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Network Performance Headaches Continue *Slow Internet Access Causes Frustration on Campus*

BY JULIE MELF
Beacon Assistant News Editor

Whether it be to do research for a paper, or read and send important emails, having access to the Internet is no longer a luxury, but a necessity. So what happens when students on campus have problems getting online because it takes several minutes to open up a single webpage? The answer: frustration.

A recent memo from Scott Byers, Vice President for Finance and Support Operations, and Dr. Paul Adams, Vice-President of Student Affairs, was posted both around campus dorms and on Today@Wilkes. The memo stated that the cause of the network slowdown is an increased peer to peer (P2P) file sharing. In addition to the intentional P2P file sharing, there are spyware and viruses associated with these applications that heavily contribute to the network congestion and frustration.

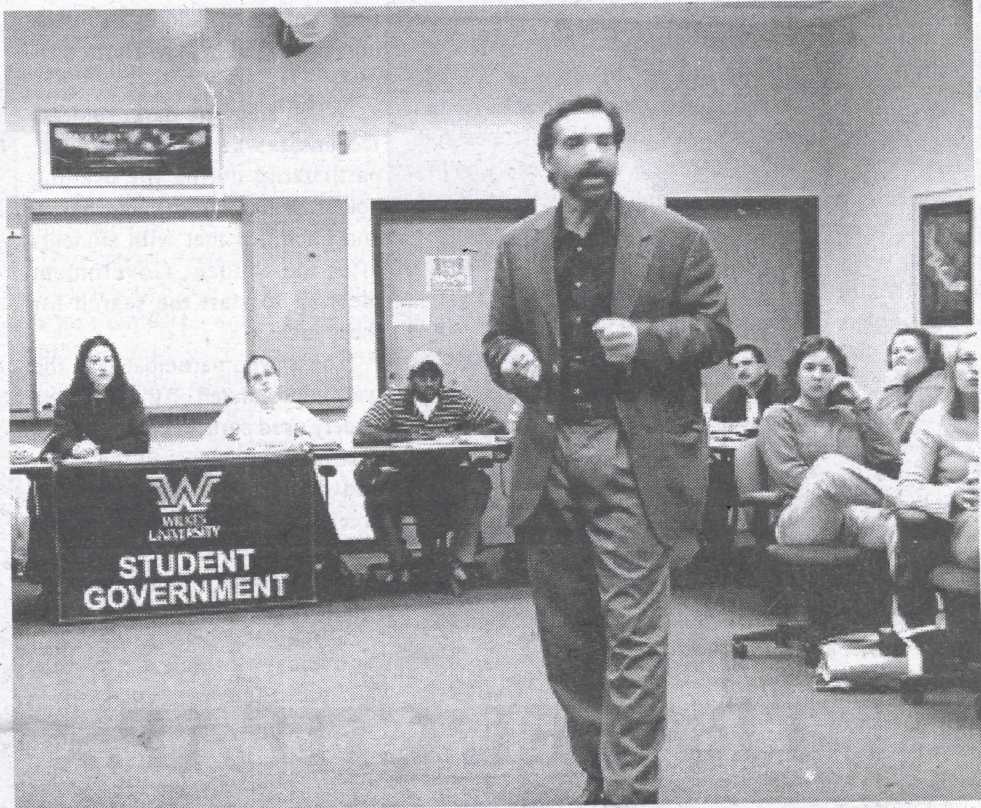
On Wednesday, Adams joined Interim Director of Technology, Jim Lennox, and Tom Weeks, Network Specialist for Information Technology Services at Student Government's weekly meeting to discuss the problems with the network, the memo, and

their short- and long-term solutions for the slow internet service.

"Newer versions of P2P applications are coming out weekly it seems. Most of the applications allow you to do something called proxying. This allows the P2P traffic to appear as traffic associated with other applications (usually HTTP web traffic) and that traffic is usually allowed to go on its way with little restriction. There were some new strains of viruses also which targeted many of the P2P networks, and that has caused problems as well. Malicious applications can really take a network to its knees," explained Tom Weeks, network specialist for Information Technology Services (ITS).

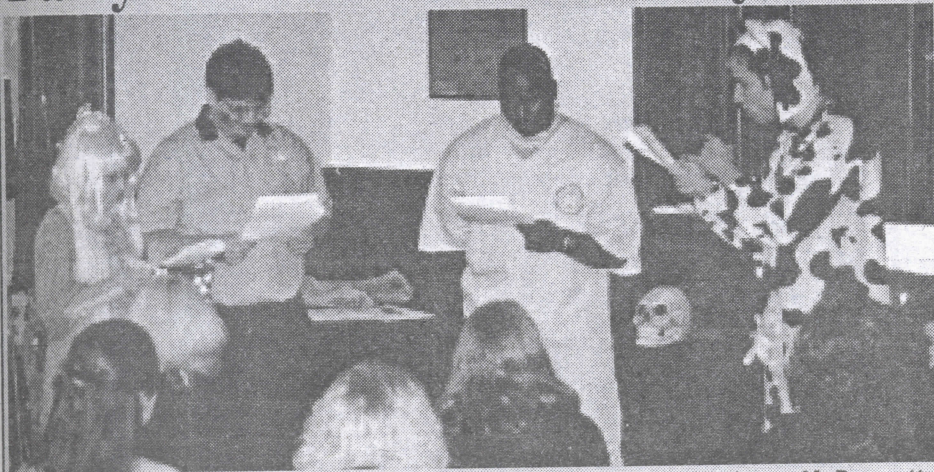
The notice posted on Today@Wilkes asked students to limit their P2P file sharing to between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. The notice also cited that, through the Office of Information Technology Services, the flow of network traffic will be monitored carefully to examine patterns and usage. If performance improvement is not achieved

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The Beacon/Gabe LeDonne
Jim Lennox, Interim Director of Technology, discussed file sharing problems causing slow internet access at a recent Student Government meeting.

The Manuscript's Halloween Party and Awards Ceremony



The Beacon/Jason McDermott

The Manuscript, Wilkes' Literary Magazine, held its Halloween Party on Thursday, October 30, 2003, in the Kirby Salon. Students and faculty joined in "spooky" readings ranging from classic Poe poems and tales to original works by faculty and students. The party also served for the awards ceremony of *The Manuscript* contest winners. The winners were: Sabrina McLaughlin for her poem, "Cruel Dichotomy"; Wichitah Leng for his prose piece, "I Hate Snack Vending Machines"; Max Roth for his play, *Untitled*; and Emily Bly for her art, "Emily and Erin in the Park".

Descriptions of Theft Suspects Released

BY GABRIELLE LAMB
Beacon News Editor

The Beacon reported in its October 27, 2003 issue that a recent rash of robberies on campus had students, faculty, and staff on guard. Since that report, descriptions of the suspects made available on Tuesday, suggested that two separate groups of people may be responsible for the thefts.

According to the Community Notification, "The first suspect is described as a Caucasian male, 24 years of age, thin build, 5'11", blonde hair worn long with a pony tail, and brown or green eyes. He may be accompanied by a Caucasian female with mid-length brown/black hair and light eyes. The male suspect has a black solid, tribal pattern tattoo on his right forearm."

According to the Community Service Notification, when confronted one group claimed to have been searching for the Human Resource office to submit an application, or appeared to casually be using a telephone when discovered in an empty office.

"Their typical MO [modus operandi] when confronted is to state they are looking for the human resources office to put in a job application. They have also been known to fake a phone call from an empty office to appear as if they were only using the phone. This couple may be driving a light blue Jeep Wrangler."

A second group of suspects apparently had one individual distract employees for information, while another searched the building.

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SG Happenings

Notes from Student Government October 29, 2003

*University officials have requested a voluntary restriction of file sharing during business hours in order for the Internet to operate in a more timely fashion. ITS administrators request that students use this feature between the hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., so that no mandatory restrictions will need to be initiated by the university. Look for more on this topic in this issue of *The Beacon*.



*A motion was passed 16-0-10 to donate \$500 to the American Diabetes Association 5k walk to be held on April 24, 2003. The walk will begin at Kirby Park and end on the Wilkes campus where a health fair will be conducted.

*Plans were discussed to make the annual Block Party more successful. Discussions arose regarding hiring popular bands and food vendors. The Block Party will be a joint effort of both Student Government and the Programming Board.

*A motion was passed, 21-0-4, to donate \$100 gift certificates each to the recent fire victims.

SG meets every Wednesday at 6pm in the Hiscox Meeting Room, 1st Floor of the Henry Student Center. Meetings are open to the public.

Light Walk Ensures Safe Nights on Campus

BY VICTORIA WHITE
Beacon Correspondent

Members from of the Wilkes Community helped make the campus a safer place on Wednesday, October 29, 2003, during the annual Light Walk. This walking tour is designed to help officials recognize the areas on and off campus that are lacking adequate lighting. Once the problem areas are identified, they can be addressed by the university and Wilkes-Barre officials.

When areas are dark, students feel unsafe when passing through, particularly during the evening hours. Officials from Public Safety and Facilities met with students after the Student Government meeting to start the search for these areas.

Those who participated in the walk concentrated on the two most widely used parts of campus. The first part encompassed the north end of campus, including the greenway. The second half of the walk concentrated mainly on community neighborhoods close to campus and the areas where many

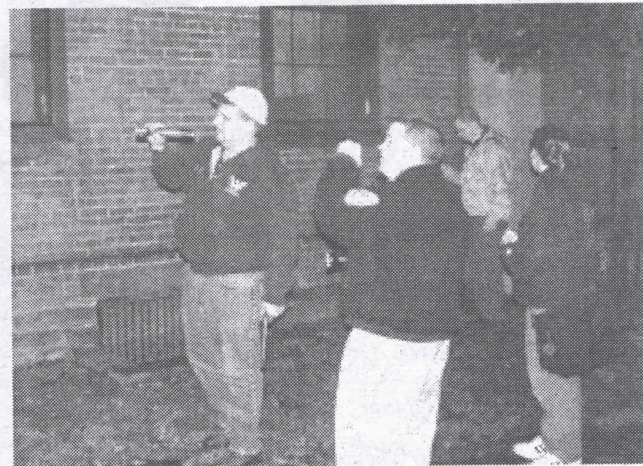
off-campus students reside.

Manager of Public Safety, Matthew Yench, said, "The Light Walk is one of the main ways that we find any safety and security problems on campus, any light problems. It is beneficial just to look at these areas."

Public safety officials, facilities staff, and students scoured the campus, equipped with flashlights, to identify areas where dark spots could lead to potential security problems. Such areas included spots along Evans Hall, behind some dorms on the north end of campus, especially porch lighting. Other areas of concern were Weckesser Hall. However, many of the problems were due to lights simply not being turned on, or bulbs being burned out, which can be repaired easily with the flick of a switch or the swap of a bulb.

On a more positive note, many of the problems identified in last year's light walk were addressed and helping to better light the campus.

Lindsey Wotanis, Chair of the SG Public Safety Committee, has participated in the light

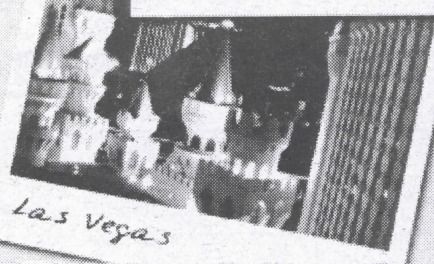
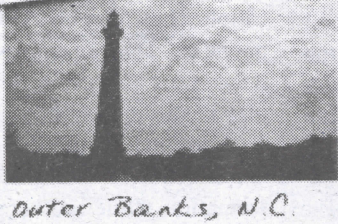
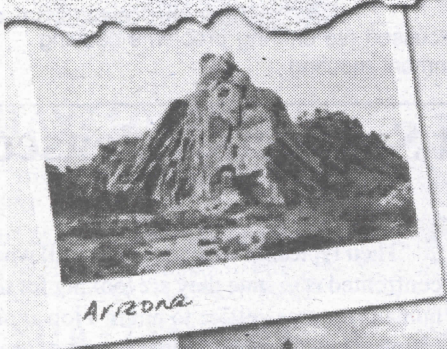


The Beacon/T. Mick Jenkins
Members of Public Safety and Facilities inspect the campus for problem areas.

walk for two years, and noticed a significant difference in lighting while walking around campus. "While there were still some problem areas, for the most part, campus did seem to be a lot brighter. The new light posts in the greenway are a huge improvement, and the area in front of the library is much brighter," said Wotanis.

Facilities management, along with the Public Safety Office, will work on getting the necessary repairs processed in the coming weeks to help ensure students feel safe while walking the campus at night.

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News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

Durst: police wouldn't believe neighbor's death accidental

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON, Texas (AP)—After his neighbor was accidentally shot following a brief struggle for a gun inside his apartment, eccentric millionaire Robert Durst ruled out calling police and decided to cut up the body, dispose of it and then flee the area.

"I didn't think (the police) would believe me," Durst said Thursday during his second day of testimony at his murder trial. "I was going to roll (the body) in a drop cloth and take him out of the apartment. I decided to run away from the get go."

When the body proved to be too heavy for him to carry, Durst said he cut it up and dumped the parts in Galveston Bay in the predawn hours of Sept. 30, 2001, two days after 71-year-old Morris Black's death.

When he returned to the area and found that police had discovered what remained of Black, Durst said he packed up his SUV, including five pounds of marijuana and more than \$500,000 in cash he had hidden in a floorboard at a church, and fled to an apartment in New Orleans.

Before defense attorneys completed their questioning of Durst on Thursday, the New York real estate heir told jurors that he feared for his life when he discovered Black, who had an "angry look" at the time, had illegally entered his apartment on the morning of September 28, 2001.

Durst told jurors that his recollection of the days right after Black's death is not clear because he was taking sleeping pills and smoking pot.

After fleeing to New Orleans for a short stay, Durst said he decided to return to Galveston and hire a lawyer but was arrested on Oct. 9 and charged in Black's death. He bonded out and fled again, this time remaining a fugitive until his capture six weeks later in Pennsylvania.

Prosecutors, during four weeks of calling witnesses, tried to show that Durst intentionally shot Black and tried to hide his crime by cutting up the body and throwing the parts in the bay. They will begin questioning Durst when the trial resumes Monday.

Durst had moved to Galveston in November 2000 disguised as a mute woman to escape media scrutiny in New York after the investigation into his first wife's 1982 disappearance was reopened. He first met Black disguised as a woman but later dropped the masquerade and struck up a friendship with the elderly man.

Durst, 60, whose family runs The Durst Organization, a privately held billion-dollar New York company, faces from five to 99 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000 if convicted.

Pinellas judge appoints professor as Terri Schiavo guardian

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—A judge appointed a University of South Florida professor Friday to conduct an independent investigation of the case of a severely brain-damaged woman at the center of a right-to-die legal case.

Jay Wolfson, a University of South Florida professor and expert on health care financing, will report his recommendations to Gov. Jeb Bush and recommend whether the stay the governor enacted to keep Terri Schiavo alive should be lifted or allowed to remain.

Pinellas Circuit Court Judge David Demers appointed Wolfson despite the objections of Bob and Mary Schindler that Wolfson was biased against the newly enacted law that allowed Bush to intervene in their daughter's case earlier this month.

Wolfson made comments about the law last week during an interview with a local television station, and the parents took that to indicate his opposition to the governor's actions. Demers said he did not find those comments to be biased, but even if they had been he believes Wolfson could be fair and impartial.

"This law raises the question, perhaps even if you do have a living will, if there is a family member who has a legitimate concern about the application of the will, could that concern translate into ignoring the living will," Wolfson said in an interview with WFTS on Wednesday.

In Terri Schiavo's case, Wolfson will not represent her interests and he is limited in reporting to the governor the value of giving Schiavo tests to see if she can be rehabilitated and summarizing the decade-long legal battle between her husband and parents. Demers ordered Wolfson to report to the governor in 30 days, but said the deadline could be extended if needed.

A guardian ad litem has not been appointed in the case since 1999 when a Clearwater attorney appointed by the court recommended that Michael Schiavo not be allowed to disconnect his wife's feeding tube.

At the time, the attorney said Michael Schiavo's statements that his wife did not want to be kept alive artificially could not be corroborated by other witnesses and that Michael Schiavo stood to inherit hundreds of thousands of dollars if his wife died.

Since then, two relatives of Michael Schiavo have testified Terri Schiavo also told them she did not want to be kept alive artificially. Terri Schiavo's money, which was in the form of a medical trust fund financed with proceeds from a malpractice lawsuit, has been depleted.

The new guardian ad litem appointment was made possible in the law passed by lawmakers and approved by Bush this month. Demers said in his order that if the law is found to be unconstitutional, Wolfson is to cease his work.

U.S. forces seal off Saddam's birthplace

BY KATRINA KRATOVAC

Associated Press Writer

UJA, Iraq (AP)—Facing an increasing tide of attacks, American soldiers Friday cordoned off the village where Saddam Hussein was born, suspecting this dusty farming community of being a secret base for funding and planning assaults against coalition forces.

"There are ties leading to this village, to the funding and planning of attacks against U.S. soldiers," said Lt. Col. Steve Russell, a battalion commander with the 4th Infantry Division, which is based in nearby Tikrit.

The operation began before dawn with hundreds of U.S. troops and Iraqi police. They erected a fence of barbed wire, stretched over wooden poles, and laid spirals of razor wire around the village, a cluster of mud-and-brick homes set in orchards of pears and pomegranates about six miles (9 1/2 kilometers) south of Tikrit.

Checkpoints were set up at all roads leading into the village of about 3,500 residents, many of them Saddam's clansmen and distant relatives.

It appeared the operation was not aimed at catching Saddam but at identifying those who live here and making sure that outsiders are quickly spotted. All adults were required to register for identity cards that U.S. officials said would allow them "controlled ac-

cess" in and out of the village.

Much of the hunt for Saddam appears to be focused in the area around Tikrit, where Saddam and other key followers could find shelter among family and clansmen.

Saddam's sons Odai and Qusai were killed July 22 in a gunbattle with American forces in Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city about 120 miles (193 kilometers) north of Tikrit.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said he could find no basis for reports that Saddam may be coordinating attacks on Americans in Iraq.

While Saddam may have survived, "We really don't have the evidence to put together a claim that he is pulling all the strings among those remnants in Baghdad and other parts of the country that are causing us difficulty," Powell said on ABC's Nightline.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said it's unclear "what exactly his (Saddam's) role would be, if any. Saddam Hussein is in a survival mode. He is no longer in power, he's been removed from power. ... It's just a matter of time before he is brought to justice as well as other remnants of the regime."

Russell, during Friday's operation, noted that the village of Uja was unusual because so many key figures in the former government had roots in this area.

Among them is Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, a longtime Saddam confidant whom U.S. officials suspect as a force behind some of the

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- Lt. Col. Steve Russell

Battalion Commander, 4th Infantry Division

cess" in and out of the village.

"This is an effort to protect the majority of the population, the people who want to get on with their lives," Russell said. "What we have seen repeatedly month after month is not necessarily attacks against coalition forces in this village, but there are ties to the planning and organizing these attacks. That is not fair to the rest of this village."

The intensive hunt for the deposed leader is spearheaded by the top secret Special Operations Task Force 20, and American officials in Iraq have said little about any progress. The United States has offered a US\$25 million reward for Saddam's capture.

On Oct. 13, Maj. Troy Smith, executive officer of the 1st Brigade of the 4th ID, told reporters that Saddam was "at the least" maintaining "a strong influence" in the Tikrit area and may have traveled through the region recently.

The next day, however, the 4th ID spokeswoman, Maj. Josslyn Aberle, said the military had no direct evidence that Saddam had been in Tikrit since Baghdad fell to American forces April 9. Saddam was last seen in public that same day in a Sunni Muslim neighborhood

recent attacks. U.S. officials believe al-Douri has linked up with members of the Islamic extremist group Ansar al-Islam to stage attacks against coalition forces.

"Despite strong support for Saddam in this area, there was no visible resistance to the American operation, and people lined up quietly outside a police station to register for ID cards."

"I chose right in coming here. We need the safety," said Ahmed al-Nasari, who told reporters he was a cousin of Saddam. "We need freedom."

Another self-described Saddam relative, Ali Sherif al-Nasari, said people had no choice but to comply with the American orders.

"It may not be totally fair, but it's a good idea," he said.

As the operation was under way, groups of soldiers manned foxholes at strategic points around the village. Bradley armored vehicles also stood guard.

"There are a lot of peaceful people here, but there are some who are stirring up trouble in Uja," said Capt. Mark Staffler of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. "We want to help them make a better Iraq."

Hepp Guided by Luck and Passion in Book Project

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon Correspondent

Luck and a passion for roots of modern society are what Dr. John Hepp, Assistant Professor of History attributes to the publication of his dissertation. Hepp recently published his book titled, *The Middleclass City: Transforming Time and Space in Philadelphia, 1876-1926*, and a reception was held in his honor last week in the Kirby Salon.

Hepp's area of interest as a historian is the roots of modern society. He said society in the late 19th-century is the root for everything that we have today. To research and illustrate this theory, Hepp chose to focus on the city of Philadelphia.

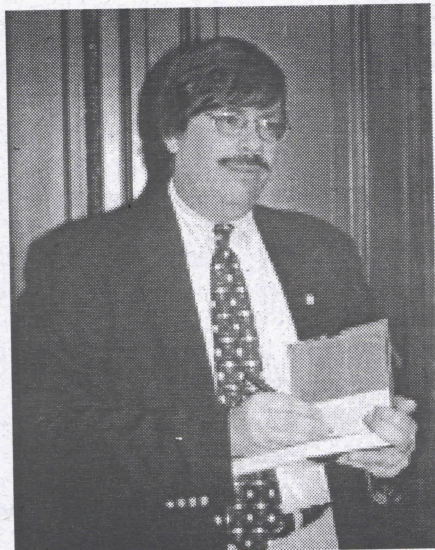
"I wanted to focus on a fairly manageable group of people, and this is middle-class Philadelphia, so it's maybe eight thousand people or so," said Hepp.

Dr. Darin Fields, Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and Associate Professor of English said, "It really is all about who he is, what he is interested in as a historian and as a teacher. It's a great academic representation in writing of [Hepp] as a scholar."

Hepp began his dissertation while at the University of North Carolina. He was fortunate enough to receive many grants from the state of New Jersey, University of North Caro-

lina, the Andrew Mellon Foundation, and Wilkes University to help with his research.

"I was actually very lucky," Hepp said, "because one of the problems of graduate students everywhere, was getting money to go and do your research. And things just lucked out. Every time things looked bad, I was able to get a grant. I was able to pay for some things."



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish

Dr. Hepp signs a copy of his newly published book, at a reception held for him at Kirby Hall.

While at Temple University to earn his undergraduate degree, Hepp interned at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Hepp decided to begin his research there because he already knew the people.

"It was really weird because even though ten years had passed, the same people I had interned with were still there when I came back to do research," said Hepp.

During his research, Hepp examined a total of 66 diaries that people had written during 1876-1926. From the diaries, he was able to plot what they did on a daily basis and make maps. He used the diaries and corporate records from department stores and local transit to see exactly what a day would be like for someone living in Philadelphia during this time period.

"There is one thing in my book," said Hepp, "where I literally recreate, for two pages, a trip from a home in West Philadelphia via trolley to an amusement park in the suburbs and then back again. Even though all the entry in the diary said was 'went to Willow Grove Park,' I was actually able to recreate exactly what path they would have taken in order to do it. And so it's sort of those sort of sources that combine traditional corporate sources with personal sources."

Hepp ran into luck once again when he was teaching at the University of North Carolina. A new faculty member had just received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and they

had contacted her about publishing her dissertation. She was already publishing it with a different company, but told them that Hepp might be interested in publishing.

"I sent two chapters to the University of Pennsylvania and they said, 'fine.' So it is truly lucky," said Hepp.

Hepp hopes that not just historians will read his book, but people interested in Victorian Philadelphia as well. "We have a copy in the library and I urge people who have an interest in Philadelphia to take a look at it. What they will find is that Philadelphia of a hundred years ago isn't all that different of Philadelphia today," said Hepp.

Fields said he has not yet read the book but he looks forward to doing so. "Obviously he's early on in his career as an academic. He's four years in, and it's a great accomplishment. It's absolutely a high point for his early career," said Fields.

Hepp did not waste anytime starting on his second book. He is currently researching the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, which is America's first World Fair.

With the publication of his book, Hepp is no stranger to recognition. In addition, he also received the 2003 Carpenter Outstanding Teacher Award, and he is listed in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who in America*.

Public Safety Provides Safe Rides and Escorts to Students

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Correspondent

It's dark. But class is over and it's time to head home. Or perhaps a club meeting has just broken up and it's 11:00 p.m. No big deal. The dorm is just on the other side of campus, right? Better yet, it's 1:30 a.m. A night of homework a video or two has inspired a "munchie run." Sheetz has obliged, but that parking space is sure a long way from the front door to the apartment...

Many students walk alone after dark. Some walk to and from class alone and others dine alone or take trips to the store alone. Thanks to two programs offered by Wilkes University Public Safety, students never have to walk alone or worry about what (or who) lurks behind those bushes again.

The escort service provided by Public Safety is designed to give students a ride or provide a walking escort between buildings, residence halls, and even to places off campus within a reasonable distance. The escort service is not designed for students to use when it is cold out or to get a ride for silly reasons, like to pick up a pizza, run to the airport, or head to the mall; however, for those who are concerned about walking alone after hours, the service offers a certain amount of peace of mind.

However, if a student is in danger somewhere far off campus, "all bets are off," said Chris Bailey, Director of Public Safety. The escort service will certainly retrieve a student who has been stranded and/or is afraid for

their safety anywhere in town. He added that the Public Safety team will go to any lengths to get a student back to campus safely. Chris Bailey said that he wants the students to use the program when they do not feel safe.

According to Bailey, nothing upsets him more than to see a student walking alone at night. "This campus is safe, but we do live in an urban setting and we have to take that into account." Fortunately, student use of the escort service has risen this year thanks to the public education campaign by Residence Life and Public Safety.

Part of the new student awareness may be due in part to the new SUV purchased by Public Safety. A new Chevy Trailblazer replaced the old, non-descript cruiser. The bright yellow truck gave the escort service a boost due to the easy visibility of it around campus.

Another program that promotes student safety is the Safe Rides program.

Safe Rides works in conjunction with Posten Taxi Company in Wilkes-Barre. The service is for students who are off-campus and need a safe ride home to the dorms or nearby off-campus housing. Mostly the program is for students who get stuck at parties without a ride or who have had too much to drink, and it encourages students

to re-think getting behind the wheel after they have consumed alcohol.



The Beacon/Kristin Hake

This Chevy Trail Blazer is often used as a safety escort for students.

Once a student calls the taxi company, whether through Public Safety or Posten taxi itself, the student must show a valid Wilkes identification to the driver. Public Safety pays for the bill at a later date. Public Safety officials note that this program is not to be abused. The taxi company cannot pick a student up at one bar and take them to another, for example. Posten Taxi is under directions to bring students directly back to campus and nowhere else. Drivers will not pick students up at Wilkes and take

them to a party or bar. Obviously, if a student wants to do either of these things, they can call Posten Taxi but in such a case the student will have to foot the bill themselves. "The service is for students who are off campus and might be in a situation where they had too much to drink or don't have a way back to campus," says Matthew Yench, Manager of Community Relations and Quality Assurance. Student use of this program could be higher but hopefully promotion of the program will gain more customers. However there is a positive to the lack of student use of the program. "This may mean that students are drinking responsibly or not going far off campus," said Yench. Hopefully this is the case, and students are not just ignorant of the program.

Both programs are in place to keep those in the Wilkes community safe. These services are invaluable to students who go to off campus parties or who have friends that live in a residence hall far from their own. Public Safety officials encourage students to use either of these programs rather than taking the risk of being either arrested themselves or the target of a criminal seeking his or her next victim.

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through voluntary moderation of file sharing activity, the University will be forced to begin blocking all P2P file sharing.

Students reacted to the possibility of university monitoring and/or P2P blocking with both relief and trepidation. "I have mixed viewpoints about blocking P2P file sharing. On one hand, such a ban would presumably speed up the network. On another hand, if the network is this slow, a great number of people are obviously using such file sharing and would be upset if it stopped," commented junior biochemistry major, Roger Raby.

Weeks explained that P2P file sharing involves the use of specific applications. Surprisingly, Napster, even though it is still basically dead, was probably the most notorious of P2P applications. Other examples include Kazaa, Ares and Xolox for sharing files.

For example, a user begins by installing the specific application on a personal machine. Once the application is installed a user is asked to supply a username, location for file downloads and uploads, and the type of connection (modem, campus network, etc.) used. Once the user is into the application, a list of files on the machine (in the directory you specified) is sent to servers residing on the P2P network. If a user were to search for a song on the machine, the search would return the username as sharing the file. The student could then download the file from the machine utilizing the P2P software.

"As computers were effected by the

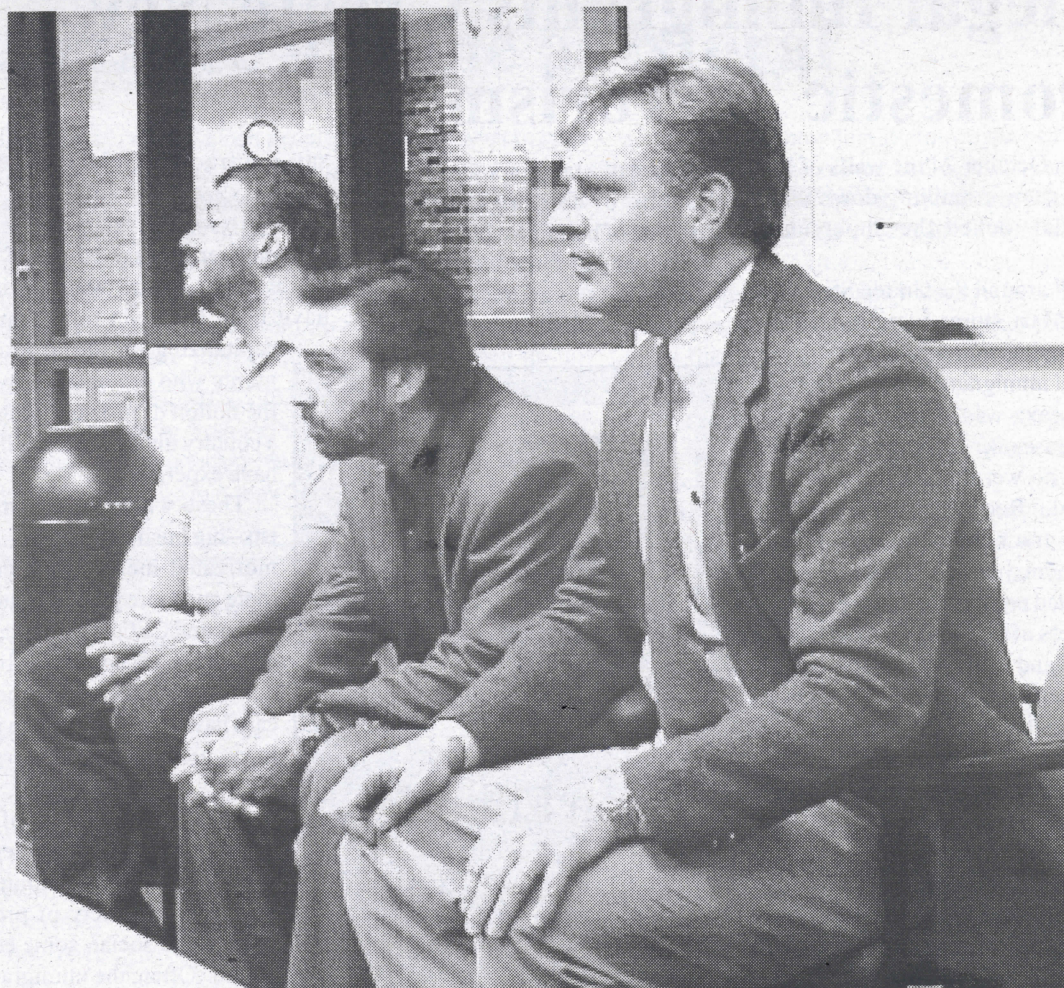
P2P spread viruses, they infected others, and the cycle continued as such. That cycle caused the gradual decline. In actuality, the increase in traffic took only a matter of an hour or so to cause us problems, so I would not say the decline was very slow," said Weeks.

RAs were again provided disks for their residents in order to clean out their computers. But many wondered why such cleaning needed to happen after the earlier "clean sweep" at the beginning of the semester.

"The RAs were given disks at the time to combat the specific viruses that were on campus. The issue was that many of the students' Windows based machines were not up to date with the latest security patches. Even though we addressed this months ago, the fact that students bring new computers on campus, or are not up to date with anti-virus or Windows updates are primary reasons for addressing this issue again," stated Weeks.

In related news, the ITS department is continuing to work on its technology assessment of Wilkes University.

"The assessment, once complete, will help steer our long-term efforts in providing a robust technology solution for Wilkes. Our short-term goal is to maintain the day-to-day operation of the campus, from both an administrative and educational standpoint. We are committed to providing the technical infrastructure to support the needs of the campus," assured Weeks.



The Beacon/Gabe LeDonne

Tom Weeks, Network Specialist for Information Technology Services, Jim Lennox, Interim Director of Technology, and Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs sit patiently at the Student Government meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2003.

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Again, according to Public Safety reports, "The second suspects are two African-American males both having a dark complexion. The first male is described as being 5'5" - 5'7" tall, stocky

the older male typically going into a office building first and engaging occupants in conversation about potentially applying. He will also talk about veteran benefits and financial aid opportunities. After the first

"These two will work as a team with the older male typically going into a office building first and engaging occupants in conversation about potentially applying..."

- Public Safety Community Notification

build 175-180 lbs., 40-50 years of age, wearing a full beard and typically carrying a backpack. The second male is described as a younger man in his mid 20s, thin athletic build, 5'10" to 6' in height, 160-170 lbs., short hair cut or bald, typically wearing a red or blue baseball cap, and is always seen using a cell phone."

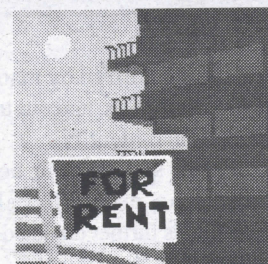
The notice also stated that the individuals will say that they are looking for their girlfriend if stopped by campus employees or students.

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male leaves the second male may be seen in the same general area/building. When confronted this younger male will say he is waiting for his girlfriend and will describe her as a very attractive African-American."

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Illegal Immigrants Create New Domestic Terrorism

On October 24 the walls of Wal Mart came crumbling down when scandal rocked the Supercenter chain.

All around the United States, 60 Wal Mart stores were busted for employing more than 300 illegal immigrants. Locally, T.J. Maxx was also forced to release over 200 employees who were found to be illegal. Recent stories of such crackdowns across the country have illustrated a related problem within the borders of this country that homeland security is not really up to snuff.

So what does this mean is at stake for our country? Is it a matter of Americans having to fear for their existence and comfort within the confines of their own homeland? The answer to that question is most definitely yes--and in more ways than one.

The mass Wal Mart crackdown that happened during the night shifts at stores in 21 states was a wakeup call to all Americans that despite terrorist threats and the destruction of 9/11, security has perhaps never had a handle on how to deal with the "border issue" in the U.S., and the American public has also become complacent.

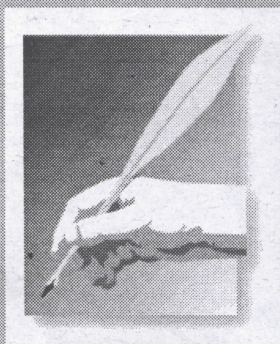
Special Projects Director for the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), Jack Martin, stressed how this particular incident does not bode well for the safe maintenance of our country. "As long as we don't have control of our borders, it would be easy for the next group of terrorists to come into the country just like illegal aliens--if they are not already."

Indeed there is now a reason to feel less protected in whatever situation you find yourself--be it the airport, the amusement park, or even the grocery store where the possibility of some illegal invader is plotting a demise of this country.

But is it paranoid to believe there is threat around every corner? Even in our beloved Wal Mart aisles? Maybe so. But with troops dying in Iraq everyday and the countless lives lost during 9/11, how many more do we have to expend before we crack down on how borders and behavior within this country should be controlled and conducted?

Everyday we are not only becoming

more of a target for terrorism in the form of bombings or the destruction of buildings, but more importantly in the form of these illegal immigrants tearing down our economy, our jobs in the work force



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that can be utilized by many struggling households, and our traditions and national identity.

By not securing our borders to those who enter illegally, our economy is further depleted by companies that have already secured billions for their families and their families to come. Currently, penalties for a company knowingly hiring illegal workers are up to \$10,000 per hired person; such sanctions are a mere drop in the bucket for those like H. Lee Scott, Jr., President and CEO of Wal Mart stores. And even if Scott, Jr. did get caught (which he has), money like his can buy the best lawyers to avoid conviction or admission of guilt. At \$10,000 per illegal worker which totals over \$3 million, Scott, Jr. can buy a lawyer cheaper than that.

After all, under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, employers are required to check forms known as I-9's, filled out by every new employee, and keep the forms for a specified period of time. But in the case of Wal Mart, the illegal employees were working for a contractor and were not technically employees of Wal Mart. Can you

say contractor kickbacks, Mr. Scott?

Sad to say, perhaps the most fearsome terrorists are those of the white collar nature who are and have been living in our country capitalizing on illegal immigrants who are entering with the notion of just surviving in a country unlike anything they have experienced.

These white collar terrorists--big business owners--are motivated merely by greed, more and more greed. Because of this and CEO's like Scott, Jr. coaxing those across the border to swing his way, Americans have more to fear than jetliners plowing into skyscrapers.

Thanks to the influx of so many immigrants--both legal and illegal--our communities face a wide variety of problems, some social, some economic. Often, the immigrants are unwilling and/or ill-equipped to adapt or embrace rules, regulations, and the established language of America. Every day we seem to grow farther and farther away from the established foundations of our nations.

When the country was founded, those who came to America brought with them culture, and yes, a different language. But in an effort to better themselves they learned to share and embrace a common language of English so they could peacefully function and co-exist with the many different nationalities that have made us a diverse, yet UNITED, nation.

As a result, the way English speaking citizens conduct and live life in America has been altered. The state of California has now questioned if English should be the primary language as opposed to Spanish.

Jobs such as teaching are not even worth applying for unless one is versed in speaking Spanish fluently in that state.

Roles have been reversed in our twisted rationale of political correctness where the citizens of the United States must adapt to those who are looking to capitalize on illegally low-paying jobs that are nevertheless being taken away from hardworking citizens.

When this country was first being founded, a ridiculous system that rewarded those who sat on their behinds upon arrival was never in



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Recently, the Stark Learning Center opened a new cafe for students. The Cafe features a variety of items such as sandwiches, salads, hot dogs, and soups.

place. Our ancestors of all colors and races put their blood, sweat, and tears into their jobs for thankless wages which they sometimes paid their lives for. But it was for America--a country they lent a hand in forming--something which we will never forget.

It is time we forget about hurting people's feelings and start satisfy-

ing the needs and preservation of our country. If we fail to, not only will our buildings disappear, but our language and history will as well because of domestic threats like big business tycoon H. Lee Scott, Jr. and the illegal immigrants and scavengers that will reduce our country into an unrecognizable wasteland.

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Older Sister Realizes Importance of Role as Moral

Compass

BY MEAGAN BROWN
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I returned home a few weekends ago to visit my parents and younger brother. All in all it was a great visit, but while there I found out some rather disturbing news. My younger brother, who is now a freshman in high school, had lost two of his friends. These friends happened to be brothers with whom my brother had been friends since elementary school.

Upon inquiring why he had stopped talking to these good friends I found out something even more disturbing. These boys have an older brother who recently has been providing his younger brothers with marijuana. I

was shocked because before this time I had not realized that drugs had reached teens of such a young age. This information prompted me to ask, where has morality gone?

First off, my brother's friends look up to their older brother, just as all younger siblings do. They look up to their brother as a role model for behavior. By giving them pot, the older "role model" was exploiting this bond and introducing his brothers to a path that could eventually ruin their lives.

Whether or not the two impressionable younger brothers are aware of this fact remains unseen.

But the fact remains that if they were ever caught with this drug, they could be put in prison (or sent to juvenile detention), fined and perhaps even expelled from school, all of which would have further consequences down the road. Any person handing out drugs could be jailed as a drug dealer, an offense that is punishable to the furthest extent of the law. Doesn't anyone have a moral code

today? Don't people realize that what they do impacts the youth of today?

Another question I have is where are the parents in all of this?

Family values are lower now than they have ever been and this is illustrated by the case I've offered. Are parents so far removed from their children's lives that they do not

realize what is happening? Can't they see the signs of drug use or even smell the stench on clothing from marijuana smoke?

I know as a child I was given the third degree as to where I was going and with whom I would be going. Do parents not care anymore? Or do they see questioning their children as a bad thing? Parents need to be involved with their children's lives all the time, no matter what the situation. Parents should know what their kids are up to and how they got a hold of the marijuana.

Where has morality gone that people are letting their kids get away with criminal offenses such as these? Drug use has become

so mainstream now that it almost seems the thing to do. My brother and a few friends have now adopted the title of Straight Edge, which means they do not engage in drug use, premarital sex or, in some cases, eating meat. The straight edge mentality has now become the out of style choice, which is prompting teens that lust for peer approval to choose the path of drug use.

For all of us who have younger siblings I have this to say, let them make their own choices and do not use the power you hold over them to introduce a harmful activity. If they choose that activity on their own let them know the consequences of the action and get them help if needed. Don't let the terrible offense of drug use become a habit for young children who have every chance at a good life. Realize the power you hold over these impressionable teens and realize that you are their model of good behavior. Choose the other, less popular road of staying away from drugs. To quote the famous Robert Frost poem, "The Road Not Taken": "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

Your Voices:

The Medical Malpractice Issue: Placing the Blame Where it Belongs

BY DAVE GRASSO
Biology Major, Class of 2004

This letter is in response to Sabrina McLaughlin's article "Medical Malpractice Issue: Placing The Blame Where It Belongs" appearing in the October 20 issue of The Beacon.

Miss McLaughlin's editorial offers much criticism but does not give any mention or even one solution to the major problem of the malpractice issue and the fact that Pennsylvania is quickly approaching a "crisis level" in the lack of medical specialists. Between 1997 and 2002, the U.S. Bureau of Health and Professions reported: the number of general surgeons in PA declined 36%, the number of orthopedic surgeons dropped 16%, and the number of neurosurgeons dangerously dropped 16% to just 180. In 1989, Pennsylvania ranked 12th among states for its percentage of physicians under the age of 35, as of 2000 P.A. dropped to 41st, a sharp and disturbing decline.

Opponents of malpractice reform do not offer any solution to this problem because it is in their best interest to keep things status quo. You cannot turn on a television or radio without hearing an advertisement from a malpractice lawyer that cites a terrible medical mistake followed by the statement "we must keep the victim's rights to sue." But what about the right to have emergency neuro-surgery if a loved one is in an auto-accident or the right to have a surgeon available for lifesaving heart surgery if your child is born with a faulty valve? This right is disappearing along with the neurosurgeons and pediatric surgeons that are leaving our state.

Miss McLaughlin calls the exodus of doc-

tors "political extortion." She must forget we live in a democratic, capitalistic, free society. Doctors, like all citizens, are free to take their services anywhere the best opportunities exist for them. Malpractice insurance premiums in PA can cost as much as \$100,000 more than in other states. However, doctors are just not leaving the state, some are choosing to retire early or are being forced to stop high-risk procedures such as delivering babies, which can carry an extra \$80,000 to \$90,000 insur-

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ance price tag alone.

Miss McLaughlin failed to explain that in a malpractice lawsuit, there are two areas where money is awarded. The first area is financial burden and economic damages. This area is unlimited in settlement and covers current and future medical bills and loss of income. No one is trying to limit this area, where settlements can be in the hundreds of millions if necessary. In Mississippi, a state that has caps on pain and suffering, five cases have been awarded settlements in excess of 100 million dollars for damages since 1995. Doctors and insurance companies are trying to put caps on the second area, the pain and suffering. Caps would be placed in this area at \$250,000 to \$350,000. Some states even have exceptions built in where caps can be exceeded if there is gross negligence or ex-

treme pain and suffering.

Malpractice lawyers fight against caps on pain and suffering because they collect at least one-third of the total court settlement. Some malpractice lawyers have become multimillionaires after just one case. There has been legislation proposed that would limit the percentage of settlement a lawyer can take when the settlement exceeds the million-dollar range, however it has not passed due to the vigorous fighting of the American Trial

Lawyers Association. According to a Rand Institute study on malpractice settlements, on average, only 43% of settlement money actually goes to the victim, the other 57% goes to malpractice lawyers and fees. Contrary to what opponents say, caps have been proven successful in other states.

It is sometimes hard to sympathize with people who are well off. This is a common disparaging attitude and Miss McLaughlin echoes it when she writes "Doctors are among the highest paid professionals...can't they afford to spend a percentage of their incomes for malpractice insurance?" I then wonder what percentage is acceptable? 1%? 5%? This is acceptable. But how about 50% or more? Such is the case for Harrisburg pediatric surgeon Dr. Domingo Alvear, as reported in the May 2003 issue of *Central PA Magazine*. Keep in mind that Dr. Alvear spent 15 years being trained to be a pediatric surgeon (4 yrs college, 4 yrs medical school, 5 yrs residency, 2 yrs internship). Dr. Alvear states that his medical malpractice insurance is 50% of his pre-expense and pre-tax income. The only rea-

son Dr. Alvear has not yet left PA is because he does not want abandon the already underserved Harrisburg area. Would anyone blame a teacher or accountant for leaving PA if his salary of \$70,000 per year was cut 50% to \$35,000?

Medical students are discouraged from going into high-risk specialties such as surgery, obstetrics, and neurology due to today's malpractice environment. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, for the third consecutive year, there are more seats in surgery specialties than there are applicants. These are "high-risk" specialties and statistically a certain percentage of these operations will result in negative outcomes and certain lawsuits.

While there are many legitimate malpractice lawsuits, statistics show that 70% of all malpractice suits are thrown out for lacking merit. On average, it costs \$30,000 dollars in legal fees to handle a case that is determined to be frivolous. With an average of 98,000 medical malpractice cases per year, this amounts to \$2 billion spent on frivolous lawsuits. The expense of these frivolous lawsuits helps add to the skyrocketing costs of malpractice insurance premiums.

Unfortunately some frivolous lawsuits make it to trial. One example of this is the Philadelphia psychic who received \$1 million in damages for reportedly losing her psychic abilities as a result of a CAT scan. For most people this is ironic because they believe if she truly had psychic powers she would have seen this coming. I, however, do believe she had psychic powers, for she was able to see the "legal lottery" coming her way.

Point/Counterpoint: Whistleblowing



BY GINGER ESICK
Beacon Opinion/Editorial Editor

Recently two LCCF prison lieutenants made the news in both local newspapers. The articles noted that the two were to be disciplined for taking misconduct reports from the prison and sharing them with local media. Should these lieutenants face the proposed punishment that they their jobs or should we crack down on the prison system as a whole realizing that something desperately needs to be done?

Ginger Eslick

The two lieutenants who took misconduct reports from the prison and shared them with a local newspaper should not face the possibility of firing for their whistleblowing. Their intentions were good and that should factor

in when considering what the punishment should be. The lieutenants' claim that in the past they have tried to address these issues with prison administrators, but their concerns fell on deaf ears. The punishment should fit the crime, and in no way is the loss of a job an acceptable form of punishment for an act that was aimed at helping to create a more efficient facility.

Our society desperately needs brave people who are willing to go against the norm and make sacrifices in order to make a system, or in this case a prison, run more effectively. Quality people such as these two lieutenants are few and far between.

I am not saying that the lieutenants should not face any punishment; after all, a rule was broken. A proper punishment to this offense would be suspension without pay for a month. In doing this, the people in charge will be showing that they are willing to own up to the fact that the current system needs to be evaluated and changed. But the guards are not the only ones deserving of blame in this situation. Prison officials have clearly not handled circumstances well during the onset of the problem.

The bottom line is that whistleblowers

need to be given credit at certain times. Going against your employer and knowing that doing so could put you in danger of losing your job takes courage. We need to quit pointing our fingers and talking about minutiae issues. There are real problems in this world that need to be dealt with.

Kerri Parrinello

Over the past several months there have been on-going investigations into the workings of our area's prison systems. With each passing day, it seems that something new has been discovered and most of the discoveries point to corruption.

Just days after the famed LCCF escape of accused murderer Hugo Selinski, local media reported that some prison guards were removing files and others were allegedly operating a drug ring inside of the Luzerne County prison. Who's to say that insiders weren't also busy helping Hugo over the barbed-wire fence on his mattress?

In Lackawanna County, a *Scranton Times* article series sparked major overhauls in the control of the county prison. The question at hand is: What do we do when the people who were hired to keep the criminals behind bars betray the trust we have in them and



BY KERRI PARRINELLO
Beacon Layout Artist

begin to steal and lie their way into corners?

If we were expected to turn our heads and pretend that crimes were not committed, that would be like allowing a robbery suspect to go free. If a prison official commits a crime while on the job, he or she should not only be punished, but the repercussions should be more harsh than those that might be handed down to a layman.

These guards are hired to help us feel protected, and more times than we know, guards have put their jobs on the line in order to "earn" a few extra bucks. It's almost as if the crooked prison official is becoming the rule instead of the exception.

Kids and Toys: Place Your Bets Now



BY MATTHEW JONES
Beacon Columnist

When virtually all hope has vanished for our current generation to ever make it in life, where do the disillusioned turn?

Well, children are probably the only beacons of hope left in this dismal world. Only kids have the power to escape the dreary confines of our morally bankrupt generation and go on to forge a new era in which everyone actually does the right thing. Right now, kids are in the middle of forming their future identities and what could be a bigger influence on this critical process than toys?

To properly research these crucial tools for growth, I decided to visit Toys 'R' Us and do some browsing. The results were, well.... mostly encouraging. The earliest aisles contained the usual board games, bicycles, books (!), etc. These really don't change much and everything looked to be in order. Afterwards though, I hit a few stumbling blocks.

The "boys" section was composed of mainly action figures aside from the traditional miniature car race sets and so on. I was happy to see GI Joe, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and He-Man are all making a comeback of sorts but some of the others troubled me. There were quite a few true to life "Ultimate Soldier" figures dressed in WWII attire. On

first glance I thought this to be good. Nothing wrong with historical accuracy. Teach the kids something. Then I saw the Gen. Irwin Rommel and Patton figures and became terrified. I desperately searched all remaining boxes to confirm the absence of any Josef Mengele or Hitler figures. Luckily, there were none. Historical accuracy is great but being too accurate could be a bad thing.

There were also a bunch of "Real Life Hero" figures such as firefighters and EMTs. These made me feel better. It's excellent that kids can view our real professions on the same level as He-Man, slyly sending the absolute right message to them.

The "girls" section didn't offer much hope. Nothing there provided much ammunition in helping young girls in forming a proper cultural identity, unless you consider a statue-like blonde Valley Girl complete with every accessory except a pre-nuptial agreement a good example. I believe girls hold Barbie in a much different light than a boy would with a GI Joe and this cannot be healthy. Girls idolize these things and there has to be something better to teach them at such a young age. Sure there were plenty of My Little Ponies, but Barbie and Barbie knock-offs stretched for at least 90% of girls toys.

Maybe I'm not giving girls enough credit, though; if I know anything, it's that they certainly are the more resilient side of the species. And kids are certainly more resilient than grown-ups, so hopefully the future can be brighter than it has been. I won't comment much on the selection of music albums they had, though. That just depressed me. I'd give my son a John Wayne Gacy figure before he ever got a Justin Timberlake CD.

Managing the Media Message

BY J.W. DAVIES
Beacon Columnist

Just as the winds of change steal the last warm breath from the lungs of summer, the tides of criticism pull back into the vast sea, taking with them the arrogance and optimism of a now humbled White House.

Many months ago, as the heated combat in Iraq began winding down, President Bush and other senior White House officials could not help but walk and talk with a certain air of confidence. When the initial fighting finally came to an end, however, these attitudes were dashed by the realization that the war in Iraq was far from over.

Today, the number of American casualties continues to rise, and as a result, the President's approval rating plummets. Add to that the reluctance of the American public to accept the devastatingly high cost of rebuilding Iraq, and it becomes abundantly clear that our progress in the wake of this war is, at the very least, barely crawling along.

Two weeks ago, however, the White House offered a different opinion on the situation in Iraq. President Bush, along with Vice President Cheney and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, claimed that with the exception of occasional attacks by Saddam loyalists and foreign dissidents, the process of creating a political infrastructure in Iraq is moving along rather swimmingly. All three officials even went one step further blaming the media for perpetuating a negative perception of the United States' involvement in Iraq.

In an effort to resolve this problem the Bush administration intends to carry its message directly to the public, surpassing what

they call "the media filter." How this particular objective is going to be carried out remains to be seen, but perhaps what is more shocking is how this idea of blaming the media reflects on the attitude of the White House in general.

The fact that the President has resorted to finger pointing sheds light on the administration's complete loss of focus, which can be attributed to two things: the sheer bulk of current issues ranging from Iraq to the faltering economy, and the prospect of an upcoming election year. Instead of putting all energy and resources into the task at hand, the White House tried, rather unsuccessfully, to strike a balance between its future campaign strategy and its current duty to the American public. As a result of their failure to accomplish this task, the Bush administration was left looking for a distraction, and who better to serve such a purpose than the traditional scapegoat, the media?

Although the President was wrong about the media, he was partially right about the mixed messages being sent to the public. The blame, however, lies with a team of nine Democratic Presidential hopefuls, who in their efforts to criticize the current administration have presented the public with bloated statistics and exaggerated facts. It is their message that seems to have become confused with the message of the media.

Since the beginning of this war, the media have been nothing short of vigilant in their quest to uncover and report the truth. What's more, the American public must realize that a free press is an indispensable and irreplaceable asset to our society.



Gretchen Yeninas

Gretchen Yeninas, Director of Residence Life, may be a familiar face on campus to many dorm students. She is mainly responsible for campus housing, among many other student-related things. Here, *The Beacon* gets to know Yeninas a little better.

Beacon: When did you begin working at Wilkes and why?

Yeninas: I started working at Wilkes in June 1998. I was an Area Coordinator in New York and was looking for the next step in Residence Life. Also, I was looking to move back closer to my family.

Beacon: What is your educational/working background?

Yeninas: I went to Elizabethtown College and got a BA in English/professional writing with a minor in Spanish (not that I can speak it now!). I went directly to grad school at the University of Scranton and got an MA in Human Resource Administration. While at Scranton, I was a Residence Director. I worked for a year at SUNY Oswego as an Area Coordinator and then started here as the Assistant Director of Residence Life. I became the Director in August 2000.

Beacon: As Director of Residence Life, you must deal with students on a regular basis. Do you enjoy it?

Yeninas: Yes, I have daily interaction with students for a variety of reasons. Most of the time I enjoy it. It's nice to talk with students and learn something about them. If I didn't talk with students, all they would be is a name on a floor plan. I like to be involved with students and get more in touch with the "people" side of residence life.

Beacon: You live on campus. What is it like literally living at work?

Yeninas: Yes, I do live on campus with my husband. I would have to say that living on campus is pretty convenient. If there is ever a problem, I can be there in just a few minutes.

Beacon: You must be on-call all the time. Does it ever get annoying?

Yeninas: Actually, I share official duty responsibilities with seven other Student Affairs staff members, but even if I am not officially "on duty" I still get calls. I wouldn't say it is annoying, but there are times when I get a call as I'm sitting down to dinner and all I want to do is sit down and eat!

Beacon: What is your favorite thing about Wilkes University?

Yeninas: I love that it is a small campus. I have the opportunity to get to know a lot of students and other employees of the University.

Beacon: What are your personal future goals?

Yeninas: My future goals include staying in the Residence Life field, perhaps moving into the Dean's office one day. A more personal goal is to own my own house. I've been living in a dorm since I went to college in 1991. Someday I'll have my own home sweet home.



IRHC

Inter-Residence Hall Council is an organization designed to give dorm students a voice at Wilkes. As part of the Tri-council of Student Government, this organization has a hand in many of the changes made to the University. Stephanie Dickert, President of IRHC (as it's called for short) talked to *The Beacon* about IRHC and why it is important to Wilkes.

Beacon: What is IRHC's goal?

Dickert: IRHC's goal is to ensure a comfortable and safe dorming experience for resident students.

Beacon: Why is IRHC important to Wilkes and its students?

Dickert: IRHC is important to Wilkes because it gives students a voice about living on campus. Students are able to voice any problems or concerns they may have with their dorming situation and we try our best to work out any problems.

Beacon: Why should students become involved in IRHC?

Dickert: It is important that students are involved because without them, we don't know about certain problems and concerns that people have about their dorm. Also, IRHC provides money for RAs to plan activities for their residents.

Beacon: What kinds of activities does IRHC sponsor?

Dickert: Recently, IRHC sponsored a costume contest for the kids' Halloween party. We will also be having a study break party on December 7.

Beacon: How can an interested student become involved in IRHC?

Dickert: Each dorm has two representatives that come to the meetings, but if you are not a rep, you are more than welcome to come. We want to hear suggestions about what can be done to make dorm life better or any activities that you think would be a good idea. Don't be shy. Drop on by!

Beacon: When and where are your meetings?

Dickert: We meet every other Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Hiscox Meeting Room (first floor, Henry Student Union). Our next meeting is November 13.



Increased Enrollment Creates Waves in Science Departments

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Correspondent

The recent enrollment boom has put pressure on many aspects of Wilkes University. Crunched housing, limited parking spaces, and a cramped cafeteria are to be expected with more students. However, this boom is making waves elsewhere across campus, especially in the science departments.

This year, there are more freshmen biology and pre-pharmacy majors than in the past few years. According to Michael Frantz, Vice President for Enrollment Services, there are 54 freshman biology majors this year, which is considerably

peer-reviewed publications by faculty and students; and a wide range of research positions for students."

Dr. Steele feels as though Wilkes University has endless possibilities for students interested in pursuing careers in the sciences. "For a highly motivated student with a strong high school background, the opportunities we offer are truly limitless. Our programs for undergraduates in biology and chemistry are as strong as any in the country. Students from our program are regularly accepted into nationally ranked graduate and medical programs. Although this has always been the case, our reputation is starting to

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-Michael Frantz
Vice President for Enrollment Services

higher than the 41 and 42 in 2002 and 2003, respectively. Frantz said one reason for the program's growth can be attributed directly to the faculty. "We have a very strong program with highly effective, engaged and well-known faculty members who are exceptional teachers, consummate researchers and approachable mentors," stated Frantz.

However, the increase in science majors is not only occurring at Wilkes University. "There is a national rise in interest in the science among our college bound population," said Frantz. This means that there are more students around the age of 17 or 18 who are showing an interest in the field of science.

Dr. Michael Steele, Chairperson of the biology department, said that the rise is affecting all of the sciences here at Wilkes. "Both biology and chemistry are also experiencing tremendous growth from pre-pharmacy. Our freshman classes in general biology and chemistry include 160 or more pre-pharmacy students," said Steele.

This reflects a significant percentage, considering the freshman class size itself is a little over 500. Steele believes that the growth in students is due to "the tremendous professional activity by our faculty and students over the past five years as well as our continued reputation for high placement in M.D. and Ph.D. programs. In the last four years alone, such activity includes [greater than] \$1.7 million in research and educational grants (all of which benefit undergraduates); [more than] 50 presentations by students at state, national, and international science conferences; numerous

really catch on with high schools throughout the northeast. Our hope is to eventually extend that reputation to the national level," stated Steele.

Changes to the biology department also helped garner students. Steele pointed out that faculty are continually striving to update and improve the existing programs. "Since 2000, the biology program built a genomics research facility, a molecular biology center, a research greenhouse, a bioinformatics lab, a media center and we are helping to develop a new Institute for the Environment here at Wilkes," said Steele.

There are numerous positive sides to this growth in science majors. According to Steele, the larger amount of students adds to the diversity of the program and challenges not only the students but also the professors.

However, there are also some negatives to the swell of biology majors. "Our costs of maintaining the same program have increased exponentially. When class sizes increase the way they have, we see many hidden expenses such as wear-and-tear on major equipment," said Steele. Also, professors are being overhauled in terms of advising, according to Steele.

One hope for the program is that it will become better known. "I think Wilkes is already known as a school for the sciences. That said, we can become even more well known," said Frantz. This does not mean that Wilkes promotes the sciences more than other programs. "We do our very best to evenly promote all of our programs," stated Frantz.

Wilkes Teams with Habitat for Humanity to Change Lives

BY JESS NEIMEIC
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Everyone wants to feel warm and fuzzy at times. There are several ways to do that. On September 27, and again this past weekend, several Wilkes University students tried their best to attain that feeling by helping Habitat for Humanity finish a project in Plains.

The organization, founded in 1976, is a non-profit organization that builds and rehabilitates houses. Through volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations, the organization is able to make home owning more affordable, and more rewarding, as the homeowner uses his or her own labor and sweat to get the house built.

"Because of its name recognition, it's easy to get students to sign up for this activity," said Gail Minichiello, Coordinator of Volunteer and Community Service. "I'm happy with the outcome of this. It's very tangible. They [the students] can see the difference between when they walked in and out. Not a lot of community service opportunities give you that. They see a physical difference in terms of a before and after photo."

There are two more dates scheduled this semester with Habitat for Humanity. This weekend, November 1, and later this month, on November 22. Dates for next semester, however, are not yet available. "Unfortunately, due to funding issues, they may not be building any Habitat houses in this area next semester," said Minichiello.

Most of the assignments Wilkes takes on are within walking distance from campus. "The last house that was worked on by the students wasn't that close, but it was only about a ten minute drive," said Minichiello.

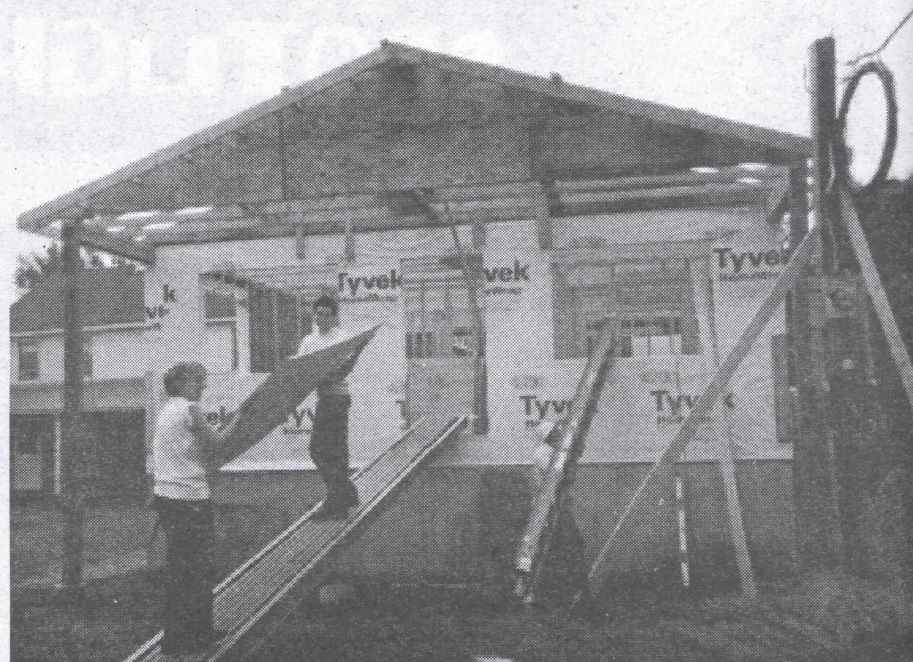
Many of the students who participate in this activity are a part of the Community Service House on campus.

"I saw that we were getting involved with Habitat through a sign-up sheet on my RA's door," said Dara Rees, a freshman communication studies major. "It was also nice to actually meet the family we were helping. We worked all day, joked around, and had a really nice time."

One of the issues that arises with the participation in Habitat for Humanity projects is that there is a maximum of ten volunteers each time Wilkes participates in a project. There are a large number of people who try to get dates with Habitat for Humanity, partially because of its name recognition.

Another issue is the students' feeling that, because of their lack of construction knowledge, they won't be helpful. This is not necessarily true, however. There are, in fact, site supervisors who help unskilled worker-volunteers learn how to do things. Retired carpenters and skilled tradesmen also donate their time. Those who have never done anything like carpentry often feel that through the experience they learn a lot.

"It's just great to see the house actually completed. It's something that I wanted to be



Courtesy of Gail Minichiello

Wilkes students Heather Werner and Chris Gorey help with construction on Habitat for Humanity work day held on October 27, 2003.

involved in, even though I didn't really know a lot about building a house," said Cindy Stavinski, Resident Assistant of the Community Service House. "We got to see the people getting the house, see how excited they were. All the kids are getting their own bedroom, and they just thought that was the greatest thing in the world."

Habitat for Humanity members are now

focusing on fundraising. They are in the process of opening a 're-store' which is being established to sell new and used building materials and fixtures for home improvement in the Wyoming Valley.

With the help of such institutions as Wilkes University, Habitat for Humanity is helping to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

MSC Promotes Diversity Across Wilkes Campus

BY REBECCA GOODMAN
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With this week's emphasis on celebrating diversity and multiculturalism, the Wilkes community need only to look across the Greenway as students change classes to recognize how many different characteristics we have to celebrate.

Every student on the campus is an individual and the university provides a variety of clubs and activities for each student. One of these clubs is the Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC).

MSC promotes diversity in all of its forms. It consists of students from various racial and ethnic backgrounds who celebrate diversity not only on the Wilkes campus, but also in the surrounding community. MSC helps to promote intercultural awareness.

This promotion takes shape in a variety of different forms. One such way is through the many interesting educational activities that the club sponsors. Andita Parker-Lloyd, Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs and Advisor to the MSC said that having these activities "gets students of all multicultural backgrounds together in an informal, educational, fun way."

These activities can serve as a way to get people together in a comfortable atmosphere. This diversity allows individuals to grow and helps everyone involved to become culturally competent. Most importantly perhaps, these activities can serve as a way for students to interact with others from many dif-

ferent walks of life. One such activity that the MSC sponsored this semester was the welcome back dance held at the beginning of the semester.

Today marks the beginning of several MSC events in the Henry Student Center Ballroom this week in celebration of Multicultural Awareness Week. The activities for the week begin tonight at 7 p.m. with an exhibit and presentation of "black memorabilia" entitled "Lest We Forget" by Todd Allen, who will discuss the historical significance and great importance of the items. Tuesday's events include a discussion about aging with seniors and Linda Kohur at 11 a.m., and later a reading with poet Rashidah Ismaili at 7:30 p.m. A discussion about the Israel/Palestine unrest will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday with Joshua Ruebner, and a discussion with Dr. Dick Gillespie about his historical novel entitled *Papa Toussaint* will happen on Thursday. On Friday, interested parties who R.S.V.P. by Nov 5 can spend the day at Susquehanna University's Diversity Symposium. Free transportation will leave from the Henry Student Center parking lot at 6:45 a.m. for a program called, "As _____ as I Wanna Be." The week ends with a Cultural Expo that will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, November 8, in the Ballroom.

Future activities that include various festivals and trips are in the planning stages in order to increase awareness and education of many ethnic groups and their cultures.

"These events are important to the school and the whole Wilkes community as a whole since they aim to promote diversity, be it on campus or in the township itself," said Kofi Gbomita, fifth-year pharmacy student and first vice president of the MSC.

Jillian Snyder, a junior first-year pharmacy student and president of the MSC added, "A lot of people I have encountered here are close-minded and I feel that these events are very important in bringing together a diverse group of people, as well as educating the community on various ethnic backgrounds."

This is not to say that the MSC only promotes diversity. Parker-Lloyd also sees the group as "an energetic, committed group who

work as peer advocates." The MSC, Parker-Lloyd added, is there for any student needing help in a situation in which they feel discomfort or need assistance.

The MSC helps to facilitate the expansion and acceptance of diversity in all its forms on the Wilkes campus and surrounding communities. "To be culturally competent you need to be understanding, open, and aware of differences of all types," concluded Parker-Lloyd. Every student has a unique cultural background and the MSC helps to help students become mature, culturally competent people.

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Learning Communities Help Freshmen and Faculty Bond

BY LINDSEY WOTANIS
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The freshman experience has been compared with a roller coaster ride—peaks and plummets, twists and turns. Transitioning from the known to the unknown can be difficult for many students, but feeling alone in the midst of it all can heighten anxiety. Wilkes University officials have recognized that and undertaken a new initiative to help students with that transition: learning communities.

The new learning communities are meant to help students cross the bridge from high school to college. The communities are made up of two classes that work together with a common theme. The professors of both classes collaborate on assignments and make class discussions relevant to the coursework in both classes. The same students, who willingly volunteered to be part of this pilot program, are in both classes, allowing them to better get to know one another and work together.

Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Provost at Wilkes University and initiator of the pilot program, was familiar with learning communities from her former university, Towson. She said that learning communities not only help retention in the freshman year and give students a better sense of community, but also, "Research tells us that it [being part of a learning community] helps freshmen through their entire first year."

The two pilot communities are enjoying much success so far. The first community, made up of Dr. Phyllis Weliver's English 101 class and Jim Harrington's Exploring the Arts Freshman Foundations course, has experienced perfect attendance to this point of the semester. The theme of this community, "Cultural Conversation and The Arts" allows for interesting discussions and guest lecturers.

According to Harrington, the group meets both in and out of the classroom on a regular basis. "Every single Sunday night . . . we have dinner with all of the students at 7 p.m., and then we meet in the multicultural room and have guest speakers," said Harrington.

The other unique aspect of this particular community is that the students all live together on the fourth floor of Evans Hall. On one occasion, the students prepared dinner at the dorm and invited both Harrington and Weliver to join them there, rather than at the cafeteria.

"They all got together in Evans Hall and they made dinner . . . It was terrific. It was a really nice gesture on their part. Then, we watched a movie after dinner," said Harrington.

According to Weliver, the fact that all of the students live on the same floor of the same dorm has had a huge impact on the suc-

cess of this community.

"My class begins at 8 a.m. and I have had perfect attendance. The students are banging on each other's doors to make sure everyone is on time for class. . . . [It shows] they care about one another and notice [when someone is missing]," stated Weliver.

On one instance, Weliver's classroom had to be changed because of heating issues in Kirby Hall. She found out the day before, but was not worried about her class roaming around campus the next morning. "I sent an email out to the entire class, and I knew that even if only one student read the email, the entire class would get the message," said Weliver.

Both Harrington and Weliver are delighted with how the learning communities are working out. They notice a positive difference in the students. According to Weliver, the class is an exceptional group of

is made up primarily of commuter students, with the intent to help commuters feel more a part of the greater Wilkes community right from the start.

"I think that what surprised us when we polled the students . . . has been actually the social aspect of it. . . . I think the Provost had this in mind when she set it up, but it wasn't one of my primary goals and that was because the majority of the student in our class are commuters. What the learning community has done for them is to provide a ready-made social group here on campus, which they otherwise wouldn't have been able to gather around themselves quite as quickly," said Starnier.

This community is also unique in another way. They share a textbook. "Using one text helps to better forge a relationship between the Communication and English disciplines," said Stine.

makes for better learning. No one cares if your speech wasn't as good as theirs or if your paper was horrible. Everyone is there to support you and help you," said Klish.

Another interesting part of the community experience was a trip to New York City, in which both communities participated. Both communities centered projects on the trip, and enjoyed a wonderful learning experience while in the city. All four professors enjoyed the day with their students, and felt as though it was a real bonding experience.

"They [students] felt, and I did too, that we all turned a corner after we spent that day in New York City together. It was really a wonderful experience," said Starnier.

The wonderful experiences associated with these communities have all four professors already buzzing about next year.

"Dr. Starnier and I have already arranged to do this again in the fall 2004 semester. The fact that the Learning Community pilot is going so well is very gratifying, and that, of course, is one thing that compels us to continue with it next year," said Stine.

Loeschke is not at all surprised that the learning communities have experienced such marvelous success.

"We admit students with dreams and goals and a good work ethic. They want a good, personal education. This group of faculty is exceptional. This is not a group that comes, teaches, and goes home. This combination [of students and faculty] makes Wilkes a natural environment for this program. It has never worked as well at any other institution as it is working here," stated Loeschke.

Loeschke and other faculty associated with this program are also exploring ways to carry this concept throughout the undergraduate experience.

"We are looking at an advanced model of this. They would not be learning communities, but rather interdisciplinary communities, such

as pairing an engineering course with a business course. We are looking at how to take capstone courses and combine them," said Loeschke.

Klish also said that if this type of program were offered again, she would sign up for it. "The classes are much more fun when you get to know everyone in them. They are also much easier because you are not afraid to ask for help from your peers or ask either of the teachers for some feedback," said Klish.

The number of learning communities offered to freshman next fall will double from two to four. The plan is to maintain the current communities and integrate two additional communities with bases in philosophy and sociology. Loeschke notes that the program will remain voluntary.



The "Cultural Conversation and the Arts" learning community dines with Mr. Harrington on Sunday evening November 2. The group meets every Sunday night for dinner in the cafeteria.

students, and a real joy to teach.

"Discussion on the readings has been really engaging. The students tell me that they continue their discussions even after class has ended, back at the dorm," said Weliver.

With this close-knit working environment comes the concern of collaboration, possibly even plagiarism. "We realized a potential problem is plagiarism. However, there haven't been any issues or acts of plagiarism so far," stated Weliver.

The other learning community, made up of Dr. Janet Starnier's English 101 class and Dr. Mark Stine's Communication 101 class. Public Speaking, hasn't had any serious issues thus far either. They are, in fact, experiencing similar success in their community.

Their community, centered on the theme "Reading: The Stories We Tell Ourselves"

The shared textbook also allows for collaborative assignments, which ultimately benefits the students. Lindsey Klish, freshman pre-pharmacy major and member of the Starnier-Stine community, loves how two courses are meshed together and feels the community allows for the new students to have a comfort zone.

"Being able to write a paper in ENG 101 which then transfers over as a very similar, if not exact project in COM 101 is amazing. . . . Getting different perspectives from different teachers is a big help. For public speaking, I feel so much more comfortable in a room of people I know and get along with. I think that has definitely affected my performance in that class because I have always been very nervous talking in front of people I don't know. Not being intimidated by the people around me is a huge help because I believe it

From the Cutting Room: Texas Chainsaw Massacre

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

This movie is rated R and receives 4 flying W's.

Let's face it...every so often, we need a break from the same sappy love dramas and our nerves need to be jolted.

Whether it is for fun or just a good thrill, sometimes we need a truly terrifying movie

and follows a group of five teenagers on their way to see a Lynyrd Skynyrd concert in Dallas, Texas after doing some drug dealings in Mexico. Along their journey, they pick up a strange hitchhiker who eventually commits suicide in the back of their van. Desperate to find a solution on what to do with her body, the five friends stumble upon a dilapidated old house in the rural area of Texas owned by Thomas Hewitt (played by Andrea Bryniarski) and his strange extended family.

Hewitt receives the group, led by Erin (played by Jessica Biel), revving a chainsaw. Suddenly, their aspirations go from seeing a legendary performance by Lynyrd Skynyrd to being lucky enough to leave the house with their limbs still attached. Also starring in the film are Eric Balfour, Jonathan Tucker, Erica Leerhsen, Mike Vogel, R. Lee Ermey, and David Dorfman.



that will keep us awake for countless hours with visions of ourselves playing "the next victim" of some never-ending nightmare sequence. Let the heart begin to hammer and the adrenaline start to pump. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* has hit local theaters, and it is sure to shock you from your seat straight to the sticky theatre floor.

Like the original, it is set in the early 1970's

This thriller is supposedly based on the true story of Plainfield, Wisconsin's cannibalistic grave robber, Ed Gein, which is exactly what makes this motion picture so intriguing. If you are a viewer who likes to be just as terrified as the actors in the movie are, then "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" might just be what you're looking for.

This Week in History...

The week of November 3 to November 9 in retrospect:

3rd—The first automobile show in the United States opened at New York's Madison Square Garden, (1900)

4th—James and John Ritty patented the first cash register, (1880)

5th—The game "Monopoly" was introduced by Parker Brothers Company, (1935)

6th—The first official intercollegiate football game was played in New Brunswick, NJ, (1869)

7th—Voters in Pennsylvania eliminated sports from Pennsylvanian "Blue Laws," (1933)

8th—The soap opera "Days of Our Lives" debuted on NBC-TV, (1965)

9th—The great Northeast blackout occurred as several states and parts of Canada were hit by a series of power failures lasting up to 13 1/2 hours, (1965)

Urban Legends: Language

The very tool we use to communicate legends to each other--language--is itself a source of folklore. A number of the words and phrases in use today have interesting origins that have become obscured through the mists of time.

Decide for yourselves which of these urban legends are true.

- * During World War II, the Germans passed up a chance to kill FDR because they mistranslated the name of the city Casablanca as "White House."
- * The John Steinbeck novel *The Grapes of Wrath* was translated into Japanese as *Angry Raisins*.
- * Cinderella's slippers were made of fur in the original versions of the fairy tale, but they became glass slippers in later versions as the result of a mistranslation.
- * A person who gets what he deserves is said to have received his "just desserts."
- * The origin of the saying, "Bless you!" when someone sneezes stems from an ancient desire to safeguard the sneezer's soul or to commend the dying to the mercy of God.
- * The term "hot dog" was coined in the early 1900s by a cartoonist who couldn't spell "dachshund."
- * A choice cut of beef taken from the upper hindquarter (i.e., the loin) of a cow is called sirloin because an English king was once so delighted with his meal that he knighted the meat, dubbing it "Sir Loin."
- * Pumpemickel bread is so named because a Frenchman derisively declared it was fit only for his horse, Nicol.
- * A "1943 Guide to Hiring Women" from a transportation magazine is real.
- * The word news is an acronym formed from the words north, east, west, and south.

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CD Review: The Strokes' *Room on Fire*

BY COREY PAJKA
Beacon Correspondant

Millions of albums sold worldwide, a new rock revolution, dozens of pale imitators, legions of fans, and unanimous critical praise of their 2001 debut, *Is This It*. So, if you are The Strokes, a five-piece New York garage band labeled by some as the latest "saviors" of rock and roll, what do you do for an encore?

The answer is their latest album, *Room on Fire*. Their strategy for this album, released on October 28, is apparently "stick to the basics." *Room's* overall sound is largely unchanged from their previous outing. Two guitars, one bass, one drummer, and one lovesick lead singer; the same pared-down formula that made *Is This It* such a massive success. Don't look for any rap-rock rhyme schemes, DJs, or Fred

Dursts on this record. The Strokes (with lead singer Julian Casablancas, guitarists Albert Hammond Jr. and Nick Valensi, bassist Nikolai Fraiture, and drummer Fab Moretti) care only for making simple, rapid-fire rock, and the result is some of the most exciting new music since Nirvana's *Nevermind*.

Casablancas gets the ball rolling on *Room's* opening track, "What Ever Happened?" "I want to be forgotten and I don't want to be reminded," he bellows over the pulsing beats of his bandmates, pushing forward frantically almost as if they're afraid they'll be forced offstage before their fifteen minutes are up at open mic night. Things don't get any slower on the reggae-infused "Automatic Stop," the New Wave-ish, "12:51," or the casual sex homage, "Meet Me in the Bathroom." No song on *Room on Fire*

clocks in at over four minutes, (with a total running time of thirty-four minutes) and The Strokes retain the humble attitude that made them so appealing and accessible in their debut. These guys aren't rock stars, they're five lucky fans who found success by crafting the sounds of their rock heroes (which includes Lou Reed, Television, and The Rolling Stones) into a palatable new format for the 21st century.

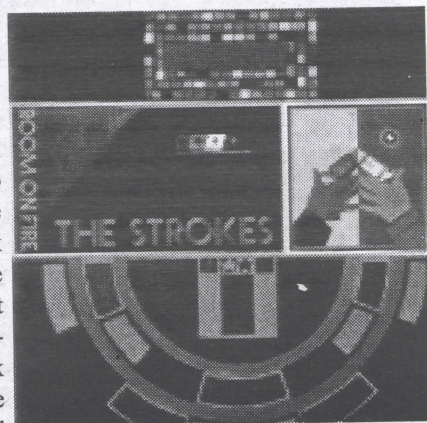
The newfound fame and pressures The Strokes have come into, however, weighs down the general spirit that made *Is This It* such a trip. Themes get a little repetitive (unrequited love, late night party sessions, overall angst) and the group's subject matter, while thoroughly engaging,

could stand a slight facelift. Some of the most engaging and vicariously triumphant moments in rock come when an already talented artist pushes the boundaries of their music even farther (think The Beatles, Van Morrison, or more recently, Radiohead.)

For now, however, this Fab Five (not to be mistaken with *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*) in The Strokes have crafted a highly enjoyable, listenable, and rockable follow-up in *Room on Fire*. There's something here to satisfy any die-hard rock lover, catchy, rhythm-inflected beats, ripping guitar work, and attractive vocal stylings.

In the album's closer, "I Can't Win," Casablancas declares, "Hold on/Yes, I'll be right back." If that means more albums like *Room on Fire*, please, Julian, please let that be a promise.

Rating: Four Flying W's out of Five.



Wilkes Chorus to Join Philharmonic this Weekend

BY GABE LEDONNE
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The nearly 50 members of Wilkes University Chorus will accompany the Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic this weekend to perform Mozart's "Requiem." The chorus will join several other area university singing groups for the performances on Friday night at the F.M. Kirby Center, and on Saturday at the Scranton Cultural Center.

While some chorus members took part of their summer out to practice the famous work, the ensemble has been preparing for the event since the beginning of the

school we will get the chance to perform with different people; and working with professional musicians will probably teach us a lot," she added.

Emily Bly, a senior music education major, agreed with Rish. "This concert is special because it is a community effort. Plus, the Mozart 'Requiem' is such a great piece of music. Not everyone gets the opportunity to perform great literature with such a large ensemble."

The concert has been in the works since Chorus Director, Dr. Steven Thomas approached the Philharmonic about 18 months ago. As Thomas explained, it was a joint effort between himself and Philharmonic Music Director, Clyde Mitchell. "My idea was to do a collaborative performance with the Philharmonic and several choirs. Clyde Mitchell suggested that we do the Mozart 'Requiem'," Thomas said.

According to Thomas, the concert had been "something I wanted to do since I came here...in 1999."

Thomas explained why the "Requiem" was chosen for the concert. "[Requiem] is one of the most powerful and dramatic works of art in the

history of western culture. If people want to see the best that

Western culture has to offer, they should come to this concert," commented Thomas.

A limited number of tickets are available free of charge to Wilkes students and for \$5 to faculty and staff through the Student Activities Office on the first floor of the Henry Student Center. The tickets are made available via the Programming Board-sponsored "College Night at the Philharmonic" event.

The NEPA Philharmonic is also offering tickets to students and faculty at discounted rates. To acquire tickets through the Philharmonic, contact its Ticket Hotline at 570-457-8301 or visit the website at www.nepaphil.org.



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semester.

Chorus member, Elizabeth Rish explained the rehearsal schedule that the chorus has been keeping for the concert. "The chorus has been practicing twice a week... We also had a few practices on Saturdays with the Philharmonic conductor, and we had an all day chorus practice earlier in the semester," Rish explained.

But despite the extensive time and effort that the musicians have been putting in, Rish says the hard work is well worth it. "Overall, it's a great experience. Instead of just singing with people from our own

Review: Comedian Daniel Tosh

BY MONICA CARDENAS
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What is there to say about Daniel Tosh that hasn't already been said? His running commentary throughout the show he performed last week at Wilkes offered a hilarious and raucous break from academics.

The experienced comic dished advice on college life, religion, drinking and relationships. He blames women for the fall of man (they're always eating!) and commends gay men for finding a way to avoid women altogether. While he was a bit chauvinistic, he redeemed himself for many with his remarks about wait-

ing tables. According to Tosh, everyone should wait tables at least one year of their life. And, if he were to win the lottery, he'd open a restaurant in which servers were free to smack stupid customers--this joke won over the waiters and waitresses in the crowd.

Like most comic acts, Tosh delivered a few racist jokes. Somehow, though, he seemed to avoid upsetting too many people. His jokes were not extremely offensive, and most forced even the most PC in the audience to crack a smile.

If you missed last week's act, check out www.danieltosh.com to track him down, and be on the lookout for the next show to come to campus.



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 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper (optional)
 1/4 c. kalamata olives, pitted and sliced
 1/4 c. chopped fresh parsley
 1/4 c. grated parmesan cheese, plus more for serving

Directions

1. In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the penne according to package instructions until al dente, about 13 minutes. Drain.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic, and cook, stirring, until just golden, about 1 minute. Add the cherry tomatoes, oregano, crushed red pepper, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Reduce the heat to low, and cook, stirring, until tomato juices run, about 3 minutes.
3. Add the penne, olives, parsley, and 1/4 cup parmesan to the skillet and toss to combine. Serve with more cheese if desired.

Total time: 25 minutes Serves: 4

**Dorm Room Dining**

Every week you will find a new recipe that is simple enough to make in your dorm room yet scrumptious enough to satisfy any tastebud. So get out your pots and pans and start cooking!

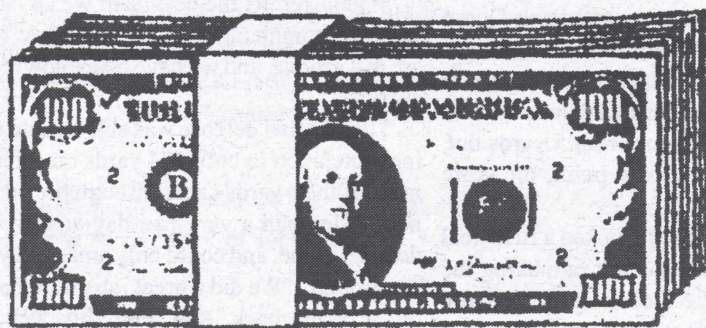
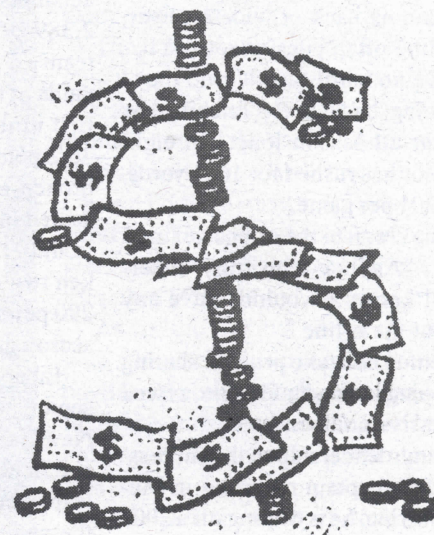
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O-Line Propels Wilkes to Top MAC Scoring

BY KYLA CAMPBELL
Beacon Staff Writer

When fans attend a football game, most skip past numbers 50 through 71 on the roster and look to the numbers of typical playmakers. Not so at a Wilkes University football game. Within these numbers lie several key people who determine the outcome of the game, week in and week out. These are the playmakers known as the offensive line.

Kris Kauffman, Mike Liberski, Tom Wighard, Matt Begansky, and Jason Holloway each bring something special to the offensive line on Saturdays. But what stands out most is the combination of the five that has kept Wilkes' offense the top scoring offense in the Middle Atlantic Conference this season.

Unlike a running back or wide receiver, the offensive line often goes unnoticed because they have no hard stats. Or do they?

Junior running back Brett Trichilo has been an all-star all season long. In eight games, the junior has rushed for 1611 yards, an average of 201 per game.

"I give all the credit to the offensive line," said Trichilo. "Anyone who truly understands football knows I wouldn't have any success without the o-line."

So, the linemen can take pride in sharing these jaw-dropping stats with Trichilo, as well as other impressive numbers.

Liberski brings leadership to the successful line. A senior captain majoring in Mechanical Engineering, he is coming off a 2002 season during which he earned 1st team All-MAC and 1st team All-ECAC honors and was named a 1st team Verizon Academic All-

American.

"Everybody came in strong this season and followed the weight program, and [full-time offensive line coach Mike Spagnuolo] has prepared us every week," commented Liberski. "We know that for the running backs to do their jobs, we have to do our's first."

They have done their job, and then some. The rushing unit, assisted by the linemen, accounts for 2,389 of the team's 3,442

yards of total offense this season. They're first in the MAC in scoring offense with 36.2 points per game. The team has also broken a ten year old record for points scored in a season. The old record of 282 from 1993's undefeated MAC team was broken two days ago when the team reached 290 points for the season with two regular season games remaining.

Liberski lines up with Holloway, another senior, who transferred from Division II New Haven. Holloway, who is in his third and final year with the Colonels, broke the team's bench press record of 440, setting the new mark at 450 pounds. "The best thing for us is that we basically have the same line as last year," said Holloway. "Our

communication hasn't changed."

Wighard, the final starting senior lineman, anchors the offense from the center position. After sustaining an injury his freshman year, he maintained a year of eligibility. Wighard graduated in May with a degree in Mechanical Engineering,

but continued taking classes in Engineering Management to play his final season of football.

"A combination of circumstances made me come back. I still had eligibility, and my

brother deciding to come here was a big factor," said Wighard. "I wanted to be able to play with my brother and come back and do better this year."

And they're almost there. The offense is also on pace to break the single-season record at Wilkes for rushing yards. The current record is 2,668 yards set just last year. However, the Colonels are averaging 298.6 yards per game and need just 280 yards to set a new record. Again, this is all mainly due to the unknown offensive line.

Begansky, a junior, and Kauffman, a freshman filling in for injured sophomore Chris Kowalski, round out the true linemen. But, any football fan knows you can't forget about the tight end.

Senior Brian Fritts and freshman Matt Pizzaro have played key roles at the ends of the line, making sure their blocks are sustained long

enough for the rushing attack to succeed.

"It's obvious when we're having a bad game," said Fritts. "When we aren't on top of things, neither is the entire offense."

But, for the most part, they are on top of their game.

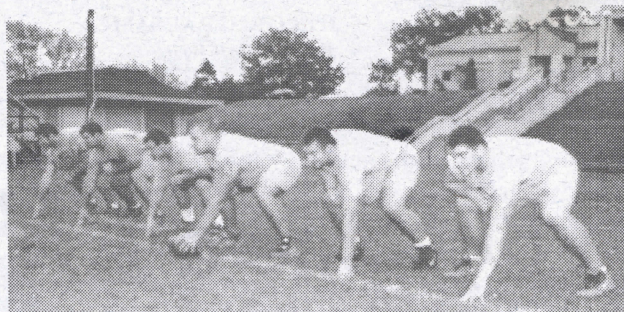
"Our offensive line and tight ends are by far the biggest group that has to work as a unit," said head coach Frank Sheptock. "It helps that they've played together for so long. Their bonding and camaraderie is possibly the strongest of any group we've ever had."

"The maturity of the group is most helpful," added Sheptock. "Last year, one of the things that proved to that group that they are special is that when Brett [Trichilo] went down in the second game of the season, everyone questioned our ability to run the ball. But, even without Trichilo, our rushing numbers went up, and our linemen's confidence increased."

Their confidence was boosted even more on Saturday when records were shattered in the football team's 49-7 victory of Lebanon Valley College on Saturday. Trichilo rushed for a single-game record five touchdowns that also helped him set a new record for touchdowns in a season with 20. Again, he gave the linemen credit for his accomplishments.

"Those guys take pride in themselves that they have to be big and physical," concluded Sheptock. "Their bodies are going through the grinder at practice and on Saturdays. They know what they're in the middle of every day and every weekend."

And they are obviously prepared for it.



The Beacon/Kyla Campbell
Practice makes perfect for the Wilkes University
Offensive Line

Records Broken as Wilkes Football Rolls Past Leb-Val, 49-7

BY WILL MIDGETT
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

The Wilkes football team proved itself once again on Saturday when the Colonels steamrolled the Lebanon Valley Flying Dutchmen 49-7.

Brett Trichilo set a new school record rushing for five touchdowns from runs of 10, 5, 1, 5, and 39 yards. Trichilo ended the day with 214 yards on the ground, advancing his season mark to 1611. The star running back now has 20 touchdowns on the season, which is another Wilkes record.

Trichilo came into the game as the second leading rusher in the nation, and with this latest win he is now averaging over 200 rushing yards per game. This was the third straight game in which he has rushed for over 200 yards.

The Colonels first got on the board at 6:39 in the first quarter when Trichilo broke a ten-yard run for his first of five touchdowns. With the successful extra point attempt, Wilkes took the lead 7-0. Lebanon Valley was unable to answer Wilkes' first score, and the Colonels then reached the endzone again with 58 seconds left in the first quarter.

Wilkes forced Lebanon Valley to punt, and the Colonels then took over on their own 35-yard line. Wilkes put together an 11 play, 65-yard drive with Trichilo and the offensive line controlling the ground game, and some key

passes by sophomore quarterback Duran Porrino. Trichilo's second touchdown was set up by a 16 yard pass to Jim Jordan taking the ball down to the 5 yard line. Trichilo raced into the endzone from 5 yards out, and after a missed extra point, the score was 13-0.

Wilkes' Kyle Devlin kicked a field goal at 12:38 in the second stanza making the score 16-0. The Colonels got on the scoreboard again at 11:40 with a safety. Lebanon Valley had been forced to punt, but the snap went over the head of punter Kevin Heller and rolled out of the endzone for 2 points, making the score 18-0.

Wilkes would go on to score twice more in the first half with another field goal from Devlin and 1 yard touchdown run from Trichilo. A blocked punt by Brian O'Leary at the ten-yard line, which he then picked up and returned 8 yards to the 2-yard line, had set up this touchdown. The score was 28-0 as the two teams headed into the locker room for halftime.

Wilkes rolled up an incredible 488 yards of total offense on Saturday, with 335 of them coming on the ground. Porrino, who had given Wilkes a stronger passing attack in the last few weeks, went 12-17 for 137 yards. The Colonels also achieved a new single-season scoring record as well.

"They weren't the best team we've faced this season," commented Trichilo. "Right now we are in a groove, and we have been blowing teams away."

The Colonels defense was able to hold the Flying Dutchmen to only 174 yards on offense and most of their yards came through the air. Lebanon Valley had a very bad day against Wilkes' defensive line, and could only amass 32 yards on the ground. "We did a great job putting pressure on the quarterback," said senior linebacker Steve Rogers. "He never got a chance to get comfortable in the pocket."

Lebanon Valley probably could have been held to under 100 yards in this game, but at 3:49 left in the 4th quarter, when Wilkes had its second string defense in, quarterback Zach Buffington threw a 98 yard touchdown pass to receiver Dave McCullough.

"We made some mistakes," says Rogers. "A dominating performance would have been a shut-out, and we didn't have one." Rogers lead the way for the Colonels defense with 9 tackles, a sack for a loss of 6 yards, and some superb special teams play.

In the 2nd half Wilkes wasted no time returning to the endzone. The Colonels started their first possession of the half at their own 28-yard line, and pounded the ball all the way down to the opposite end of the field. Trichilo rushed for 38 yards during the drive, and Porrino added his own 10-yard run plus a pair of completions for 24

yards. The drive ended with a 5-yard touchdown run from Trichilo.

The Colonels would score again at the start of the 4th quarter on a 4-play, 49-yard drive. The drive was capped off by a 39-yard touchdown run by Trichilo, his longest rush of the day.

Lebanon Valley scored its only points of the day with the 98 yard touchdown pass late in the 4th quarter, but Wilkes ended the game with their last touchdown of the day. With 19 seconds left to go, sophomore transfer Tom Andreopoulos rumbled into the end zone from 16 yards out to end a 67-yard drive.

This latest victory improves Wilkes' record to 5-2 in the conference and 6-2 overall. The Colonels still have a shot at the MAC and title and a playoff berth, but they will have to win the two remaining games of the season. The next two games will both be at home against Delaware Valley and King's--two top rivals. Delaware Valley will be the most important game of the season for Wilkes as DelVal tops the MAC right now with an overall record of 7-1.

"We're playing well offensively and defensively," says Trichilo. "You want to be playing your best football at this point in the season, especially when you have two of the toughest teams in the league at the end of your schedule."



Monday Night Match-up

BY STEVE KEMBLE & WILL MIDGETT
Beacon Sports Editor & Asst. Sports Editor



New England Patriots vs. Denver Broncos

Steve:

Tonight the New England Patriots (6-2) travel to Denver to take on the Broncos (5-3) in an evenly matched contest, so I'm going to have to pick the Broncos with their home field advantage to win a game that will be very close.

The one thing that will play a major role in the outcome of this game is how the Broncos will utilize their offense with starting quarterback Jake Plummer out of the game. I believe that they need to--and will--stick with their elite running back Clinton Portis to carry the offense, because of how poorly backup quarterback Danny Kanell fared last week against the Baltimore Ravens. Kanell threw for only 114 yards and two interceptions.

As for the Patriots, they come into this game with a huge chip on their shoulders knowing that the Broncos own them by winning 12 of the last 14 times the teams have played, and they have won only once in the last 13 games they've played at Denver.

As long as the Broncos don't give up any huge plays on defense and let Portis touch the ball between 30-40 times they should improve their record to 6-3. Broncos win 24-17.

Will:

My perfect 4-0 record suffered a blow on account of the awful performance of the Chargers last week, but I feel confident that I will regain my composure in this week's match up. I do feel that I have the support of my fans, especially footballfan14, and their inspiration will get me through the tough games.

It will be a hard-nosed game, but I think that New England will have the edge.

The Patriots have been playing great this season despite a score of injuries. There have been times this season when the Patriots have been down as many as nine players, but head coach Bill Belichick has kept his team focused.

The Broncos' running game is one of the best in the NFL, but the Patriots have held opponents to under 100 yards rushing in four consecutive games this season. The New England defense is strong and is only allowing a stingy 16.1 points per game.

The Patriots' offense is led by quarterback Tom Brady, who has thrown for 1721 yards so far this season as well as 8 touchdown passes. They also have a strong running back in Kevin Faulk who has 397 rushing yards and is averaging 4.0 yards per carry. Faulk also has a lot to contribute to the passing game as he has racked up 198 receiving yards.

The Broncos have already lost to two AFC teams and they have an inexperienced Danny Kanell at the helm. They are probably going to rely on Clinton Portis to get them through this game, but the New England defense will chew him up and spit him out. New England will win 21-17.



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Field Hockey Ends Season with Two Disappointing Turns

BY STEVE KEMBLE
Beacon Sports Editor

The last week for the Lady Colonels field hockey team turned out to be a disappointment, as they ended the season with two losses.

On Saturday the Lady Colonels traveled to Elizabethtown to face off against the Blue Jays for the final game of the season. Elizabethtown won the game and improved its record to 7-14 while the Lady Colonels ended the season with an overall record of 7-11 and 1-6 in conference play.

Things looked bright near the beginning of the game for Wilkes when Meredith Sampson put the Lady Colonels up 1-0 off a Lara Judson assist. Then things started to go down hill.

Elizabethtown scored three unanswered goals. The first came with just over two minutes left in the first half when Kate Gwilliam tied the game 1-1 off a Lauren Potosky assist. Then, nearly five minutes into the second half Kelley Miller put the Blue Jays up 2-1 on an unassisted goal. Laura Williams continued the E-town offensive assault about six minutes later when she put the Blue Jays up 3-1 assisted by Miller.

About midway through the second half the Lady Colonels got back onto the scoreboard when Nicole Audino scored an unassisted goal putting Wilkes within reach at 3-2.

With around ten minutes left in the match, Elizabethtown put the final nail in the coffin when Sam Stever assisted Heather Morgan for a goal putting the Blue Jays up 4-2; a score that would remain through the end of

regulation.

"It was their senior day. They were motivated and we came out flat. That's the best way to put it. We just came out flat. We had played a great game against Drew on Tuesday, just got unlucky, and then today we just came out flat," commented Todd Broxmeyer, Head Coach.

Broxmeyer also added, "We had a couple key players that were hurt and being so shallow in depth just really puts us in a hole. One starter has been out for a few weeks. A girl that started in the beginning of the season is out, and two more have been playing this past week injured."

On Tuesday at Artillery Park, the Lady Colonels lost a heartbreaking 2-1 decision to Drew University. All goals were scored in the second half as Ellen Balkovec scored off an assist from Kara Fetter with under five minutes left for the game-winning goal.

Melissa Quinn had the lone goal for Wilkes off a Lara Judson assist and Colleen Mahon had the other goal for Drew assisted by Alyssa Bobe.

"I thought we would have done better this season, but it just happened that things didn't break our way the way they could've. We lost four conference games by a goal. It should've broke differently.

I think we had the talent and were more skillful than a lot of teams. I just think we were missing a couple ingredients like being a little deeper in the bench, but we have a good core returning for next year and hopefully we can have a strong recruiting season," commented Broxmeyer on a look back at the entire season.



Archive Photo

Men's Soccer Comes Up Short

BY KYLA CAMPBELL AND SPORTS INFORMATION

Delaware Valley's Mark Napolitano found the back of the net at the 84:33 mark of the second half to give the Aggies a 1-0 Freedom Conference win over host Wilkes University in both teams' final regular season match at Ralston Field on Saturday afternoon. The Colonels end their season 6-12-1 overall and 2-4-1 in conference play. Delaware Valley finishes 7-11-2 overall and 2-5 in the conference.

Dominik Proctor stopped eight shots for the Colonels.

On Thursday afternoon at Ralston Field, Greg Castellani knocked home a cross from Jordan Miller with 2:41 remaining in the second overtime to lift King's College to a critical 3-2 Freedom Conference men's soccer win over Wilkes University.

Wilkes took a 1-0 lead at the 27:33 mark of the first half when Sean Fisher scored off an assist from Matt Foreman.

The score stayed that way until the second stanza when Castellani netted an unassisted goal at the 54:02 mark to knot the contest at 1-1. King's forged in front 2-1 with 15:49 remaining on an unassisted goal by Miller.

Wilkes would rally to net the game-tying goal with only 4:23 left in the contest. Mike Leaman served a ball into the goal area. Mike Bridy then headed the ball to Matt Kulp, who tallied the goal.

Both teams had opportunities in the extra session before King's finally got the game-winner. Miller broke down the right side and sent a ball to Castellani in front of the Wilkes goal. Castellani then pushed a shot into the back of the net for the winning goal.

King's held a slim 17-16 shots on goal advantage, while Wilkes had a 10-9 edge in corner kicks. Monarchs goalkeeper Dan Upton stopped six shots in net to pick up the win. Dominik Proctor finished with seven saves in goal for Wilkes.



The Beacon/T. Mick Jenkins

Several Aggies were in front of the cage to pose a threat late in the game. Wilkes' goalkeeper stepped out to defend, but Napolitano sent a deflected ball into the open cage with just over five minutes remaining in the contest.

Delaware Valley held an 18-10 advantage in shots and a slim 5-4 edge in corner kicks.

Christopher Zirpoli registered six saves to earn the win in goal for the Aggies. Goalkeeper

Volleyball Team Notes Senior Night with Losses

BY STEVE KEMBLE
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes Lady Colonel volleyball team played their last game of the season during senior night at the Marts Center on Tuesday only to find that they lost much more than the outcome of the match.

The Lady Colonels, (10-16 overall) and (1-5 in conference play), took on The FDU-Florham Devils, (25-8 overall) and (5-1 in conference play). It didn't take long for FDU to show why they had a better record by sweeping Wilkes in three games: 30-16, 30-20, and 30-25, to take the match.

Alicia Vieselmeyer led the Lady Colonels with eleven kills. Nicole Hahn led Wilkes in the assists column with 26 and also through in ten digs. Carlee Fitzsimmons and Amber Brennan also had ten digs each.

Scott Van Valkenburg, Wilkes Volleyball Head Coach, had these comments about FDU

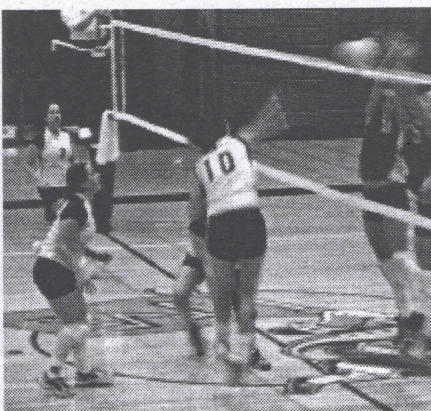
after the match, "They're a team that just wins and wins and wins....and its through hustle. Whatever they lack in talent they make up for with hustle. They don't give up on balls, if a ball goes 30 feet out of bounds it's not out of bounds yet, because they're going to get it back in play, and it's through determination and being positive all the time, and that's what wins games."

In the third game of the match the Lady Colonels stepped it up a notch knowing they had to leave it all on the court. "Our backs were against the wall, it's the same thing we've been doing all year. There was a little bit of emo-

tion and it was the last chance for the seniors. Everybody's going to pick it up a little for that, and that's the way we've played all season it's just fitting that's how we go out," said VanValkenburg.

This game marked the end of a college career for two Wilkes women: Brennan and Fitzsimmons. Both played four years and were a huge part of the Lady Colonels team. In her career, Brennan played in 340 total games and had 994 career digs, which is a school record.

Fitzsimmons played in 178 total games and had 285 career digs.



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"We'll miss them a lot. Amber's someone who can call defenses on her own and she's basically a defensive coach out on the court. No matter who we bring in next year, whoever is going to take it over, whoever we bring in, even if they're better talent wise, which is hard to see, they're not going to have the leadership and the knowledge on the court that she has," said VanValkenburg.

Darcel Lenker, sophomore OH, agreed with the coach. "Amber and Carlee will truly be missed on and off the court in the future seasons at Wilkes, because of their great personalities and abilities."

However, the Lady Colonels are trying to be optimistic about things even with the loss of two important players. "The bright spot is that it's only two seniors and last year we didn't have any, so we're still building up pretty good, and we expect a lot more out of them next year," commented VanValkenburg.

Colonel Clipboard

Freedom Conference Standings as of 11/02/03

Field Hockey	Conf	O/A
Manhattanville	6-0-0	10-6-0
Drew	5-1-0	11-7-0
Delaware Valley	4-2-0	8-11-0
King's	2-4-0	9-10-0
FDU-Florham	2-4-0	9-10-0
Wilkes	1-5-0	7-11-0
Scranton	1-5-0	6-12-0

Men's Soccer	Conf	O/A
Drew	6-0-1	15-1-2
Lycoming	4-3-0	15-4-0
DeSales	4-3-0	11-7-0
FDU-Florham	3-4-0	9-8-0
King's	3-4-0	10-9-0
Scranton	3-4-0	4-12-3
Wilkes	2-4-1	6-12-1
Delaware Valley	2-5-0	7-11-2

Women's Volleyball	Conf	O/A
Lycoming	6-0	22-8
FDU-Florham	4-2	28-8
Scranton	4-2	19-13
King's	4-2	19-10
DeSales	2-4	14-14
Wilkes	1-5	10-16
Delaware Valley	0-6	1-12

Football	Conf	O/A
Delaware Valley	6-1-0	7-1-0
Lycoming	6-1-0	6-1-0
Wilkes	5-2-0	6-2-0
King's	5-2-0	6-2-0
Widener	4-3-0	5-3-0
Albright	4-3-0	5-3-0
Susquehanna	3-4-0	3-5-0
Moravian	3-5-0	3-5-0
Juniata	2-5-0	2-6-0
Lebanon Valley	1-6-0	1-7-0
FDU-Florham	0-8-0	0-8-0

Women's Soccer	Conf	O/A
Scranton	7-0-0	18-0-1
Drew	5-1-0	11-4-2
FDU-Florham	5-2-0	10-6-1
Wilkes	4-3-0	9-8-2
Delaware Valley	3-4-0	6-8-2
Lycoming	2-4-0	7-7-1
DeSales	1-6-0	3-14-2
King's	0-7-0	2-17-0

Athlete of the Week

Rena Bolin Women's Soccer



Rena Bolin, sophomore forward, had two goals and an assist in two games for the Lady Colonels this week. Her outstanding play helped Wilkes clinch fourth seed for the Freedom Conference Playoffs.

In the first game of the week she had an assist on the first goal and in the second game of the week she scored the Lady Colonels first two goals.

Weekly Recap

Football
(11/1) Wilkes 49 Lebanon Valley 7

Field Hockey
(10/28) Drew 2 Wilkes 1
(11/1) Elizabethtown 4 Wilkes 2

Women's Volleyball
(10/28) FDU-Florham 3 Wilkes 0

Men's Soccer
(10/30) King's 3 Wilkes 2 (2ot)
(11/1) Delaware Valley 1 Wilkes 0

Women's Soccer
(10/28) Wilkes 3 King's 0
(11/1) Wilkes 3 Delaware Valley 0

Numbers Of the Week

- 0** Goals allowed by Women's Soccer this week
- 5** Touchdowns scored by runningback Brett Trichilo
- 38** New school record for points in a season set by Christina Waldele for women's soccer
- 15** Number of goals scored by Christina Waldele this season, which ties the school record

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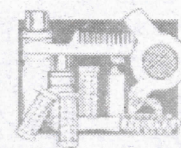
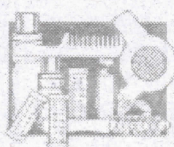
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Women's Soccer Earns Freedom Conference Playoff Berth

Christina Waldele sets school's single-season record for points, ties record for goals in 3-0 win

**BY KYLA CAMPBELL & SPORTS
INFORMATION**

Wilkes University's women's soccer team posted a 3-0 Freedom Conference win over Delaware Val-

ley College in Doylestown, clinching the fourth seed in Freedom Conference playoffs. The Lady Colonels will travel to number-one seed University of Scranton on Tuesday for a 7:00 p.m. start at Fitzpatrick Field.

Wilkes sees its record improve to 9-8-2 overall and 4-3 in conference play. The Aggies end their season 6-8-2 overall and 3-4 in the conference.

Christina Waldele, who finished the day with one goal and one assist, set a new school record for points in a season with 38 and tied the record for goals in a season with 15.

Rena Bolin tallied two goals to lead the Lady Colonels' offense in the shutout win. Bolin's first goal of the contest came off assists from Waldele and Lyndsey McWilliams at the 28:14 mark. Bolin extended

the first-half lead to 2-0 off an assist from Tara Friedman. Waldele completed the scoring with an unassisted goal with twenty-five minutes remaining in the contest.

Wilkes held a 15-5 advantage in shots, while each team earned three corner kicks.

Katie Green registered her seventh victory by shutout this season by stopping two shots in goal for the Lady Colonels, while Adrienne Richards added one save in goal for Wilkes. Goalkeeper Lindsay Eversole ended with six saves for Delaware Valley.


On Tuesday afternoon at Betzler Fields, Wilkes University scored three times in the second half to post a 3-0 Freedom Conference women's soccer victory over King's College.

After a scoreless first half Christina Waldele got Wilkes on the board at the 57:40 mark of the second period when she scored off an assist from Rena Bolin.

Jill Chiucchi gave the Lady Colonels some breathing room when she tallied a goal off an assist from Kristen Palumbo just 56 seconds after the goal by Waldele to make it 2-0. Chiucchi would tack on her second goal of the contest off an assist from Kristen Haldy later in the stanza to extend the lead to 3-0.

Wilkes held a commanding 19-1 shots on goal advantage, while also claiming a 9-0 edge in corner kicks. Katie Green

stopped one shot in net to pick up the shutout win for Wilkes. Liz Ball had 11 saves for King's.



Campus Calendar

TODAY (11/03)

Today thru November 9 Multicultural Awareness Week

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TUESDAY (11/04)

Instant Aging: The Fun Side @ HSC
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WEDNESDAY (11/05)

Israeli/Palestine Situation Discussed @
HSC Ballroom 7 PM

THURSDAY (11/06)

Toussaint Louverture, Napoleon Bonaparte
and Haiti @ HSC Ballroom 7 PM
WUPB Meeting @ Hiscox Meeting
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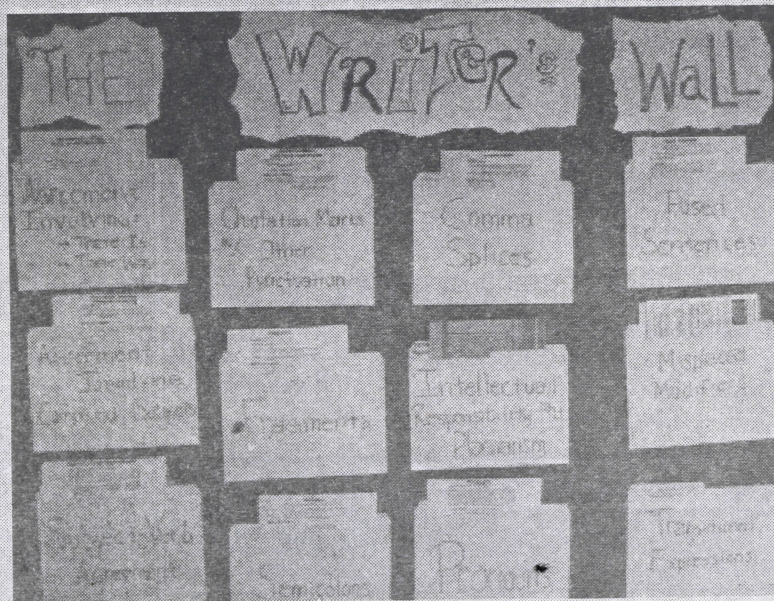
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SATURDAY (11/08)

Football vs. Delaware Valley 1 PM

SUNDAY (11/09)

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