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Fenner Garden is more than just a pretty place

BY KIRSTIN COOK
Assistant News Editor

A few years ago, it was just a parking lot with a rose garden. Now, students walking through the greenway may be surprised at the improvements made at The Learning Garden, located between Fenner Hall and the Farley Library.

The Learning Garden is largely maintained by Patty Gilmour, President Tim Gilmour's wife, and has received many new enhancements this year, including a stone walkway, a picnic table, a water fountain, and a wooden bench. Plus, there are many more improvements planned for the future.

"What I've been trying to do while I've been here is turn our campus somewhat into an urban park," Gilmour said.

The environmentally-friendly pollinator garden, which does not utilize herbicides, contains many fruits, including peaches, cherries and plums, as well as a variety of flowers and shrubs.

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Phase one of SHE building approved for 2011 construction

BY KIRSTIN COOK
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Last week the Board of Trustees approved the construction of a new Science Health and Engineering building with a projected construction date of September 2011, diverging from the original plan to renovate the Stark Learning Center.

The plan has been defined as 'phase one' of the SHE building

project, which outlines the construction of a new building to house the biology and chemistry programs, along with possibly some of the environmental science programs and the new program for energy and environment.

President Tim Gilmour said that this plan has a reduced scope from the previous idea to fully renovate the Stark Learning Center, which currently houses the sciences.

"That's actually changed from where we were even six months ago, in that we thought we were going to be able to renovate the old portion of the building, but the more the architects and the construction representative looked at it, the more they realized that probably in the end it would be just as expensive to do the renovations," Gilmour said.

The tentative proposal, Gilmour said, is to build the new building

in the center of the greenway to keep it nearby SLC and to create a different flow on campus. The building is expected to be approximately between 55,000 and 70,000 square feet.

Phase one, which Gilmour estimates will cost approximately \$35 Million, is estimated to last around a year and a half.

After construction of the new building, the proposal is that the

vacated area in SLC will be renovated to bring the pharmacy and nursing programs physically closer together and support interaction between the majors.

"I'm hoping that not only will we get this done, done well, done at the \$35 million level, but we'll then move on from there to do the remainder of the renovation relatively rapidly," Gilmour said.

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BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
Editor-in-Chief

PARKING ANNOUNCEMENT – Public Safety began ticketing vehicles at 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 20. All vehicles must be in the correct parking lots according to the assigned parking permit. Public Safety would like to remind the campus community that the Chase parking lot is for handicapped and visitors parking; the library parking lot is for library and continuing education visitors; residents must park on floors 4-7 of the Parking Garage. For questions, contact 408-2349.

STD TESTING – Caring Communities, in cooperation with the Wilkes-Barre Department of Health will be hosting a free and confidential STD testing from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 22 in Passan Hall. For questions or more information, call Health Services at 408-4730.

2010 TREC AWARD WINNERS – Nine members of the Wilkes University faculty and staff were honored at the annual TREC awards Ceremony on Sept. 2. The awards were presented to the faculty and staff from the Teaching Recognition & Effectiveness Committee (TREC). The honorees were: Dr. Paola Bianco, Deborah Chapman, Dr. Jennifer Edmonds, Dr. Kyle Krieder, Amy Patton, Dr. Edward Schicatano, Dr. Jeffery Stratford, Dr. Marlene Troy and Dr. Deborah Zbigner.

CROSS-COUNTRY VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers to direct runners through the course for the Homecoming cross-country race are needed on Oct. 2. Interested students should contact nicholas.wadas@wilkes.edu.

PARK PROJECT – The City of Wilkes-Barre, in conjunction with Kraft Food Services, KABOOM!, The Goals Foundation and the Iron Triangle Community is looking

for volunteers to help build a park near Hazle Street in the Iron Triangle Community. The KABOOM! Playground Project needs the most help between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 7. Contact carie.early@wilkes.edu

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

WEEKLY MEDITATION – Weekly meditation will be held every Wednesday from 5 to 5:30 p.m. in the salon of Kirby Hall. First-time meditators should come to the question and answer session from 4:45 to 5 p.m. Contact mischelle.anthony@wilkes.edu or linda.paul@wilkes.edu.

WEIGHT WATCHERS – Health Services has set up a Weight Watchers at Work Program for the fall semester for students, faculty and staff. There is a weekly, half-hour meeting with a weigh-in and a cost of \$10. Alternatively, participants can pay for an eight-week series, \$80, or a 10-week series, \$100. Students, faculty and staff will be reimbursed with half the cost of the program if he or she completes it. Call Anita from Health Services at 408-4730 to sign up.

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Beacon Correction

In Issue 1, *The Beacon* reported that the free McAfee Anti-virus software is available at Barnes and Noble and the MyWilkes portal. The software is only available for download from the MyWilkes portal. *The Beacon* regrets this error.

SG passes budget for homecoming weekend

BY CATHRYN FREAR
News Editor

Student Government approved a budget for the homecoming weekend at their Wednesday, September 15 meeting. The motion passed 25-0-1.

The budget total ended up being \$15,811, but Kevin Hopper, a junior business major and SG's corresponding secretary says that that isn't a final budget.

"That is what I asked for as a maximum amount," Hopper said. "That is a budget for 300 people and while I'd love to think that many people will show, chances are they just won't."

The money that isn't spent on the week-

end activities will be put back into the SG budget.

SG President Ben Beidel, a P2 pharmacy student, said that one of his goals as president is to cut spending.

"I know we got a lot of flak for our spending on dances last year," Beidel said. "I think Kevin did a good job keeping spending down."

However, both Beidel and Hopper made it clear that the spending isn't just for the dance; it's for all of the homecoming weekend's activities.

"It includes everything for the dance like the venue, food, photo booth, T-shirts, security, bartenders and the DJ," Hopper said. "But it also includes all of the weekend ac-

tivities like the pep rally and the [football] game."

Beidel said that SG, as well as other clubs across campus, has problems getting students to get involved with events such as the homecoming dance.

Hopper said that one of the reasons that students don't go to the homecoming dance is because they are concerned about the dress code.

"I don't mind dressing up, but not everyone wants to do that," Hopper said. "To be honest, I don't care if people show up in a pair of nice jeans as long as they come and have a good time."

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General Funds: \$9,500
Leadership: \$1,000
Spirit: \$3,000
Special Projects: \$2,000
Start Up: \$1,500
Total: \$42,500

New Business:

Winter Weekend: Looking to form a committee to be planning Winter Weekend. This will be finalized later in the semester

Trustees Meeting: President Ben Beidel attended the trustees meeting. Members discussed integrating transfer students with classmen in their year as opposed to freshman and SHE building initiatives.

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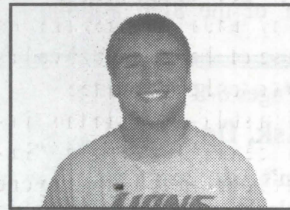
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Kanjorski announces \$1 million for Marcellus Shale research

King's, Wilkes, Earth Conservancy institute formed for research and development

JACQUELINE LUKAS
Editor-in-Chief

Congressman Paul Kanjorski (D-PA) announced \$1 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Energy to create an institute with Wilkes University, King's College and the Earth Conservancy for issues and research with Marcellus Shale gas drilling.

Marcellus Shale is a type of sedimentary rock found near the Appalachian area of the United States. Most of the rock contains natural gas, with the majority of it being untapped.

Kanjorski held a press conference at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 13 in the Henry Student Center lounge to make the announcement to the members of the institute, which will be located on the Wilkes campus.

The possibility of gas drilling in Northeastern Pennsylvania has many advantages and disadvantages. Kanjorski said that the Pennsylvania State University has been examining the Marcellus Shale drilling and estimates that there is gas to be drilled and money to be made in this region.

"We probably have an extractable \$7 trillion in Marcellus Shale, which would make it the richest gas deal in the world; enough to fuel America for 50 to 100 years," Kanjorski said. "And of course that's only extracting 5% of the gas that's there under present tech-

nology."

Kanjorski continued to say that the possibilities of Marcellus Shale mirror the coal mine revolution in Northeastern Pennsylvania from after the American Civil War until the 1950s.

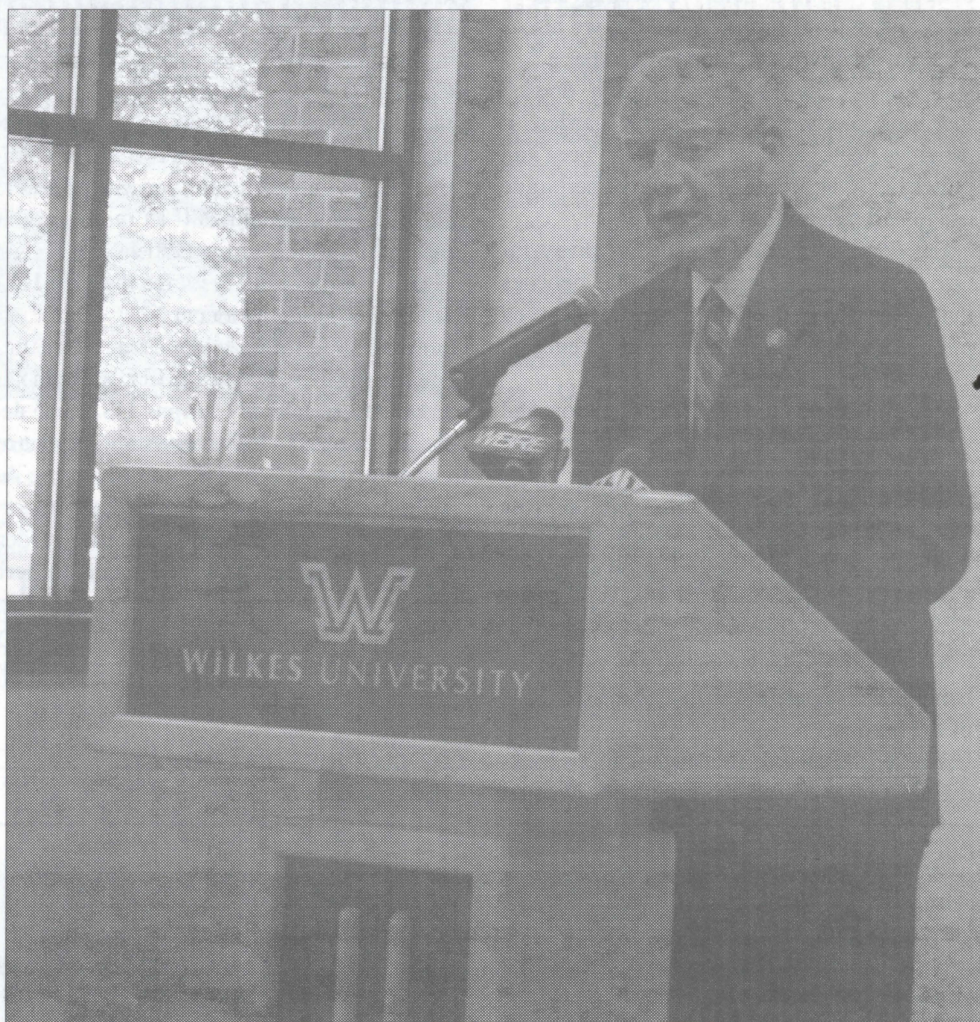
"If Northeastern Pennsylvania can be a big player in that field, it will be replicating what we did with anthracite coal to fuel the Industrial Revolution," Kanjorski said. "We'll fuel the American second century of world dominance, free from the Middle East."

John Duda, from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory, said that Marcellus Shale is a significant domestic resource, but there are matters at hand that need to be discussed.

"There are multiple issues, both real and perceived, that need to be addressed in order to fully develop Marcellus Shale in the most responsible manner, realizing the economic breach of security and environmental benefits."

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Congressman Paul Kanjorski, right, announced funding for an institute between King's College, Wilkes University and the Earth Conservancy. Kanjorski received \$1 million in funding for research and development of Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling. The institute will be located at Wilkes University but the other contributors will be involved.



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More global classes: a possibility on the horizon

CATHRYN FREAR
News Editor

The General Education Committee (GEC) is in the beginning stages of looking into bringing more globally diverse classes into Wilkes' general education curriculum, but it is still undergoing review.

Dr. Karen Beth Bohan, GEC chairperson and associate professor of pharmacy practice, emphasized that every group of people that the change would affect will be addressed before any actual changes are put into place. Because of that, an initiative has yet to be introduced to the committee.

"Anyone who is a stakeholder in this situation will be considered," Bohan said. "Students, faculty, staff, administration—anyone that will be affected by a change like this will be listened to before any action is taken."

Though language would play a big part in the changes, Bohan said that in this particu-

lar situation, the GEC isn't just looking to alter the language curriculum; it is looking for classes that bring a more global perspective to students.

"We want to be able to give students that advantage," Bohan said. "Classes about culture and language — not just how they are now, but how they are formed and evolve — offer students a different point of view; and not only about that culture or that language, but about our culture and language."

According to Bohan, language is not a requirement in the general education curriculum at Wilkes at this time.

"As of now, students don't have to take a language," Bohan said. "They have the options of taking either a foreign language or a philosophy course."

Dr. Paola Bianco, associate professor of Spanish and a Wilkes graduate, said that language classes being put into opposition with philosophy classes is illogical.

"It just doesn't make any sense for us to be competing," Bianco said. "The classes are just too different to compare."

Bianco got her bachelor's degree from Wilkes in French and says that the University used to have four languages - French, Spanish, German, and Russian.

"That was many years ago," Bianco said. "Then when I came [to teach], you could minor in German and Russian, but they slowly phased them out."

In years past, Wilkes required that students take at least six credits of a language during their undergraduate academic career. There are plenty of different factors that may have caused the university to steer the curriculum away from world languages.

"We used to have an actual requirement," said Dr. Mark Harris, visiting professor of Spanish. "I think that the administration kind of thought it sort of deterred students away from coming here, so they changed the

general education requirement."

He also said that the substantial upsurge in the population of Spanish-speakers in the United States in the 1990s is what kept Spanish alive.

"I don't know why it happened and I don't think anyone could have predicted it, but there was this explosion of Spanish-speakers from Latin America," said Harris. "Spanish has become a very important language in not only American culture, but the world."

Bohan said that she would like to see students be more aware of that world, but it may never happen.

"We just don't know," Bohan said. "We don't even know what classes we would be trying to bring. They could be classes that were here before, or they could be completely new."

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GARDEN

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"I think it puts us on the map as a university that's not only a fine institution but a place of beauty," Gilmour said. "Buildings are nice, and renovations are nice, but we also need gardens when we need open space."

However, The Learning Garden doesn't just look pretty. As a pollinator garden, it provides nectar and nourishment to bees and butterflies that are endangered by herbicide usage and habitat loss.

The ongoing garden project has many future improvements such as circular benches that were donated by alumni, stone-carved pillars, a gazebo with vines and a fence to close off the parking lot.

Jack Lewis, a senior history major and secondary education minor, has noticed the developments.

"I transferred here two years ago and [the garden] was actually one of the first things I noticed, but it didn't look as good as it does now," Lewis said. "I think that they made improvements over the last few years."

All of the garden's weeds are pulled by hand, which contributes to the overall look of the garden.

"Sometimes people think our campus looks a little raggy in places, but that's because

we're not using chemicals, and we're looking for a more natural look," Gilmour said.

The garden also uses compost to make the campus a more green environment. Even some of the plants are recycled, as the boxwoods edging shrubs were relocated from the old football field.

By expanding progress made in The Learning Garden, Gilmour hopes to aid students in getting Wilkes recognized by The Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree Campus USA. According to the foundation's Web site, "Tree Campus USA colleges and universities strive to engage their student body as well as their broader community to establish and sustain healthy community forests for the benefit of current and future residents."

Gilmour said she would aid interested students in starting a committee to get Wilkes recognized as a Tree Campus USA and developing a plan to build a certain amount of trees annually.

Gilmour says that there are many opportunities for involvement with the garden project. Volunteers may help plant an herb garden, replace trees or aid in many other gardening tasks. Gilmour encourages any interested volunteers to e-mail her at patty.gilmour@wilkes.edu.

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This funding is preliminary and will be used for primary research and development.

"This \$1 million is just the first of many millions and millions of dollars over the next five years," Kanjorski said.

The possibilities for students will be numerous because students will be able to be involved in internships, research opportunities and classroom learning, said Dr. Tim Gilmour, president of Wilkes University.

"Wilkes is pleased to be part of this initiative to provide accurate, objective information about water quality and energy issues in Northeast Pennsylvania," said Gilmour. "It is appropriate that we take the lead in this partnership with King's College and the Earth Conservancy to address these issues that are so important."

Both Kanjorski and Gilmour emphasized the importance of doing effective and safe research when dealing with gas drilling.

The institute will monitor water quality, because of it is a concern of citizens. Peo-

ple working within the institution will also provide new research and ideas for developing the Marcellus Shale drilling.

Marcellus Shale is a type of sedimentary rock found, which contains largely untapped gas reservoirs.

The drilling is not only a concern within this joint coalition, but also of the greater region. Gilmour said that there are both positive and negative consequences with Marcellus Shale drilling.

"No one will ever be totally satisfied with [Wilkes University]," Gilmour said. "You have to think, 'What's the purpose of your institution?' Is it to play it safe? Or to help the broader community?"

Kanjorski has been working on getting the funding for Marcellus Shale research since last spring.

He first introduced the idea to Vice President Joe Biden. Following that, members from the two colleges, the Earth Conservancy and Biden met on this subject and decided how the federal government could provide aid.

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SHE BUILDING

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Provost Reynold Verret said that the future biology and chemistry laboratories in the new building are essential for the changing methods of science. He added that the new laboratories will have a more open structure, which will allow interdisciplinary collaboration and capacity to work with professors.

"The actual practice of becoming a biologist and actually becoming a historian has to do with being able to work in your discipline side-by-side with your major professors," Verret said. "It's an apprenticeship, and in the sciences to do that apprenticeship the laboratories are important."

Verret feels that the construction of the building is a vital element of maintaining a positive reputation that Wilkes has created in this region through the science programs.

Chip Prescott, who is the special assistant to the president for major projects, said that the next step in the phase will be for the architect to complete designs for the project, which will take about six months. The architect is scheduled to visit the campus next week to develop the de-



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Pictured above is a portion of an science laboratory located in SLC. The old laboratories will be replaced by new, more open workspaces in the SHE building.

sign, which will include a definite decision on the most ideal location for the building.

Prescott said that the master campus planning will garner involvement with the SHE building plans.

"At appropriate times we will be creating a process to solicit input from faculty members and staff members at the univer-

sity and students, and also members from the community," Prescott said.

Trustee emeritus Beverly Hiscox is very much in favor of the SHE building plans. She feels that it will enhance the education of students and the beauty of the campus.

"We need more space and we need more up-to-date equipment and a building for

the sciences that will stand on its own," Hiscox said.

Gilmour believes that the defined phase is flexible enough to overcome possible obstacles.

"I think we have a plan that will enable us to do it, setting aside a catastrophic economical situation, which I don't think is really going to happen," Gilmour said. "It will enable us to do it no matter what."

Gilmour said that the funding will be a collection of annual capital project allocations, money collected from capital campaigning, state-funding and other "creative resources." However, the logistics about financing are still being explored.

"Our feeling is that particularly the institute for energy and environment will attract resources from the community and from public sources of dollars that we should be able to garner in the next year or so," Gilmour said.

Verret said that the approval of phase one was reached despite many obstacles. Some of the difficulties faced involved financing, determining the needs of all the departments and meeting them, as well as adjusting the vision of how science is conducted.

"It's a big moment for us," Verret said, "It's about time."

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Wilkes films virtual tour



On Sept. 15 and 16, Wilkes filmed a virtual tour of campus for the University's website. The filming was organized by advertising agency 160over90, and used a state-of-the-art 360 degree camera that will allow viewers to grasp a full view of the campus. The videographer wore a backpack with the camera suspended over his head and rode a motorized scooter as he captured shots. Pictured left is the camera contraption. On the right, senior communication major Amanda Gunther prepares for her tour guide role.

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Don't Ask, Don't Tell shot down in CA

Ruling is a much-needed step forward for the U.S. military

BY THE BEACON
Editorial Board

Serving in the armed forces is the most noble, heroic deed done for one's country. All American citizens should be given the right to fight for their country; however, some Americans are prohibited from taking part in the armed forces due to America's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

On Sept. 9, a federal court in California ruled that the DADT policy is unconstitutional, which is a brave, much-needed step forward in ensuring freedom for all men and women to join the armed forces, regardless of sexual preference.

The DADT policy, signed into law in 1993 by former President Bill Clinton,

lates the First Amendment as a restriction of speech.

"The act discriminates based on the content of the speech being regulated," Phillips wrote in her ruling.

Put simply, a heterosexual member of the armed forces can proclaim his or her sexual orientation until he or she is blue in the face, whereas a homosexual member must remain completely silent.

Not having violated enough of our guaranteed rights as American citizens, the DADT policy continues its path of contamination, violating the Fifth Amendment as well.

According to Judge Phillips' ruling, DADT violates the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment, which states that no

tutional; the policy is also detrimental to the military. Especially now, in a time of war, the military needs as many talented, dedicated personnel as possible and DADT prevents these people from taking part, no matter how high their skill level and dedication may be.

President Barack Obama has even publicly stated that the DADT policy is a danger to our national security; however, Obama has not yet made a decision in regard to Judge Phillips' case.

Since Judge Phillips' ruling, many gay rights organizations have praised Phillips. Servicemembers United, the largest organization of gay and lesbian troops in the United States, feels that the judge's decision is extremely helpful for homosexual

"The military needs as many talented, dedicated personnel as possible and DADT prevents these people from taking part, no matter how high their skill level and dedication may be."

says that a member of the armed forces can be discharged if he or she claims to be homosexual or bisexual, has engaged in homosexual acts or has married or attempted to marry a person of the same sex.

United States District Judge Virginia Phillips ruled that the DADT policy vio-

person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law.

Due process guarantees the right to a fair trial, which is violated by DADT, in that members of the armed forces who claim to be homosexual are dismissed without any sort of trial.

The DADT policy is not only unconsti-

soldiers.

Alexander Nicholson, founder and executive director of Servicemembers United, gave an official statement after Phillips' ruling, stating, "This is an historic moment and an historic ruling for the gay military community... We are finally on our way to vindication."

According The Faces of DADT, an official Servicemembers United website, Nicholson was discharged from the United States army because of DADT. Since his discharge, Nicholson has been at the forefront of several major initiatives drawing attention to DADT.

Having dedicated his life to the dissolution of DADT, Nicholson recognizing Phillips' ruling as "historic" goes to prove that the decision is an honorable, effective step in ensuring equal rights for homosexual and bisexual members of the military.

The Beacon feels that human rights should be something that all people have, no matter their gender, race, sexual preference or economic standing.

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BEACON POLL

The Beacon poll is unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on the Wilkes campus. This poll was based on 11 responses.

Last week's question:

When you decide who to vote for, do you take political attack ads into account?

- Yes 36 %
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OnStar's new 'read out' feature is unnecessary

BY AMANDA LEONARD
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You may have been in a situation when you are driving and hear a familiar beep from your phone: You have a new text message.

After looking down to check the message, you hear another beep. This time, it's the horn of a car behind you. You have completely missed the green light and it is now red.

As if drivers were not already distracted enough, General Motors is discussing the possibility of a text read-out and Facebook status update program for OnStar.

Companies do not need to be making devices such as these, which deter a driver's attention and can potentially set bad examples of driving habits for any young passengers in the car.

Many people consider driving to be a right, when it is actually a privilege and can be taken away at any time. Driving a car is not the place where people should be updating statuses, potentially placing the driver and others around him or her at risk.

On Sept. 10, USA Today reported this ridiculous and unnecessary new feature. Those who have OnStar will soon be able to not only be distracted by their cell phones, but also become more engaged with their social lives. Of course, this will all be hap-

pening while drivers should be focused on the road.

The Facebook feature will allow those who subscribe to this service to not only verbally update their Facebook statuses, but listen to the recent news feed messages through OnStar's virtual adviser as well.

On Sept. 15, a select group of OnStar customers had the opportunity to test the Facebook feature in their cars. For the read-and-respond to texts-out-loud feature, only a few preset responses are available. One of those preset responses is "I am driving right now."

What is so pressing that this response is actually needed?

Do our social lives fall back onto technology so much that we are in need of a virtual adviser? Why do people feel the need to be connected to their friend list 24/7, even while one may be driving to one of his or her friend's houses? Are we socially obliged to update the world about every waking moment of our lives?

While one may see OnStar's new program as a safer alternative to physically texting and driving, that's not necessarily the case.

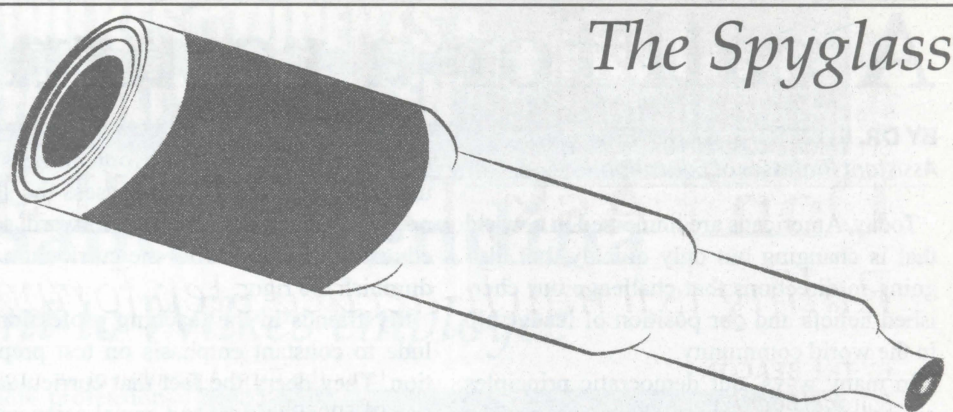
Consider the risks a driver may run into while pressing buttons that are located on the rearview mirror. While doing that, he or she is essentially thinking that the road is his or her second priority, because updating his

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Many cars that have OnStar will be able to upgrade to the new text read out feature, as well as enabling Facebook updates that activate with voice recognition.



The Spyglass

Human expedition to Mars is probable, can boost economy

BY ANTHONY TRUPPO
Opinion Editor

Every single inch of our planet Earth has been explored, be it by foot or satellite. But despite humankind's examination of the entire Earth, the United States remains in a economic crisis.

Even though Earth is and always will be our homeland, I feel that sending humans on a journey to Mars would not only be scientifically fascinating, but will aid the economy of the United States.

Forty-one years ago, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to set foot on Earth's moon. The moon landing did wonders for the American economy, inspiring young people across the country to pursue careers in science and engineering. The moon landing also sparked technological progress with America's increased focus on engineering and science.

President Barack Obama has made his interest in space exploration known. In April of this year, President Obama gave a speech at Kennedy Space Center that praised the space program and drew attention to the positive effects the space program has had on the American economy.

"We have to fix our economy. We need to close our deficits, but for pennies on the dollar, the space program has fueled jobs and entire industries," Obama said during his speech.

Three years ago, NASA announced its wishes to send a human to Mars by 2037. Some, however, feel that 2037 is much too late, and that the expedition should begin sooner.

In Henri Tapani Heinonen's article, "Manned mission to Mars in 2019," Heinonen writes, "We must return to an Apollo-like program with hard goals of manned landing within as short timeframe as possible." Heinonen feels that by 2037, the

program will have become under-funded. Therefore, the the best time financially for NASA to send humans to Mars would be within the next decade.

I agree with Heinonen's statement that NASA should pursue the Mars expedition sooner, as the public interest is currently high, and I fear that many may lose interest in a mission to Mars if NASA waits too long. Also, NASA is funded by the United States government and if the economy does not improve, I fear that the government may cut NASA's funding.

Unfortunately, planning a journey to Mars will take some time, as there are several factors that will make the journey a challenge. According to astrologists at Universe Today, a space and astrology news website, a journey to Mars by rocket would take approximately seven months using a low amount of fuel. However, a nuclear rocket would be able to reach Mars in four months, which would be beneficial to those traveling, albeit more costly.

There are other factors that must be sorted out before sending humans to Mars, which include landing on Mars and the psychological and physical conditions of the persons traveling.

The European Space Agency, an organization dedicated to space exploration with 18 European member countries, is currently running a study known as Mars500, where six people will be sealed in an isolation chamber for 500 days. The purpose of the study is to mimic the conditions of elongated space travel to and from Mars, orbiting Mars, conducting missions on Mars and landing.

The Mars500 project is the best way for scientists to learn how a mission to Mars can psychologically affect a person. The simulated landing on Mars is planned for February 2011 and the study has been in session

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A call for a return to liberal education

BY DR. ROBERT S. GARDNER
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Today, Americans are immersed in a world that is changing not only quickly, but also going in directions that challenge our cherished beliefs and our position of leadership in the world community.

In many ways, our democratic principles are endangered both by global forces and the rise of powerful domestic voices, which promote the consolidation of power in the hands of elite groups.

Forces on both the political left and right promote radical solutions to the problems with which we are confronted. Public fear, which has emerged because of the 9/11 attacks, continues to guide and inform our perceptions.

The economic devastation we are experiencing creates a climate that focuses our policies and our actions on improving our economy.

In the midst of complexity, we seem to be turning to simplistic answers. Unfortunately, leaders of educational institutions are also guilty of applying simple solutions to complicated problems through the use of accountability measures.

I believe this accountability movement in education, which places a heavy reliance on standardized testing, is forcing educational changes that place our democracy at risk.

With our educational institutions under fire

and fear that we will not be able to compete in world markets because our citizens are undereducated and do not possess the skills needed to move our economy forward, some educators would narrow the curriculum and diminish the rigor.

My friends in the teaching profession allude to constant emphasis on test preparation. They decry the fact that curriculum in the arts, humanities, and social sciences are being widely diminished or even eliminated.

They worry that our children are being deprived of thoughtful experiences and critical thinking opportunities, which serve to educate an informed citizenry capable of understanding social and political complexity and willing and able to raise their voices in the decision making processes.

Diane Ravitch, once one of the primary proponents of a need for educational accountability in her latest book, "The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education," lamented that she may have supported a program that has undermined public education.

"We must be sure that they [students] are prepared for the responsibilities of democratic citizenship in a complex society. We must take care that our teachers are well educated, not just well trained," she commented.

We live in a culture where 30-second snap-

shots and tweets, along with a landslide of electronic information, present significant challenges to making well-informed and reasoned decisions about our personal future and the future of our great nation.

Although more information than ever is available to us, I question our ability as a society to make objective sense of the mountain of information and the well-managed and structured misinformation with which we are constantly bombarded.

We need educational institutions to once again focus on the humanities, the arts, and the social sciences. These studies provide us with a more thoughtful understanding of the beautiful, complicated world in which we live. It is not enough that we are "trained" to be effective workers and ravenous consumers.

In her book, "Not for Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities," Martha C. Nussbaum reminds us that, "freedom of mind is dangerous if what we want is technically trained obedient workers."

George Orwell's classic, "1984," depicts a society in which citizens have been trained not to think, but to be obedient. Thomas Jefferson declared that the best safeguard against tyranny was "to illuminate as far as practicable the minds of the people at large."

The historian Joseph J. Ellis has argued that the democratic institutions our founders created were "not about providing answers,

but rather about providing a framework in which the salient questions could continue to be debated."

In the Sept. 3, 2010 issue of "The Chronicle of Higher Education," Parker J. Palmer declares that we are in need of the habit of humility. "Humility means knowing that I must listen to others, especially to those who seem most alien to me, in order to understand and feel at home in a diverse world," Palmer said, while also asserting that people need to find and use their own voices.

Taking Palmer's advice, I call for the elevation of the humanities, arts, and social sciences to their rightful place of importance and value in our K-12 educational systems and that the institutions of higher learning encourage the development and expansion of core courses that speak to the human condition.

I ask this with humility using the voice that I have acquired during my education and experience in my over 40 years of teaching in public school and university classrooms.

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or her status simply cannot wait anymore and is now the driver's first priority. Can you say "traffic accident"?

Not only are safety issues at hand, but there are social issues here as well. The mere thought that people now need to be so virtually connected to the point that they are updating and sifting through their friends' news while behind the wheel is repulsive.

It's certainly understandable that the need to respond to someone is extremely urgent in certain situations. However, most of people's Facebook updates are not exactly time-sensitive.

One thing to consider before investing OnStar's new feature: How often do you want to be interrupted behind the wheel by song lyrics that your friend posted when he or she was having a bad day?

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for just over 100 days, with no major issues reported.

According to the ESA's official website, "The crew has followed the timeline of the mission, reproducing as accurately as possible a potential mission to our planetary neighbor, complete with communication delays and daily routine similar to real space missions."

As space technology progresses in the future and studies continue, a human mission to Mars does not seem farfetched.

Hopefully, the space industry does not give up its plans for sending humans to Mars, as such an undertaking will undoubtedly bolster the economy.

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Humans have thoroughly explored the Earth and should extend their exploration to our neighbor, Mars. Sending humans to Mars will undoubtedly bolster the United States' economy and should be done as soon as possible.

Chatting with faculty: Sandra Rendina

Rendina moves from Wilkes student to Wilkes employee

BY MARJORIE WHISPELL
Staff Photographer

It's funny how people come back to things they love. Sandra Rendina, coordinator of the Wilkes University Learning Center, is not only a Wilkes employee, but also a 1987 graduate of Wilkes University.

Rendina graduated from Wilkes with a degree in biology and a teaching certification, and in 1995 received her master's degree in biology education.

While attending Wilkes as a student, Rendina lived in Plymouth, Pa., with her family. She had a work-study job at what was then the Wilkes University Academic Support Center. There she helped with office work, tracked tutoring hours and filed papers.

Along with working at the Academic Support Center, Rendina tutored fellow Wilkes students in chemistry and biology.

Sometime after graduating from Wilkes, Rendina moved to Larksville, Pa., where she now resides with her husband, whom she met at Wilkes in their freshman biology class, and their two children, Victoria and Dominick.

After teaching at Wyoming Valley West High School for a year, Rendina found

herself back at Wilkes working in University College as the coordinator of disability support services. She has held that position for the last 20 years and has spent her work days teaching a CAR 101 class, giving advice to current Wilkes students and helping students with disabilities.

With a degree in biology, going green is a major topic in Rendina's life. Below she comments on what going green means to her, and her family.

The Beacon: What does "going green" mean to you?

Rendina: I think it means that you need to keep track of your carbon foot print, recycle and do your part.

The Beacon: Are you for or against recycling?

Rendina: I'm for recycling. We recycle everything at our house, from paper to plastic. We have energy-efficient light bulbs in every room. We try to reduce our amount of electricity used by unplugging unused appliances and turning off the computer when it's not in use. We shut off lights when we leave the room, and keep the thermostat set low in the winter.

The Beacon: What made you consider teaching?

Rendina: Well, I liked biology, didn't

want to go into professional school and I like to work with students. So I decided to go into teaching.

The Beacon: If you were stuck on an island what three things would you want with you?

Rendina: This is hard; I guess water, my iPad and probably peanut butter.

The Beacon: What are your recreational activities?

Rendina: [I'm a] taximom, Girl Scout troop leader for 13 years and reading.

The Beacon: If a friend was asked to describe you in three words what would your hope for them to say?

Rendina: I would hope: dependable, intelligent and friendly.

The Beacon: What is a random fact that you are willing to share about yourself?

Rendina: I really don't like to talk in front of people. Public speaking is my biggest anxiety.

The Beacon: What's your greatest accomplishment to date?



The Beacon/ Marjorie Whispell

Sandra Rendina, once a student at Wilkes, is now working at Wilkes in University College as the coordinator of disability support services.

Rendina: I would say my children.

The Beacon: What are words of advice you could give to Wilkes students?

Rendina: I would say seek help early in the semester, whether from your adviser or a tutor. Also, get involved in clubs and community service.

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Freshmen students adjusting to Wilkes and Wilkes-Barre

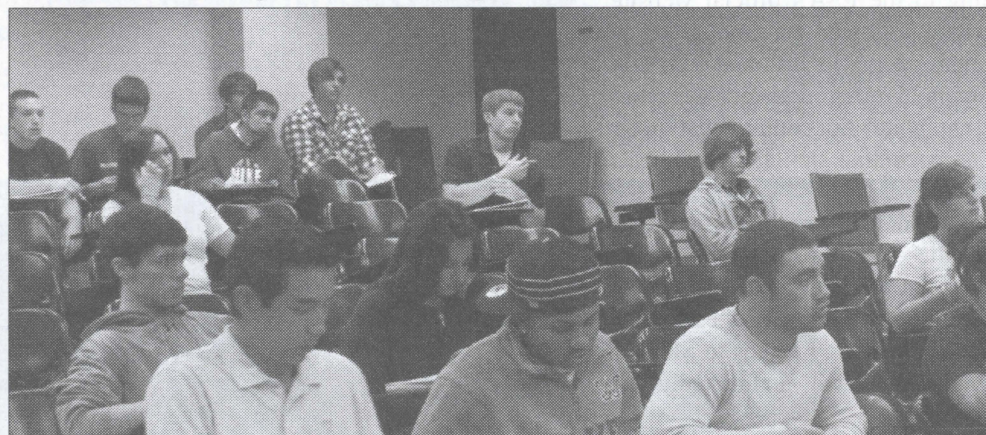
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Staff Photographer

Nature's switch from summer to autumn coincides with the freshmen of Wilkes University and their adjustment from high school to a new college life.

Adjusting to Wilkes is different for each and every freshman. While all freshmen are new to college life, some of them live in residence halls on campus while others commute from home. There are pros and cons to each option.

Advantages of living off campus are summarized by commuter Sam Tellip, freshman secondary education major.

"I think I can be at home with my friends from high school and my friends from here,"



The Beacon/ Marjorie Whispell

Members of Blake Mackesey's freshmen CAR 101 class write in their journals about the reality of their interest now in college.

Tellip said. "I think it's better because I can actually focus on doing my work."

On the other hand, freshman residents

have more convenience living on campus. Some of these conveniences are having campus social activities right in their back yard

and living a short walk from the bookstore and Public Square at all times.

While they do have social events in their back yard, this may serve as a distraction for some, leading to incomplete homework assignments and failure to take care of other responsibilities. Freshman Marina Skevo-filax understands that there are distractions and responsibilities in college.

"The biggest difference is that college work is a lot more independent. You have to manage your time better," she said.

Living in a dormitory also comes without having to be preoccupied with the hassles of traveling to and from home. Instead, residents have an easy five-minute walk to and from class. However, unless a student is from Wilkes-Barre, this also means students

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Students help save the Earth with internships W

BY RUTH WHISPELL
Life Editor

Some Wilkes University students aren't just going green on campus. They're also doing their part to help save the environment through internships and fellowships both domestically and internationally.

Dr. Marleen Troy, associate professor of environmental engineering and earth science, explained that one of the reasons students are becoming interested in going green when selecting an internship is due to increased awareness about endangering our environment.

Troy explained that big events, like the BP oil spill, bring about awareness of how fragile our environment really is and how much more people should be doing to protect it.

"All of these things increase awareness and provides people with the chance to make a difference," Troy said.

Over the summer Tyler Howe, a senior environmental engineering major, interned at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. There, he helped with inspections for hazardous waste sites, junk yards and water quality data analysis geographic information system mapping.

Howe knew he wanted to be an engineering major and finally decided upon environmental engineering after learning more about it. He said that he has always been environmentally conscious, but more so now that he has been learning more about it in class.

Lately, students don't have to look into companies that deal normally with environmental work in order to find internships that are considered green. Troy explained that more businesses are becoming earth friendly not only because it's good for the environment, but because it's profitable for the business itself.

"Some places may refer to the intern-



Courtesy of Valentina Beneski
Valentina Beneski is pictured above testing a column to see if it was clogged. Beneski explained that the main focus of her fellowship group was the problems the system was having with clogging.

ships as something other than green," Troy said. "Some may call them environmentally friendly or sustainable. It all depends on the company's culture."

Recycling plastics and paper in separate containers instead of tossing them into the

trash and unplugging appliances when you aren't using them are only two of the many little changes people can make to help the environment.

"You don't have to go out of your way to live a green lifestyle," Troy added. "You don't have to make big changes, little changes will help, too."

Valentina Beneski, a senior environmental engineering major, spent eight weeks out of her summer at a fellowship in Germany at The Dresden University of Applied Sciences. While a fellowship and internship have the same basic ideas behind them, Troy clarified that a fellowship is rewarded to a student.

Beneski, the president of the Students for Environmental Sustainability Club and vice president of the Air and Waste Water Management Association at Wilkes, said her family has always been environmentally friendly and she has always loved the out-

doors.

For these reasons, the environment became something she wanted to take care of in her career.

"The most important part of going green is to ensure that future generations can have a

safe environment and all the resources they need," Beneski said.

Beneski's fellowship was rewarded to her by the International Research Experience for Students. Her adviser discovered and informed her of the fellowship opportunity.

"I always wanted to go to Germany, but also involved working with water treatment which is something I would like to pursue for my career," said Beneski, who studied German in high school.

Beneski's fellowship dealt with an ongoing project that researched the effects of climate change on riverbank filtration systems which treat drinking water.

"The main focus of my group was to focus on problems with clogging in these systems," Beneski said.

She said she learned many things through the fellowship including the process of water treatment through lectures, literature and hands-on experience.

"Through research and lab experiments we were able to test clogging and relate it to changes in climate," Beneski said. "Because this process is not used much in the United States, I had never heard of it before. This experience gave me the chance to learn a lot about the process and its benefits."

Beneski suggested that students looking to find a fellowship or an internship do a lot of searching, and apply for everything they can, even if they don't think they have a chance at getting the position.

"I applied thinking there was no way they'd pick me," Beneski recalled. "I ended up being a first alternate, but then was invited to come with the rest of the group. You never know what will happen and if you don't try you could miss an amazing experience."

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What does 'going green' mean to you?

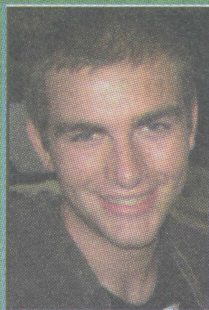
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Genelle Gundersen

Junior biology major

"Everyone doing their own part to help the environment. Save more paper, recycle, carpool, things like that."



Aaron Walman

Junior biology major

"Not what Wilkes does. Going green would actually be using less paper and not enough people recycle on campus, there is a ton of waste."



Melissa Thorne

Sophomore English major

"Being eco-friendly. Yay Mother Nature!"

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s Wilkes University students help local businesses 'go green'

BY GILLYAN GOWARTY
Assistant Life Editor

Wilkes University's business and environmental science departments join together every year to offer a "sustainability consultancy" course.

The course, which helped the environmental science department earn the government environmental outreach award in 2002, is taught by Dr. Marleen Troy, associate professor of environmental engineering and earth science, and Ruth Hughes, director of the small business development center at Wilkes University. According to Troy, the two instructors team up and cover their individual strengths.

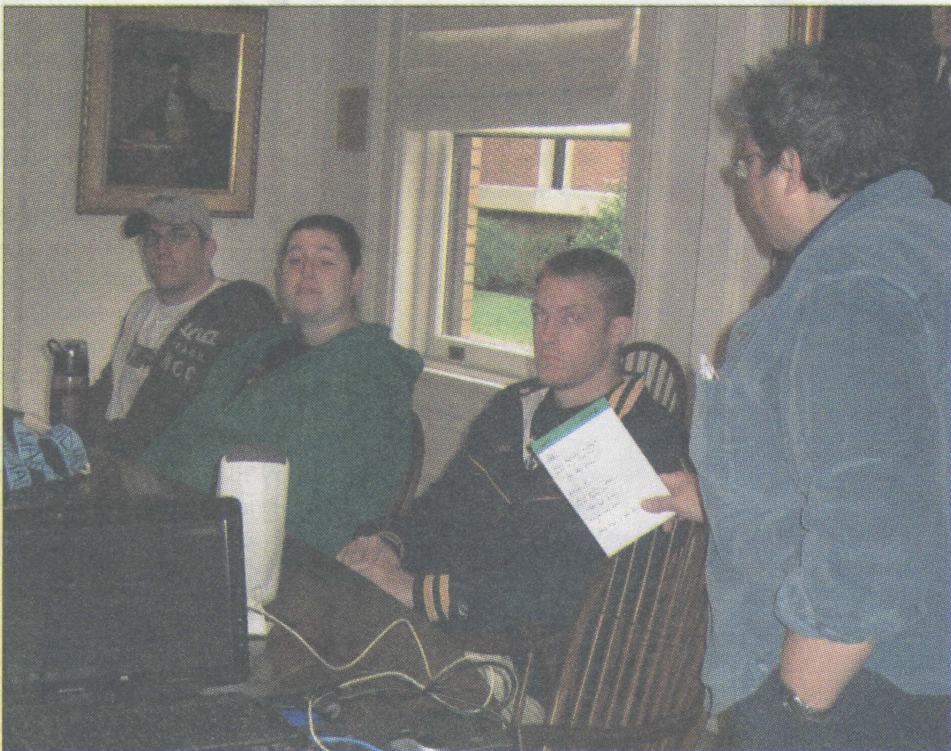
One key aspect of the course is the introduce students to the concept of sustainability and show them why it is important, according to Troy. "Sustainability is an important tool that is getting more and more emphasis by all organizations," Troy said. "Having the opportunity to take this course and develop these skills with a real client from the Small Business Development Center will serve the students well when they graduate."

The course is run like a consulting firm, which allows students to experience what they normally would in the work-place.

"They learn about interacting with clients, researching and solving client problems, finding financing or funding opportunities to address these problems, developing marketing plans, meeting deadlines and making and presenting recommendations," Troy said.

The class size is small, with only 10 to 12 students admitted to the course every year. These students are then broken up into teams of typically three or four, and the small groups then meet with certain clients, which are always small business owners.

This semester, students in the class are



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Business administration and environmental science majors learn how to teach local businesses to be environmentally sustainable in the Sustainability Consultancy class. Marleen Troy (pictured right corner) teaches the course with Ruth Hughes.

currently working with a hair care facility and a small grocer/butcher. The hair care facility is looking to launch new products with the help of the students, and the grocer/butcher is looking to market his business.

The instructors try to keep the students as evenly balanced as possible so that each team has a mix of business majors and environmental science majors can offer their strengths to the clients to meet their needs, Troy said. The mixture of majors also helps the students to share responsibilities in regards to the projects with the clients.

"Having small teams with members of different backgrounds and skills is similar

to what they would encounter in a consulting firm," Troy said.

Specific things that are done in the course depend on what the client wants. The course focuses on helping a business with marketing and learning how to cut down on costs, which is a big part of going green, said Trevor Hirsh, senior business administration major.

The environmental science part of the class helps the clients to go green, while the business side helps with marketing. The students instruct clients on how to cut down on energy use, reduce waste, reduce their overall carbon footprints and cut down on their

overall cost. The teams also teach them how to create an environmental management system, which looks at the way the business is operated, as well as the day-to-day running of the business to help find things that can be improved.

"The class is important because it not only combines the business aspect, but it combines the science world as well," Hirsh said.

Students who have taken this course in the past have worked with restaurants, diesel repair shops, port-a-potty companies, taxi cab companies and many others, Troy said. There are generally two or three main clients for the students to work with per semester.

For the first few weeks of the course, the students work with a "fake company" in the form of a case study in order to practice for their work with the real clients. Then, the students are divided into their teams and assigned to their clients for the semester. After that, the goals for the semester are further developed to meet with the needs of the clients.

The course has been offered for several years now, but it has been in slightly different forms in the past. Now, most of the course involves sustainability.

"The course teaches very valuable skills for someone on the job market now," Troy said. "It looks good on a resume."

At the end of the semester, the instructors usually get positive feedback from the clients. They try to put the suggestions into use to make their businesses better and more sustainable.

"We enjoy the class," Troy said. "We've gotten very good feedback from the small business development center."

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Josh Elmore

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Ben Collins

Sophomore math major



Melanie Nolt

Sophomore accounting and business administration



Ashley Gentile

Freshmen communication studies major

"It helps the Earth. I'm thinking it might be a futile effort because we might kill ourselves before it actually helps."

"It means I drive a hybrid. It's finding complex answers to simple problems."

"Saving the environment."

"Being energy efficient and trying to stop global warming."

Wilkes University's Health & Wellness Corner

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

Q. I think I have "pink eye." Is this serious, and what should I do?

A. Conjunctivitis or "pink eye" is an inflammation of the eye caused by an allergic component, viral (which usually develops during or after an upper respiratory infection) or bacterial, caused by a wide range of bacterial organisms.

In most cases, the white of the eye is red, there may be some swelling of the eyelid and tearing. In cases of bacterial conjunctivitis, there is yellow crusty drainage, particularly when you wake up in the morning.

It's important to make sure something more serious is not going on, so it is important to give your health care provider a good history and an exam of the eye should

be done.

Conjunctivitis is highly contagious and good hand washing after touching the eye is very important. Cool moist compresses can help. Even though most "pink eye" is self-limiting, an antibiotic eye drop can usually shorten the course of infection. The eye heals fast with proper care, so if you seek treatment early, symptoms should resolve quickly. Remember good hand washing is the key to limit the spread of infection!

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

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must adjust to a new home as well.

To some, Wilkes-Barre is a very busy city, to others it is merely a quiet town.

"Wilkes-Barre is a big city compared to where I am from," says Emily Christian, a freshman nursing major.

Showing how diverse the view of Wilkes-Barre is, freshman pharmacy major Tyler Young explains that the city is "ghetto in some spots but fairly well kept up as a whole."

No matter what their background, freshmen who were interviewed agreed, at least partially, upon certain points: Adjusting to a college life style and to Wilkes-Barre in itself has its positive and negative aspects, whether a residential or commuting student.

One main agreement is that college is much different than high school. In college, students must take account for their own actions and daily tasks.

"[College professors] don't spoon-feed you information. It's up to you to learn," said Tyler Holland, a freshman mechanical engineering major.

Homework and studying have found

their ways into freshmen lives and have changed some lifestyles.

"My free time pretty much consists of studying. Academically, college is much harder and a lot more is expected of you," said Kristen Craven, a freshman pharmacy major.

One freshman, computer science major Patrick Killian, said "I think I'm adjusting pretty well. Love it so far. It's way better than high school could have ever been."

This could serve as a testimony of the opinion of many members of the freshmen class.

Though as the trees are gradually changing to color and their leaves are still falling to the ground, Wilkes freshmen are slowly adapting to the changes of a college life, themselves. But when fall turns to winter, Wilkes freshmen will be changing again.

Only this time, they'll go from naive newcomers, to experienced Wilkes students.

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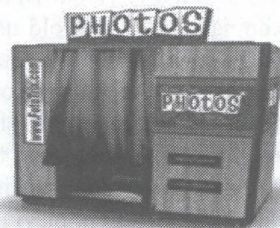
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Nikles looking to strum his way into record books

Junior plans to shatter Guinness mark by playing Guitar Hero for 36 hours

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI
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The last time Aaron Nikles tried to break the Guinness world record for most consecutive hours spent playing Guitar Hero, he came up about six hours shy of the current mark of 24 hours and two minutes.

When the junior mechanical engineering major tries to play his way into the record books again this weekend, he's a lot more confident that he'll be successful.

That's mainly because Nikles isn't going to stop playing unless he is physically unable to continue.

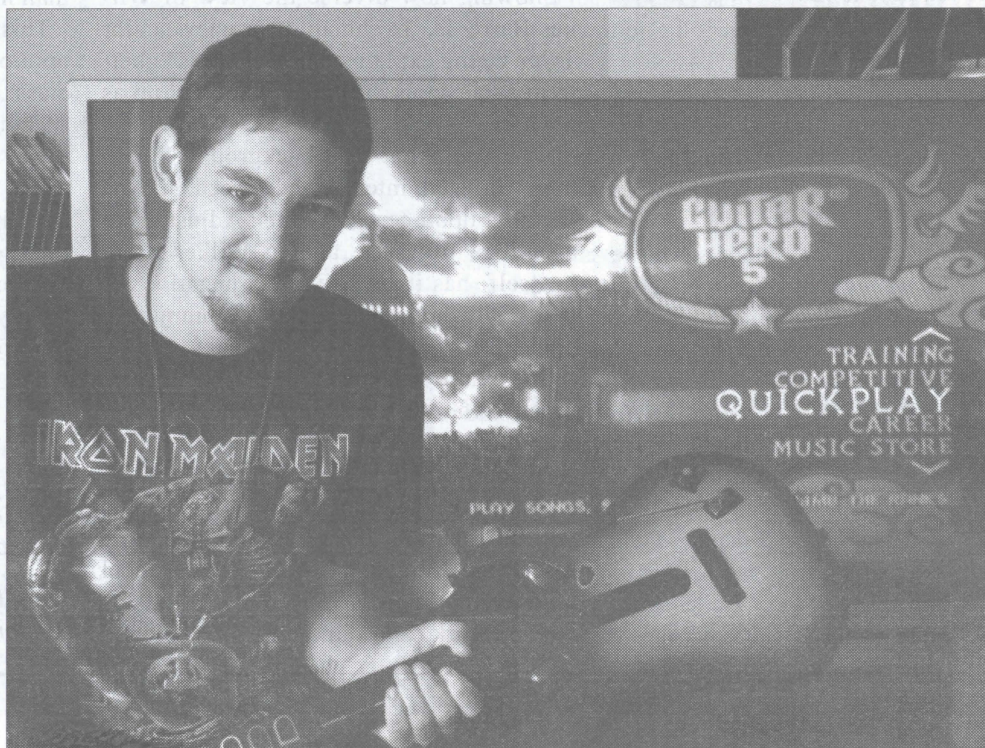
"My body would have to quit on me before my mind would quit," Nikles said. "I really don't want to lose twice. This is a no-lose situation for me. I have to win this."

Nikles originally tried to break the record, set in 2009 by four guys from Finland, back on Feb. 5, 2010. But after about 18 hours of virtual shredding, the 20-year-old native of Bath, Pa., called it quits due to exhaustion.

However, Nikles made the mistake of beginning his original attempt more than six hours after he woke up for his 9 a.m. class that Friday, kicking off his concert at 3:38 p.m.

If Nikles would have started playing in the morning instead of waiting until the afternoon, he could have easily broken the record.

"That's very frustrating," Nikles said. "Thinking that if I would have started Satur-



The Beacon/Michael Cignoli

Aaron Nikles, a junior mechanical engineering major, plans to play Guitar Hero for at least 25 straight hours this weekend. If he does, he'll own the Guinness world record in that category.

day morning, or wouldn't have gone to class and started that morning, then I would have had the record by the time I did stop. This time is all about redemption."

Nikles plans to start this semester's attempt

on 11 a.m. this Saturday morning. He'll play on a screen set up in the first floor of the Henry Student Center and invites anyone who's interested to swing by to support him.

For a \$1 donation to the American Cancer

Society, anyone can hop on with Nikles and turn one of the 128 different songs that he's playing into a duet.

According to Nikles, Guinness allows him one 10-minute break for every hour of play. As he did during his last attempt, Nikles plans to play for three hours, then take a 30-minute break for food, water, and restroom usage.

If he keeps playing, Nikles will own the record just after 11 a.m. on Sunday morning. However, Nikles doesn't want to just break the record. He wants to shatter it.

"I'm going to shoot for 25 [hours], but at the very most I'd like to go for 36 if possible," Nikles said. "But anywhere after 25, I'd be comfortable stopping."

In order for that to happen, Nikles is going to need a cheering section, especially in the wee hours of the morning. He found that fatigue really started to set in last semester when he didn't have anyone to talk to.

"I'm going to try and get more people out in the early morning hours," Nikles said. "That's when I really started to feel tired because there weren't people there to communicate with."

One of the people that will be there to keep Nikles awake is his roommate, Garrett Schrader, who has jokingly suggested that he's going to smack Nikles around with a wooden paddle if he starts to fall asleep.

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Café Metropolis holds its final show, local bands saddened

BY RACHEL LEGGIERI
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A local music venue recently closed permanently, leaving frequent visitors and bands in disdain. Café Metropolis, or Metro, as it is affectionately known, was an all-ages, alcohol-free music venue located in downtown Wilkes-Barre. It held its final show Saturday, Sept. 18.

The final show was headlined by Motionless in White and featured performances by Life to Come, Machine Arms and Goodbye Soundscape, who recorded a live set for the band's future live album.

Doors opened at 7 p.m., with the show beginning at 8 p.m. As always, people of all ages were welcome.

Uniquely, Metro stood out as one of the last all-ages nonalcoholic venues in the area. Goodbye Soundscape vocalist Jeremy Romani believes the closing of the venue will have a huge effect on its typical crowd.

"It's given the kids in the area a place to go to see not just local music but all types of music," Romani said. "For those kids that are Straight Edge and don't like to drink or those that are under 21, it's really the only place in the area they get to go to experience music. Its closing will have a big effect because they won't have that anymore."

Life to Come has been playing at Metro for about four years. Bass player Jeremy Laporte agrees that the closing will have a saddening effect on the area and its performers.

"It's been the most consistent venue in the area," Laporte said. "Not only will it be sad to see it go, but I think the closing of it will definitely hurt the music scene in Wilkes-Barre."

Several local bands considered Metro not only a music venue, but one of their favorite places to perform.

Romani explained that Metro was like a second home to the band and links much of the band's success to the venue.

"I've heard about polls out there that state us being the band that played there the most out of every band that's ever played," Romani said. "That's a big thing for us. Metro has really given our music the boost it needed in the area in order for us to do what we've done so far."

The venue has been welcoming a wide range of music for the past 10 years. Local

talent frequently took the stage, and many bands held some of their first shows at the venue. Metro even hosted popular bands such as Fall Out Boy and Gym Class Heroes.

For its final show, Metro brought back some of its most consistent and successful bands.

Laporte explained that the opportunity to play the last show is somewhat of an "honor."

"It's a depressing thing that it's closing but I'm really happy to be getting the chance to play there one last time," Laporte said. "It always gave us some place to play and some of the best crowds were always there. It was always a lot of fun and I'm sad to see it go."

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Local colleges to come together for Party on the Square

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Students from local colleges within the area will be able to enjoy a night of fun, food, music, and activities on Wednesday, Sept. 22 on Public Square in downtown Wilkes-Barre. The annual Downtown Collegetown Party on the Square invites students to participate in competitive festivities, as well as an opportunity to receive free food and give-a-ways from local restaurants and businesses.

The event will be held from 5 to 9 p.m.

Colleges invited to the event include: King's College, Luzerne Community College, Misericordia University, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, and Wilkes University.

As it is an annual event, attendance has increased significantly over the years. This year, organizers estimate that 1,500 students will attend. Elle Butler, a senior communications major at King's College, helped organize this year's event. She stated that each year, the popularity of the event increases and that the event is always a great way for college students to interact with one another as well as with local businesses.

"We have seen an increase in interest from business sponsors," Butler said. "They recognize the great opportunity the event provides for exposure to an ever-growing number of college students who patron their businesses as residents of the city for most of the year."

This year, the Party on the Square will include three contests: pizza eating, mechani-

cal bull riding, and the college school-pride banner contest. These events will be part of the Collegetown Cup Competition, which pits the five schools against one another in a battle for the Collegetown Cup. Colleges are also judged by how many students show from each school at the event.

The winning school receives a trophy, engraved with their institution's name, which the school keeps until the following year's Party on the Square. Last year's winner was King's College.

"I look forward to this every year, and there's so much to do. It's hard not to have fun," said Lyndsey Morris, a senior nursing major at Wilkes.

In addition, students who register for the event will have the opportunity to receive a discount card from various merchants and businesses that can be used throughout the entire year.

There will be a variety of free food made available to all students, including free slices of Domino's Pizza and wings from Bart & Urby's.

"Party on the Square is the ideal event for college students because it provides an atmosphere of fun," Butler said. "The ultimate goal of the event is to showcase the great things this city has to offer, especially to its incoming freshmen students and new residents."

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In this file photo from 2009, area college students attend Party on the Square, an annual event held on Public Square. This year's event will be held on Sept. 22 and students that attend can receive free food and give-a-ways from local businesses.

Bistro on the Avenue: an affordable night out

STAFF REPORT

For some college students, a night out to dinner may be reserved for a special occasion. But it doesn't always have to be, even if you're a student on a budget.

As we all know, sometimes the cafeteria or the Rifkin Café just isn't cutting it. It's always nice to go to a restaurant where you are waited on by a pleasant staff in a nice atmosphere.

Recently, a Beacon staff member dined at Bistro on the Avenue in Kingston, right across the Market Street Bridge. This restaurant is moderately priced, with more expensive dishes, such as steaks, seafood and features. But with smart choices, the average college student could dine at Bistro for \$10 or \$15.

The clean, fresh design of the petite restaurant, located at 174 United Penn Plaza, is the perfect place for a date or dinner with friends. Although the Mariah Carey tunes were not the best music to listen to while

dining, the soft lighting and the candles on the tables made for an intimate atmosphere. In addition to the table candles, there was also a small vase of two fresh red lilies.

The menu is creative and innovative. According to their Web site, Bistro focuses on "distinctive, yet traditional fare, with an eclectic feature menu." This statement is quite accurate. The features are different and interesting, but the menu is basic, with a few twists.

How could any of this be affordable for a college student? Very easily, actually.

First, you can start with a house salad for \$5, which includes a fresh greens mixture, black olives, tomatoes, cucumbers and your choice of dressing. The balsamic vinaigrette was a wonderful complement to the light, airy greens.

From here, there are a number of delicious options for the student on a budget. A pizza with 8 slices ranges from a traditional style, \$9, to a classic margherita, \$10, to an unconventional duck, \$15.

The grapevine says that the chef at Bistro

makes wonderful pasta sauce; and he didn't disappoint.

Although pasta is not regarded as one of the most decadent dishes, the Penne alla Vodka with shrimp was perfect with chunky tomatoes balanced out by a smooth orchestra of flavors infused with pepper, oregano and cilantro. The shrimp were cooked to perfection and two large pieces of garlic bread, with just the right amount of garlic.

The dish cost \$17, but it's a very affordable \$12 when ordered without shrimp. Bistro offers various other pasta dishes that range in variety and price from a classic marinara for \$9 to a lobster risotto for \$18.

For the diner who is looking to spend some money, a mixture of seafood dishes including salmon, ahi tuna, sea bass, crab cakes, scallops and shrimp are available for prices between \$20 and \$23.

For meat lovers, Bistro offers a number of different styles of chicken, veal and lamb. There's also filet mignon and a seven ounce

New York strip for \$18 and \$21, respectively.

Feature appetizers last week included melon and prosciutto salad and conch fritters. For dinner features, the chef prepared a sea bass Provencal, a seven ounce stuffed filet and coconut shrimp.

For desert, Bistro offered about eight different choices. Our staff member selected pistachio cake with pistachio icing, which was delightfully light with a hint of sweetness and crunchiness.

A variety of wines, martinis and beers are available to the 21-year-old diner, while complimentary water is served upon being seated.

You don't always have to eat at Rodano just because you are on a budget. College students have options; and the affordable and delicious Bistro on the Avenue is just one of those options in the Wyoming Valley.

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Sweet treats from Sophomores



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Sophomore Student Government members Caevaun DuBarry, Samantha Bickert and Megan Parsi man the candy apple stand on Saturday afternoon at Fall Fest. The sophomore class had a table set up where students could decorate apples.

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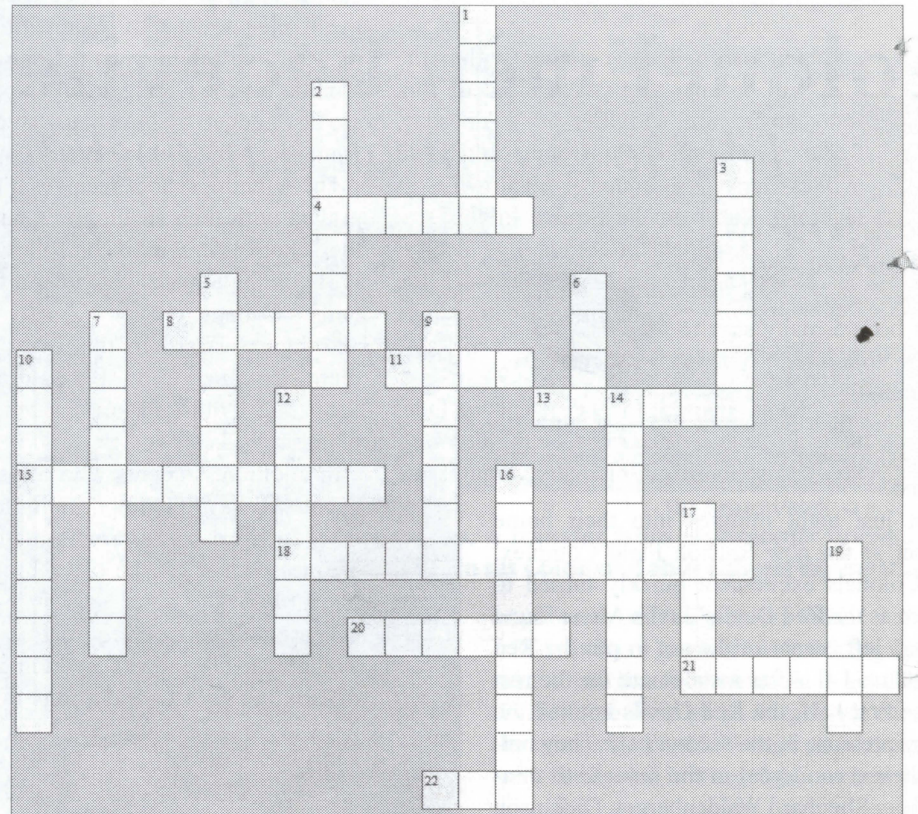
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NIKLES

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"The more people behind him, the easier it's going to be on him," Schrader said.

Even if Nikles does beat the Finnish four's time, it'll still need to be verified by Guinness before he's officially recognized as the record holder.

He'll need to submit photographic evidence, signed witness testimony and a video of him playing to the Guinness. Even after providing all that, there's still no guarantee that his record is one of the ones that Guinness will include in the book.

However, that doesn't deter Nikles, who

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has been playing Guitar Hero since he was 13, from wanting to strum his way to glory.

"I've always wanted to have a world record," Nikles said. "I've always searched for something that I've felt I could do. This Guitar Hero thing is something that I've felt I could do, so I decided to give it a shot."

"I think that he can definitely do it this time," Schrader said. "He knows what he's dealing with. Last time, it was harder for him because he didn't know what he was going to run into. This time, he knows exactly what's going to be happening. I feel really confident in him."

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Colonel men bedeviled in shutout

Soccer falls to Dickinson, Elizabethtown; manage 1 goal

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It's been a rocky start to the 2010 season for the Wilkes University men's soccer team. After an 0-5 start to the season, the Colonels came into their September 14 matchup with the Dickinson Red Devils eager for a turnaround.

But just eight minutes into their home opener at the new Ralston Field Complex, the Colonels excitement quickly turned to gloom as the Red Devils' Javier Mena found the top left corner of the net to put the Red Devils up 1-0. After a stalemate for the rest of the first half, the Red Devils applied the heavy pressure in the second half. They netted their second goal in the seventieth minute from Shephard Waldenberger. Dickinson struck again just 10 minutes later when Sung Woo Kim found the back of the net, putting the Red Devils up 3-0, a lead they would never relinquish.

The 3-0 defeat marked the third consecutive game that the Colonels were unable to find the back of the net.

Even through the defeat, fans found reason to believe the team was on the rebound. Senior Mathematics major Kristen McGranaghan was in the stands for the game, and was enthusiastic about what she saw.

"They played as a team," said McGranaghan. "They didn't get discouraged and they kept fighting"

Kaleb Smith and Dakota Cole split time between the pipes for the Colonels, combining for nine saves in the contest.

The Colonels took the field again Saturday, September 18 to do battle with the Blue Jays of Elizabethtown. Any hopes of a first win were dashed when the Blue Jays raced to a 5-0 lead in the first half, en route to a 6-1 victory.

Elizabethtown struck early and often, mounting an insurmountable lead. The Colonels got on the board when junior midfielder Ed Zulkoski threaded the back of the net on a penalty kick in the 74th minute. The goal was just the Colonels fifth of the season.

"I feel like our team chemistry was missing defensively and we played more like individuals," said senior midfielder Sean Stitt. "The next game we need to keep our shape



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Wilkes goalkeeper Kaleb Smith attempts a save in a game last year (above).

Smith goes up high for a ball during a game last season (left). The Colonels have managed just one goal in the past five games, and have slumped to an 0-7 start to the season.

and put in a team effort to attack and defend as well."

Dakota Cole stopped seven shots in his first full start in net for the Colonels. The loss dropped the Colonels to 0-7 on the season, nearly matching their number of losses last season.

The Colonels are back in action Thursday, September 23 for the start of a four-game

homestand versus Baptist Bible College under the lights of Ralston Field at 7 p.m. They take the field again at 3 p.m. Saturday versus the Flyin Dutchmen of Lebanon Valley College.

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The Skinny Post

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These four things I know are true: Peyton Manning will put up big numbers this year, Brandon Jackson and Ryan Grant are not players of the same caliber, Michael Vick is better than you think...much, much better, and the Jets are not even close to the team that they want fans to believe.

I know it's week one, but the Colts have some serious issues on defense, which has been the case for the past decade. This year, their main issue is safety Bob Sanders, who is sidelined with a torn bicep. They can't stop the run or run the ball on offense, which immediately rockets quarterback Peyton Manning, wide receiver Reggie Wayne, and tight end Dallas Clark's stocks sky high.

If their run woes continue all season, Manning and his receiving corps will be playing hard right up to the final week of the season.

A lot of people have been talking about Green Bay running back Brandon Jackson without any qualms, thinking they can simply just throw him in there and get a top fantasy rusher like Ryan Gran.

Well, the fact of the matter is, Jackson is not as gifted as Grant. He's average at best. However, Jackson does inherit one of the premier passing offenses, so when teams expect Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers to air it out, Jackson can take advantage of some easy running lanes. It also doesn't hurt that his first few match-ups are against a weak Bills, Bears and Lions D/ST.

With the injury to Philly quarterback Kevin Kolb, back-up Michael Vick took the helm and again stunned us all with his speed and ability to move around in the pocket. His grace made people miss tackles and he threw well against a pretty good Packers D/ST in week one.

Before Kolb's injury, coach Andy Reid made it a point to use Vick as much as possible, lining him up on offense as a receiver and running back. Vick did so well that he finished seventh in all points week one, and that's why I'm buying stock in combination of Vick and receiver DeSean Jackson for some long ball in the weeks to come.

And the Jets, ugh the Jets. I can't even fit what I have to say about them in here. To be short: overrated.

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Athlete Spotlight: Tyler Berntsen, Playmaker

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In a weekend where many NFL quarterbacks made their debut as starters in the league, Tyler Berntsen was making his first start for the Wilkes Colonels. Berntsen entered the newly renovated Ralston Athletic Complex with a winning attitude and walked off the football field with a performance worthy of this week's Athlete Spotlight.

"Going into Saturday [Sept. 11] I believe the team was very confident," the 6-4 sophomore said. "We had a great week of practice, and have been working hard all through camp. Everyone was excited to go out and play against someone in a different jersey. Of course there were some jitters, but once the game started that was out the window."

If there were any butterflies floating around somewhere in his stomach, Berntsen never showed it on the field. He kept his poise and led Wilkes to an early three-touchdown lead against the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets.

Even when the Jackets mounted a comeback late in the second quarter and captured the momentum going into halftime, the sophomore gained control of his team like a vet-

eran player would do and secured the victory.

When the dust settled, Berntsen had completed 11 of his 16 passes for 129 yards and three touchdowns.

"In our offense, you have to complete passes," Berntsen said. "The offensive line and backs did a great job giving me lots of time out there. The wide outs, tight ends and backs all came up with big catches throughout the game to put us in good situations."

Berntsen admitted to being a fan of Tim Tebow, and it showed when he used his legs when there were no options in the passing game. Berntsen ran for 55 yards and one touchdown against Waynesburg.

Berntsen gives credit where it is due, and he commented that his offensive line did a great job opening up holes all day.

"The running game doesn't go without them, in addition to the wide outs blocking down field," Berntsen said.

After Waynesburg began to stage a comeback, Berntsen was given the chance to show his stripes and let his team know that he won the starting position for a reason. He has what it takes to get the win.

"We were able to go up big in the game, and that is exactly what we wanted to do,"



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Sophomore quarterback Tyler Berntsen, a transfer from Monmouth University, completed 11 of 16 passes for 129 yards in his Colonels debut against Waynesburg.

Berntsen said. "We faced some adversity throughout the game, but we were able to stick to the game plan and come out with the win. When Waynesburg started to come back, we just knew we had to make more plays."

When asked if he believed his performance in week one had earned his team's trust as their leader on offense, Berntsen cited the

importance of family on the field.

"Football is a game of trust; trusting the guy next to you that they are going to get their individual job done so as a team, we can go," the quarterback said. "I trust all of them, we are a family and in it together, one heartbeat."

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9/18 @ Elizabethtown College 1-6 L

FIELD HOCKEY

9/16 vs. Keystone 3-1 W
9/18 vs. Moravian 4-2 W

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9/15 @ FDU-Florham 3-1 W
9/18 @ Lycoming 1-3 L
9/18 @ Baptist Bible College 1-3 L

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

9/24 @ NYU

MEN'S SOCCER

9/23 vs. Baptist Bible College
9/25 vs. Lebanon Valley College

FIELD HOCKEY

9/25 vs. Eastern

VOLLEYBALL

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9/25 @ Albright

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FACE OFF



Should the NFL expand the regular season?

If it's not broke, don't fix it



Sports Editor
ANTHONY DORUNDA

So I've heard through the grapevine that the NFL is considering implementing an 18-game regular season, an increase of two over the current 16-game format.

Well, here are my thoughts on that.

.....That's what.

Is this some kind of sick joke? Why do I have the feeling you're wondering the same thing? Here's why: career life span. The life span of an NFL player, on average according to www.livestrong.com, is only 3.3 years. Now there's a combination of reasons for that, including the extremely high competitiveness at the highest level. But a huge part of that number is injuries. It is more often than not that an illustrious NFL career is cut short by a sudden injury, or a rash of them (think Earl Campbell).

What is the point in extending a season that is already long and arduous enough? These guys take a world-class pounding week in,

and week out, for at least 20 weeks with the preseason, why add more traumas to that?

Listen up here folks, I am possibly the biggest football fan there is, and I am not agreeing to this wacky idea of extending the regular season two more games. Isn't it perfect the way it is? Look at the ratings that the NFL gets week in and week out. They are already swimming in the Benjamins and all this proclamation is for the money hounds to put a few more dollars into their pockets.

The head honchos talk about how they are trying to drastically decrease the rash of unnecessary injuries that occur throughout the NFL season, yet they want to extend it two more weeks? Wouldn't that be a sure-fire way of increasing the amount of injuries?

Although the proposal is to cut two preseason games and start the regular season earlier, the fact of the matter is this: Those preseason games are of paramount importance to teams. Two games are not enough to determine how your team is rounding out—not to mention the fact that most of the starters may play a series or a quarter in these games, meaning their bodies are not worn

down at all. Adding two more regular season games leaves their bodies at a much greater risk of failing them at the end of the season.

Now don't get me wrong, an addition of two games, monetarily, would benefit a whole ton of people. From networks, to local bars and restaurants, even to grocery stores who get ransacked for party foods on Sundays and Mondays. But is that what this game has become about, money? I know the resounding answer is "yes," but let me live in a fantasy land for about 500 words and imagine a game that wasn't about money.

I know it's not supposed to be about stats, but come on now, who in their right mind doesn't want to go out and break Dan Marino's record for passing yards in a season? Or Eric Dickerson's record for rushing yards in a season? Sports are all about breaking records. With 18-game seasons, all milestones will be put to rest and records will be smashed. What are we going to do...put asterisks next to all of them, signifying they were done under the new, 18-game format? Let's leave baseball with that little problem.

Good move, Goodell



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Fourth quarter, four-point game. Home team on the opponent's 20-yard line with 30 seconds left. Sounds like an exciting situation for an NFL football game.

It sure would be, if it wasn't the fourth preseason game and both team's third string players were in. Let's face it, most of those guys are probably going to be working a nine-to-five job come Monday.

With the recent talks of the NFL and Commissioner Roger Goodell eliminating two preseason games and adding two games to the regular season, I, for one, couldn't be more excited. More actual football and less meaningless preseason. What's not to love?

The NFL has become a year-round sport that requires a 365-day commitment from its players. Teams have more camps than the Boy Scouts and with all these "optional" workouts, players are practicing all year. There really is no more off-season for players, who stay in shape all year long. They

prepare for the season day after day, not just during those four weeks prior to the season. Do they really need four preseason games to get tuned up?

I understand that players need a chance to hit someone other than their own teammates and that coaches need to practice calling schemes to see how their teams hold up against competition. However, by the fourth week I think we have all seen all that we need. By leaving players out there, it only increases the chance of injury. Could you imagine how Vikings fans would feel if Adrian Peterson went out for the year before the season even started? To risk an injury on a game with no significance doesn't make sense.

Aside from eliminating these two meaningless games, an 18-game schedule would have another great bonus. Two more games. Two more chances to see Peyton Manning drive his team 80 yards down field to win in the fourth quarter, instead of Curtis Painter, his back-up. Two more chances teams have to separate themselves from the competition in the standings.

How many elite matchups do we miss out on because there are just not enough games in the NFL schedule? This could give us two more chances to see top teams from each conference battle it out in the regular season or see former stars get revenge against their old teams (I'm talking about you LT) or even get to see a Manning Bowl more than once every four years.

An 18-game schedule gives fans more of what they want: football. Two more games a year would give each team one more home game, which I know the owners would love too. Maybe with the revenue from the additional game, owners might even do the unthinkable and lower ticket prices from the small fortune they cost right now.

I applaud the NFL for moving in this direction of more real games and a shorter preseason, even if it may just be to increase revenues. The fans would be getting more meaningful games, which is what they want. People want to see their best players battling it out against the other team's best, competing for a win and a chance to play in the four games that really count: the postseason.

Behrenshausen's eyes opened during internship

Pitcher gains knowledge of baseball front office while pursuing dream job

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI
Editor-in-Chief

It's not every day that you get to wear an oversized bottle of Lemonade Tea and sprint through a professional baseball stadium in a race against other gigantic beverages.

Unless you're Lindsay Behrenshausen, circa the summer of 2009.

That's when Behrenshausen, now a senior communication studies major, interned with the Lancaster Barnstormers, a minor league baseball team.

One of her many game-night duties was to play the role of the Lemonade Tea bottle in a mascot race sponsored by Turkey Hill.

"We would race between the third and fourth inning of every home game," recalled the native of Mount Holly Springs, Pa. "I did it all summer, so it was very warm outside, and these particular costumes had no ventilation."

The bottles didn't allow for peripheral vision either. The softball-sized openings at the top of the costumes were large enough for inhabitants to be able to see straight in front of them, but that was it.

Unfortunately for Behrenshausen and the other interns, Lancaster's players knew about the tunnel vision that the costumes created.

"We had to run past our guys that were sitting in the bullpen, and they would have this contest to see who they could trip," Behrenshausen said. "They would roll a ball out or they'd stick a bat out or just come up and literally shove us. It was kind of a comedy act along with the racing, but it was always scary because you never knew exactly what was going to happen."

That's more or less how Behrenshausen's entire summer went.

Apart from racing as giant beverages on game nights, Lancaster's interns had a number of jobs that they had to do in the front office. Behrenshausen often didn't know what tasks she would be doing on any given day until she arrived at work in the morning.

But for Behrenshausen, whose ultimate goal is work in the front office of a Major League Baseball team, the internship gave her a valuable opportunity to see what it takes to make a professional sports franchise successful off the field.

"Oh gosh," Behrenshausen said when prompted about the team's front office. "I had no clue what they did and my eyes were opened so much."

Literally.

On a typical day, Behrenshausen reported to the stadium at 9 a.m. If it rained the night before, she was there at 7 a.m. to pull the



Photos courtesy of Lindsay Behrenshausen

Lindsay Behrenshausen, a senior pitcher on the Wilkes softball team, interned with the Lancaster Barnstormers baseball team in the summer of 2009. One of her duties was to don the Lemonade Tea costume and race against other beverages.

tarp off the field and help the grounds crew get the stadium in game shape.

The majority of Barnstormers games were played at night, so Behrenshausen was often at the stadium until the wee hours of the morning.

"We were lucky if we got out of the stadium by midnight," she recalled. "That was a good night if we got out by midnight. I was working way, way over 40-hour workweeks. We'd have standard business hours, but the whole second part of the business day was a game day. I had no idea how much work they put in, especially in minor league baseball."

Behrenshausen's internship schedule had a series of small breaks built into it. When Lancaster was on the road, the front office staff didn't need to work that late.

But one particular stretch of the season saw the Barnstormers play seven consecutive home games.

Remember, Behrenshausen had to be at the office at 9 a.m. every day and didn't get to leave the stadium until midnight at the earliest.

Factor in the 60-minute drive to and from her home in Mount Holly Springs twice a day and by the end of the homestand, Behrenshausen was practically a zombie.

But was the young intern about to let a lack of sleep deter her from chasing her dream?

"They would always joke with us, this will either make or break you," Behrenshausen said. "But I have such a passion to enter into that (field) that I think even though I was working such long hours — and such crazy

hours — that I really did thoroughly enjoy what I was doing. I think that trumped the long hours and the sleepless nights."

It's not like the sport was entirely new to Behrenshausen.

Her father Eric was a high school softball coach and when Behrenshausen was younger, she would often attend games to watch her dad coach.

That's how she first developed an interest in the sport, and she's currently in her fourth season of pitching for Wilkes University's softball team.

"He was so persistent in his efforts with me to help me pitch," Behrenshausen said of her dad. "Pitching is something that takes so much work. You never get to be perfect; it's just an ongoing process of constant work."

Even though Behrenshausen had knowledge of the amount of work and dedication that it took to make a team thrive on the field, working in a baseball team's front office gave her an entirely different perspective of the sport.

"It just gave me such a great appreciation because, let's face it, they're not making huge money in minor league baseball," she said. "But everyone there put their best foot forward every day just to make the team successful. It's not only the team on the field, it's all the entertainment and all that other stuff — that fluff — that goes into the games. The in-between innings things, the promotions, you know?"

According to Behrenshausen, there is a pretty noticeable difference in the way that

major league and minor league baseball teams operate and market themselves.

"The (New York) Yankees, the reason people go to their games is to see the team," she said. "At the Barnstormers, their main thing was they marketed to the community. It wasn't just come for the baseball game. It was come for the game, get this meal, take part in this."

Some of the bigger events that Behrenshausen remembered were the three nights that Lancaster wore special themed jerseys, which were auctioned off after the game and the proceeds were donated to charities.

Another was the team's "Bark in the Park" night, where fans were encouraged to take their dogs out to the ballgame.

"Everybody thinks that's great," Behrenshausen said. "There was a dog parade. They brought special K-9 dogs that did an attack before the game."

But the biggest event that Behrenshausen helped market was when the Barnstormers held an exhibition match between two soccer clubs, Crystal Palace of London and the Harrisburg City Islanders.

The interns, Behrenshausen said, were responsible for coordinating the entire event. That involved contacting all of the youth soccer programs in the Lancaster area to convince them to purchase tickets to the match.

"We did all the promotions for that," Behrenshausen said. "We would go out for days at a time and just promote, set up stands, sell tickets, just huge promotion work for the event. That was the interns. That was like our baby."

As a player herself, Behrenshausen knows that professional athletes often have to pay their dues in the minor leagues before they finally get their chance to shine in the majors.

She believes that the experience she got with the Barnstormers is the first step on her road to the management side of the big leagues.

And for that reason, she was OK with looking like a fool in her lemonade tea costume for a few minutes each night.

"It taught me more than I could ever fit into words," she said. "They treated us as employees. We were doing jobs that real employees were doing. While we did do typical intern jobs like the iced tea and lemonade racing, we were doing day in and day out jobs that everybody else was doing. It was just so much real world, hands-on experience that I could have never gotten in the classroom."

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Springfield trips up Colonels in blowout win

Pride racks up 566 rushing yards; beats Colonels 44-7

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The Colonels knew what to expect when they played Springfield College on Saturday at the Ralston Athletic Complex. However, the Pride's option offense was just too much for the Colonels to handle.

Known for their triple option attack, Springfield came into Saturday's game with one thing in mind - run the football.

That's just what they did; rushing for 566 yards on 90 attempts. The Pride only threw the ball seven times, but still defeated Wilkes 44-7 to drop the Colonels' record to 1-1 on the season.

"The biggest difference was just the speed of their attack," said senior defensive back Kevin Gerhart. "It's hard to gauge how fast they are just watching them play on film. It was a lot different actually seeing it on the field."

At first, it looked like the Colonels had the option all figured out.

On just the third play of the game, Springfield quarterback Josh Carter fumbled a pitch, allowing junior defensive back Matt Gunther to recover the ball for the Colonels.

After Wilkes was forced to punt, Springfield began a 61-yard drive down field, but fumbled again on the Wilkes 26-yard line, and was scooped up by senior defensive back Greg Nielsen.

After that, however, it was all Springfield. After a Wilkes punt that put the Pride at its own 19, Springfield went 81 yards on 13 plays to break the scoreless tie and go up 7-0.

Wilkes would get the ball back, only to go three and out. On the ensuing Springfield drive, Carter fumbled for a third time missing on another pitch attempt.

Nielsen fell on the loose ball, giving the Colonels possession with 25 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Colonels would struggle to put a stop to the run heavy Springfield offense from that point on, as they would force only two punts for the rest of the game.

Springfield would go onto score three touchdowns in the second quarter, which included a 67-yard rushing touchdown by



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Linebacker Ryan Clifford tries to regain his balance as Seth Fetterolf chases the play Saturday versus Springfield. The Colonels couldn't find an answer for the Pride's option attack.

Springfield's running back Mark Safer on a third-and-23 with 10:32 left in the half.

"We did expect Springfield to run the ball for the majority of the game," Wilkes coach Frank Sheptock said. "Their triple option attack is a system they have been running for many years. The offense is difficult to defend because of the pace at which they play, while forcing a defense to play discipline assignment football."

Down 28-0 at the start of the second half, the Colonels came out with a new intensity.

After a Wilkes punt to start the half, the Colonels defense got to Springfield's quarterback four times in their first series and forced them to punt.

After a three-and-out by the Colonels offense, the Wilkes defense forced a three-and-out of their own, holding the Pride right where they were and forcing a punt.

"At halftime, I told them to play passionately [in the second half], and they did that almost to a fault," Sheptock said. "You started to see a defense play with aggressiveness and a passion."

This set up a Colonels drive that started at their own 37-yard line. Junior quarterback Marc Persing found senior wide receiver Jordan D'Emilio, who wound up with four catches for 50 yards, for a 10-yard completion. Freshman running back Auxence Wogou took a handoff for 18 yards to get them to Springfield's 35-yard line.

It was on the next play that Persing, who finished the day 4 for 6 for 58 yards with one touchdown, hit junior wide receiver Todd Eagles in the corner of the end zone for Wilkes' first score of the day, making the score 28-7.

Springfield would go onto score the game's final 16 points on a 1-yard rush by Carter, a 35-yard field goal and a 1-yard rush by Austin Bateman, after which the Colonels blocked the PAT.

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BY THE NUMBERS

566

Amount of yards rushing amassed by the Pride in their 44-7 win, on 90 carries. Two players rushed for more than 100 yards, and three more carried for at least 70 yards.

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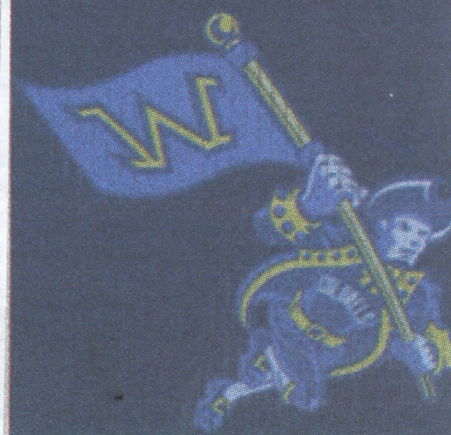
The final margin of defeat for the Colonels in Saturday's 44-7 loss - the worst loss suffered since 2005, when the Colonels lost to Rowan in the NCAA Playoffs 42-3.

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The time of possession for the Springfield Pride in Saturday's game, 17 minutes longer than the Colonels.

30

Different Colonels who had a tackle in Saturday's game against Springfield College combining for 131 total tackles.



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