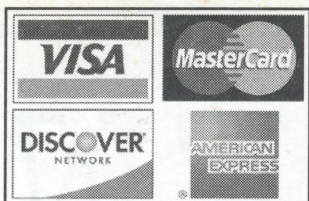




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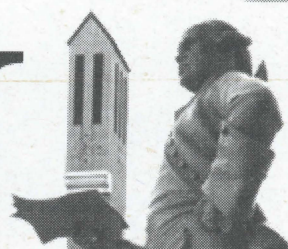


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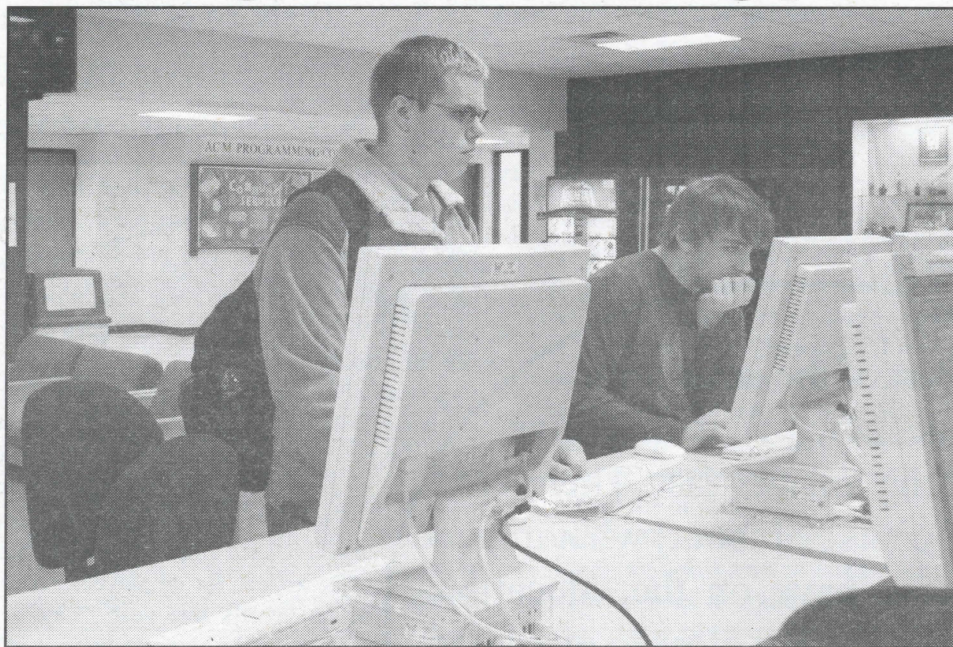
Economic outlook changes SHE building plans

BY AMY FUSCO
Beacon News Editor

As the economic recession sends unemployment rates higher and retirement portfolios take a nosedive, plans for growth and change at the country's institutions of higher education are also facing adjustment. At Wilkes, the plans for the new Science, Health Sciences, and Engineering Building, otherwise known as the "SHE" building, are still underway; however, economic realities have forced planners to re-see the scope of the proposed and long-awaited addition to the campus.

Michael Wood, vice president for advancement, explained that the SHE building project fundraising has been impacted by the economy, which has potential to cause some changes in the actual building plans.

"Right now, we are interviewing potential architects to look at the SHE building project. The economic impact has us looking at what we will be able to afford to do in the long run," Wood said. "We are looking at a variety of options that would allow us to stage improvements over a period of time,"



The Beacon/Heather Chulik

Currently, architects are submitting their proposals for the new SHE Building. Wilkes will then choose the proposal that fits Wilkes' needs and is most cost efficient.

he added.

Given the weak market, and no immediate change on the horizon, donors have been less forthcoming in the entire capital cam-

paign. The recession's impact on philanthropic projects throughout the country has not yet been assessed; however, the reality

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Fiscal year belt tightening continues

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Part 2 in a series of two articles that examine the recession's impact at Wilkes University.

After several weeks of belt tightening, Wilkes University administrators have been able to partially close a budget deficit for the current fiscal year.

Petra Carver, Wilkes University's vice president for finance, acknowledged, "We continuously work on closing the gap, but we still have about a half million dollar def-

icit for this current fiscal year."

The deficit and the national recession have forced university officials to create a variety of fiscal scenarios in which different plans for budget cuts and salary freezes are featured for the coming fiscal year. Because Wilkes is highly tuition-driven, projections are based on varying estimates for full-time enrolled (FTE) students (undergraduate and graduate) for 2009-10 and beyond. The different scenarios will involve shaving percentages from operating budgets for nearly

all operations on campus, as well as salary freezes, and slow-down of hiring. This spring has already seen a moratorium on unnecessary travel expenses in an effort to preserve funds to cover operating costs.

David Sborz, Student Government senior class president, said SG is also being careful with how it spends its buffer fund, which is worth over \$100,000.

"We understand the obligation during this time in the economy that we are not going to spend money to spend it. We are in the

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Student survey addresses cafeteria

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
Beacon Asst. News Editor

In a survey administered by *The Beacon* this week, 100 students were surveyed and 95 said they value quality over quantity when it comes to food, an issue that Sodexo, Wilkes University's food service provider, faces daily.

"We value quality, but at the same time it kind of segues into satisfaction in terms of value and perception... Did I get a fair return for my money?" said Michael Molnar, general manager of dining services.

The food service survey included topics such as picking an economical meal plan, rating the service, rating the quality of the food, the price increases at Rifkin Café, and the importance of quality surpassing quantity or vice versa.

Of the students surveyed, about half thought that the meals were good, but many students had some suggestions for Sodexo. Names were omitted from the surveys; thus, student responders could only be identified by year in school.

Of the observations, a few of the issues were general ones. "Sometimes the pizza sucks," wrote a junior.

"There are a few good meals, but they are few and far between," wrote a sophomore.

But more substantive issues were also addressed, such as the issue of consistency. Some responses indicated that the quality of the food in the cafeteria varies.

"It's good, but it's also very hit or miss," opined a freshman.

For some students, the way the food is

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process of coming up with conventional projects that can improve students' needs on campus," said Sborz.

He added that SG is looking to the future and realizes it is also directly impacted by the recession.

Sborz said, "We will also most likely keep a significant portion of the money in the account in case enrollment is down, and student government over the next two years needs money to cover its costs... We will be meeting as a group this week, and I hope to have some ideas of what the money will be going to by the end of next week."

Dr. Arthur Kibbe, Chair of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the Nesbitt College of Pharmacy and Nursing and Faculty Affairs Council Chair, said the faculty is also feeling some impact.

"Part of the issue with economic news is to not give out the wrong answer fast. There are concerns, of course, [about] what impact the deficit... will have on the educational programs... And it's not clear to everybody, including me, exactly where we are. But I don't think it is clear to anybody," said Kibbe.

He added, "Young faculty always gets scared more than old faculty. And they get scared sometimes about things that they shouldn't get scared [about]. For instance, there is absolutely no reason for any of my faculty to ever be worried, because no one can teach what they teach and they teach unique courses."

"If I was looking at an English professor and they teach 20 classes in English composition and all of a sudden they are only teaching 17 - they might worry, because they see this constriction. But if you look at the way we handle that as an institution, most of that constriction would eat into adjuncts. You wouldn't get rid of a full-time; you would just use less adjuncts. Adjuncts can probably see the handwriting on the wall - less sections mean less money," Kibbe explained.

Carver said that she has also heard the faculty's concern over the deficit and says communication is key.

"They are concerned, as we all are, and we just have to communicate on

an ongoing basis to let the community to know where we are. Then we will have to resolve this together.

If there is pain, we have to spread it across the university. Really, all of us are in this situation together and we all need to work on resolving it," said Carver.

Kibbe added that his concern goes beyond the faculty, "This is a tuition driven institution... my biggest concern is for the students and their ability to get loans and their ability to continue their education.

That's really if the federal government does what it says it was going to do, which is to make loans for student loans easier."

Carver added that the tuition increase for next year still stands at 3.5%, which would make Wilkes University's tuition increase one of the lowest in northeastern Pennsylvania. However, she did say that the Wilkes's Board of Trustees could ask for that number to change, but she does not anticipate it.

Wilkes University will also be keeping its financial aid at past levels, so students should not see a reduction in the amount of institutional aide that they receive.

She added, for employees, there will be no layoffs this year. "Layoffs are really going to be the measure of last resort. We will try whatever we can to preserve employment and keep the core academic mission in place so that we don't touch those real elements that are most critical to us."

For Wilkes, the freshman class of 2013 holds the key to what will happen at Wilkes University next year. A larger class means more money and a smaller class means less money.

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Faculty Chair and Pharmaceutical Sciences Department Chair

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~ David Sborz

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is that in a time of economic crisis, most are far more reticent to give freely—even to pet projects or organizations—when they are unsure of what the future may hold. As such, plans to raise money for the SHE building—the cornerstone of the capital campaign—have been slowed, according to Wood.

“We obviously would like to get donor support for it. They are having a hard time making long term commitments,” Wood commented. He explained that this impacts how quickly the plans will proceed.

“We have no way of knowing when the market is going to allow donors to be able to provide the bulk of the funding for the SHE project improvements and so we have to be flexible in how we approach the plans,” said Wood.

Tom Messinger, head of capital projects, is one of the lead people working with the architects. He explained that a request for proposal was released, which invited design firms to submit proposals for the project.

“It’s a great project and obviously many people are interested in the project,” said Messinger. “My feeling is there should be great participation by a number of people,” he added.

Once the architect selection process is complete, firms chosen by the committee will be asked to present their proposal in order for Wilkes to choose the most cost efficient, suitable design. Since the process is currently happening, the timeline of the

project depends on what the architect’s proposal includes.

Wood explained that the architects know the constraints that the school has in terms of financial concerns.

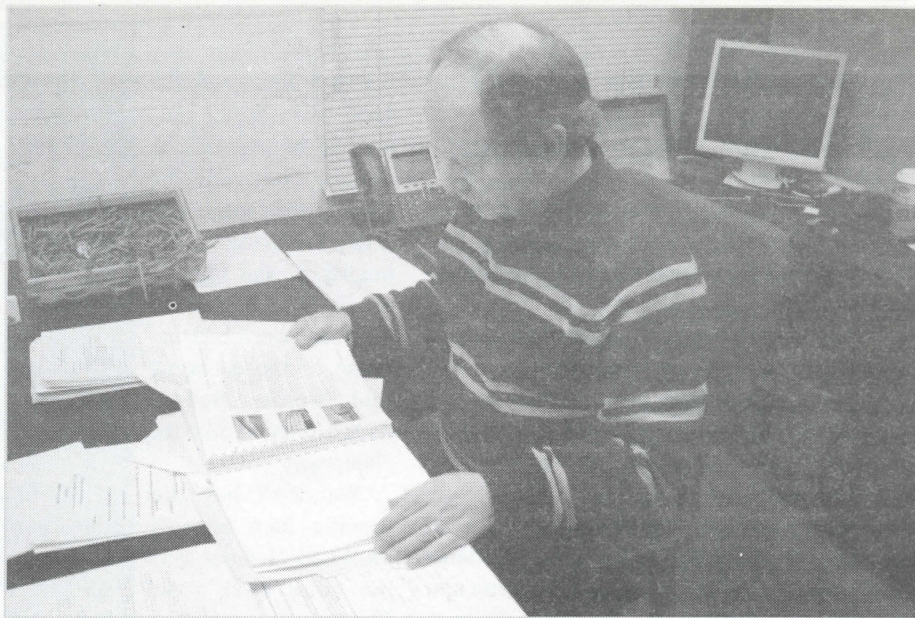
Dr. Kenneth Klemow, professor of biology, has helped lead the planning committee. He is a liaison between faculty and the administrators involved in the project and brings information to the faculty.

The planning committee has been in existence for approximately two and a half years. It was reconstituted a year and a half ago when Dr. Reynold Verret became the new Provost. The committee reviews the proposals and provides input to Petra Carver, vice president of finance, Verret, and Messinger.

On Thursday, March 12, the committee met and narrowed the list of sixteen design companies to six. This week, committee members will make the next cut to the three or four companies that will be invited for on-campus presentations.

“We have until the end of next week to go through the proposals and do our own rankings with our own criteria,” said Klemow. “We will meet to go through and see how each of us felt about the various proposals. We will collaborate on a single list of rankings to give to the administration.”

“I think we will probably have to phase the improvements over a longer period of time than we originally thought,” Wood said, “We don’t know when the market will improve, but we do know that Stark needs improvement. If there are things we can do in the short term, we can provide them to



The Beacon/Amy Fusco

Tom Messinger, head of capital projects, is a leader in the SHE building project. Last Thursday, the planning committee selected six out of sixteen design firms to be further shortlisted to three or four companies.

fit into the bigger idea of how we want to proceed with a broader facility.”

“When it first started, we thought it would be partly renovation and partly construction. Due to the economic conditions, it looks like it is going to be mostly renovation,” Klemow said. “Personally, I hold out hope that the economy will be improving over the next eighteen months or so,” he added. He also believes that creative fundraising by administrators and faculty will help fund the project.

Along with Klemow, other faculty members and two deans are a part of the committee. He believes it would be good to have

student involvement, but the process is still in its early stages.

“We want a building that we can be really proud of, that when new students come on board, the students feel as though they are in a first class facility,” Klemow stated, “We want this for the students, for them to like being here.”

In addition to satisfying the students, he also explained that Wilkes wants a building that will be useful for both teaching and research purposes. Furthermore, the building should be a green footprint that can be used as a classroom to show sustainability efforts.

Wilkes receives financial boost to environmental science program

BY GINO TROIANI
Beacon Op-Ed Editor

Wilkes University’s Institute for Environmental Science and Sustainability is set to receive a shared grant of \$1.2 million for electronic mapping systems which will be used to capture, analyze and present data for agricultural purposes.

Dean of the College of Science and Engineering, Dr. Dale Bruns explained that Wilkes is part of The National Consortium for Rural Geospatial Innovations in America, which is national network, comprised of eight schools all over the United States. The group’s goal is to implement advanced geospatial information technologies into surrounding communities. The grant will be split amongst all eight schools to improve and further their technology.

In 1993, Wilkes first introduced electronic mapping technology to the project with the help of a similar grant, and has continued to build upon the program. The university joined the NCRGI in 1999 after receiving

a national award from Vice President Al Gore.

The technology upgrade enables Wilkes to study areas such as alternative energy, environmental planning, environmental management, mining impacts, natural gas operations, homeland security in rural areas, global warming, changes in weather, and much more.

Bruns also explained that the upgrades act as a support for other programs at Wilkes that deal with satellite imagery, and global positioning systems.

Wilkes has been able to provide Luzerne County with valuable information pertaining to emergency management.

Over the last ten years, Wilkes has been able to produce numerous studies, some of which include, geographical information systems watershed concepts for local communities, storm water management concepts for local communities, using satellite imagery to maintain GIS/landbases, and assessments on satellite accuracy.



Courtesy of <http://www.ruralgis.org/>

“It allows us to stay current, to stay state of the art and upgrade our software and applications... we try to make that available to students as they look at their courses,” said Bruns.

Sophomore environmental engineering major Cody Youshock was pleased about

the grant, “As an environmental engineering major, I think it’s awesome to be able to work hands on with something I’ll be able to use in my future.”

Wilkes plans to begin the upgrade at the beginning of next year.

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"The meat is dry. Some stuff is always dry," offered a junior.

"No single section is ever guaranteed good, and they often don't cook things properly like tofu or pasta, for example," said another junior.

All freshmen students who live on campus are required to get a meal plan. Freshmen students living on campus are qualified to rate the food because they are the students who are mostly eating cafeteria food for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Students also expressed that there is a need for more variety in the meals. A few students expressed that the food is always the same and they need to "switch it up." Although it varies every day, for students who eat on campus often, it gets boring. One freshman said that the food is okay, but he/she would hate the food if he/she lived on campus and had to eat it all the time.

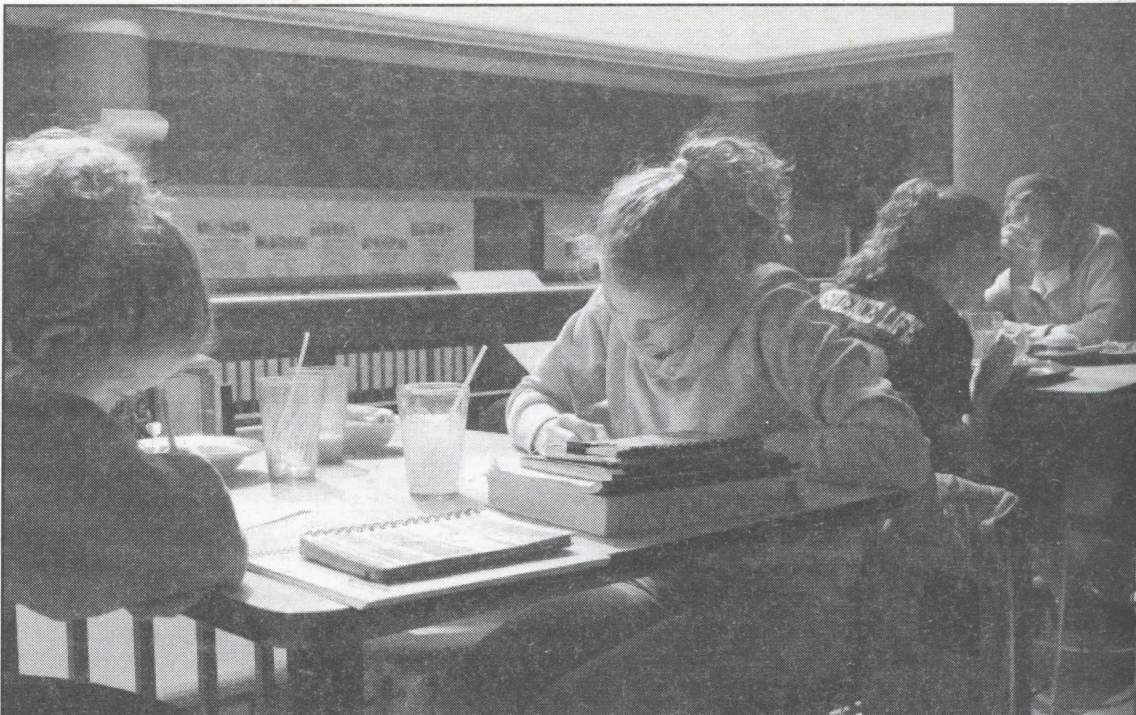
"We continue to have a different variety; different deli sandwiches, the salad bar, and try to make sure that we have a vegetarian option. If we are running chicken on classics then we try not to run chicken on international," said Molnar.

Some students say that the quality of the food was better last year or the year before. Sudexo has specific food specifications that it has not changed. The quality of the food in the cafeteria has not at all been sacrificed because of the economy said Molnar. Sudexo does not try to take the cheap way out.

"We don't buy this specific ham because its \$0.20 cheaper than the other kind," said Molnar.

The economy has affected students' food purchasing habits as well. Sixty-one students said that they considered how many times they ate at the cafeteria last year in order to choose a more economical meal plan.

"We've seen an increase in block [meal plans]. We've seen a decrease in the unlim-



The Beacon/Jacqueline Lukas
Students who dine in the cafeteria had varied opinions about the food and service. Most said that the staff is friendly, but also said that the food is hit or miss.

ited. That's probably because there's just less students on campus this year," said Molnar.

The price increases at Rifkin have not inspired much of a shift in use. Students are still consistently eating at Rifkin Café, according to Molnar.

"It appears that students do not have as much spendable income as they've had in the past, so they are much more prudent in their choices. But I would say that Rifkin sales are about the same as last year," said Molnar.

In regards to the service of the cafeteria workers, students had a lot to say. Many students said things along the lines of most workers are nice, but some can be mean.

"The lunch ladies are angels, but the other

staff is stingy with the food. They won't let you take any food out even when it's going to waste anyway," said a senior.


"They are friendly and courteous for the most part," wrote another senior.

"Often times the employees are rude and apathetic or ignorant when presented with questions about the food," said a junior student.

The service employees in the cafeteria undergo a yearly evaluation usually in the beginning of each year. Sodexo tries to focus on overall improvements and tries to get more 1 on 1 time with the employees to encourage self-esteem.

"It's a time for an exchange and working on people's self esteem. Making them feel better but also having them feel that if there is a problem, they are part of the solution. That doesn't mean that works for everybody, but for some people it does work," said Molnar.

Overall, many students were happy with the food in the cafeteria, but others had a few suggestions that maybe Sudexo would take into consideration within the next semester. For students with concerns, they can talk with any student government representative dealing with the food committee.



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The festive St. Patrick's Day signs at University Corners on Northhampton and Main advertise the parade and announce the opening of the new high-priced condominiums. The parade will run past the University Corners and onto the square.

SG Notes March 11, 2009

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS

Beacon Asst. News Editor

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Club Reports

The following clubs presented updates on their events.

- Programming Board
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New Business

- Christian Fellowship Club Fund Request (Week 2 of 2) A motion was passed to allocate \$300 for Winter Worship Night
- Thomas Bigler Journalism Conference Donation Request (Week 1 of 1) A motion was passed to allocate \$675 to t-shirts
- Wilkes-Barre St. Patrick's Day Parade Budget (Week 1 of 1) \$500 allocated for Wilkes University to participate

-Portable AED (Week 1 of 1) A motion was passed to allocate \$1,445.00 for one portable AED

Old Business

Petra Carver

Wilkes University Frisbee Club Fund Request

Wilkes University Chemistry Club Fund Request

Arnold Air Society Donation Request

Events

WUPB presents Spring Concert featuring Hinder on

March 20

MSC presents Spring Fashion Show on March 21, 2009

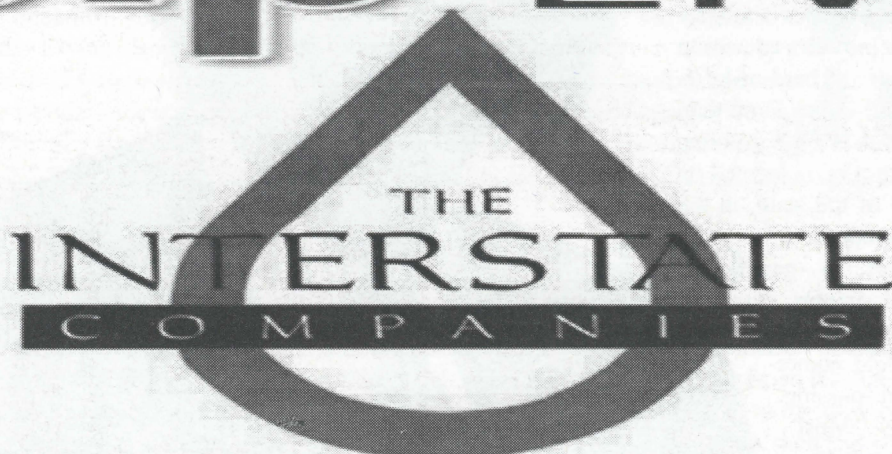
VIP Day from 1:00 p.m.-2:30p.m. on March 21, 2009

*At 8:30 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn the SG meeting. The motion was approved.

SG Meetings are open to all students. They are held every Wednesday in the Miller Conference Room on the second floor of HSC.



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Rendell's budget leaves out School for deaf

BY THE BEACON
Editorial Board

"The most sacred of the duties of a government is to do equal and impartial justice to all its citizens." Thomas Jefferson, 1816.

Last February, Governor Edward G. Rendell announced that Pennsylvania was facing a \$2.3 billion financial deficit and that budget cuts in statewide spending had to be made.

In order to compensate, the Governor unveiled a \$28.3 billion spending plan for 2009-10 that introduced a plethora of spending changes to ease the state debt. The plan called for an increase in education funding coupled with a consolidation of the state's education system. However when the final blueprints were presented, the Scranton State School of the Deaf found itself on the short end of the stick.

With 129 years of history, the Scranton State School of the Deaf operates as the only state-owned and operated school for the deaf and a part of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The school became property of the Commonwealth in 1913, where it assumed full control in 1916. According to SSSD's web page, it currently employs over 75 faculty and staff members, and serves 107 students ages three to 21. More than half of SSSD's students partake in the dormitory residence program, which enables students to stay at the school Monday through Friday, and return home on the weekends.

For decades, the school has succeeded in educating generations of students who may not have received the same opportunities if they were enrolled in the main stream schooling system.

In 2008-09, the SSSD was expecting to receive a budget of \$8.2 million; however, in September, officials from the school met

with State Secretary of Education, Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, and were asked to trim \$3 million off of their budget. In an effort to comply, the school managed to successfully cut the costs, but the SSSD was left stunned when it learned that it was not included in the state budget this year.

The devastating news has left many wondering where the students would go if SSSD is closed.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, there are numerous private schools specializing in special needs, such as hearing disorders, licensed by the State Board of Private Academic Schools throughout Pennsylvania. However, many of them are extremely expensive, some costing more than \$30,000 annually, an option that many families would not be able to afford.

The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf is a tuition free institution that operates similarly to the SSSD. It provides education to over 250 deaf and hard-of-hearing children and serves more than 100 school districts. The problem is that the institution is located on the other side of the state, in the suburbs of Pittsburgh.

In an effort to generate awareness and support, students and supporters of the school have held numerous rallies, while passing out petitions. Most recently, students made the trek to Harrisburg to protest the plan and persuade lawmakers to save the school.

Recently, the State Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing voted to support the school's continued operation, agreeing that the loss of the school would be

devastating for deaf students.

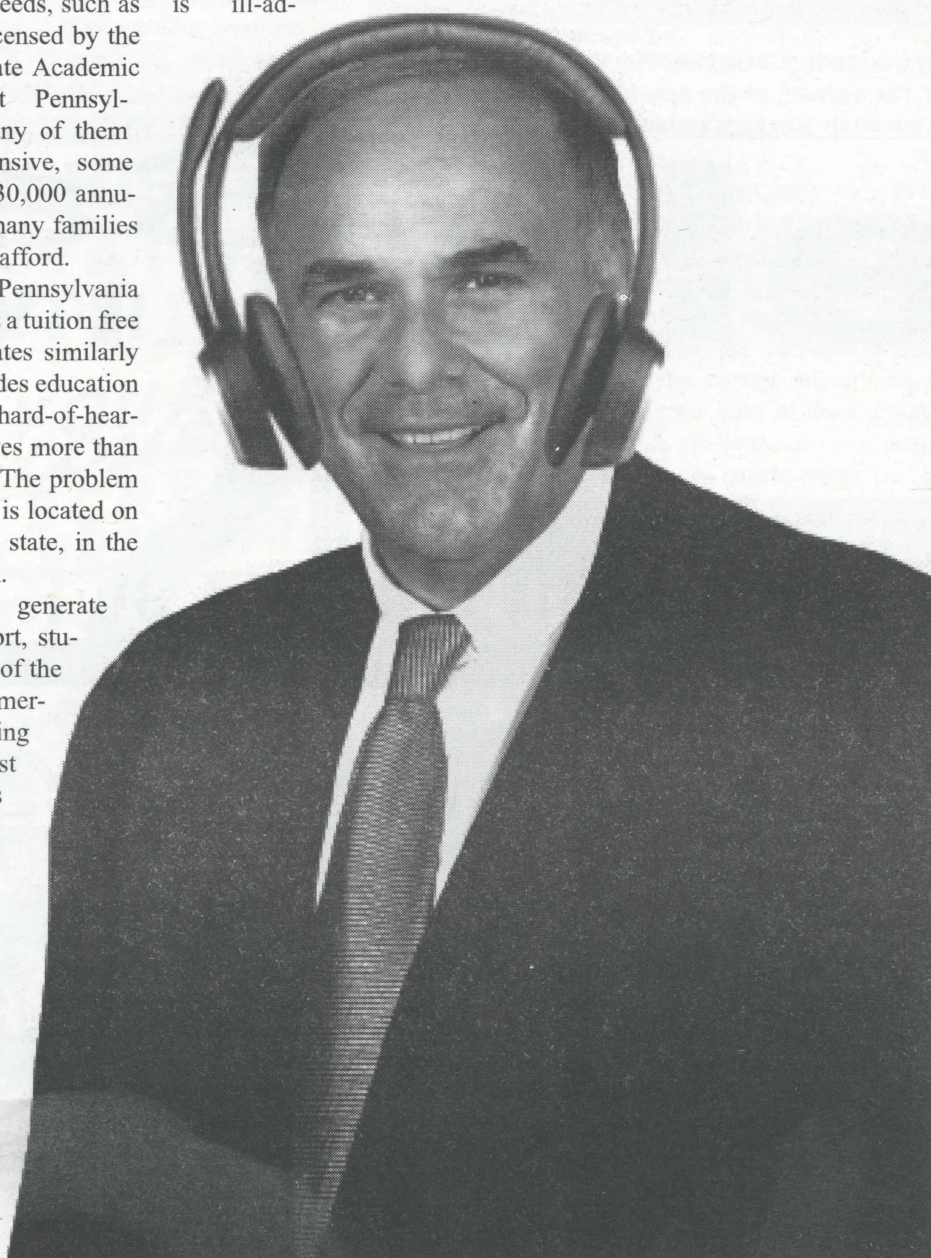
Also, a slew of representatives from surrounding districts have stepped up, expressing their concerns and vowing to do everything in their power to salvage the historic school, some of which include, Rep. Kevin Murphy, D-Lackawanna, and Senators Lisa Baker (R-20), and Robert J. Mellow (D-22).

The Beacon feels that Governor Rendell's proposal to cut costs by eliminating the Scranton State School of the Deaf is ill-ad-

vised.

The state of Pennsylvania cannot turn its back on these students while they are at a critical point in their lives. Surely the state can derive \$5 million from a collection of other projects to help maintain the school.

For more information on how to support the SSSD, visit www.sssdsos.org



Talking Points



The Beacon supports all efforts to salvage the Scranton State School of the Deaf.



The SSSD is a valuable component to the Pennsylvania State education system.



Gov. Rendell should not deprive the SSSD students of an equal and fair education.

The Angry Rant: Rihanna

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Wilkes Alumnus

Some people are stupid. Some are dumb. And others are foolish and imbecilic.

But there isn't a word in the English language to describe the intelligence (or lack thereof) of Robyn Fenty, also known as Rihanna, who has apparently allowed Chris Brown to come back into her life, despite the fact that she is still in the shadow of the heinous act of hate that Brown committed just a few weeks ago.

For those who aren't aware, Chris Brown allegedly assaulted her. Of course, I say "allegedly" because I don't want to get sued. But in this instance, saying he allegedly assaulted her is like saying that if you throw a rock in the air, it will allegedly come down.

She was brutally beaten by a man who obviously doesn't feel good about himself, so he resorts to beating a woman. And why? Supposedly, Rihanna checked his phone and discovered an ex-girlfriend was asking for some lovin'. But that doesn't matter, the fact is that he beat her without cause, and then he said he was going to kill her.

And of course, there are some supporters of Chris Brown who feel that he is being unfairly judged. To those supporters (I call them stu-tards), I invite you to take a look at the un-doctored, very real picture of Rihanna's face that was taken less than one day after the assault. If I had to guess, I'd say she was jumped in an alley by a group of thugs and beaten. But no, that was the work of one coward, one degenerate, one person who has everything in the world:

fame, money, the love of millions of fans. But guess what – money and fame don't buy class, brosef.

But, all's well that ends well, as they say, because Rihanna, in a moment of genius that would make Einstein feel ashamed, and has apparently taken him back into her life. Yes, you read that right. After being spotted together, several news agencies and tabloids are reporting that the two are back together.

Well, that's just fan-freaking-tastic, isn't it?

Listen, Rihanna, I know you've been through a lot in the last month, and you're probably confused and an emotional wreck, but did your brain swell to the point that you've forgotten what this monster did to you? Whatever the case may be, there is no reason that that guy should ever get another chance to lay a hand on your beautiful body. Never. Not tomorrow, not next year, not after counseling – N-E-V-E-R.

But, what else do you expect? The stupid apple doesn't fall too far from the idio-tree, it seems, as Rihanna's father has stated that he supports his daughter completely, even if it means going back to Chris Brown.

First off, pops, why don't you keep your mouth shut and don't talk to the press. I know that your daughter is famous, but why are you discussing your family with anyone besides other members of your family?

Secondly, you support her? What? I know she is your daughter, and it is your job to love her unconditionally – and I dig that – but you cannot support her in this regard. The only words that should be coming out

of your mouth are "He is dead to me, and he is dead to my daughter, and if I ever see him again, he is going to get his." That's it. He repeatedly beat your daughter and choked her and threatened to kill her. And you support that? Whatever you say, chief.

But back to Rihanna. You think this man loves you? He was probably cheating on you, and if that wasn't bad enough, He nearly killed you. Sure, he loves you. Oh, if you have a second, there is a wealthy king in Nigeria who really needs your help.

But if that's the path she chooses, so be it. But don't say I didn't warn you. If you

show me a woman who stayed with a spouse that beat her, then I'll show you a woman who is beaten again. Statistics have shown that spousal abuse has a better than 40% chance of happening again within three years.

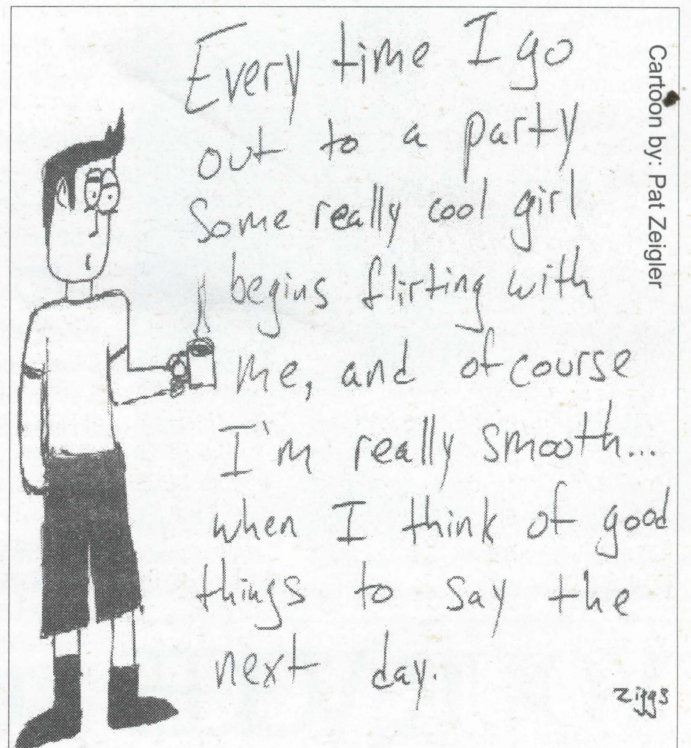
I'm not trying to be funny, or flippant, because this is a very serious issue, and Rihanna is a very high-profile celebrity. What does this say for all her teenaged fans? That it's okay to be beaten by someone because it happened to Rihanna and she didn't take a stand?

Here's the deal: If you touch a hot stove, you get burned, right? If you

repeatedly touch that hot stove, knowing full well the outcome, you're going to keep getting burned until you wise up and realize that you shouldn't be touching the hot stove anymore.

But at a certain point, you're so numb to the pain because of the callous that has seared over your nerves, so you can't even tell that the stove is hot anymore.

And that's your own fault.



Cartoon by: Pat Zeigler

YOUR VOICES RE: Bishop Martino

Dear Editor:

As a former editor of the Opinions/Editorial section of *The Beacon*, I would like to express my extreme disgust with the recent open letter to Bishop Joseph Francis Martino. I will admit, as I am neither a Catholic nor a resident of the Scranton-Wilkes Barre area, I was unfamiliar with the ultimatums the Church had made regarding politicians in the St. Patrick's Day parade and the withholding of Communion. Though I do not agree with the methods of the Bishop, I remain stunned that challenging these practices was not only argumentative but absolutely bigoted against established religious practices.

For better or worse, Bishop Martino, who is in a position of power relative to the Cath-

olic hierarchy, has declared an absolute and uncompromising stance against that which he considers to be a threat against the central doctrine of the Church. (This is also largely supported by The Vatican, as only a week or two ago the Pope chided House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for her pro-choice stance.) In the open letter by *The Beacon*, the Bishop is accused of paternalistic threats and was taunted with the dwindling numbers of parishioners, but how can a newspaper claim any authority over what a religion should teach or believe? The letter went so far as to ask him to consider the financial situation when deciding what Church policies to pursue. Should greed be a better motive?

In addition, you implore him to consider the isolating stance his position is promoting. It is clear that you have either not re-

searched or simply dismissed Biblical references from where Christian teachings are derived. He is not developing these beliefs from nowhere; if he were, then I would admit your argument had some merit. As an example, Deuteronomy 7:3-4 instructs Jews not intermarry with Gentiles as it would cause them to stray from the faith into sin. Christianity, in many ways, is about separating oneself from engaging with those who may lead them away from faith. Certainly, there are somewhat contradictory passages instructing Christians to spread their faith, but not to the detriment of their own beliefs.

It is completely absurd to assert secular social policy against religious teachings. Furthermore, to write this piece as an Ed Board, therefore a consensus of the newspa-

per staff, you effectively have declared that practicing a religion which is contradicting your personal feelings is simply wrong. Shame on you for your utter intolerance. As a representative of the voice of the University, how dare you be so cavalier as to dismiss anyone's beliefs as archaic or flawed.

No religion can be contested without some aspect of their beliefs being called to question. Can you build an argument against a belief, and intangible perception or reality? The answer is no. If anyone is wrong here, it is *The Beacon* staff for its prejudice and narrow-mindedness. You have succeeded only in disgracing yourselves as journalists and as a voice of the University.

Kristyn Ostman
Class of 2007

CSB ruins seniors' chances of graduation

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI
Beacon Staff Writer

What if you got a text message less than a week before the ceremony saying that your school had not only cancelled classes for the day, but for good?

Not only do you not get to walk at graduation, but you don't even get your diploma. The tens of thousands of dollars you've invested in room and board over the years are gone, vanished into thin air.

While this story sounds like something that might air on an episode of the Twilight Zone, it's a haunting reality for students at the Connecticut School of Broadcasting.

After a 45-year run, the school suspended operations without warning on March 4, closing the doors and turning out the lights at all of its 26 locations across the nation. The school's faculty was told that they had 60 minutes to vacate the campus.

Students who showed up for night classes at the school found a note taped to the doors that read, "We regret to inform you that CSB has shut down all operations until further notice. If you are a current

student... someone at CSB Corporate will be in contact with you in the next coming days and/or weeks."

If I may interject, one of the CSB campuses is located about 40 minutes away from my hometown in Connecticut. When I was doing my college search, I considered CSB and several other schools,

note. Seriously? That's like, the second worst way to break up with somebody! It's slightly ahead of smoke signals, cave drawings and macaroni art.

By closing the school, you are breaking the hearts and crushing the dreams of thousands of students who have always been there for you. They've given you

ing you to file for bankruptcy.

Students are obviously going to be upset with you, CSB, even though you've only known each other for a four-month period. But if you were frank with the students, they would have respected your straightforwardness.

Instead, you have a confused mob of students gathered outside your Connecticut campuses wondering why their school, with which they thought they had a great relationship over the past couple of weeks, skipped town without explanation.

Prolonging the situation only made it that much worse. Let's use a hypothetical example here. If you're dating somebody and you know that you want to end the relationship in its early stages, you don't wait until three days before the wedding to do it.

The state of Connecticut has a \$3.5 million dollar Student Protection fund that will be utilized to either reimburse CSB students for the cost of tuition or pay comparable schools to help students complete their degrees. So I guess there is a happy ending to this story after all.

Look, if you're going to tell someone that it's over, at least have the decency to tell them face-to-face.

before ultimately enrolling at Wilkes. I now know that I made the right decision.

Whereas I once considered CSB one of the top broadcasting schools in the country, I now realize that they were a bunch of tools.

Look, if you're going to tell someone that it's over, at least have the decency to tell them face-to-face. Sending a text message is by far the worst way to break off a relationship with someone, be it a lover or, in this case, a student wanting to secure a career in the field of broadcasting.

And if that weren't bad enough, there's the note on the door. A

\$12,000 for a 16-week course. That's a pretty serious commitment. There were obviously going to be tears and disappointment if you broke it off.

And while sending a text message to students cell phone might be the most convenient way for you to announce that it's over between you, it is also the most bush league option. The students are going to respect you a lot more if you are honest and direct with them when you announce the news. Tell them that you're going through some difficult financial times right now, with your bank accounts being seized by your major lender, forc-

Beacon Poll Results

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

The Beacon asked:

Do you agree with Bishop Martino's recent decisions?

- Yes - 33%
- No - 67%
- Undecided - 0%

Next Week's question:

Should the Scranton State School of the Deaf be included in the 2008-2009 budget?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

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YOUR VOICES RE: Sex Education

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, February 10, I participated in Sex Jeopardy, a trivia game that deals with various topics of sex. The purpose of the game is to educate students on sexual behaviors and risks. Participants are asked questions pertaining to birth control, anatomy and function as well as other genres that the facilitator creates. This year's facilitator was Ann Holmes.

I was rather surprised by the amount of questions that students could not answer. Questions pertaining to birth control seemed all too easy for the student body but when it came to STDs, the students seemed to be at a loss with the exception of a few. As a college student, I would think the need to know about these viruses and diseases would be of significant importance in people's lives,

particularly young people, like us, since Chlamydia and Genital Herpes seems to plague 18-24 year olds the most. Yet, many did not even know what Chlamydia was.

Now some may say "why do I need to know about an infection that will never reach me?" The reason that it most certainly could reach you and/or someone you know.

Last semester for World Aids Day, the Center for Global Education and Diversity held a panel discussion on HIV/AIDS. Unfortunately, not many students attended. For those panelists, this concerned them because they

knew that this virus is one of the most devious infections out there as the symptoms for this virus may not be apparent for months, even years.

According to the CDC's HIV/AIDS Population Fact Sheet for the United States, 1.3 - 1.4 million people are infected with HIV and only 1 out of 3 people are aware of it. They could be infecting others. Every year an estimated 56,300 are infected with HIV.

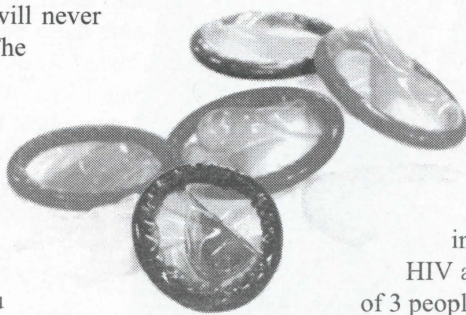
I believe this virus, as well as all STIs, are important to learn about. All too often I hear of stories from Wilkes students engaging in risky sexual behavior with their prima-

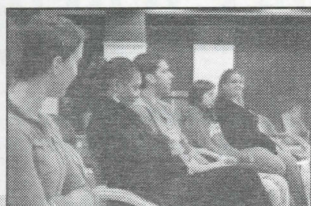
ry concern being pregnancy. But what about contracting a sexually transmitted infection? Not every infection is curable, and for those that are, it is still quite an ordeal to be presented with.

Please educate yourselves on the reality of STIs. I am in no way telling you to become abstinent or to fear engaging in sexual activity but I am asking that you consider your health, your partner's health and your future.

I would like to conclude this letter with a special thank you to Wilkes Health Services for giving us a wake up with Sex Jeopardy.

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Credit card debt adds to stress of economy, student loans

BY NICOLE FRAIL
Beacon Managing Editor

While unemployment rates continue to rise, seniors at Wilkes University are finding that the day to begin paying back thousands of dollars of student loans is fast approaching. The stress of securing a job in today's economy to pay off those loans is hard enough – the last thing a student needs is to add managing credit card debt to his or her struggles.

According to Consolidated Credit Counseling Services, Inc. (CCCS), 78 percent of college students have a credit card. Thirty-two percent of those students have four or more credit cards and nine percent have accumulated over \$7,000 in debt. The average college student, however, has three credit cards and is \$2,748 in debt. People under the age of 25 make up approximately nine percent of all bankruptcies, says CCCS.

"One of the cons [of having a credit card] is the inexperience of the college student... Many college students start off at 18-years-old and are away from home for the first time. There's a lot of peer pressure on students... They go ahead and go wild. They don't think about the consequences of their actions when they're charging things on their credit card," said Dr. Anthony Liuzzo, professor of business and economics.

In a past issue of The Chronicle for Higher Education, Liuzzo published a list of common mistakes credit card holders make that may result in high amounts of debt. Of these are paying only the minimum payment, buying unnecessary items and using credit cards for the "perks," such as flyer miles and store discounts.

"It

is a proven fact that, in general, these enticements are not worth the resulting heartache of overextending yourself," he wrote.

Liuzzo also suggested having no more than two or three major cards (Visa, MasterCard, etc.) and avoiding specific store cards at all costs.

"You want cards that are going to be able to be used everywhere. The more cards you have, the more you're tempted to overextend yourself... You should always say no to those [store] offers. Each one of those will have a small balance, but when you average them together, you might be overextended," he said.

Generally, people in debt tend to use their credit card to buy things that they do not need or will not be worth as much as they were at purchase.

"The asset should match the term of the liability," said Liuzzo.

"Try to buy items that will gain in value like education, clothing, furniture, etc. A major thing that will lose value like a meal or gas loses value fast," said Johnathan Botch, senior business administration major and president of Money Matters!, a personal financial based club on campus.

In late February, Money Matters! teamed up with SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) to host a credit card seminar for Wilkes students.

"We want to try to make that figure [of debt] smaller, so the earlier that we can make students aware of the little things that they can do not to get into that much credit card debt the better. The credit card seminar really teaches everything about credit cards from the credit card offers that you

give in the mail, to the fees that are charged to your account, to reading credit scores, to even the difference of paying more than the minimum payment on a credit card, and where to go to really get a free credit

report," said Botch.

While there may be many cons to holding a credit card or two, there are also some positive aspects of having the plastic in your wallet.

"There could be emergency situations where anyone could run into issues where a car breaks down or there's a health problem. They could get caught without money, maybe they lost their cash or something. They could also be traveling... It teaches you fiscal responsibility, which is an important part of becoming an adult, managing your finances in a responsible manner," said Liuzzo.

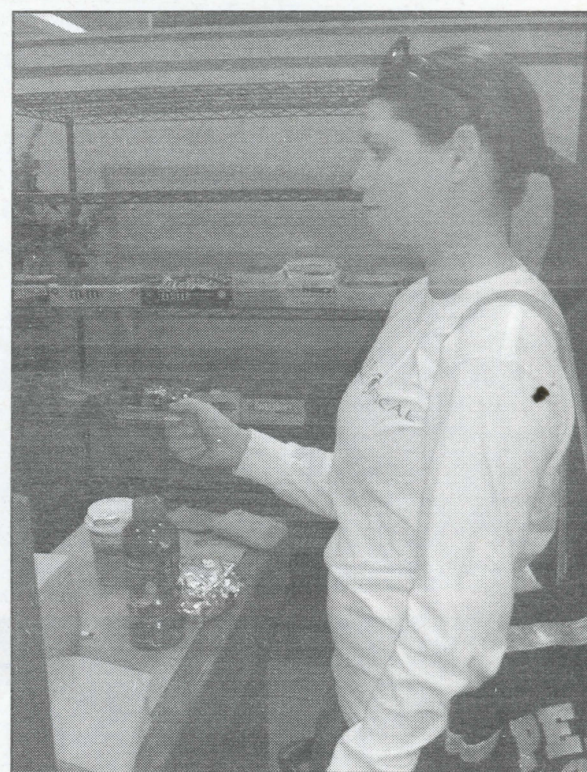
Creating a good credit score is also a benefit of holding a credit card: A credit score is used to determine loans in the future, including mortgages. It is also used to calculate the interest on those loans and the down payment needed for a house or car.

According to studies performed by the American Council on Education and the U.S. PIRG, 25 percent of college students pay for some of their tuition with credit cards.

"College is a very good investment... It's clear that college gives you more security, gets you a higher paying job. It's okay to borrow long-term for college because the education will pay dividends for a long period of time," said Liuzzo.

He added, "Credit cards can be used for a short period of time, but ultimately the student should be watchful of other forms of student loans and other ways of getting dollars to pay for their tuition. They shouldn't keep a high credit card balance... you should be able to pay it off in a month, and if not in a month, then a very short period of time."

As the cost of tuition rises along with unemployment rates in Luzerne County, Susan Biskup, campus counselor, has been speaking to students who have expressed concern about their financial stresses, including credit card debt.

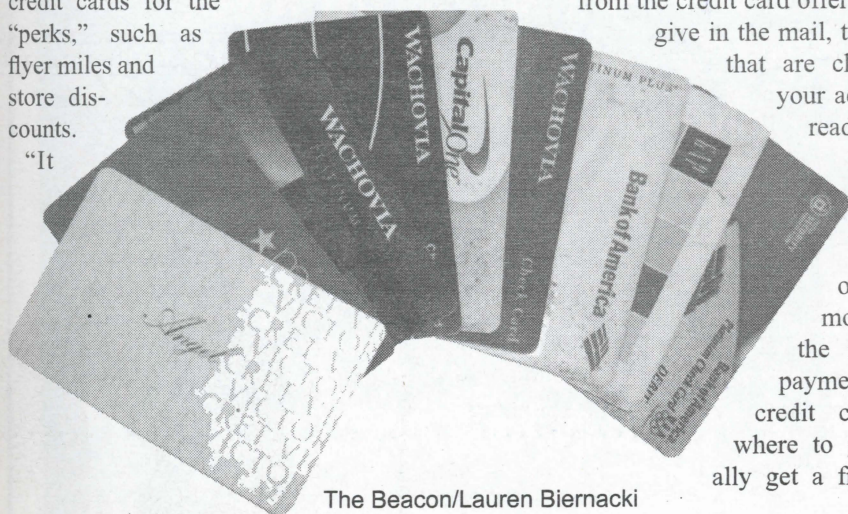


The Beacon/Lauren Biernacki
Sophomore Alicia Prebish pays with a credit card at Rifkin Cafe. According to Consolidated Credit Counseling Services, Inc., the average college student has more than \$2,700 in credit card debt.

"Within the therapeutic relationship, I am able to support students by acknowledging that the average college student graduates with \$20,000 in debt (it helps to know that they are not alone), increasing money awareness (balancing a checkbook, budgeting, credit and debit), increasing awareness that they [students] are in control of finances... [and] encouraging students to live within their means as much as possible," said Biskup. "This is a life skill that many adults have not learned. I believe it is the key to financial success."

Biskup also teaches students relaxation techniques that they can do when they feel stressed. Time management, getting a full night's sleep, eating well and exercising regularly also reduce stress.

"In short term, students can [also] choose unhealthy ways of dealing with stress such as substance abuse, disordered eating, excessive shopping and internet use to mention a few. These behaviors actually create more stress for students," said Biskup.



The Beacon/Lauren Biernacki

Female professionals offer advice from business world

BY MELANIE THOMAS
Beacon Staff Writer

Throughout the last several decades, women have been working to shatter the glass ceiling that previously held them back in the work world.

On March 10, a women's panel gathered to discuss women in leadership. The panel consisted of women from Wilkes and the local community.

Guest panel members included Lori Nocito, executive director of Leadership Wilkes-Barre; Kyla Campbell, anchor and reporter of WBRE and WYOU; Bridget Giunta, administrative coordinator of the city of Wilkes-Barre; Dr. Jennifer Edmonds, Wilkes University assistant professor of business; and Barbara King, Wilkes University associate dean of student affairs.

The workshop offered students an opportunity to ask questions and network with panelists.

Panelists dispensed personal advice, and offered their encouragement to students about the future. Campbell shared personal anecdotes about difficulties she faced in the workplace.

"You will run into negative people," she said. "My husband was the one that pointed out that I'm not a victim and I should do what I'm good at. I finally stopped being afraid of her [my boss] and realized my strength."

The panelists then asked the audience who they surrounded themselves with. They went on to explain that people can offer two separate tracks for behavior: complementary and enhancement, or negative and diminish until there's nothing left. The panelists warned that they can eventually end up losing themselves beyond recognition.

King talked about the importance of re-

lationships, but also the need to preserve one's individual self.

"You can't define yourself by your relationships..." she said. "A supportive partner is so important that also we should maintain the friendships we have outside of work."

In today's economy, job loss is a fear among many students. A

question posed to the panel asked the reasons why many people get fired, and what they can do to avoid it.

"Eighty percent of people who are fired are fired for a bad attitude..." said Campbell. "People notice a person with a good

attitude."

Additionally, students asked about how to find their niche in a world of endless options.

"Don't assume you know what you want to do," Giunta said. "Internships and work experience is so important."

Likewise, Campbell advised students to keep their options open. "Try different things," she said. "Take advantage of people who offer their help. Don't let windows of opportunity go."

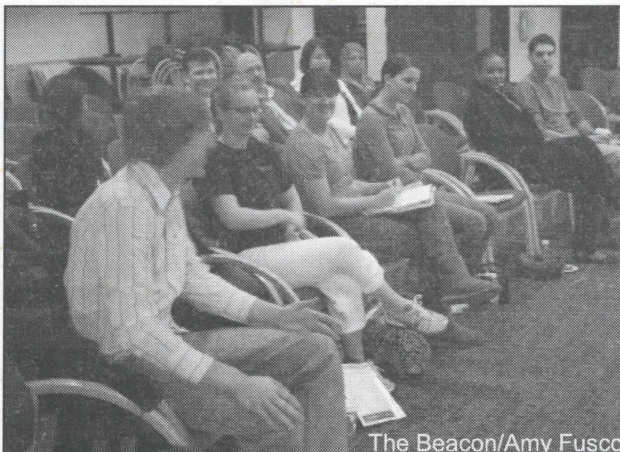
King advised cultivating a strong work ethic in the field of interest.

"Work hard and put the time in," said King. "Never feel that you're at the top of the peak, because you never will be. There is always learning to do."

For some students who attended, the personal experiences helped them sort things out about the impending work world.

The discussion provided sound advice for graduates, regardless of their sex.

"It was a great leadership discussion," said Steve Felter, a senior history major. "I think that even though this was intended for an audience of women...anyone could benefit from what the panelists had to say."



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The audience at the discussion questioned experts about job loss, goals, and niches in life. Both men and women attended the discussion.

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Roommate pairing process raises privacy, security questions

BY RUTH WHISPELL
Beacon Staff Writer

Students expect to keep an eye on their belongings when they go out in public or travel to a new place, but what about when they're just relaxing in their dorm?

For some students paired with unfamiliar roommates, extra vigilance with belongings has become necessary.

"Theft is the second highest crime rate among college students. The first, which is no secret, is alcohol misdemeanors," said Gerald Rebo, Public Safety Manager.

Rebo said the last theft reported on Wilkes University's campus was a missing twenty dollar bill last month in the University Towers.

According to book, The Jean Clery Disclosure, Campus Security Policy, and Campus Crime Statistics, which can be found on the desk of the Public Safety Office, in the fall of 2007 the University enrolled 2,192 undergraduate students, 1,168 graduate students, 274 first professional students and had 431 full time employees.

The offense rate for thefts equaled a total of 0.81%, or 31 thefts. This included 11 on-campus thefts, 17 in residential facilities, two in or on a non-campus building or property, and one on public property. The offense rate is calculated by taking the number crimes and dividing by the gross number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and employees.

"When a theft, or any other indecent act is reported, we investigate, and talk to the people involved. Most times Residence Life gets involved with reports of theft within dorms," said Rebo.

Matthew Vital, a first year Resident Assistant in Slocum Hall said, "In the beginning of the year the guys on the first floor left their game system in the lounge and a

resident 'held it for safe keeping' but, he went on to say, that was later situated." Vital said other than that simple incident no theft has occurred for his term as a RA in Slocum Hall.

Daniel Rae, also a first-year RA in Roth Hall said, "I've had a few minor confrontations between residents, but nothing too monumental; just differences over sleeping schedules and such."

So, how do students build trust with a roommate, or even know how safe the college campus really is? As stated in The Jean Clery Disclosure, Campus Security Policy, and Campus Crime Statistics Acts, students new to campus are assigned to rooms by Residence Life. Each new student must complete an information form with the housing contract. Residence Life then attempts to satisfy as many requests as possible for a specific room or building. However, because of requests and additional factors, none of the requests are guaranteed.

Each student is assigned a room key that unlocks only his or her room. All residence hall windows are lockable from the inside, and windows located on the first floors of halls are equipped with heavy duty security screens.

Amber Kozo, a first year Resident Assistant from Evans Halls fourth floors said confrontations between roommates range in severity and length of hostility.

"A lot of times the confrontation is a blow up because the tension has been building for some time, but occasionally the roommates find other people to switch rooms and deal with the swaps on their own. Many times, however, the parties asked to switch don't want to move, but sometimes it just works out, which is always nice," said Kozo.

David Sborz, a third year RA in University Towers said, "I've noticed when students come to college, this is really their first op-

portunity to share a room with another peer. This can create conflicts at times, but they're usually small issues that are worked out rather quickly."

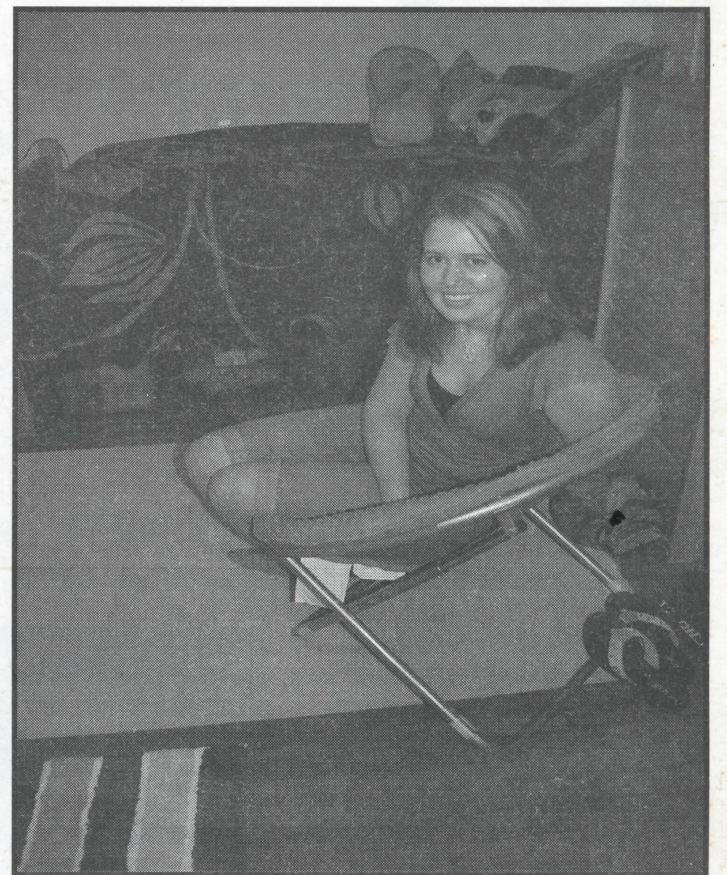
"Even though we had met previously, at freshmen orientation, I don't think that you can completely trust someone ...right off the bat," said Christina Inteso, a 19-year old freshman residing in Evans Hall.

Katherine Munchel, a Resident Assistant in Catlin Hall, which is an all female, first-year experience, mansion style residence hall said, "I have been lucky and haven't had many, if any, incidents within my hall. The mansion atmosphere allows residents to become very close, almost 'family like.' I've only experienced minor misunderstandings."

"I've had two girls request new roommates since the beginning of the fall semester," said Nadine Shickora, a Resident Assistant in Doane Hall, "I've tried to settle the girl's conflicts through their roommate contracts, but when it was issues that couldn't be solved I had them submit a roommate change form."

Roommate contracts are set up to be completed by all parties occupying the

room. They range in things such as number of guests allowed per semester, number of nights required to notify roommates of guests, cleanliness of the room, study habits, and items that can be shared among the roommates. After the contract is filled out, all roommates sign it and it is referred to for solving issues between the roommates, explained Shickora.



The Beacon/Bethany Yamrick

Freshman Sara Cosgrove sits in a Wilkes University dorm. According to Gerald Rebo, theft is the second most common crime among college students. Last year, 31 thefts were reported on or around the Wilkes campus.

Student of the Week

Rich Dwyer

BY GINO TROIANI
Beacon Op-Ed Editor

Monstrous jumps, fast engines, and roaring fans have made up junior Rich Dwyer's weekends for the last seven years.

Dwyer, a business and economics ma-

jor, has been participating in extreme sports for the majority of his life. "I was riding BMX bikes and my dad got a quad... I put like 1,000 miles on it in a few months, so he got me my own," said Dwyer.

Rising quickly through the ranks of the racing world, Dwyer competed as a semi professional by age of 18, dominating the older competition, while racking up numerous awards. His success did not go unnoticed, and helped him to obtain big name sponsors.

If Dwyer continued to



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perform at the same level while winning races, he was on the path to become one of the youngest riders in the history of the sport to have ever turned professional. However, an aching case of carpal tunnel in his right wrist led to a surgery last December, which left him sidelined for more than a year.

Since then, Dwyer has fully recovered, and plans to make a comeback, pursuing his dream of one day racing as a profes-

sional.

Because of his extreme interest in extreme sports, The Beacon has chosen Dwyer as its Student of the Week.

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

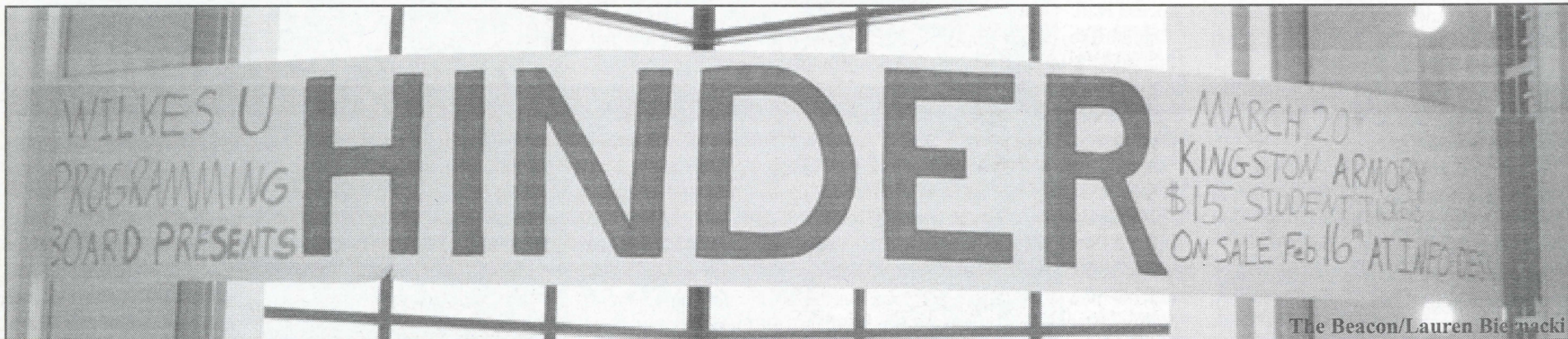
Dwyer: Either racing professionally or running my own sports store.

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

Dwyer: Outgoing, passionate, and ambitious.

The Beacon: Finish the following sentence: My friends would be surprised to know that I...

Dwyer: Met Travis Pastrana.



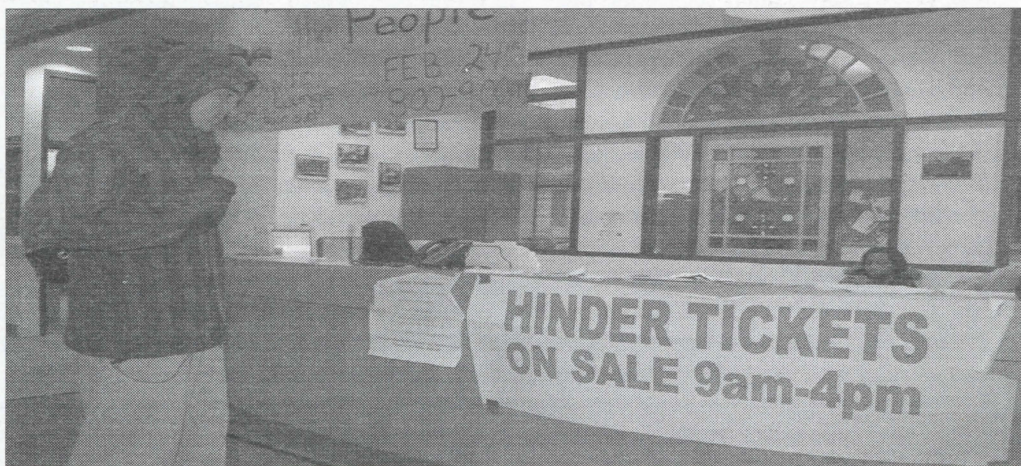
Students weigh in on spring concert choice

BY ALYSSA BENNER
Beacon A&E Editor

Each year Programming Board, a student-run entertainment planning organization, searches for a big name in the music industry to come and play for Wilkes University. Prior to spring break, organizers revealed that the 2009 concert will feature the band Hinder, whose 2005 album *Extreme Behavior* went multi-platinum.

But this year's choice has left some wondering, "Why Hinder?"

The initial steps toward choosing a band for the year begin with the Programming Board members. Members throw out names of bands they like, and



The countdown for Hinder tickets is on. Although some question Hinder as the choice of band students have been lining up to purchase tickets.

if the general consensus is positive, the band remains on the list for further consideration. After that however, the process gets more difficult. The board then uses an agent to get the specifics on prospective tour dates, availability, and cost. The agent that the Programming Board uses is Concert Ideas.

Bruce Krell, concert chair for Programming Board, said, "The concert chair enables a student, as part of the Programming Board of Wilkes University to represent the student body, to bring a large main stage concert to the University itself."

In order to uphold the interest of the stu-

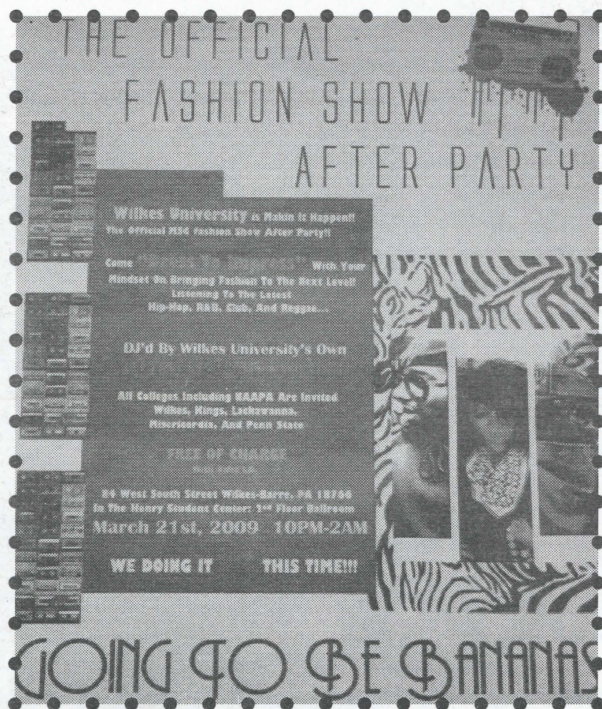
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MSC fashion show to offer Caribbean flare

BY YOHANNA DE LOS SANTOS M.
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

Wilkes University's annual multicultural fashion show will breathe a little tropical warmth into the slowly thawing northeast next weekend. The event will feature a theme of warm weather, piña coladas, and, probably some salsa music. If you are guessing that the Caribbean is the featured region of this year's show, you're right.

Since the fashion show began, a different region of the world has been featured each year. The region is chosen by the Wilkes University Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC), which is comprised of students who hail from or have roots in a variety of cultures around the world and whose mission it is to educate and celebrate diversity at Wilkes.



"This year we added a Caribbean piece. Usually, the multicultural fashion show is a regular fashion show with the element of culture where we usually do Asian, African, Indian, Malaysian, and different other cultures," said MSC President, junior accounting major, Tracy Garcia, who is also coordinator of the fashion show.

The annual fashion extravaganza, while perhaps not at the level of Paris fashion week, still takes a lot of time and effort. Therefore, MSC members have been designated or have volunteered to perform different tasks in order to help bring the show to the catwalk.

Garcia works closely with

sophomore, marketing major, Matthew Vital. "My job entails helping with the behind the scenes aspects of it all and just making sure everybody is lined up. I make sure all the models have things correct...make sure all the models have their clothes," said Vital, model coordinator. Later, the staff will make sure that the show will be tight. Therefore, coordinators will rehearse at least five times before the performance and make sure that all the models are walking correctly, and that all the clothes are appropriate.

Having the right garments ready for the day of the show is probably the most important part of a successful fashion show, "For the most part, the stores in the area don't donate for our fashion show, so most of the clothes comes from the students that

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John Zaffis: The Godfather of Ghost Hunting

BY MATTHEW GOGAS
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

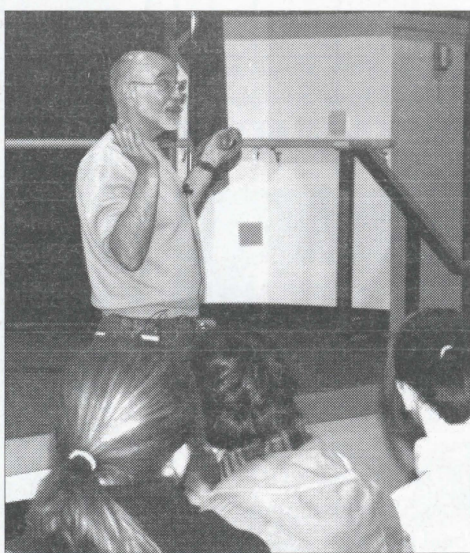
Whether or not you believe in ghosts or spirits, hauntings, or demonic possession, the subject does make for good entertainment. People are always interested in hearing ghost stories or sharing their own ghost experiences.

John Zaffis, the self-proclaimed "Godfather of Ghost Hunting" makes a living off of sharing his stories, and he recently spoke in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom on Thursday, March 12.

Zaffis shared stories about haunted houses, demonic possessions he has witnessed, and haunted artifacts that he has acquired over the years. He also cleared up hoaxes, myths, and common misconceptions about ghosts. The most important of which is that some believe ghosts can kill people.

In his presentation, he used pictures to point out where investigators have made mistakes with documentation such as camera straps caught in pictures and overdeveloped film and then compared them with pictures of what he deemed to be true ghost documentation. He also shared a story about a haunted house in Connecticut in which he experienced a ghost sighting of a figure walking down the steps to the basement in the family's home. The film *The Haunting in Connecticut* that is set to release later this month in theaters is based upon the events surrounding the house and the family. After his presentation, he took questions from students in

the audience who asked him about his experiences hunting ghosts and then took the students on a tour through Weckesser Hall to discover any paranormal activity



The Beacon/ Ashley Ford
Students interested in Demonology and ghosthunting look to gain knowledge from world renowned John Zaffis.

and possibly communicate with whatever spirits may populate the campus's historic building. Zaffis and a handful of students crowded into the basement of Weckesser Hall with a K2 meter, which is a commonly used ghost hunting device that Zaffis brought with him.

"I think it's pretty cool because we have mansions on campus that students feel are haunted or rumored to be, but they just go

on as rumors because there is no physical evidence. So we bring in these investigators that can supply some kind of evidence whether you believe it or not, but it does make the stories more interesting," said junior integrative media major and president of the Wilkes University Programming Board, Erin Sweet.

Zaffis, now 52, has been hunting ghosts for 36 years. He started his paranormal career at the age of 16 when he saw the ghost of his grandfather sitting at the edge of his bed. A few days later his grandmother, who lived in the same house, passed away. Zaffis felt that his grandfather came to help his grandmother pass on and he has been studying the paranormal ever since. Though a mechanical engineer by profession, in his ghost hunting, he has managed to write an autobiography and has been in a number of documentaries, as well as appeared on episodes of *Unsolved Mysteries*, and *Ghost Hunters*.

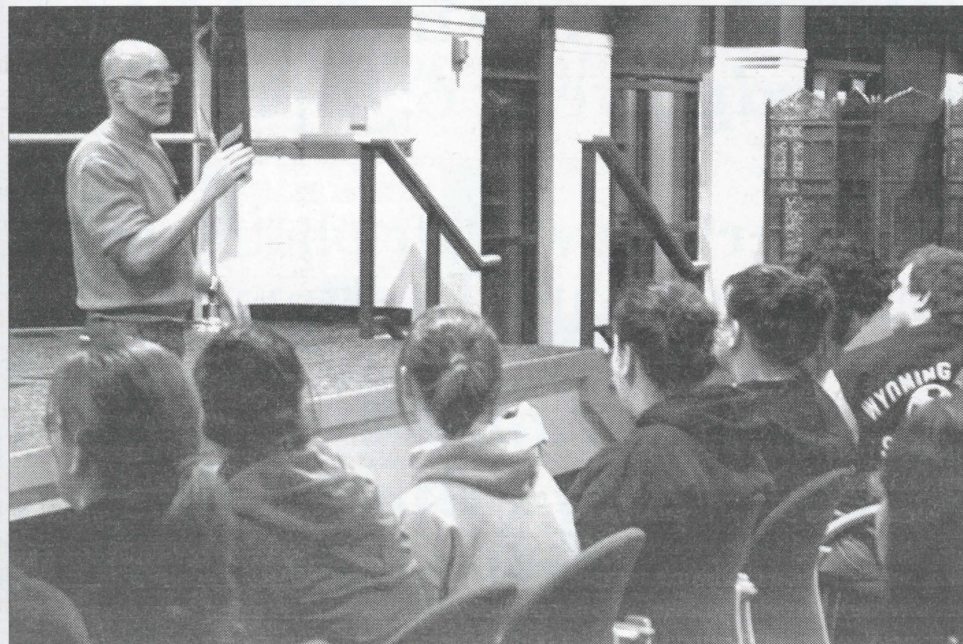
Wilkes University is just one of many college campuses that Zaffis has already visited this year. As the popularity of ghost hunting television programs gener-

ates amongst young people, Zaffis receives calls to come and present. He tours college campuses across the country telling students about various things that he has seen as a paranormal investigator.

"I lecture continuously about ghosts at campuses across the United States," said Zaffis. "My busiest months are always September, October, and November on tour and the turnouts are always phenomenal."

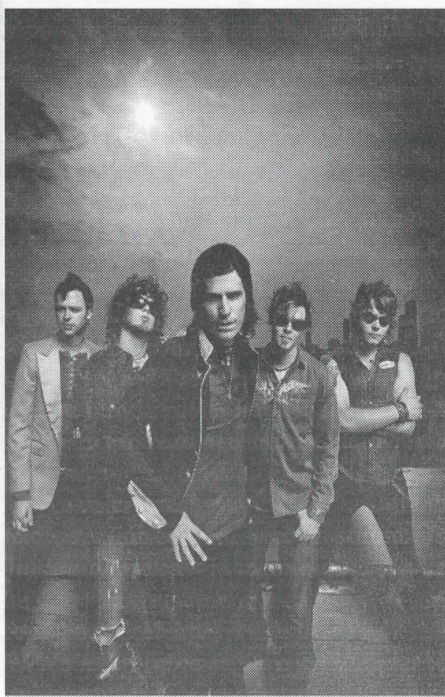
Cody Null, sophomore pharmacy major and Programming Board entertainment chair, booked Zaffis because of the popularity of ghost hunter events on campus. Programming Board booked the cast of the television show *Ghost Hunters* and psychic/medium Chip Coffey last year with similarly successful turnouts.

"All the ghost shows go over well here. We have had Jason and Grant from 'Ghost Hunters,' and Chip Coffey too. [Zaffis] came very well recommended," said Null. "It was interesting talking with him before the show because he name dropped all the people on those shows."



The Beacon/ Ashley Ford
John Zaffis answered a students' question about ghosts in the Henry Student Center Ballroom on Thursday March, 12. Zaffis is a 36-year veteran in paranormal investigation.

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dent body, a survey was sent out to the entire undergraduate population. The bands on the survey consisted of Dropkick Murphy's, Blues Traveller, Lit, Red, Chevelle, Seether, and SHEdaisy, and Hinder. Of that number, roughly 1,000 responded, according to Krell. The student body spoke and Hinder won with thirty two percent of the votes.

"The process then from there is to take the first band that works and if they can fit the criteria, if everything for scheduling with them works and for us, then we go with it. If not we would go with second best, third best, etc.," Krell said.

The budget for the Programming Board is larger than last year and could therefore afford Hinder. The band is set to perform at the Kingston Armory on March 20. According to Erin Sweet, Programming Board President, "We have done shows there since 2001, so they are very familiar with us and the way we run things."

This week approximately 170 tickets were sold to Wilkes community members. On February 23 ticket sales will open to the general public.

Sweet said, "The tickets are \$15 for students so that's a great deal, I will definitely be going."

Nicole Beavers, junior pharmacy major, said, "I'm a Hinder fan, I was actually going to go to their previous concert over the summer but they cancelled. But this is a really good deal."

But not all are enthusiastic about the choice. Michael John Gentle, junior integrative media major said, "Hinder who? I honestly think I've heard one of their songs on the radio before and never thought twice about them."

FASHION

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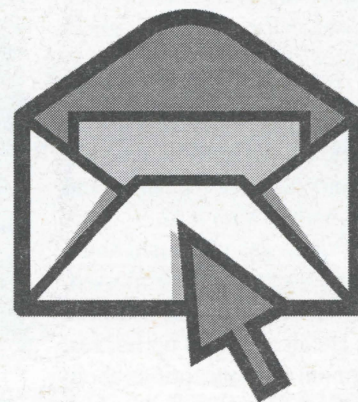
volunteer to be in the show and then there are some faculty [members] that have traveled and have acquired different multicultural pieces that we are able to use for the show," said Garcia.

"There are some students that are from different countries. They also have their native wear that they model," added Garcia. Casual, ready-to wear, sports, and business attire will all be modeled. The show works under a budget; however, there is no designated budget at this time.

Annually, the show is promoted throughout campus by word of mouth, "This year we posted flyers. We sent out e-mail invitations. We did a different marketing scheme... we have about 45 models signed up," said Garcia. The number of models includes some faculty and staff.

"First of all is a fun event...the different cultures, what they may use...is very educational in a very simple way," said Garcia. The hosts for this show will be Wilkes University students, Darnell Corbin and AJ Wallace, and will be held March 21 in the Marts Gymnasium from 7-9p.m. Free refreshments will be served.

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February 24 Crossword Answers

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BY DEVIN J. KING

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5 Slow moving stream
10 Between shoulder and wrist
13 Past participle of eat
15 Decorate with ornaments
16 Gunk, blob
17 Easy target, vulnerable victim
19 Large Australian bird
20 Without scent
21 Snake noises
23 Home of hockey puck
24 25th anniversary of marriage
31 Atomic number 50
32 Hodgepodes
33 Exclaimed when satisfied
35 Pointer finger
36 Homer's catchphrase
37 Small piece of rock
38 Hawaiian wreath
39 Move around smoothly
41 Vietnam War Abbr.
42 Liked by your peers
48 Share a finished torrent-file
49 Chinese bears
52 Informal name for astronaut
58 Expert
59 home for warm months
61 July 23 to August 22
62 Arm joint

Down

- 63 Upward stroke in conducting
64 Himalayan bovine
65 Male deer (plural)
66 Affirmation in legislative body
1 Mexican currency
2 Toxic household insect spray
3 Simpson's bus driver
4 Tube-nosed seabird
5 Under eyes when not rested
6 Combines
7 Not me
8 Time travelling DHARMA station
9 Not nice
10 Eras
11 Largest city of Italy
12 "Squeek squeek!"
14 Nothing or zero
18 Post of circular staircase
22 Glide over snow
23 To ship again
24 Synonymous for tendon
25 Hipster's genre of music
26 Popular guitar amp
27 Unwilling to bend
28 Multiple shavings of sheep
29 Who is above the law?
30 Testicle or ovary
31 Sesame plant
34 Fold back and sew
37 Abbr. for basic unit of time
40 Vacuum flask inventor
43 "Turn on, tune in, drop out"
44 Contracts landlords give out
45 Outcome
46 Widely accepted hypothesis
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Lady Colonels lacrosse improves to 3-0 on the season

Take out Sage in home opener

Courtesy of Craig Merriman,
Sports Information Director

The Wilkes University lacrosse team improved to a school-best 3-0 with a 21-1 win over first-year program Sage. The win marks the first time the program has also won three-straight games and set a season-high for goals in a game.

The Lady Colonels dominated offensively tallying 35 shots, all but five of which were on goal. All but two players other than the goalkeepers scored at least one goal, while five different players had at least two scores on the day. Brittney Hodnik scored a season-high four goals, while Melissa Polchinski added four as well. She has now scored four or more goals in all three games this season.

Not only did Wilkes control the tempo offensively, it also had more ground balls (31-22) and draw controls (20-4).

The Gators, playing their first game in school history, had six shots on goal, including a score by Brianna Thompson, who accounted for three shots on goal, four ground balls and a caused turnover.

Hodnik put the Lady Colonels on the board first with an unassisted goal at the 25:12 mark before Melissa Polchinski scored the game-winner less than two minutes later off an assist from Hodnik, her first of four on the day.

The Lady Colonels would eventually lead 14-0 at the half and 18-0 before Sage would score its first goal. Wilkes scored its final three goals, two on free position shots with under two minutes to play, taking advantage of a two-player advantage during that span.



The Beacon/Bethany Yamrick

Number 16 Analicia Jost catches the ball during the home opener against Sage on Thursday March 12. The Lady Colonels will take on FDU-Florham on Saturday March 21 at 1:00 p.m. at home.

Baseball has superb spring break in South Carolina

BY DANIEL KAUTZ

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Wilkes University's baseball team recently participated in the Ripken Experience tournament in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, over Spring Break. The Colonels posted a 4-2 record throughout the week long tournament and flexed their muscles in the four victories, scoring in double digits each game and twice eclipsing the 20-run mark.

"The main thing we took away from our two southern trips is that in typical Wilkes tradition, this team is going to play 'old-fashioned-hard-nosed-baseball.' And if we do, we can win," said head coach Joseph Folek. "Our defense will be solid but we'll need to pitch and hit better as a team for it to be a successful season. It's no secret that we graduated one of our better classes last year, so I think everyone is interested to see how we respond as a team."

Wilkes defeated Wesley College 13-10 on

March 3, before taking on Manchester on March 5. The Colonels scored three runs in the first inning of the game to take a quick lead, but allowed Manchester to score four in the third inning. Manchester would add two more in the fourth inning, adding to a lead that the Colonels would not overtake. Senior catcher/outfielder Andrew Garofoli went 3-5 for Wilkes with two doubles and two RBI, but the Colonels eventually lost 9-5. Garofoli would eventually take Freedom Conference Player of the Week honors for his performance during the event.

Wilkes split a double-header against SUNY Plattsburgh the next day, winning the first game by the score of 25-14 before losing the next 10-5. A day later they played Lehman, whom they dominated 21-4. Senior second baseman Geoff Miller went 3-4 with three RBI and two runs scored, one of six Colonels to have multiple hits in the game. Wilkes's pitchers struck out 11 Lehman batters and gave up just four

easy runs following an offensive 15-run explosion in the game's first four innings. Sophomore starter Al Clocker received the win after throwing five scoreless innings while giving up just two hits and striking out four. The Colonels had 19 hits in all, with four for extra bases.

"We started off the week with a win, which gave us momentum for the remainder of the trip," said junior starting pitcher Tom Buckler (3-0). "All of the teams there were decent competition. SUNY Plattsburgh was a great team; our bats were just really hot in the first game and they got the best of us in the second game."

The Colonels won their final game of the Ripken Experience 12-4 over PSU-Berks, wrapping up a very successful week in South Carolina.

"The trip was great overall," said Buckler. "There were six players per room, and it made us all closer, which is always a good thing while playing on a team together."

"I expect this team to win a lot of games and compete for a playoff spot," said Folek. "Once [you reach the playoffs], it's a new season and all you can hope to do is take off and peak at that time. It'll be a team approach with seniors right through the freshman expected to pitch in and help us win," he concluded.

The Colonels' next game is at home today against Marywood at 4 p.m.

Baseball Results for 2009 Season

2/21 St. Mary's W 2-1, L 0-3
2/22 St. Mary's L 3-8
3/4 Wesley W 13-10
3/5 Manchester L 5-9
3/6 Plattsburgh W 25-14, L 5-10
3/7 Lehman W 21-4
3/8 PSU-Berks W 12-4

Softball goes 1-3 at Beach Blast Tournament

Two tournament losses come in tough fashion

BY DANIEL KAUTZ
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

The Wilkes University women's softball team participated in the Beach Blast tournament over the course of two days during spring break. The women went 1-3 during the tournament, which was held in Virginia Beach, Virginia. But the losing record does a poor job of illustrating the team's overall performance, as two of the losses were very close in score.

The Lady Colonels dropped their first game of the season 12-3 to Lynchburg College on March 7. Senior catcher Erin Plank's two-run homerun and freshman outfielder Amanda Holston's RBI double accounted for Wilkes' offense, which was unable to match Lynchburg's output. Wilkes would lose its second game 3-1 to Frostburg State. Sophomore starting pitcher Lindsay Behrenshausen started for the Lady Colonels and pitched effectively, allowing just two hits in four innings of scoreless work. She

also struck out seven in the no-decision.

"I was really excited to get out there for my first game of the season," said Behrenshausen. "I just wanted to start the game strong and help the team out as best as I could in order to get the win."

Sophomore Cori Saltzer drove in Wilkes' lone run of the game in the loss.

The next day saw Wilkes pick up its first win of the season in a 6-3 decision over the University of Virginia-Wise. Senior starting pitcher Kaitlyn Kormanik pitched a complete game for the Lady Colonels, striking out five and walking none. She allowed three runs, two of which were earned. The offense had ten hits, with sophomore first baseman Kristy Ordile going 2-4 with three RBI. They lost their next game to Christopher Newport in close fashion, ending up on the wrong end of a call at home plate. With the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning and the score tied at one apiece, Behrenshausen received a comebacker to the mound which she fired just

shy of catching the runner crossing home. The run would haunt Wilkes, which went on to lose 2-1.

"When I saw the ball rolling back to me I was thrilled," said Behrenshausen. "In that type of situation that's exactly what you're looking for. With my luck though we were just inches from getting [the runner on third] out."

Senior third baseman McLisa Bracone hit a solo homerun for the Lady Colonels in the game.

Senior second baseman Kathy Dalton shared her thoughts on her expectations for the team this season.

"I have really high expectations for us as a whole, since we have nine seniors and eight starters returning. We're looking forward to ride our experience to a Freedom Conference championship since we were picked to finish sixth in the conference prior to the start of the season, something that we took as a slap in the face."

Wilkes' next home game is on Thursday,

March 19, against Lycoming College at 3 P.M.

Upcoming Home Schedule

Lycoming College-
3/19, 3 P.M.

DeSales University-
3/21, 1 P.M.

Delaware Valley College-
3/22, 1 P.M.

The Beacon/Gino Troiani



The Colonel baseball team took on Muhlenberg College on Friday, March 13, at Ralston Fields. Marywood University will visit the Colonels on Tuesday, March 17, at 4:00 p.m. and Keuka College will come on Saturday March 21 at 12:00 p.m.

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RINKSIDE REPORT

New defenseman bolsters Penguins' line-up

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI
Beacon Staff Writer

Although he's only been a member of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins for less than two weeks, Andy Wozniwski has already exceeded the expectations of interim head coach Todd Reirden.

When Wozniwski was acquired from the St. Louis Blues organization in a trade deadline deal on March 4, Reirden initially compared the defenseman to himself during his playing days.

But as Reirden watched Wozniwski play his first couple of games in a Penguins uniform, he realized that might not be the most accurate comparison.

"I definitely made a mistake when I compared him to myself, because he's a way better skater than I was," Reirden said.

When it comes to Wozniwski's abilities, skating is just the tip of the iceberg.

"The Wizard of Woz" is a veteran of 77 National Hockey League games, posting two goals and ten assists over parts of four seasons with Toronto and St. Louis. In 56

games with the Peoria Rivermen this season, Wozniwski recorded one goal and 16 helpers.

"He shoots it well, his feet are very good, better than I anticipated," Reirden said. "He's a bigger body, he can play physically, he can play on your second power play, he can kill penalties. I think he's a guy that can eat up a lot of minutes."

In exchange for Wozniwski, Pittsburgh shipped defenseman Danny Richmond to St. Louis. As luck would have it, Richmond happened to be the only player on Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's roster that Wozniwski had any sort of connection with.

"We're actually from the same exact area," Wozniwski said. "Same town, same high school, same agent. It was kind of weird because he was the only guy I kind of knew and then we switched spots."

Aside from having to learn the names and faces of his new teammates, Wozniwski had to learn Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's system. But that didn't seem to faze the former University of Wisconsin Badger, who went through a similar process when he signed

with St. Louis at the beginning of the season.

Prior to that, Wozniwski had spent his entire professional career in the Toronto Maple Leafs organization.

"It was a lot more different than I thought, just getting to know a whole new system and all new guys, everything like that," Wozniwski said. "You don't realize it, but it plays a little part. You've just got to get used to it."

Just as he was getting Peoria's system down pat, he learned that he had been traded to Pittsburgh at the Rivermen's morning skate. He then drove 13 hours over the course of two days to get to Wilkes-Barre, arriving the day before the Penguins visited the Syracuse Crunch.

"That's the way the game goes and that's the business," he said.

Wozniwski was held off the score sheet in his first week with the Penguins, but Reirden has been using the defenseman prominently. The coach believes it's only a matter of time before the goose egg hatches.

"His best hockey for the Penguins here

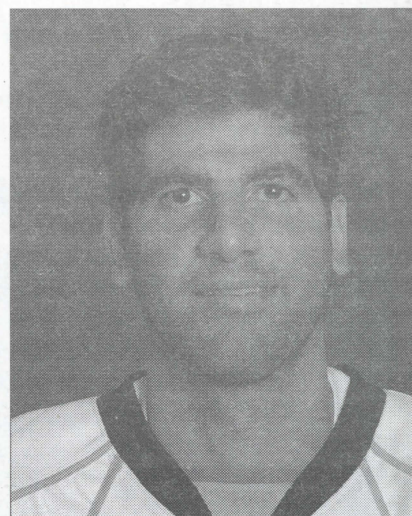


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The St. Louis Blues traded defenseman Andy Wozniwski to the Pittsburgh Penguins in exchange for Danny Richmond in a trade deadline deal on March 4.

is ahead of him," Reirden said. "You saw some good things from him this weekend, love having him, and we've got a lot of good things coming from him down the road."

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Athlete Spotlight: Andy Garofoli

BY ALISSA LINDNER
Beacon Sports Editor

Andy Garofoli's baseball career began long before he came to Wilkes; however in his senior and final year of competition for the Colonels, Garofoli has started out with a bang.

The Wilkes baseball team headed to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the Ripken Experience over spring break. In the six games between March 4-8, Garofoli helped lead the team to 4-2 record. On the season, the Colonels are 5-4.

Garofoli, who grew up in Altoona, Pennsylvania (Bishop Guilfoye High School), has posted an impressive .519 batting average this season. His skill has contributed for four doubles, three home runs and 12 RBIs on just 27 at bats. In addition, Garofoli has only struck out four times and currently has a slugging percentage of 1.00 and an on-base percentage of .649.

Back for his fourth season with the Colonels, Garofoli believes he has grown as a player during his college career.

"Since I have gotten to Wilkes my game has improved in the aspects of hitting and fielding. I broke my hand summer of my senior year [of high school], and last year I finally regained full potential of my hitting and throwing abilities," Garofoli said.

Playing baseball for approximately 15 years, Garofoli lettered all four years in high school. He was quite successful on the field during high school, being named to the All-conference team his junior and senior years.

Garofoli is also busy off the field, majoring in Pharmacy and playing a part in Rho Chi Society, a pharmacy honors organization.

One of only four seniors playing for the Colonels this

season, Garofoli, a catcher and outfielder, was named team captain this season. For his performance in the early season, Garofoli was named Freedom Conference Player of the Week on March 10.

Fellow senior Eric Wetzel explained that Garofoli understands his role as a leader for a young team which includes 13 freshmen.

"Andy is our team leader on and off the field and always gives 110% whether he is playing or is already out of the game watching the player that replaced him," Wetzel said.

Garofoli sees his captain role as an analytical one adding, "At practice, as a captain you have to constantly be looking for ways to help the team get better, whether it be the smallest detail or the most obvious detail of the team's game that needs worked on. Also, you have to push the team, and encourage the guy beside you to do better than you. Challenging my teammates has helped them, as well as myself, to become better ball players and a better team."

Garofoli added, "I see myself as someone to look up to on the team, and as a team leader along with the other two captains. I want to be a model for the rest of the younger guys on the team so they can see what it takes to win in our conference and baseball in general."



Photo Courtesy of Andy Garofoli

Andy Garofoli stands on base during a recent baseball game. Garofoli is one of the captains of this year's team and looks to lead the team to a conference championship.

WRESTLING

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"As far as Frank, he never lost confidence in himself and continued to challenge himself to get better. He wrestled an extremely competitive January and went through a stretch where he was like 6-10, but he never stopped believing in himself. The key for him out in Iowa was he made his competitors wrestle his match and he capitalized on his strengths."

For Heffernan, one of the best parts of nationals was being able to experience it with four teammates.

"It meant so much, it made the trip so much more enjoyable being out there with such good friends. It also made preparation for the tournament a lot better because there were so many of us to work out with one another and push each other," Heffernan explained.

At 125 pounds, Farnham's first match at the national tournament was against the No.

1 seed Jake Oster of Elmurst College. Farnham would fall to Oster in a close 6-2 decision. In the consolation bracket, Farnham was eliminated from the tournament after losing to Dan Bloom of Wesleyan.

Pauling, at 133 pounds, also lost his first match of the national tournament, falling to the No. 8 seed Nicholas Northern of Cornell 6-4. In his second match, Pauling would fall to Tony Lawler of Heidelberg 9-3 to eliminate himself from the tournament.

Smith was the next Colonel to take the mat at the national competition. Seeded No. 8 in the tournament, Smith fell to Kevin Sutherland of Rhode Island 7-2 in his first match. Smith would win again in the consolation bracket, defeating Tyler Branham of TCNJ before falling to Blaine Woszczak of Ithaca to end his hopes of All-American status.

Pizarro was the fourth Wilkes wrestler to fall in his first match of the day. At 197 pounds, he lost a 4-2 decision to Joseph Silberman of MIT; however, he would keep

himself in the tournament after defeating the No. 1 seed Alec Bonander of Luther College (Iowa) in the consolation bracket. Pizarro would go on to lose to Eric Vincent of Merchant Marine, ending his junior season.

Despite only one All-American, the 2009 season was one of success for the Wilkes Colonels wrestlers.

"The team had the goal of winning the Metros from day one and I think as the season progressed they really found that through their hard work and commitment that they put themselves in position to win the Metros. We also had a very experienced team and had some outstanding freshmen performances throughout the season," Laudenslager said.

Heffernan added, "The team was so strong because we had such good unity and chemistry. We all got along with each other and had the same goals since day one. This made pushing each other throughout the year bearable."

As for the loss of three seniors, Laudenslager expressed nothing but praise.

"The seniors have set high expectations for Wilkes wrestling in the future. They will never be forgotten in our program and have laid the future for Wilkes wrestling. They created a special team this year and after winning the first conference title since 1975 they all should be proud of what they accomplished. They certainly gave us a championship performance this year."

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Wrestlers close out season in impressive fashion

Win Metro Conference championship sending five to nationals

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The Wilkes University wrestling team finished out its 2009 season strong, winning the Metropolitan Conference Championship at York College on Sunday, February 22 and sending five wrestlers, including all three seniors to the NCAA Division III tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Three wrestlers claimed individual championships. Seniors Josh Pauling, Erik Smith and junior Zach Pizarro won at their respective weight classes and earned bids to the national tournament. Senior Shaun Farnham and junior Frank Heffernan both received at-large bids to the national tournament

ment after placing second and third, respectively in their weight classes.

Overall, the team won the Metropolitan Conference Championship. The Colonels combined for 98 team points, barely edging out The College of New Jersey with 86.5 points. Head Coach Jon Laudenslager was also awarded Metro Conference Coach of the Year.

Following the Metro tournament, the five wrestlers heading to nationals had a little under two weeks to prepare for the tournament start on March 6. For Farnham, Pauling, and Smith it would be their final time suiting up as a Colonel.

"I could not be happier to take all three of the seniors to the National tournament to-

gether. They have combined for nearly 300 college wins and certainly all have helped us become the team we are today. Each year they have helped our team continually improve and reach new heights. I'm really proud of all they have accomplished as individuals and as a team," Laudenslager said of the seniors.

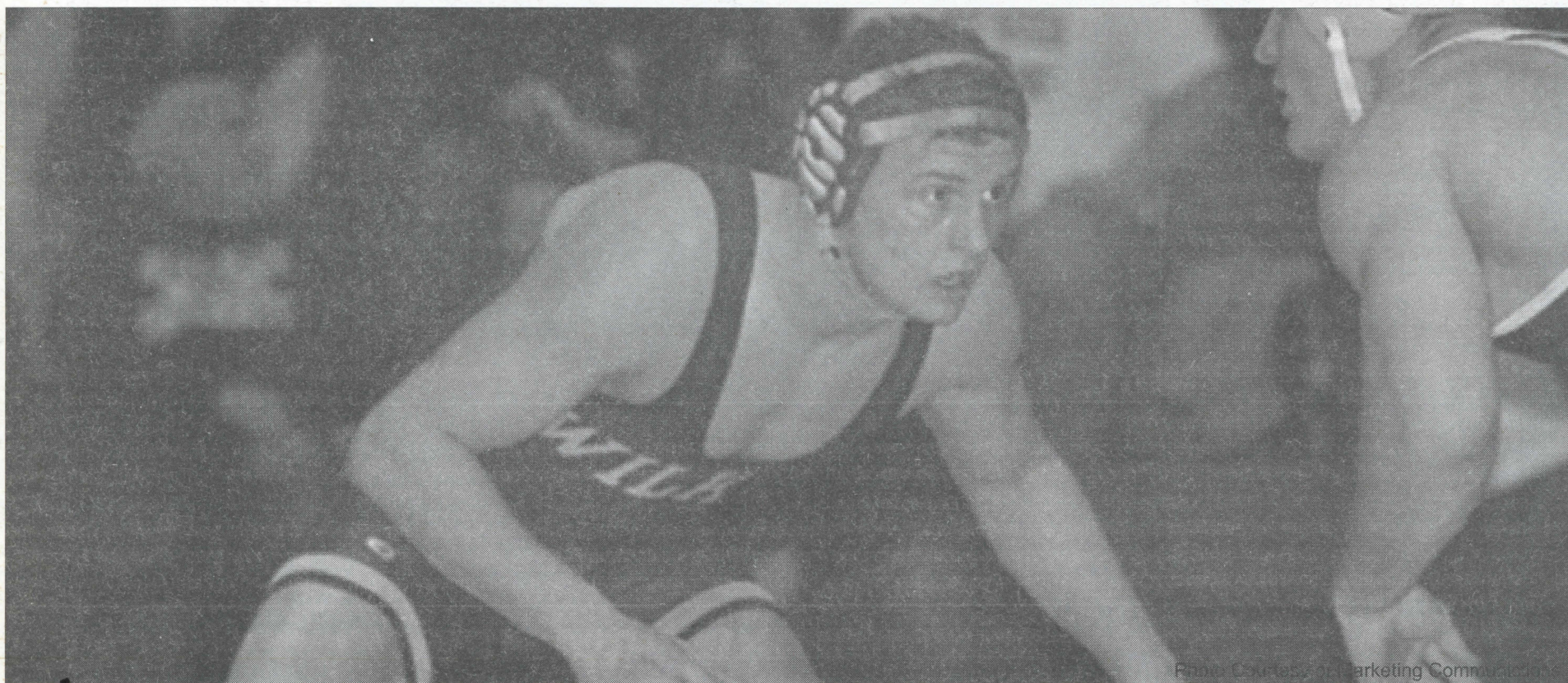
Heffernan was the only Colonel wrestler to achieve All-American status at the national tournament. At 174 pounds, Heffernan defeated the No. 4 seed David Priest of Ithaca in his first bout of the day. He would fall to the No. 5 seed, Kyle Kehrill of Cornell, in his next match, 8-6 in overtime. In the consolation bracket, Heffernan won a 2-0 decision over Ryan Dormann of Stevens

Institute of Technology, securing All-American status. He would fall again, sending himself into the seventh place match. In his final bout of the season, Heffernan would defeat Brian Thomason of York 4-2 to end the tournament in seventh.

This was Heffernan's second time suiting up for the national tournament, something Laudenslager believes is very beneficial to any wrestler.

"I think anytime it's your second time out at the National tournament you are a little more relaxed," Laudenslager said.

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Junior Frank Heffernan was the only Wilkes wrestler to achieve All-American status at the NCAA Division III National Tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on March 6-7. Heffernan finished seventh at the tournament and with an overall season record of 25-13. He is seen here wrestling an opponent at the Marts Gym during the 2008-2009 season.

What to see and do this week...

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Check out Dr. Cue Billiards, American's Top Pool Player and Trick Shot Champion from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the SUB Game Room.

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Check out the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins game against Philadelphia at 7:05 p.m. at Wachovia Arena.

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Sign up for the Colonel Charity Challenge on April 19. Visit gowilkesu.com for more information.

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Hinder comes to the Kingston Armory sponsored by Programming Board. Concert starts at 8:00 p.m.

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The F.M. Kirby Center will host Stephen Lynch at 8:00 p.m. Tickets start at \$22.50.