conservatives and Dubya cronies don't like getting egg on their faces, and putting a complete neophyte on the Supreme Court would be a rather large egg. So that's Harriet Miers in a nutshell, and the way it's looking now if she even makes it past the Judiciary Committee at all chances are she can probably walk on water, too, so there's

not much to say about that one either.

I hope that all of this doesn't come across as horribly apathetic or cynical, but if it does, it provides me with a nice little segue into what I'd *really* like to talk about this week.

It's hard to not be apathetic and cynical when you're sick. Which I am. Pretty badly, in fact. That means I deserve preferential treatment from every single one of you who reads this article. I'm not kidding. I expect that as I carry my feeble and severely weakened body around the campus this week that doors will be held for me, my bags will be carried for me, and questions will be asked as to my state of recovery.

You see, I don't really get sick that often, and when I do it's usually just the common cold that keeps me under the weather for a few days and then goes away without really messing with my routine. It's rare that I'll be so sick that I have to miss several days worth of classes, so when I do, it's actually kind of a big deal. So, in proportion with

the scale of this horrific event, I expect you all to treat it with the gravitas and sobriety that it deserves.

I expect to see the campus rallied around the improvement of my health with Ferris Bueller-worthy aplomb, water tower emblazoned with my name and all, only I'm not faking it. Or instead of a water tower and singing telegrams, you could all make donations to a charity in my honor. Maybe the Red Cross, or perhaps flu research.

Nevermind that I'm really hoping to be completely better by the time you all read this (as I am on the verge of being almost completely stir crazy). That's no excuse for those of you who weren't making me tea and applying Vick's to my hairy man-chest in the past week. And even though I'm sure the VapoRub idea isn't very appealing to all but a handful of you, I've outlined a number of ways above that you can make up for your negligence of my delicate condition. Better late than never.

YOUR VOICES

Response to "Homophobia a concern on campus"

Dear Editor,

In the opinion section of the 10.10.05 *Beacon*, Mark Congdon made some interesting points about homophobia and how it's a "problem" at Wilkes University.

I have to disagree with Mark and make the counterargument that the overwhelming amount of rainbows and people telling me to tolerate homosexuality is a problem. Try to understand them, I have been told. I do not even want to start. Do not get me wrong, I am not homophobic nor do I hate homosexuals. As a matter of fact some members of my own family are homosexuals.

What I have a problem with is the Gay and Straight Alliance trying to push its beliefs onto the rest of the student body. The National Coming Out Day that was the 11th of this month is, according to a lot of students that I have spoken to, really disgusting and morally wrong.

If you are homosexual, you choose to be that way. Don't try to tell me that you are oppressed or looked down upon because of it and please do not argue that you had no choice. Someone tried that argument with me once and it did not make sense. It was your choice. You choose your poison, you must live with the side-effects.

My own personal belief is that if you are gay, you're gay. Big Deal. Just don't

act overly gay or like the stereotypical gay. You might be offended about people who may not agree with homosexuality, well just think about all the gay pride stickers and rainbows that you have displayed. Do you think you are offending people with those? You are. If I made some Straight-Pride stickers, you'd be offended.

Be gay, that's fine. Just don't be flamboyant; that is offensive. You may get uncomfortable hearing people talk about how they are straight. The same applies to you; you make others uncomfortable when you talk about being gay. There is no need to act as some homosexuals do and be all flashy and in your face. That offends me.

Your sexuality is important and you should not be ashamed of it. Just stop shoving it down our throats. You're here, You're Queer, Big Deal. Go to class and learn just like the rest of us. Be proud of who you are but leave us alone. If we haven't changed our views after 19, 20, 21 years of life then you wearing a sticker or displaying a rainbow is not going to change our beliefs. Let us be.

I apologize to anyone that this might offend, but I am tired of the amount of articles and things written about how the rest of the student body is intolerant and a bunch of bigots. The amount of gay pride makes

me uncomfortable and I find the rainbows offensive. Stop trying to make us taste the

rainbow....I don't like skittles.

James Morrison, junior, history major

Education program does not take a stand on ID

Dear Editor:

Joseph DeAngelis did not accurately capture the essence of our phone interview in his 10/10/05 *Beacon* article "Evolution or Intelligent Design."

In the Teacher Education Program at Wilkes University, we do take a stand on this issue; we let our candidates know that in the public school system, there is a distinct separation between Church and State, and creationism should not be taught. However, if candidates accept a position in a private school where creationism is taught, they will need to understand the concept should they be required to teach it.

Dr. Diane Polachek, Chairperson Education

Editor's Note

Editors at *The Beacon* try to ensure the accuracy of all articles, but occasionally, reporters misinterpret information. This was the case in last week's article "Evolution or Intelligent Design?" *The Beacon* regrets any confusion caused by this article.

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Dr. Michael Speziale appointed to Governor's newly formed commission on teacher training

BY ERICA LEO
Beacon Staff Writer

Dr. Michael Speziale, Director of Graduate Teacher Education at Wilkes University, was recently appointed as a member of the newly formed Training America's Teacher's Commission.

The Teacher's Commission is one of two new initiatives recently enacted by Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell. The Teacher's Commission, along with the Commission on College and Career Success, includes a board of members who will discuss and address some of Pennsylvania's educational issues.

According to an August 10 article located on the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) website, the Teacher's Commission serves to "improve upon Pennsylvania's excellent reputation as a national leader in teacher training."

On the Commission, Speziale will be among 38 appointed members who represent colleges and universities, public schools, and business and civic communities throughout Pennsylvania. Members of the Teacher's Commission will meet in Harrisburg to discuss issues concerning teacher certification and will report their findings to Governor Rendell by March 2006.

"The Commission is going to look at all

aspects of certification and make recommendations to the Governor who will use the recommendations and work with legislative bodies and the PA. Department of Education to make changes," said Speziale.

Speziale noted that the Teacher's Commission will also serve to "meet the challenges of 'No Child Left Behind,'" which involves increasing the literacy, reading ability, as well as mathematics and science performance of students.

"These are all of the things that the federal law promotes and are what Pennsylvania has to be able to meet in terms of challenges and test scores," said Speziale.

According to the PDE article, issues that the Commission will examine include, "ways to address challenges associated with teaching in low-income communities; state-of-the-art high schools; schools with high immigrant, non-English speaking populations; and practices in early education."

The Commission serves to ensure that teachers certified in the state of Pennsylvania are capable of meeting the needs and challenges of students as the classroom demographic multiculturally broadens.

"The certification laws that are in place now have been in place for a long time. I'm hoping that a total revamping of the system will prepare us to deal with the twenty first century," said Speziale.

Speziale was recommended for the Teacher's Commission by a colleague in the Pennsylvania Department of Education and looks forward to the experience.

"I'm thrilled to be able to do it and also to represent Wilkes University on this," said Speziale.

Speziale has been teaching graduate teacher education courses at Wilkes since 2002 and became a full-time professor in 2004. He has also been an associate professor at College of the Holy Spirit and superintendent of the Dallas School District.

Speziale is also the Executive Director of the Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association of Pennsylvania, an executive board member of the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (PASCD) and a member of several other professional organizations.



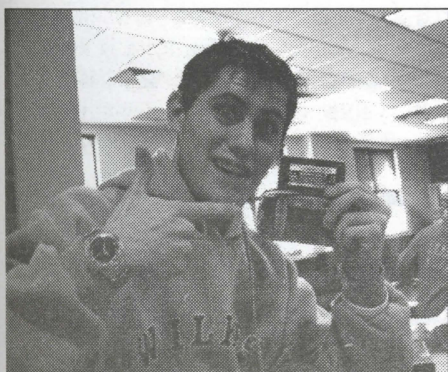
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Dr. Michael Speziale,
Director of Graduate Teacher Education

Tell Us...

Beacon Asst. Features Editor Alison Woody was curious about what Wilkes students are thinking.

Here is what she found out...

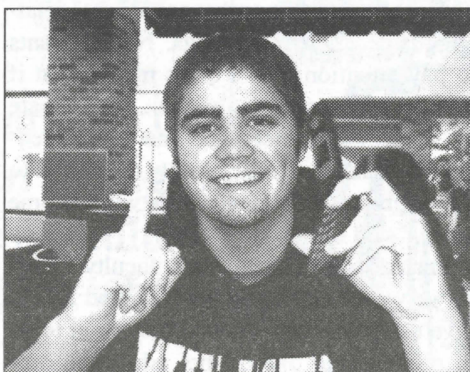
What is your current ring tone?



Pat Nardone:
freshman, business major,
- "Chris Brown, 'Run It'"



Kelsey Ferguson:
freshman, nursing major,
- "Sublime, 'Garden Grove'"



Wayland Davis:
sophomore, psychology major,
- "Ringer 1 on my Nextel"



Eileen Reilly:
sophomore, nursing major,
- "2 Live Crew, 'Hoochie Mama'"

Professor finds common ground in cultural food

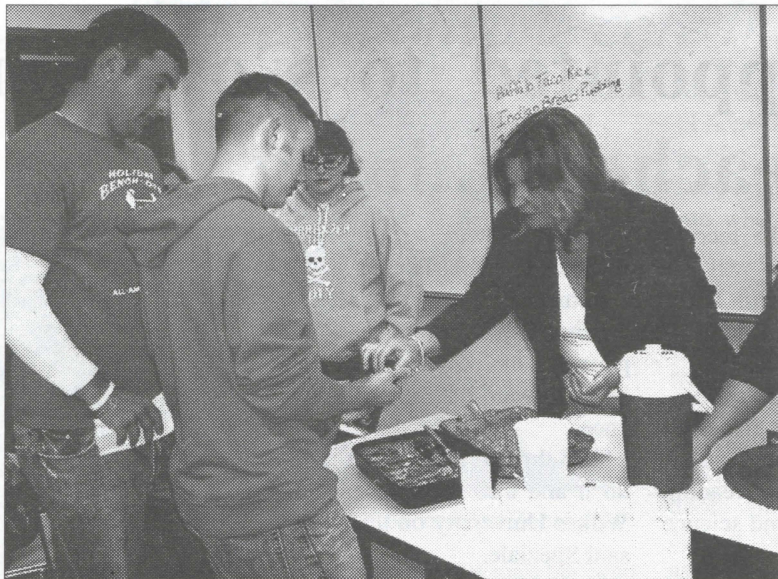
BY NEAL JACKLOSKI
Beacon Correspondent

Imagine going to class and not thinking about the notes you know you need to take, or whether or not you did your reading the night before, or even the good looking person who sits next to you.

Instead, the most important thing on your mind is: "What type of unfamiliar, diverse, cultural food will I be munching on today?"

Such a scene is a daily occurrence for the students in anthropology instructor Theresa Kintz's Sociology of Minorities class. Her class is comprised of 44 students and is a requirement for sociology and nursing majors. But the most unique aspect of the class has little to do with who enrolls in it and everything to do with how students learn about diverse cultures--through their foods.

Kintz, in her first year of teaching the class, decided not to teach it traditionally, but rather from her own anthropological point of view. She learned from the professor who previously taught the class, Dr.



The Beacon/Donna Talarico

Professor Kintz's Sociology of Minorities class learns by preparing and sampling different cuisines from a range of cultures.

John Natzke, that the traditional approach sometimes caused the students to act a bit protective or made them feel like they were being accused of being racist. "I wanted it to be a positive experience that taught tolerance and respect for others by openly addressing difference... but also emphasizing what we all have in common... and food is one of those things."

Kintz noted, "I was trying to think of a

way to teach the class where students would have an opportunity to actually experience other cultures, while still teaching the core material." She added that she wanted the students to realize and experience the "unfamiliar Other." Eventually, she determined the best way to accomplish this was by encouraging students to open up their mouths and try unfamiliar cuisine.

Students are organized into groups and then given the assignment to prepare food from a specific culture. The challenges have ranged from preparing foods from various countries in Europe to Native America. Every Wednesday, the group chosen to provide the food that week must present their dishes to the class complete with explanation.

Recently, a student made succotash, which is, as Kintz explained, "the epitome of Native American cuisine because it has corn

and beans in it, and that was the staple diet of the Native Americans."

Some other foods that have been prepared include: Norwegian rice, buffalo taco rice, paella, maple syrup pie, and Indian bread pudding.

Though the food is prepared by students and not professionally trained chefs, the class members, such as senior Jamie Malt, seem to be thoroughly enjoying it. Malt, a senior sociology major, said, "Everything was pretty good, but I would have to say that my favorite was the buffalo taco rice... I went for seconds."

She added that her group is assigned to Middle Eastern cuisine, though they have not presented their dishes yet.

Having taken previous courses with the professor, Malt said she enjoys the way Kintz is teaching the class, saying, "She is very knowledgeable [about] different cultures and that shines through in her teaching style." Malt feels the incorporation of food in the classroom helps students to better understand the fact that the United States houses so many different types of cuisine from cultures all around the world. "Basically, it just opens our eyes," she said.

BACCHUS raises alcohol awareness on campus

BY JAMIE BABBITT
Beacon Business Manager

Boosters have long been a part of the school environment. While boosters champion different causes, their primary function is to promote awareness and community investment in such things as athletics, academics and a variety of special interests, to name a few.

But the latest booster at Wilkes doesn't raise funds for new cheerleading outfits and it doesn't bake cookies to send students on alternative spring break. No, this booster aims to raise awareness about alcohol consumption.

BACCHUS, an acronym for "Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students," is a national organization that became active as a new club on the Wilkes campus this fall.

Gail Holby, Health Services Coordinator and advisor to the club, and Diane O'Brien, Health Services Director, with the help of Jamie Malt, senior sociology major and president of the club, brought BACCHUS

to life and are currently working to get students involved in alcohol education.

The club's mission is to teach other students about the dangers of many of the activities that are thought of being a part of college culture, such as alcohol, drugs, and sex.

"I'm an RA so I know how tough it is to get kids to come to things that are alcohol related or educate them on things. No one wants to pay attention, and I think maybe that if more students get involved to...[participate in BACCHUS meetings and sponsored-events] instead of public safety coming in to do programs, then maybe kids would come more," said Malt.

"Instead of the staff and faculty doing it, we want students to get involved and to give us some input on what they want to do in reference to the alcohol education portion," added Holby.

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Study abroad makes even the mundane worth noticing

BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Features Editor

College life here at Wilkes is far from exotic past the first few weeks of the fall semester. The mundane aspects of campus are easily overlooked as part of the "everyday."

But imagine what it would be like to stroll past all palm trees or Big Ben on the way to class. A subway ride across London on the way to the library might even be worthy of conversation.

Studying abroad has turned the mundane into the fascinating for many.

Ashley Ambirge, communications studies and Spanish major, did just that. Immersing herself in another culture is just what Ambirge needed to spice up her education.

"I attended La Escuela d'Amore, which is a Spanish immersion school located in Manuel Antonio Beach. The professors employed there do not speak any English, and I was in Spanish class each day for

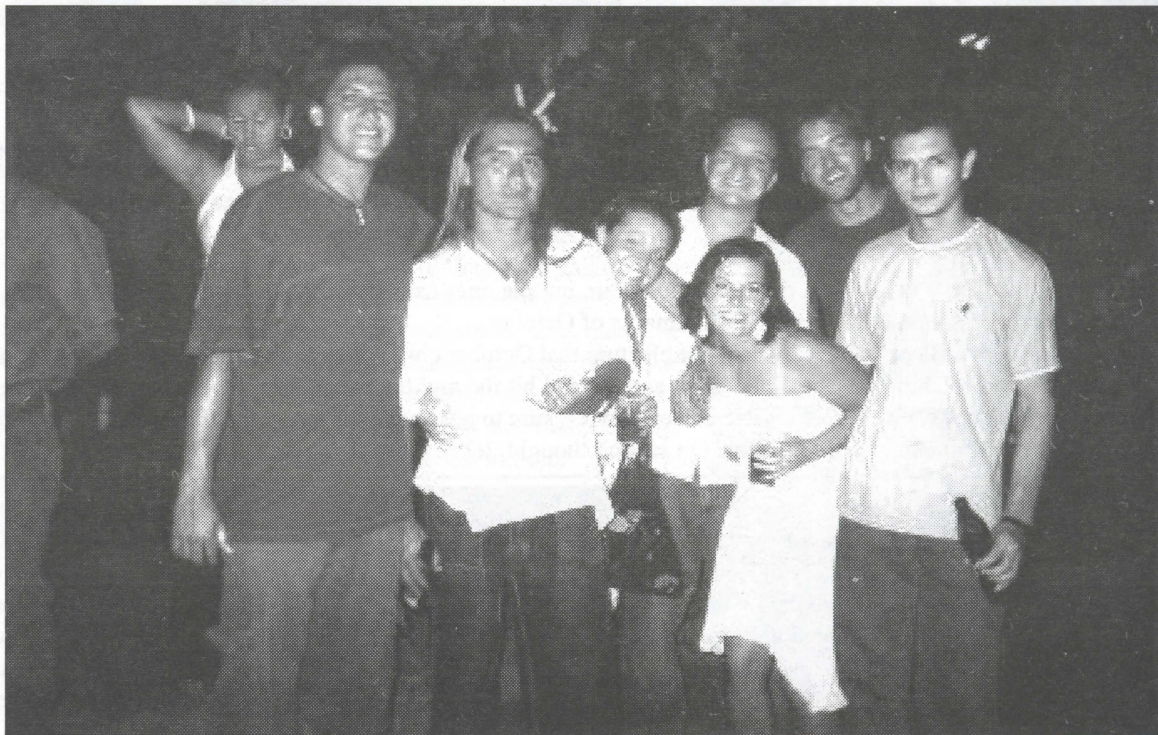
four hours, for the entire semester, one-on-one," said Ambirge.

Similarly, Dr. Phyllis Weliver, assistant professor of English, studied abroad in London as an undergraduate. The experience had such an impact on Weliver that she decided to continue her education abroad. She spent a total of six years in England earning her Master's and her doctorate at Cambridge University and the University of Sussex respectively.

"I go back every summer for research purposes because I'm a scholar of Victorian literature and music and the British Library has the best collection in the world for what I do," said Weliver.

While the education is valuable, studying abroad also consists of socializing with people from another culture. After spending an entire semester in Costa Rica, Ambirge said she made some wonderful friendships while learning a new language.

"I had the opportunity to meet



Courtesy Ashley Ambirge

During a recent study abroad trip to Costa Rica, Ashley Ambirge, communications studies and Spanish major, had the opportunity to make new friends of a different culture.

so many different types of people and form so many friendships that I still hold dear to me...all while perfecting my Spanish and sipping pina coladas on one of the biggest surfing beaches in Costa," said Ambirge.

Six years abroad also greatly affected Weliver's life. She still maintains friendships while she does her research in the summer months.

"It's not only a way to keep up

with work, but also with people who are very dear to me," said Weliver.

While these two may have had a seemingly perfect experience, some students have apprehension about studying abroad. The cost of travel is a major concern, as well as fear of fitting in. Both Ambirge and Weliver agree that there is nothing to fear and there are plenty of resources available.

According to Ambirge, "Many people, both here in the U.S. and travellers I met abroad, were so amazed that I was there alone. They told me they would never be able to do it. Yet for me, it was

never a scary thing; it was the adventure of a lifetime."

Studying abroad can potentially leave a student with a lasting impression of the culture they essentially become a part of, even if only for a short time.

Weliver said her friends think of her as "an honorary Brit," while Ambirge claims she adapted to the Costa Rican way of life and will always hold it near and dear to her heart.

Wilkes University will host a study abroad informational session on Tuesday, October 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the lower level of the library.

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BACCHUS members planned many of the events that took place for National Alcohol Awareness Week, which was October 16-22. According to Holby, the club is also sponsoring the activities of the week along with Programming Board and Student Government.

Some of the events the club scheduled last week included: a candlelight vigil in memory of the victims of alcohol abuse; an alcohol computer simulation located in the Henry Student Center in which students tried to control a car while under the influence; the annual Alcohol Awareness Walk, in which over 430 students took part last Thursday; and a personal testimony by Mark Sterner entitled, "DUI: A Powerful Lesson."

During the speech, Sterner, who was voted number one speaker of alcohol education last year, gave his personal account of his own drunk driving accident.

"[Sterner] belonged to a fraternity and he was driving a car and I believe three of his friends got killed... He did do jail time and he

actually started in jail speaking to high school students... He really gets his message through," said Holby.

Malt emphasizes that the club's purpose is not to convince students that they should become non-drinkers.

"I don't want to tell students not to drink. I don't want to nag them.

I want them to just be aware and just be responsible. And if they are at a party or any kind of situation, I just want them to just stop and hopefully remember something that we said," said Malt.

"Peer pressure is a big thing, so if [freshmen] can see the seniors being involved,... maybe they will become aware when they are in a situation and can make a better decision," concluded Holby.

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Horror movie marathon: Old movies cause chills and thrills this halloween

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

Chills--not the kind you get from the cool autumn air, but the ones caused by houses that talk, children who speak in foreign tongues and dark, sinister roadside motels--are the true hallmarks of October.

And anyone with a Blockbuster card can manufacture that October chill with a few of the creepiest movies around. This week, *The Beacon* took a break from catching the usual new flick and instead hit the archive room--specifically the one with the door marked, "Enter at Your Own Risk." Here she revives three classic horror movies, sure to get one in the mood for Halloween season. So, pop the popcorn, pop open a beverage, turn off the lights and hit play. On second thought, leave those lights on.

Amityville Horror (1979)

Amityville Horror is loosely based on Jay Anson's book about the real-life story of Ronald DeFeo who murdered his entire family on November 13, 1974 in their Amityville, Long Island, New York home. While the plot of this movie is fictionalized, its core comes from Anson's account of what a family endured in a short-lived experience in a supposedly real haunted house. And it's the specter of the house itself that probably makes the movie compelling.

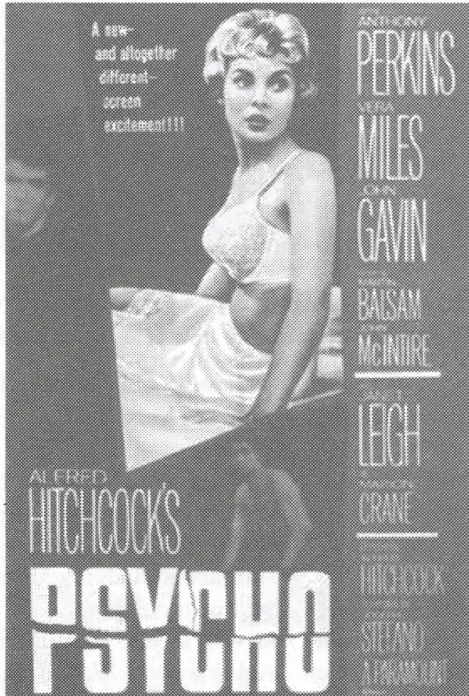
Newlyweds George (James Brolin) and Kathy Lutz (Margot Kidder) and her three children are excited to move into their new house in Amityville. They have the perfect family life, until they discover that a murder occurred in their house several years before. Immediately, their picture-perfect life turns to terror as horrific events begin occurring in the house that change the moods in each family member, especially George, who becomes constantly angry and constantly cold. Desperate, they turn to their priest, Father Delaney (Rod Steiger) for help. He performs an exorcism on the house, but he becomes very ill and eventually blind.

George and Kathy, with the help of another priest Father Bolen (Don Stroud) and a police detective, face the fears of the house not knowing the spirits of the house are planning to possess George and then the children.

Amityville Horror proves movie makers do not need technology to make a story scary. The characters Kathy and George are portrayed as believable and so are the occurrences in the household. However, it should be emphasized for the real-life family's sake that the story is fictionalized for Hollywood hype. Nevertheless, it proves to be a good scare. This movie encourages viewers to listen to every creak and moan in the house after the lights go out--just as a good ghost story should.

The Exorcist

Based on the 1971 novel by William Peter Blatty, *The Exorcist* proves that maybe it's not so much the blood and gore that make us



scream, but instead the fears that we create in our own minds.

The Exorcist is unique, because it joins three different scenarios into one thrilling and psychotic plot. A visiting actress in Washington, D.C., notices dramatic and dangerous changes in the behavior of her 12-year old daughter, as well as physical abnormalities. Meanwhile, a young priest at nearby Georgetown University begins to doubt his faith while dealing with his mother's illness. And, as a final piece of the twisted puzzle, a frail, elderly priest recognizes the need for an all-out fight to the finish with an old demonic enemy.

If blood and gore is your idea of a scare, maybe *The Exorcist* won't have that much effect. But it's hard to imagine how anyone could deny how disturbing elements of this film are. *The Exorcist* masterfully guides viewers through stages of a young girl's innocence and eventual transformation into the exact opposite--a head-twisting, murderous, terrifying demon. The transition is so convincing that viewers feel exhausted by the tension afterward.

Though it fits within the horror genre, it is

also a movie that makes viewers think about the other side of real-life exorcism and the effects it would or could have on people. Blatty's writing is astonishing and the performances of the actors and actresses under the direction of William Friedkin are, too. To fill any scare void on Halloween, *The Exorcist* will do it.

Psycho (1960)

It's never Halloween without Alfred Hitchcock! And, no scream on Halloween is as good as actress Janet Leigh's in Hitchcock's *Psycho*. We've all heard the death-defying shriek in the famed shower scene, which perhaps has caused more baths in America today.

Nobody does a good scare better than Hitchcock with his hidden anecdotes and cameo appearances. And while many of Hitch's movies could make this list *The Birds*, *North by Northwest*, *Frenzy* to name just a few), *Psycho* is the Hitchcock Halloween classic.

Marion Crane (Janet Leigh) stole \$40,000 from her employer's client, packed her things and drove several hundred miles to join her lover, Sam (John Gavin). Along the road, she panics, begins to have second thoughts about the theft. She stops at the Bates Motel, managed by Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins), a man whose tangled history with his mother and fascination with taxidermy hint early on that a stay at the Bates Motel might involve more than access to cable and a working phone. The remoteness of the motel suits Marion Crane's needs perfectly. The sounds of crickets and running water couldn't be more soothing. Then, she settles into a nice, hot shower and.... Well, why spoil the surprise?

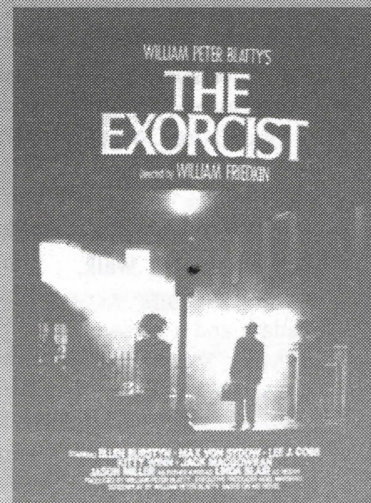
There may be some interesting facts that people do not know about this movie. For example, Hitchcock totally shocked Leigh while filming the shower scene by switching the water to ice cold without telling her, meaning her screams were truly out of panic. No wonder it's so real. There is no other movie like *Psycho*. It proves that it's the little things that can make a horror classic truly a classic. *Psycho* is definitely a scream. Just opt for the bubble bath afterwards.

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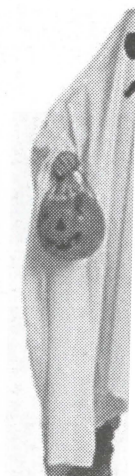
Top Ten Scariest Movies as rated by The Beacon staff

10. Nightmare on Elm Street
9. Psycho
8. Texas Chainsaw Massacre
7. Alien
6. Se7en
5. Rosemary's Baby
4. The Shining
3. The Ring
2. Silence of the Lambs

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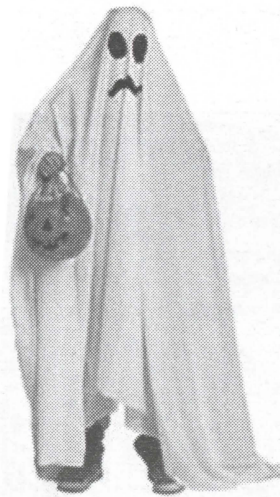
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NEPA offers costume variety

BY DONNA TALARICO AND JACLYN FRANCESE
Beacon A&E Editor and Beacon Correspondent

Masks, fishnets, wigs and sheets. Before you get any ideas, we are talking about Halloween costumes.

Creativity is the only limit this Halloween,

as just about anything can be found to create the perfect costume this season. There are many options for costume hunters to find the perfect pieces they need to make their incognito complete.

New Costumes

Party City is a local favorite, located in a new store next to the Wilkes-Barre Target near the Arena Hub area. (The previous location was in the Triangle Plaza on Kidder Street.) Party City carries popular costumes of all types and great accessories to go with them. Additionally, the store offers decora-

tions and party supplies.

Michael Canzanella, sophomore biology major said, "I got my costume there and it is awesome, but I am not telling what it is. It's a surprise."

Spirit, located outside the Wyoming Valley Mall is also great place to buy costumes. Observing shoppers, we overheard one mall walker carrying a bagged costume saying, "I bought my whole family's costumes there."

Inside the Wyoming Valley Mall, there is another seasonal store called Halloween Scene which offers many costumes, decorations and more.

Renting Costumes

For many, the thought of dishing out a whole work-study paycheck for a Halloween costume that will be worn once is scary as the costume itself. Renting a costume is sometimes a better option for students on a budget.

Fundraising USA, located on North Washington Street in Wilkes-Barre, offers a wide

selection of costume rentals. Additionally, the store sells new costumes, accessories and plenty of fun items.

Costumes by Barbara on Main Street in Luzerne (off exit 6 of the Cross Valley) also offers an array of costumes for rent. The owner is also a seamstress, and many of her costumes are handmade and one-of-a-kind. While it is useful to reserve a costume at Barbara's early, there are many unique things available even last minute.

Old Costumes

Many people who want to dress up for Halloween may find treasures of outfits at local thrift and consignment shops. Fur coats, funky ties, old hats and more line the shelves and racks of places like Salvation Army.

For those struggling to find a unique idea, places like the Salvation Army and Goodwill are sure to spark an idea. And if all else fails, there is always the linen closet and a pair of scissors. A ghost never goes out of Halloween style.

Beacon online extra! Assassin Zero



The Wilkes University Beacon online edition (www.wilkesbeacon.com) introduces *Assassin Zero*, a comic book by Jason Lewis. A new, full-color installment will be featured each week.

Nothing But Net

This week on the web

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO
Beacon Staff Writer

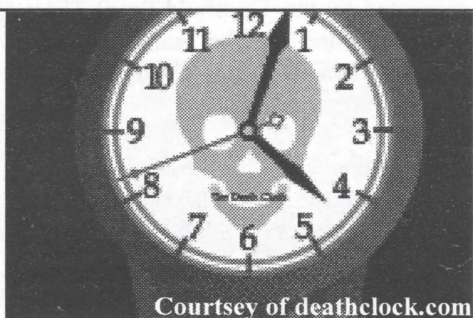
As October comes to a close, we tend to become preoccupied with tales of the great beyond. Halloween, complete with images of spirits and ghouls, is about more than costumes and candy. It forces us to recognize the questions we all have about life and death. But once the calendar turns to November, that preoccupation with life and death issues usually fades.

However, the internet offers a morbid method to remind us of our own mortality all year long via a site called **The Death Clock**.

Located at www.deathclock.com, the Death Clock provides a personalized account of how long one has to live narrowed down to the exact second. It provides a "day of death" based on a variety of criterion.

Death clock has a selection of drop boxes where one can select choices that apply to them. The drop boxes ask your date of birth, your sex, your body mass index (BMI), your smoking status, and whether you are "normal, optimistic, pessimistic, or sadistic" person. An individual's "personal day of death" is then calculated according to all of the criteria.

Death Clock also provides an electronic method to calculate your BMI, giving web



surfers an idea of their stance in terms of weight. The Death Clock does, in fact, encourage awareness about obesity, which is a growing problem in America.

So, what is the purpose? The Death Clock refers to itself as "the internet's friendly reminder that life is slipping away." Creators note it's "like the hourglass of the net."

I believe their site is simply trying to relay the importance of being healthy. All of the links on the site are health-related. But the philosophers out there may find a deeper purpose. It is possible creators of Death Clock want to emphasize that we all have a finite amount of time to live and eventually that time does expire. Universal appreciation of that time could lead to world peace; who knows?

Whatever the reason for its existence, the Death Clock is a very popular site, and a sure way to add to the morbid atmosphere this Halloween.

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Halloween Haunts: Where to go this Halloween

BY JACLYN FRANCESE AND DONNA TALARICO
Beacon Correspondent and Beacon A&E Editor

Halloween offers a perfect opportunity to break with the average weekend entertainment routine.

And the Wilkes-Barre area offers plenty of opportunities to enter into the realm of the spooky unknown.

Grave Stone Manor, located at 39 Public Square, is an annual Halloween theatrical attraction, with this year's theme called the "Legend of Killjoy." Grave Stone Manor is open Friday and Saturday evenings throughout October. Admission is \$7.00. Groups of ten or more can get a discount if they call ahead for reservations.

Another popular event is Nanticoke's Horror Hall, located in the old Tilbury Firehouse off Route 11. Locals call this haunt "a 10 on the scare scale."

"It definitely had me scared," said Theresa Brewer, biology major.

Many natives of the area have said that they have gone to it for years and love it every time. Jill Philips, a native of the area said, "I have some fond memories of Horror Hall. I recommend it." Admission for Horror Hall is \$11.00.

While the Woodlands Inn and Resort on Route 315 in Plains is best known for its happy hour, in October it is also known for the Haunted Woods. The spooky walk through the trees is thrilling and fun all at once. This scare event is open in the evenings until Halloween.

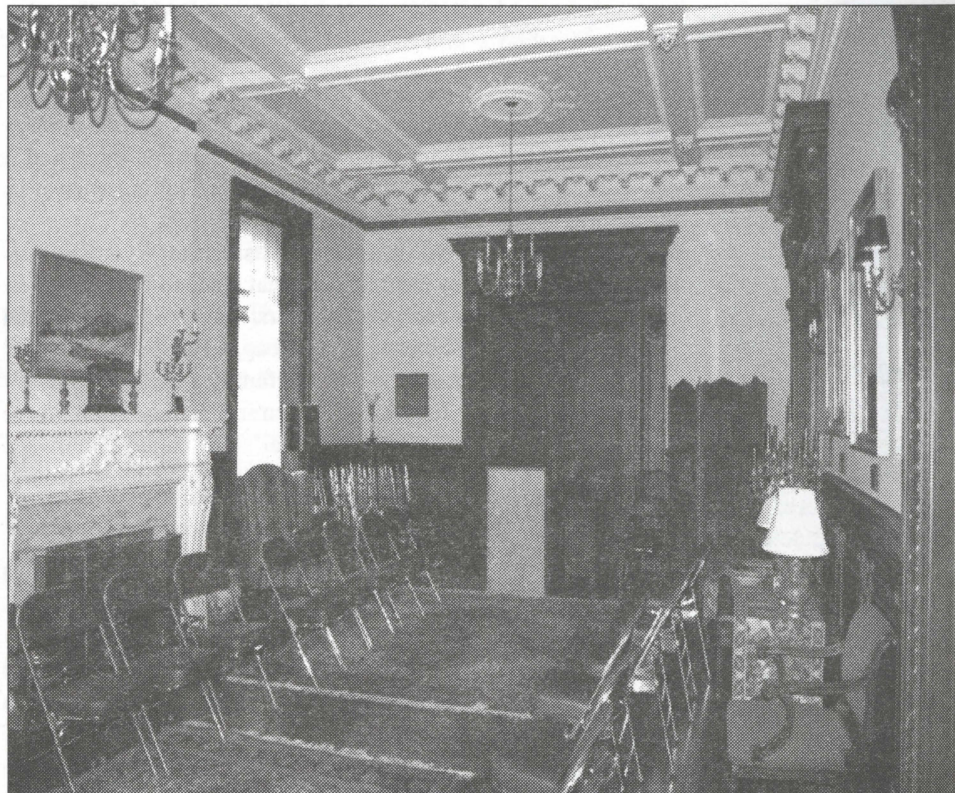
If chainsaws and zombies aren't exactly your idea of fun, the Luzerne County Historical Society offers something a little dif-

ferent: two guided tours through the area's most fascinating historical mysteries. The tours include "Murder, Mayhem and History" and a narrated exploration of the Hollenback Cemetery.

The historical tour will focus on the ghoulish side of Wilkes-Barre and will point out haunted houses, lost cemeteries, stories of executions, suicides, battles and other Wilkes-Barre area tragedies. The walk will cover approximately 12 blocks in the greater downtown area, visiting sites of the area's most gruesome and ghostly past. "Murder, Mayhem and History" will run October 28 and 29 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.00, and reservations should be made by calling 823-6244. Tours will meet in front of the Historical Society on Franklin Street.

The Hollenback Cemetery tour will take people through one of the oldest cemeteries in the area. Hollenback opened in 1855 and contains the remains of over 16,000 individuals. The tour will reveal stories of those buried there. In fact, some of them may even tell their own stories and then return to their resting places. The tour will also point out architecture and gravemarker design. This tour will take place Saturday October 29 at 11:00, 1:30 and 3:00 and on Sunday, October 30, 2005 at 1:00 and 3:00. Admission is \$7.00. Advance registration is required. Call 823-6244.

Just a short drive from campus is the Scranton Cultural Center, which is offering the fifth annual Houdini Senance. This event is so shocking, no one under the age



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Preparations for the Luzerne County Historical Society's *Murder, Mayhem and History* tour are being made inside Wilkes University's Kirby Hall, which is known to be one of the area's most haunted buildings.

of 18 will be admitted. The theatrical event, presented by the Threshold Spirit Theater, centers around the the seance of Harry Houdini. Houdini's butler will tell the story of his mysterious death which occurred on Halloween, 1926. Then, the seance beings with Pennsylvania's top-rated magician Damian the Magician playing the medium. The night includes fire, locks, keys and sus-

pense. The event continues through Halloween season on October 28, 29, 30, 31 and November 4 and 19. Call the box office for details at 344-1111.

With Halloween just around the corner be sure to get out there and get scared. Bring a friend along and get dressed up for Halloween. It's okay to be a kid again for a night of scary fun.

WCLH to host dance party this Friday



Wilkes University's WCLH will host a dancy party this Friday from 8:00 p.m to 1:00 a.m. at Genetti's in downtown Wilkes-Barre. Music will be provided by WCLH R&B/hip-hop air personality Dana B. Admission is \$5.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the WCLH office, located on the third floor of the Dart Center. The party is "18 to party, 21 to drink."

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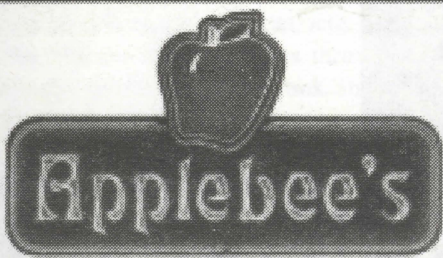
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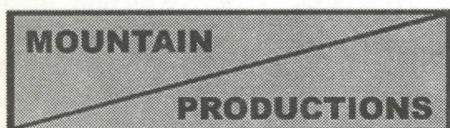
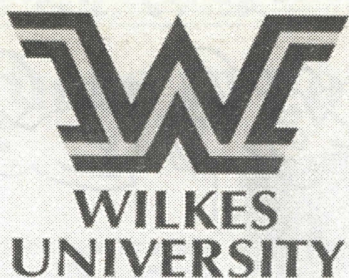
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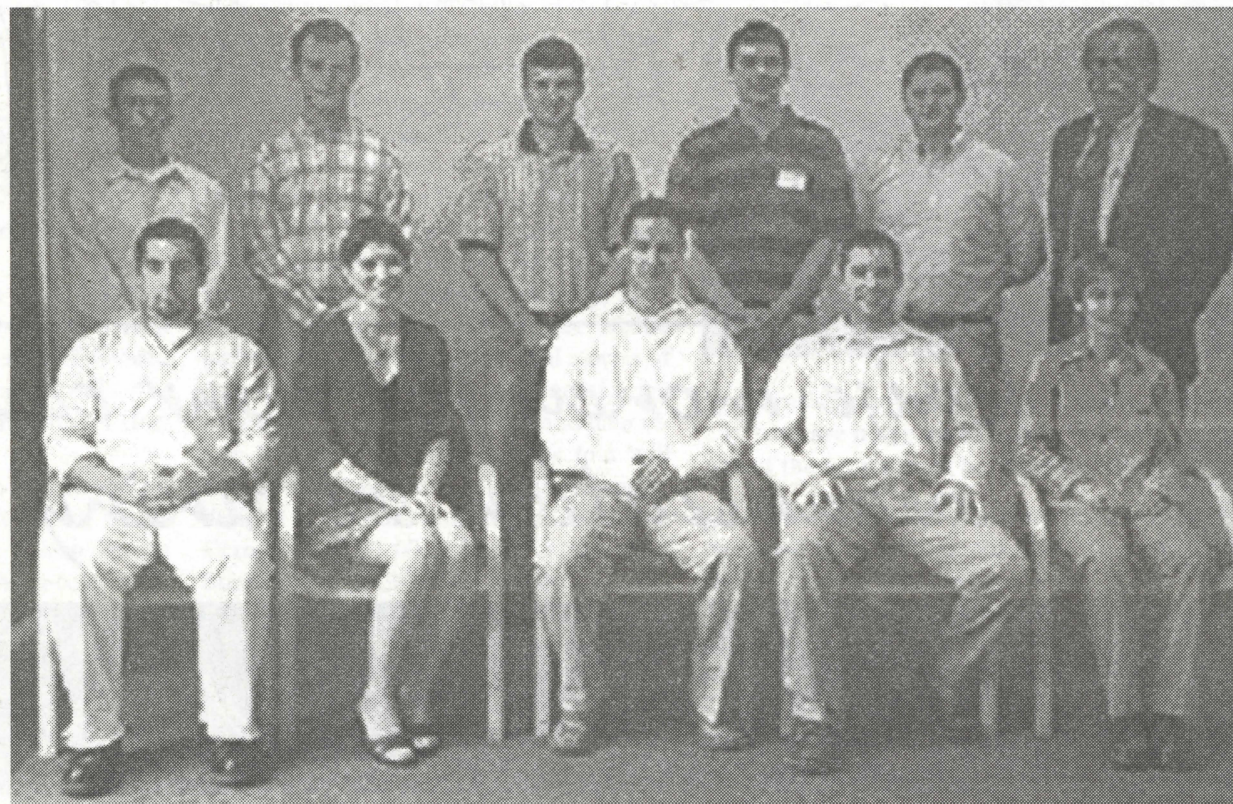
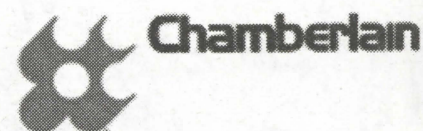
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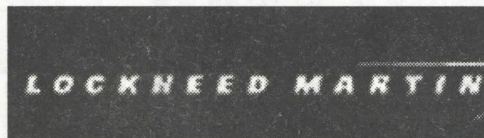
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Athletes of the Week

Jim Jordan

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

It was an hour before game time, and all through "The House," not a creature was stirring, except for Jim Jordan and his country music.

"I'm the guy that everyone hates in the locker room because everyone gets so serious before a game and I'm there dancing around."

However, when he steps on the field everybody loves him.

Jordan gets athlete of the week nod for hauling in three touchdown passes against Lebanon Valley Saturday, October 15 --his total for the entire season is five.

"It's about time, isn't it?" Jordan joked.

The speedy wide receiver dominates the MAC in receiving yards per game with 107.2, has won the MAC Player of the Week, and has become quarterback Al Karaffa's favorite target, catching 37 passes for 643 yards and five TD's on the season.

"Jim's a tremendously gifted athlete. He wants the ball and always comes through in the clutch," said head coach Frank Sheptock.

It's quite evident that Jordan has the swagger of a big-time wide out. He runs his deep routes with reckless abandon, making full extension catches and one handed grabs.

"Bigger plays get everyone excited when they see the ball flying high through the air," said Jordan. "The fans like it."

A defensive back's nightmare, Jordan presents major match up problems when they play him one-on-one.

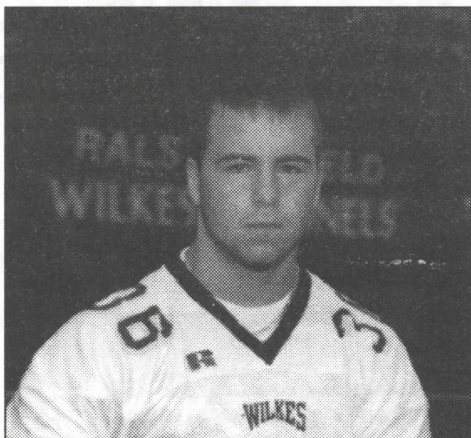
"You look at that person and say 'either you beat me or I beat you,'" he said. "It's more fun playing one-one-one because they don't know what you're gonna do."

Wearing an Aeropostale cap with his number 36 on the front, Jordan says there is some meaning behind the number he also wore in high school.

"When I picked it in high school, it was because my mom likes the Steelers and her favorite player was Jerome Bettis at the time, so I took 36. I thought I made a name for myself with that number, so I carried it over with me so that the people who saw me in high school would recognize me in college," he said.

Regardless of all the praise, Jordan refuses to bask in the glory and stresses the importance of teamwork.

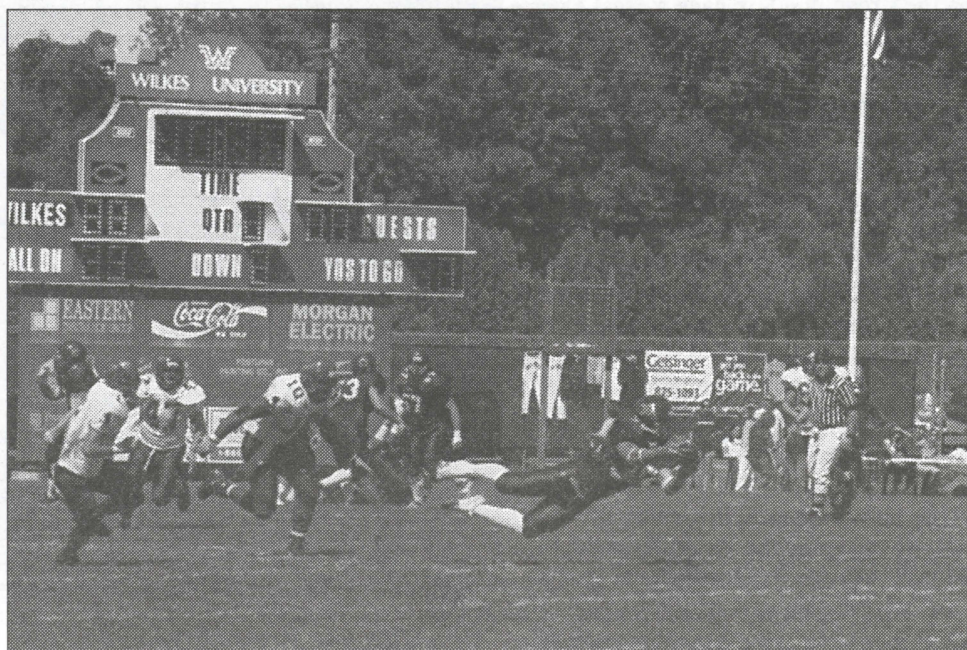
"I wouldn't be able to make the plays I make without the offensive line doing as great a job as they're doing, and did I mention our quarterback? Everyone's doing a good job," he said.



Courtesy of Sports Information

Jordan is averaging 107.2 yards per game through Saturday's Moravian game. He is ranked 3rd in receiving in the MAC.

Jordan, who is criminology major, plans to attend graduate school after Wilkes to get a degree in physical education so he can teach and coach football at the same time.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Jimmy Jordan lies out on a slant route for a nice grab against FDU-Florham. Jordan's average of 17.4 yards per catch has helped bring the Colonels to a 5-2 record so far this season, with a 5-1 conference record. Wilkes is currently in second place, behind undefeated Delaware Valley.

The STUDIO is coming...

Jason Nabba

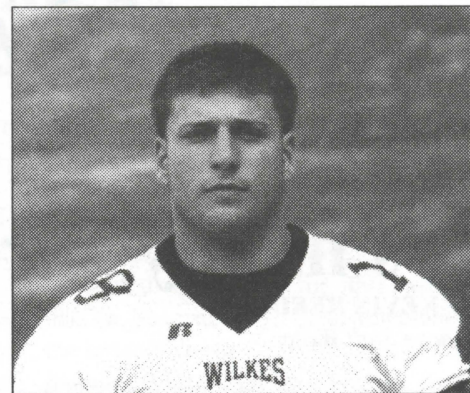
BY ARIEL COHEN
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Saturday's football game against the Moravian College Greyhounds was cold, wet and rainy, but from freshman running back Jason Nabba's perspective the field was hot from the spark that he added to the game.

Nabba shares Athlete of the Week kudos with Jimmy Jordan for what appeared to be a choreographed repeat of Jordan's touchdown performance of just one week before.

After the Colonels had gone more than half the season without taking advantage of the 6 foot, 231 pound freshman, he was able to explode in the conference game adding three touchdowns in the Colonel's 27-17 win.

"He [Nabba] is the total package and has the ability to break through tackles," said



Courtesy of Sports Information

Freshman Jason Nabba scored three touchdowns in Saturday's game against Moravian.

Head Coach Frank Sheptock.

In his first two games he has accumulated 77 rushing yards and over 25 carries for three touchdowns. In his first game against Lebanon Valley College, Nabba had 10 carries for 37 yards, and this past Saturday against Moravian, Nabba had 40 yards over 15 carries.

Coaches attribute much of Nabba's success in the Moravian game to his strength. "As a running back I tend to use all of my strength, unlike some running backs who tend to use speed," said Nabba.

This strength was obvious in the win over Moravian. Although he doesn't tend to gain much yardage on a given play, Nabba's three one-yard touchdowns helped the to break the six season Wilkes losing streak to the Greyhounds.

"I was extremely pleased with his [Nabba's] performance. We added him to the line to help increase the size of our backfield and will continue to rotate him in," Sheptock stated about Jason.

"I felt pretty good with my performance, especially being a freshman in only my second game. The rest of my teammates were cheering me on so that added extra confidence in my game," Nabba commented about his game-time performance.

Haven't Picked Up Your Flash Drive Yet?

Full time Wilkes students who have not picked up their flashdrives can do so during the month of October at the Computer Clinic. The clinic is located on the first floor of Stark Learning Center - near room 102.

Clinic hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-11 and 12-1 & Thursday 9-11 and 12:30-3.

Be sure to bring your Wilkes ID!

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GAME OF THE WEEK

World Series 2005: Houston Astros versus Chicago White Sox

It's finally here...

BY KEVIN REED

Beacon Staff Writer

It's finally here. The culmination of a 162-game season has come down to two teams whose labor has paid off in spades.

And, believe it or not, neither the New York Yankees nor the Boston Red Sox are in the spotlight this time around.

Instead, this year's Fall Classic pits the American League Central Division champion Chicago White Sox against the surprising National League Houston Astros, who are making the first World Series appearance in the franchise's history.

The White Sox (99-63 regular season record) made it this far by defeating the Red Sox in the first round of the playoffs and the Los Angeles Angels in the American League Championship Series. The Astros (89-73) made their way through the playoffs by taking out the ever-present Atlanta Braves in the first round and upsetting the favored St. Louis Cardinals in the National League Championship Series.

Both teams present an interesting matchup due to their unique strengths and weaknesses.

Usually the most important attribute for a team in the World Series is starting pitching. On paper, the Astros should have the better corps to work with. Armed with experience in future Hall-of-Famer Roger Clemens as well as aces Roy Oswalt and former Yankee Andy Pettitte, Houston ought to have the edge.

However, the more dominant starters this post-season have been the White Sox pitchers. In the ALCS, the Sox starters threw four complete games, which was quite a feat. The White Sox boast some lesser-known talent on the mound to start games in '05 All-stars Mark Buehrle and John Garland, along with Freddy Garcia and another former Yankee, Jose Contreras. I think that even though the White Sox have been more dominant with their starting pitching so far in the playoffs, all those complete games must be taking a toll on the starters' arms. I'm going to have to side with experience on this one.

Pitching Advantage: Houston Astros

Obviously, you cannot win a best-of-sev-

en game series without scoring some runs, so offense is definitely a necessary commodity. This is where the White Sox have a distinct edge. Led by their main power hitter Paul Konerko, along with their speedy leadoff man Scott Podsednik and clutch hitter Joe Crede, the Sox have a great chance to put up a lot of runs.

Houston, on the other hand, is led by a steady and loyal core in Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell, who may be limited in his playing time due to injury. Solid hitters Lance Berkman and Morgan Ensberg must produce for Houston in order for them to score enough runs to win some games. Despite some of the big names in the Astros' lineup, I think the Sox have a more balanced attack at the plate.

Offensive Advantage: Chicago White Sox

Late in close games, the ability of a good bullpen separates the champions from the rest of the pack. This area offers the most even match-up in the World Series. The White Sox work well with their versatility in the bullpen as they have both left-handed and right-handed pitchers that can all get the job done. They rely on power-pitching and lack a proven closer. The Astros use more of a finesse style of bullpen work, but also have one of the better closing pitchers in the game today in all-star Brad Lidge. The bullpen match-up is very close, and it will depend on how the starters fare to see how much each bullpen will be used.

Bullpen Advantage: Remains to be seen

Lastly, sometimes it's the little plays that don't show up on the box score that prove to be the difference. Defensive efforts in the field and smart base running could be another key to victory. Keep an eye on

some sleeper players who could make a difference: outfielder Willy Taveras for Houston and shortstop Juan Uribe for Chicago. The Astros tend to rely on certain players to make plays, but it seems like the White Sox tend to rally around their entire team. I think the latter of those two strategies win ball games more often than not.

Intangible Advantage: Chicago White Sox

The 2005 World Series has a new look as the usual teams (Yankees, Red Sox, and Cardinals) couldn't make it to late October. The Astros and White Sox look to make this a Fall Classic to remember.

Prediction: White Sox win in 7 games

Quick Info:
Astros vs.
white sox
Tuesday, Oct 25

8:00 on FOX

Backe vs. Garland



Double Take

BY SARAH HERBERT

Beacon Features Editor

One of my favorite times of the year has finally arrived...the World Series (of baseball, not of poker). This year the Chicago White Sox and the Houston Astros will duke it out.

I am writing this in a hotel room in the midwest. The Sox have the unfortunate problem of hailing from a midwestern state. It is frigid here and the terrain is quite flat, so I feel sorry for the Sox in that respect. Everybody needs a mountain every now and then. Chicago gets that whole "lake effect" thing going in the winter, too, which makes the "Windy City" feel much colder than just about anywhere on earth, except maybe for Minnesota. So, I think maybe those poor White Sox need a good memory to keep them warm through the winter months.

Then we have the Houston Astros. If you read my Double Take on the Dallas vs. Philadelphia game, you'll remember that I pointed out that Texas doesn't harbor many geniuses (think Jessica Simpson and George W. Bush). I did say that, fortunately for the Cowboys, brains aren't necessary for football.

On the contrary, I think of baseball as an intellectual sport. Therefore, the Astros don't stand a chance. Quite simply, the Sox can outsmart them if nothing else.

Also, I just love the crisp clean look of a nice, classy, black and white uniform. The Sox will certainly look sharp on the field. Everyone knows the team with the nicest looking uniform can certainly play a better game. Go Sox!

Crew team overcomes lack of funds, equipment

Wilkes rowers make respectable finishes against Ivy League teams

BY JONATHAN MILES
Beacon Correspondent

The Wilkes crew team has overcome a lack of new equipment to make several impressive finishes this season.

Although the team is forced to use the same boats for training and competing, members have managed to prepare well. Most crew teams have separate boats for racing and training. Last year, however, the crew team lost most of its equipment to theft and a fire at its riverside trailer. Undaunted, the team acquired several used boats from the Dayton Rowing Association and used donated rigging from Susquehanna University and Ithaca College. The team is actively fundraising and seeking local support to purchase further equipment and support

trips to regattas.

Despite financial obstacles, the crew team has fared well in its first two regattas this season.

"The first regatta," according to team president Todd Ankiewicz, "was a 5000-meter race south of Baltimore, Maryland. We competed against John Hopkins University, Notre Dame Prep, Baltimore Rowing Club, Annapolis Rowing Club, St John's College, Capital Rowing Club (D.C.), St. Mary's College, and Annapolis Juniors."

The men's 4+ coxswain (novice) took 1st place and first gold medals with a time of 24:44. The Women 4+ coxswain took 2nd place with 28:16, and Men's 8+ coxswain took 3rd place with 21:13.

At the second regatta one week later, each boat improved time. "We did not place in

any of our events, but each boat did better in time from the previous race," said Ankiewicz.

Men's 8+ finished with 18:55, mixed 8+ coxswain 22:50, Men's 4+ coxswain 20:46, and Women 4+ coxswain 23:44.

Secretary of the crew Kyle Hayos noted, "We're doing pretty well. We already have a gold medal, and everyone's getting along."

One interesting challenge, Hayos pointed out, was the surprising turnout, particularly among freshmen. With the addition of over one dozen new freshmen crew members, approximately 35 people participate

in the club daily, which makes the limited amount of equipment difficult. However, the team looks to continue to improve and bring home more gold medals.

Without enough money, the regatta scheduled originally for this weekend had to be cancelled. The remainder of the season's competition for the crew team includes: Head of Fish Saratoga Springs NY, which is one of the largest regattas of the Eastern U.S., on October 29; and the Frostbite Regatta in Philadelphia, PA, on November 12th.



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Dave Scarisbrick (far right) strokes for the Men's 8+ during the Occoquan Challenge in Fairfax Virginia on October 9. During the Challenge, Wilkes faced off against opponents such as Navy, University of Delaware, and the University of Maryland.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Football

Freshman Jason Nabba made a statement scoring three times in Saturday's 27-17 victory over Moravian. The win wipes out a six game losing streak against the Greyhounds as the Colonels improve their record to 5-2 overall and 5-1 in the conference.

Men's Soccer

Dominick Proctor was a beast in the net, coming up with 19 saves as the soccer team tied Elizabethtown 0-0 in double overtime.

Women's Soccer

Jen Compton scored the winning goal as the Lady Colonels beat Eastern 3-2 in a double overtime thriller Saturday at Ralston Field.

Volleyball

Wilkes lost a pair of matches to Albright Saturday afternoon 29-31, 30-25, 30-13, and 30-24. Jillian Focht had 15 kills, 12 digs, and three aces, Amanda Harlan had 12 kills, and six digs, and Alicia Vieselmeyer had 10 kills and 19 digs. Katherine Harrington and Nicole Hahn also contributed.

Field Hockey

The game against Cortland was called off due to rain. The game will not be rescheduled.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team traveled to the MAC Individual Championships this weekend. During the singles tournament, Alison McDonald advanced to the finals, while teammate Sara Ryder fought her way to the semi-final match. Cassie Malone and Jotanna O'Connell teamed up and marched to the semifinals of the doubles tournament.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

13

Number of wins by the women's soccer team so far this season. The previous record for wins in a season was 12, set in 1998 and matched in 1999 and 2004.

4

Number of touchdowns scored by freshmen during Saturday's football game against Moravian College. Wilkes won the game 27-17.

19

Number of saves by men's soccer goalie Dominik Proctor in Saturday's double-overtime tie against Elizabethtown.

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Ranking of the men's basketball team in preseason rankings.

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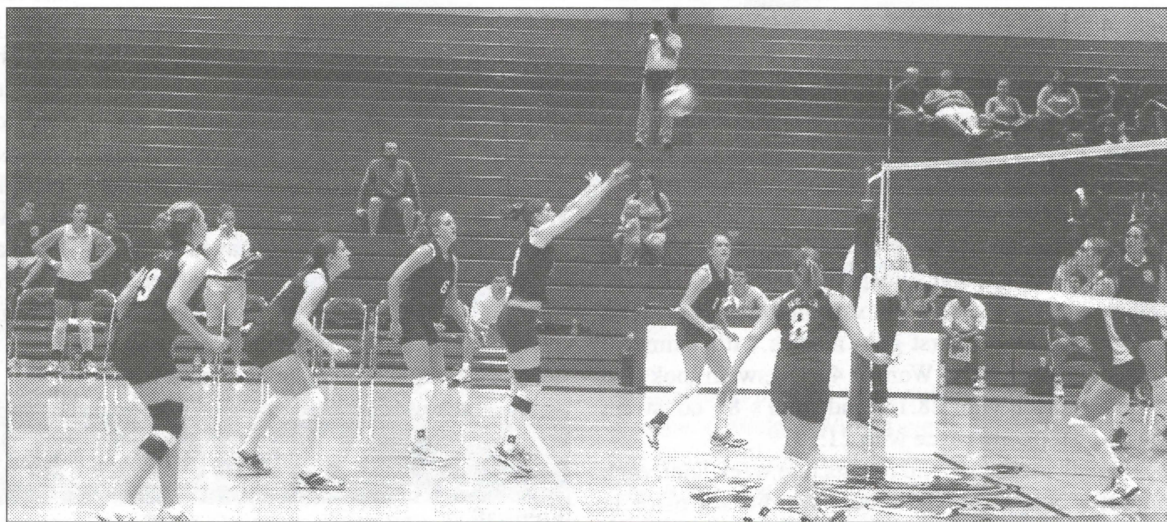
Women's volleyball to battle Lady Monarchs on 10/28

BY RYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes women's volleyball team is fighting to end its season right: by knocking cross-town rival King's College out of playoff contention in its final regular-season game on Tuesday.

The Lady Colonels, all seven of them, have posted an 11-16 record going into the final stretch of their season. Their record is all the more remarkable considering their extremely short roster. "We've worked really well together," said sophomore Kristen Linhart, touching on how the team dealt with the disadvantage of only having one sub on the team.

The Lady Colonels will meet a well-matched foe as they roll into the McGrane Gymnasium on Tuesday night. Veteran head coach Bernie Kachinko has led the Lady Monarchs to an impressive 19-10 record so far this season. King's was particularly dominated at home during the 2005 cam-



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The Women's volleyball team, despite having only seven players, has fought its way to an 11-16 record going into the match against King's on Tuesday. The Lady Colonels lost a close contest 3-1 against King's in early September.

paign, posting a 10-1 record so far this season.

Indeed, Wilkes' biggest challenge against King's may be in dealing with a hostile crowd. "They always have a big crowd at games," said outside hitter Jillian Focht. "We just have to keep our

heads in the game." King's is also statistically strong, with number one Freedom Conference rankings in hitting percentage, assists, kills, and blocks.

But the Wilkes squad has been no slouch in the stats charts, ranking first in the Freedom Conference

for opponent hitting percentage and digs. They also rank second in the conference in assists, kills, and service aces. Seniors Focht and Alicia Vieselmeyer both have over 200 kills on the season, with Vieselmeyer rapidly closing in on the 300 mark. Nicole Hahn is

leading the team in digs with 328.

Yet in a rivalry as intense as Wilkes-King's, statistics tend to mean little. Wilkes knocked off the Lady Monarchs for the first time in eleven years last season, and narrowly dropped a 3-1 decision to them in early September. "They managed to beat us earlier this year," said Focht, "but we've come a long way since then."

Linhart agrees, "We've really clicked recently."

For the Lady Colonels, the chance to beat King's at home and knock them out of playoff contention is an exciting opportunity. "We want to go out with a win," said Linhart, "especially for the seniors."

"It would be a great way to end the season," noted Focht.

A victory in such a heated rivalry would be a crowning achievement for a team that has proven again and again that substitutions and bench support can't stand a chance against enough heart and determination.

W Campus Calendar

ALL WEEK

*Hideous Beauty, Sordoni Art Gallery

MONDAY (10/24)

Pre-registration for Spring 2006 begins

TUESDAY (10/25)

*Tarot Card Reader, HSC -- 11 to 3 p.m.

*Study Abroad informational meeting, Language Institute in the basement of the library -- 11:30 a.m.

*Field hockey vs. DeSales -- 4 p.m.

*Volleyball @ King's -- 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (10/26)

*Men's soccer @ Keystone -- 3 p.m.

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

THURSDAY (10/27)

*Studio M. Designs Jewelry, HSC -- 11 to 1 p.m.

*Women's soccer vs. DeSales -- 3 p.m.

FRIDAY (10/28)

*Field hockey @ FDU-Florham -- 2 p.m.

SATURDAY (10/29)

*Parent's Weekend

*Men's tennis @ Elizabeth-

town tournament -- 9 a.m.

*Field hockey @ Montclair State -- 1 p.m.

*Football vs. Albright -- 1 p.m.

*Women's soccer @ Drew -- 1 p.m.

*Men's soccer @ Drew -- 4 p.m.

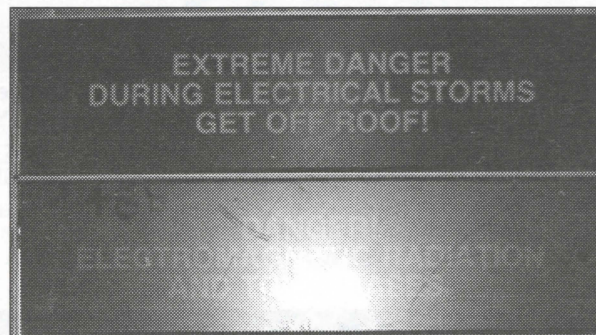
*Jim Karol Mind Readers, HSC Ballroom -- 7 to 8 p.m.

*Senior voice recital, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church -- 7 p.m.

SUNDAY (10/30)

*Men's tennis @ Elizabeth-town tournament -- 9 a.m.

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