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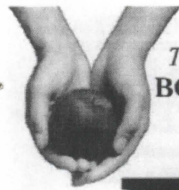
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Former Sec. of State Albright offers insights to WB

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon Managing Editor

On Tuesday, November 18, Dr. Madeleine K. Albright, former US Secretary of State, addressed the Wilkes University community at the F.M. Kirby Center on Public Square. Her lecture was part of Wilkes University's annual Outstanding Leaders Forum.

Before her lecture, Albright attended several functions at the Westmoreland Club on South Franklin Street. She took time to meet with area high school students during a question and answer session, talked with invited guests at an event later that night, and held a press conference for several members of the local media.

Albright's experience as part of President Bill Clinton's cabinet offered the backdrop to her analysis of the current political climate between the current Bush administration and the incoming Obama administration.

"[President-elect Barack Obama] is



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Wilkes University President Tim Gilmour attended a private press conference with former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Tuesday, November 18 at the Westmoreland Club on South Franklin Street prior to her speech at the F.M. Kirby center later on in the evening.

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Lund and Fields announce departures from Wilkes

BY AMY FUSCO
Beacon Asst. News Editor
& NICOLE FRAIL
Beacon News Editor

Last week two Wilkes administrators—a member of the President's cabinet and an academic Dean—announced that they will depart NEPA for new positions at other institutions.

Maggie Lund, vice president of human resources and organizational development for Wilkes University, announced that she will

finish her tenure on December 19 and will assume responsibilities as senior vice president for the Catholic Healthcare Partners (CHP) headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio on January 5. Lund's departure will create the fifth Wilkes cabinet vacancy in three years. Dr. Darin Fields, Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, has accepted the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty position at Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia, and will leave Wilkes after 15 years on January 9.

Lund's new employer, CHP, is the largest health system in Ohio and the seventh largest Catholic health system in the nation, which includes care hospitals, senior living communities, social service agencies, ambulatory health centers, health and fitness facilities, and other entities. Lund will supervise one of the four CHP districts.

Lund began her Wilkes post in June 2007. She explained that she was never actually seeking to leave Wilkes, but the opportunity

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Struggling economy makes it difficult for grads to find work

BY CARLTON HOLMES
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

These days, the main reason people pursue a college degree is to find a career.

Students spend four or more years studying and searching for internships for the relevant experience they need just so they can build a strong resume that will distinguish them from the rest of the competition.

Normally, those tactics work but in today's economy, most students are certainly nervous when it comes to finding a job. With various companies cutting hundreds of jobs at an abnormal rate, the immediate future doesn't look bright for this year's graduating class.

The percentage of people unemployed in the United States has significantly increased this year alone. Right now, the unemployment rate has climbed to a staggering 6.5 percent, bringing the total unemployment number in the first 10 months of this year to 1.2 million according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. In August, unemployment increased by 127,000 with 284,000 jobs lost in the following month. In October, 240,000 jobs were cut.

"I can tell you that in times like this, obviously, when the unemployment rate is going up and it's tougher to get a job, your prospects in May ('09) or December ('08) are not as good as they would've been at a different time," said Dr. Seeley, professor of economics.

"This is not a great time to be entering the job market. That doesn't mean you're

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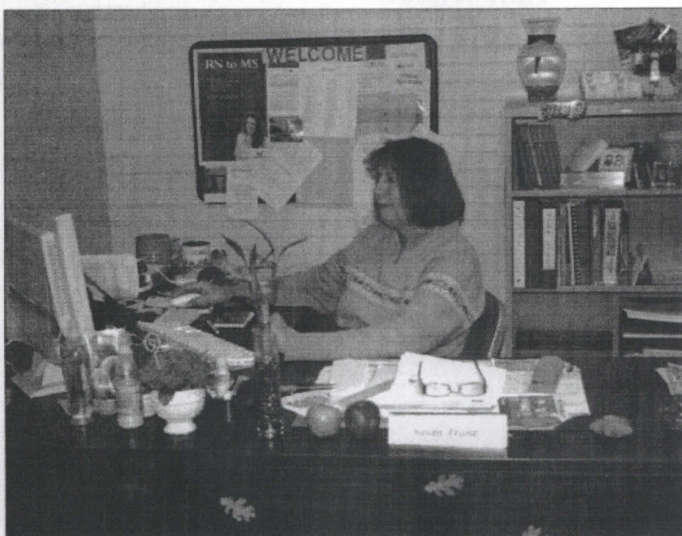
not going to find a job; you may very well find a job. It's just that on average, it's going to be tough to get a job," said Dr. Seeley.

Wilkes University's Director of Career Services Carol Bosack-Kosek stated that, compared to previous years, there has been a noticeable decline in jobs seeking to recruit students at the university, marking the worst decrease she's seen during her time as director. Bosack also stated that while non-government funded positions are pulling back from posting jobs, government jobs such as the United States Secret Service and health care positions continue to be consistent.

Therefore, the idea of delaying the job search in exchange for a master's or doctorate degree might be a good idea for seniors looking to duck the present state of the economy. Once the economy rebounds, students with higher level degrees will have a better chance at landing a job. "Not only are we competing with each other but we're going to be competing with people who have

been laid off, who have 15 to 20 years of job experience," said senior bio-chemistry student Kyle Ungvarsky from Horseheads, NY. "Who's to say employers will hire a college student with no experience over someone who has 15 to

a job. Bosack-Kosek encourages students to sign up for CAR 198 A, a one-credit career development class for students who are ready to enter the job market or graduate school. The objective of the course is to help students im-



The Beacon/Bethany Yamrick

Career Services employees such as Susan Frank offer services such as resume writing assistance and guidance through mock interviews.

20 years in the industry?"

Ungvarsky is currently applying to medical schools to attend once he graduates in May '09.

Usually students are concerned with polishing their resumes to appear more attractive and marketable than the next college candidate. But in today's economy, that's not the case and the competition for jobs is stiffer. To improve students' chances of landing

prove their resume writing and interviewing skills to increase their chances of getting a job.

Seeley believes the current recession can be attributed to the financial crisis within the "real sector" of the economy. Home values have decreased therefore people are cautious about their spending. The more people pull back from spending, the less money is being pumped into the economy which

trickles down to seniors and the lack of funds available to pay them.

"This recession is going to be a lot worse than the last two (1982 and 1991 recessions), said Dr. Seeley. "We have had almost a free ride for 26 years, two little bitty recessions. So for graduating seniors this is going to be worst than

anything you've experienced."

"That doesn't mean if you go out into the labor market, you're not going to be able to find a job. There's lots of people who will find jobs. It's going to be tougher; prospects are going to be worst. Still most people will find jobs, but just a smaller percentage than what normally finds jobs.

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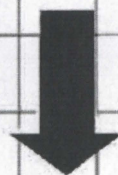
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Students weigh on and off campus housing benefits

BY CATHRYN FREAR
Beacon Asst. News Editor

For students who choose not to commute from home, finding proper housing is a big step in the college process. At Wilkes, more than half of the student body opts to live off campus, and a typical freshman class has been 25 and 30% who commute.

One issue facing college students today is cost. Senior biology major Mario Della Fortuna lives off-campus and acknowledged, "It was just cheaper and this (apartment) isn't bad...especially with what we're paying for it."

According to Nancy Wink, head of the University Commons leasing office, "It's about half...we're a private company, so I don't know how Wilkes figures its cost, but we do based on what we need."

At Wilkes, room and board costs \$10,680 per year. With tuition this brings the total bill for on-campus students to \$35,850 -- not including course, lab, and music fees,

according to the Wilkes website. According to Wink, it's about \$5,000 a year for rent, including utilities, at the University Commons. Living on South Franklin Street in a two-bedroom apartment with utilities included, it's about \$5,300 per year. To live in a two-bedroom on Ross Street also with utilities included, it's about \$4,000 per year. This brings the total of off-campus housing and tuition to approximately \$25,170-\$30,470 annually.

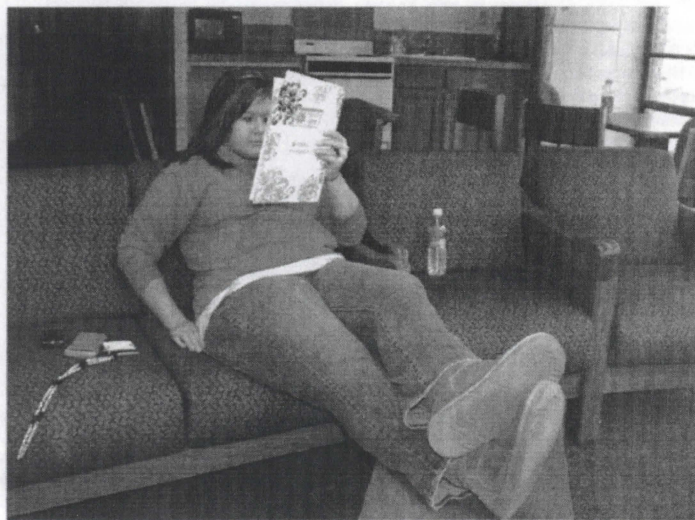
While the differences in cost are indisputable, Brenda Stanley, director of residence life, believes living on campus in Wilkes-owned apartments and dorms can be a good way to transition off-campus and into real life. "We give you the tools to solve issues like roommate problems before living on your own."

She added that on campus apartments and dorms provide a step between living with your parents and living alone. "Parents drop off their kids with the comfort that they'll be taken care of," Stanley said.

In contrast, according to Wink, "[Living off campus] teaches the kids a lot of responsibility. They're getting ready for the real world. They have bills that they have to take care of."

During the freshman year, students generally make friends through their living situation. On-campus sophomore political science major Tara Kennedy noted, "I don't even know how I would have met anybody otherwise. You meet a lot of your friends initially through living with them."

But according to off-campus sophomore nursing major Lindsey Baldwin, "It's like a transition. You live with your parents as a kid, your first year of college you live on-campus, then you move off-



The Beacon/Lauren Biernacki

Courtney Graham utilizes the common room in Evans Hall for studying. On-campus locations such as this one are good places to hang out and meet people for those who choose to dorm at Wilkes.

campus, then you graduate and live wherever you want."

Baldwin added, "[Unlike in dorms] you can escape from your roommates [when you live off-campus]."

According to Stanley, university officials are working with a new automated program to improve housing placement. It will take ten characteristics that students are looking for in a living-partner and match them with someone who shares a good majority of those same characteristics. In the current system many students still get their roommates through lottery or major matching.

"I got a single because I didn't want to deal with roommates," said Kennedy. "I know so many people who have to move or their roommates have to move because of problems."

Off-campus sophomore nursing major Tiffany Flores lived on-campus last year and had to switch rooms because of roommate issues. She explained, "She would have all these people over and I even found out she let people sleep in my bed when I wasn't there."

Stanley believes that the proximity of the residence halls is helpful to academic progress and attendance. "Students can literally roll out of bed and attend an event or class," said Stanley.

However, on-campus sophomore nursing major Brittney Hodnik lives in the University Towers, just a block from most of her classes, acknowledged, "Next year I'm moving across the street from the library.

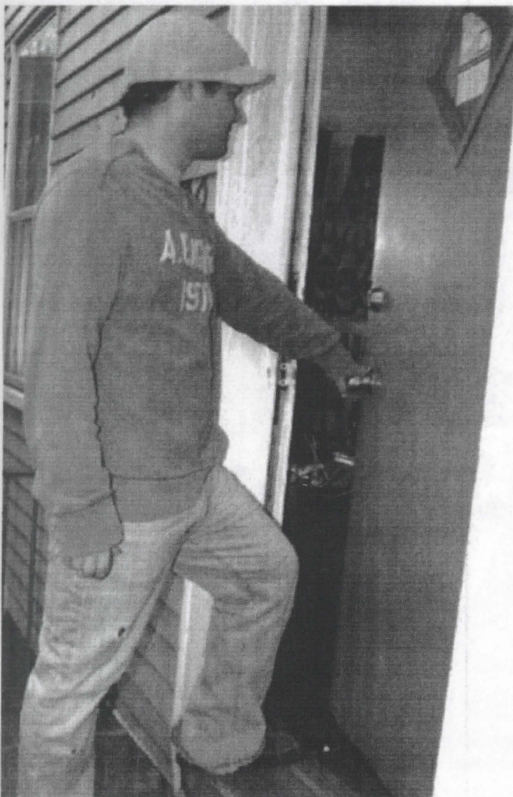
I will be able to be to class in like 5 minutes... The Towers are far enough that if for any reason I don't want to go to class, I'm not going."

Stanley noted that the facilities department is one great advantage to living in university-owned property. Off campus landlords can occasionally be unavailable to student renters on basic maintenance needs. "Not the contractors, but the maintenance people, because they work for the university, they have access to [rooms]," according to Stanley.

The system at Wilkes requires that residents or others must submit work orders to formally address facilities problems, but because of this process, they are usually serviced relatively quickly.

Living off-campus can be a different story at times. Della Fortuna says, "We've never had any huge issues, but once there was water leaking into my closet and they didn't come to fix it for like two weeks because they said that they would have to shut the water off in the whole building...and the damage still isn't fixed [even though the water was stopped from leaking]."

Even if a student were to choose to live in a box throughout his or her college experience, probably the biggest issue is comfort in safety. But, in this matter, at Wilkes, it's not effected by whether you live on-or off-campus. According to Wink, "Students living in off-campus apartments can still call Public Safety because [the residences] are still a part of the Wilkes community."



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Jordan Schreffler walks into his South River Street off-campus apartment. Living on South Franklin Street in a two-bedroom apartment with utilities included, it's about \$5,300 per year.

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"I received a phone call from the CEO of CHP, a former boss," said Lund. "I was not unhappy. I was not looking for a job, and I wasn't seeking anything. I liked the continued challenges and positive opportunities at Wilkes," she added. Nevertheless, Lund believed CHP offered her a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" and she felt that if she did not do it, she would regret it.

Petra Carver, vice president for finance and support, will play a major leadership role for the Human Resources Department, while Wilkes administrators decide how to best move forward. Along with Carver guiding the Human Resources direct reports, Joe Housenick, director of human resources, will work directly with Carver managing day-to-day operations. In addition, Lund has numerous committee assignments, all of which will be evaluated as to how best to move forward.

"I will take on operations management for human resources on a day to day basis," Carver stated. "It's bittersweet. We are all excited and happy for her [Lund]. On the other hand, it is a huge loss for us because she was a great colleague, a good friend of mine and we will miss

her dearly. She was really good at what she was doing." Carver has worked in human resources at prior positions, so is familiar with key issues associated with the field. Lund's departure will at least temporarily change Carver's workload.

"We are presently discussing our options and no final decision has been made," said Dr. Tim Gilmour, president of Wilkes University. One of the options might be to have a national search for a future vice president of human resources. But a national search can cost approximately \$35,000, Gilmour explained.

"We review all senior positions when an incumbent leaves to determine if they are the wisest investment of resources for the achievement of university goals," Gilmour said in response to whether selecting a new vp of human resources is effected by economic or financial issues.

"As with all departures of senior people here at Wilkes, Maggie will leave a huge gap in our leadership. She is the consummate professional and someone who cares deeply about people. But when you hire talented people, you have to expect that other organizations will seek them out and the opportunity she has before her significantly advances her career. We all wish her well, and know we will miss her," said Gilmour.

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Lund's parents live in the area, so it was tough for her to choose to work far away. During two weekends of the month, Lund plans to fly back to Pennsylvania to see her family and work from home. CHP's support of this arrangement reflects how some organizations are becoming more flexible with work ethics.

"There really is a great sense of accomplishing through cooperation and collaboration [at Wilkes], whether it is between faculty and administration, faculty and students, etc. I've seen it in various forms. When I met with Dr. Gilmour to tell him about the opportunity, I saw the thread of consistency...he was very happy for me," Lund commented.

Because word of Fields's departure from the university was not released until late Friday afternoon, The Beacon did not have time to contact him for comment before publication. However, in an email to the community Fields wrote: "In my 15 years at Wilkes, it has been an honor to work with so many dedicated and talented faculty and staff, and it has been a privilege to teach and be part of the lives of our students. I cherish deeply all of the friendships I have developed over these years, and I am proud of all of the work we have accomplished together. I have 'grown up' at this institution, and the lessons and skills I have learned here will unques-

tionably serve me well in my future endeavors."

According to Bethany College's website, Fields will begin his new role of vice president of Student Affairs and dean of Faculty on February 16. Fields was selected from 80 applicants in a national search run by the college. Bethany College is West Virginia's oldest private college and has an enrollment of approximately 850 students.

"Our loss is Bethany College's gain," said C. Reynold Verret, provost, in an announcement to the Wilkes community Friday. "We deeply appreciate the leadership and imagination that he has exercised during his tenure among us. We wish him the best in his new position."

Fields began at Wilkes as an assistant professor of English in 1993 and became associate professor and Chair of the Division of Humanities in 1999. He was appointed to Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences in 2003.

According to Verret, an interim dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences will be announced shortly.

SG Notes: November 19, 2008

BY DAVE LEWIS
Beacon Correspondent

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- Low Ropes Course: SG members participated during meeting time for a bonding experience.

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- Council of Clubs November 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wing Eating Contest November 20, 7 p.m. Student Center Lounge
- Commuter Council Bus Trip NYC November 22
- Wilkes-Barre City Christmas Parade November 22

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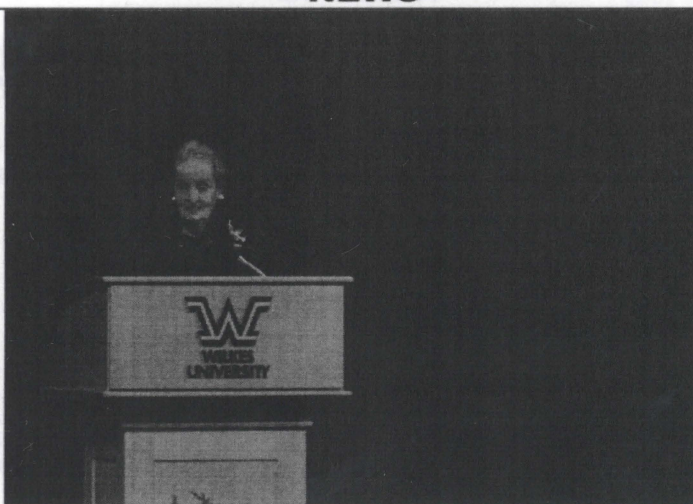
ously did an awful lot of work on host of issues during a very long campaign. What is happening is the transition is in full motion and various team have been dispatched to the agencies to pull together the material for the transition," said Albright.

The former diplomat has been serving as a top advisor for Obama. Prior to her appearance at Wilkes University Albright met with foreign dignitaries at an economic summit on Obama's behalf.

At the lecture Albright praised Wilkes University for its reputation in mentoring and leadership training while also praising the school for its support of women in the world of academia.

Albright, a professor at Georgetown University, said that she enjoyed talking to the high school students earlier and that she will work to make the youth a prominent voice in an Obama administration.

"I do spend a lot of time with young people...and think that what was so exciting about this campaign was the whole way that the youth were involved in very active ways and also using all kinds of information technology and I think that will continue," Albright said. She added, "I think there will



The Beacon/Andrew Seaman
Madeline Albright spoke at the F.M. Kirby Center on November 18 as part of the Outstanding Leaders Forum presented by Wilkes University.

be many activities where many people will be involved and are able to do feedback on a whole host of issues, because I think that President Obama is going to be somebody that wants to hear from a variety of people."

Albright recently published her third book, Memo to the President Elect: How We Can Restore America's Reputation and Leadership. In a recent interview on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," Albright said that she gave a copy of the book to Obama

with the inscription, "With the audacity to hope that you will find this book useful."

Albright was sworn in as the 64th Secretary of State on January 23, 1997. She was the first woman to hold that position and at the time was the highest-ranking woman in history of the United States government. She handed over the office in 2001 to Gen. Colin Powell, her successor. However, politicians, like President-elect Barack Obama, continue to seek her advice with foreign policy and economic matters.

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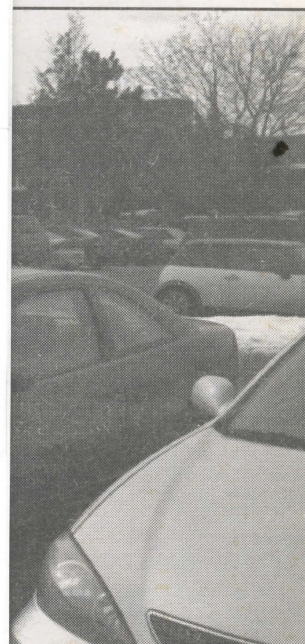
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Pay attention, world: DRC genocide threatens humanity

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The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), formally known as Zaire, gained its independence from Belgium in 1960. It is the third largest country located in central Africa.

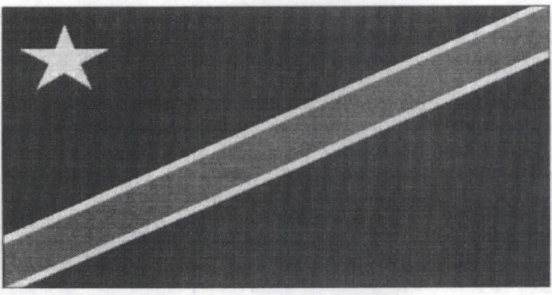
Since the late 1990s, after the Rwandan civil war and genocide, there has been an ongoing struggle for both power and liberty within the DRC's borders which has led to the death of millions. And yet the current genocide in the Congo has largely gone unreported.

According to Jeanyves Ngabonziza senior environmental engineering major, and Rwandan civil war and genocide survivor, Mobutu Sese Seko the former president of Zaire, had strong ties with former Rwandan president Juvénal Habyarimana whose life ended after his plane was shot down in 1994.

When the Tutsi rebellion defeated the Hutu regime and won the war in Rwanda in 1994, many Hutus were exiled to the Congo, and became refugees. Ngabonziza explained that Mobutu's government began to train the Hutu refugees so that they "...could come back and attack the new established Rwandan government."

As the Hutu regime began to gain strength, Seko the supported the social cleansing of the Congo, which targeted the banyamulenge, who are Congolese Tutsis. As a result, many Tutsis fled to the newly formed no partisan Rwandan government.

In response, enraged Tutsi forces led by Laurent-Désiré Kabila fought and won the war



The DRC's national flag.

against Seko the and the Congolese government. Seko the then fled the country, and Kabila was named president in 1997. He then changed the name of the country from Zaire to the Democratic Republic of Congo. After his rise to power, Kabila turned his back on the Tutsi forces, and sided with the Hutu militia. Ngabonziza explained that Kabila began to act exactly as Seko the did, ordering attacks on the banyamulenge, while using force in an effort to drive them from the Congo.

The conflict led to Kabila's assassination in January of 2001 by one of his bodyguards. Shortly after, his son, Joseph Kabila Kabange took his position, and followed the same agenda, supporting segregation, and "social cleansing."

The DRC is categorized as a democracy; however, it is not. It closely resembles a dictatorship. Ngabonziza explained that there is still strong support for segregation between Hutus and Tutsis within the country. They have even gone as far as setting up roadblocks, and ordering the people to separate. "If people didn't want to separate... they would kill everybody... The main problem is that the genocide has now gone over there. If the Congolese government stoppe

supporting it, it would solve a lot of the problems."

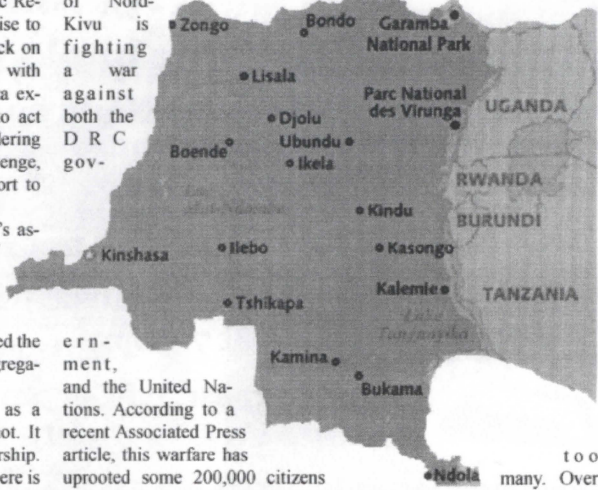
Laurent Nkunda, current leader of the rebel faction operating in the southeast providence of Nord-Kivu is fighting a war against both the D R C gov-

ernment, and the United Nations. According to a recent Associated Press article, this warfare has uprooted some 200,000 citizens from their homes. The United Nations has described this as "...a humanitarian crisis of catastrophic dimensions," causing civil unrest, and large food shortages. Despite billions in aid, and the deployment of the world's largest peacekeeping force, a January 2008 International Rescue Committee survey found that 5,400,000 people have

died from war-related causes in Congo since 1998. "It is unjust that people in their own country are not treated fairly by their own government," said Ngabonziza.

When asked about the press coverage, Ngabonziza said that it has been adequate in recent years; however, many still do not know of the mayhem that is happening in the DRC.

The Beacon feels that the fighting within the DRC needs to be addressed. If 5,400,000 people have died from war-related causes, the American people, as well as governments across the world need to pay attention. One death would be



5 million many. Over 5 million is catastrophic to all of humanity. The bloodshed needs to stop. This fighting will not cease until democracy and equality is established within the DRC borders, just like neighboring Rwanda did in 1994.

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The Educational Rant: The First Amendment

BY TIM SEIGFRIED
Beacon Staff Writer

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Those 45 words are the beginning of the Bill of Rights, which is the beginning of the Constitution of the United States of America, which brings us to the beginning of this rant.

For those who are unaware, the first week of December is First Amendment Week at Wilkes, which is essentially Christmastime for the Constitutional nerds out there. But more importantly, it is a time for Wilkes University to put on public displays of the First Amendment in action. Don't be surprised to be witnesses to a banned book reading, a work of art that some might find "offensive" (I call them sissies), or to be asked to listen to some music that may or may not contain slurs against one or more ethnic groups.

That's what the First Amendment is all about, though, right? A free expression of all things speech, religion, press, petition and assembly.

So in the spirit of First Amendment Week, I surveyed 100 local college students to see exactly how much the average student knew about the First Amendment.

[Cue gloomy music] The results... may shock you.

Naturally, I first wanted to find out how familiar students are with the rights that are protected by the First Amendment.

Hence, **Question 1: How many right(s) does the First Amendment protect?** (5)

Of 100 students, only 23 of them answered correctly. 16 students answered with "10." I don't know what's more surprising: That fewer than 20% of students knew there are five, or that 16 thought there were ten.

Question 2: Of the following [word bank], which rights does the First Amendment guarantee? (Speech, Press, Religion, Assembly, Petition)

15 students correctly selected all five. 92 students selected free speech, 69 students selected press and assembly, 54 students selected religion, and only 23 students selected petition.

It's not surprising that the majority of students picked free speech, but it is unusual that religion was selected less frequently than assembly, especially amid one of the most polarizing religious climates in our nation's history. At least most (not all) students know they have the right to free speech.

Question 3: Under the First Amendment, can you legally burn a flag? (Yes, if it is during a protest)

Fifty-four students got this one correct. If you did your math, that means that 46 got it wrong.

Question 4: When did you first learn about the First Amendment and the rights it guarantees?

Seventy-three students said they learned about it between 6th and 8th grade.

Question 5: Would you be protected under the First Amendment if you wrote a story about a celebrity that you knew to be untrue? (No, that's called libel)

Sixty-nine students got this one correct. It's also worth noting that the First Amendment does protect you if you are writing something satirical. (Like *Saturday Night Live* and other sketch comedy shows) The ultimate defense against libel is the truth.

If something is true, regardless of its defamatory quality, then the First Amendment protects the writer. And if some of you remember, I once wrote about how Rosie O'Donnell was fed a live animal in between commercial breaks during her time on "The View". Truth or satire? I'm just sayin'.

Question 6: Under the First Amendment, have experimental drugs ever been used legally in accordance with religious rights? (Yes, see the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978)

Sixty-nine students also got this one correct. No wonder. Stupid hippies.

Question 7: A. Does the First Amendment apply to a public school newspaper? (Yes)

Ninety-two students said yes. **B. Does the First Amendment apply to a private school newspaper?** (No)

Sixty-one students said no. A quick lesson: The First Amendment protects a public school's newspaper because it is a governmentally funded school, such as state schools. However, the first amendment does not protect the newspaper of a private school, such as Wilkes University.

What this means, in a nutshell, is that a public school cannot have its paper shut down because the college's administration does not like its content or wants to stop a potentially problematic story from making the newstands. That would be prior restraint (look it up, people) and a violation of the First Amendment. However, the brass at Wilkes University could shut down the paper if they didn't like the content because it's a private institution. (Not that President Gilmour would shut us down though, because he gets it about student press freedom. By the way, sir, how is that "tuition problem" we talked about coming along? *wink*)

Question 8: The First Amendment goes too far in the rights it guarantees.

Forty-six students disagreed, 15 strongly disagreed, 24 agreed, and 15 strongly agreed. Um, pretty concerned about those last 39 folks. *Too far?* This question mirrored the 2008 State of the First Amendment (SOFA) survey conducted nationally. The national results are slightly more hopeful in that 10% of respondents agreed and 10% strongly agreed. Obviously, the fact that local college students came out 19% beyond those figures in their desire to see the First Amendment scaled back says a great deal about the need for education here.

So what have we learned today? It appears that students don't know too much about the First Amendment, as evidenced by the less than 30% success rate of questions one and two.

Maybe it's just me, but is it too much to ask of college students to know what their rights are? It's interesting to see the mass of college students who were involved in the election this year, but I wonder how many of those students knew which rights they were guaranteed? If I were to stump for a political candidate, I'd like to know what my rights were and what that candidate was going to do to them.

**Author's note: This is the last rant of the year 2008, and my apologies for it being educational - Who wants that in college, right? It was a good year, and the Rant shall return in January 2009 with the first annual "Angry Rant Awards." And just so you know, Dane Cook and Juno will be made fun of. MANY times.*

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, all.

YOUR VOICES

Dear Editor:

The Wilkes family lost an important member Monday night when Art Redmond was killed in a car accident returning home from climbing the summit of Mt. Washington, New Hampshire. For all of us who knew and loved Art, the fact that he was taken from us coming home from climbing a mountain helps to remind us of what made Art special. It also gives us pause, amidst our grief, to smile just a little over the sort of person Art was.

Art's many friends will never forget his smile, his gentle demeanor and his love of life. Art's professors will also remember

an extraordinarily bright young man who was a joy to have in class. I consider myself truly fortunate to have been both his professor and his friend.

What I will remember the most about Art was his constant pursuit of living life to the fullest. Art loved Latin America and was set to serve in the Peace Corps starting in the summer of 2009 and later to attend graduate school. Art loved to travel and relished the opportunity to study abroad. While many students go to Spain, England, or Australia, Art went to Peru and Ecuador. The proudest moment of my teaching career was receiving an email from him describing his work

with children in an Ecuadorian orphanage.

In difficult moments such as these it can be hard to find comfort in tragedy. However, those of us who knew and loved Art can take solace in Art's friendship and the knowledge that he was able to touch so many in a life that was too short. In times like these, it is also important to examine our own lives, our priorities, our friends, our family and the way we want the world to be. We can all honor Art by trying to succeed in the way that he did. Live life to the fullest, be a friend, study abroad, take a chance!

I wanted to leave you with the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "To laugh often and

much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends. To appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

Art clearly succeeded.
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No. 25 Wilkes Colonels star

BY DANIEL KAUTZ
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

The No. 25 Wilkes University wrestling team saw great success at the fourth annual John Reed Duals on Saturday, November 1, winning all four of their matches in a packed Marts Center. The team received major contributions from numerous wrestlers in their impressive home debut which is



Wilkes' Tom Andresen holds the title. Andresen would go on to pin

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Go watch Madeline K. Albright lecture as part of the Outstanding Leaders Series at 8:00p.m.

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In response to Bishop Martino

BY GINO TROIANI
Beacon Op-Ed Editor

This October a letter was sent to Catholic followers by Scranton Bishop Joseph F. Martino urging voters to strongly consider the Catholic stance on abortion when they went to the polls on November 4. The subtext, of course, was that a vote for Barack Obama and all candidates to support a woman's right to choose would be considered a vote against the Catholic faith.

Excerpts of the letter, widely read at Catholic churches across the Diocese, included: "Being right on taxes, education, healthcare, immigration, and the economy fails to make up for the error of disregarding the value of human life...[Abortion]...is the single most important issue... He does not ask us to take up his cross only to have us leave it at the voting booth door," Martino wrote. Instantaneously, these remarks generated controversy both in and outside the Catholic community.

The First Amendment guarantees that all Americans may choose what religious denomination (if any) to practice. Once that choice is made, the religious faithful subject themselves to the practices and beliefs of that denomination. Bishop Martino has every right to promote pro-life candidates because such a political stance is consistent with the beliefs of the Catholic church. Freedom of speech is also protected under the First Amendment, and Martino, as the local head of the Diocese, has an obligation to lead by example.

So members of the Catholic church should not have been surprised by Martino's message. Nevertheless, many were certainly surprised and chagrined by the overt push prior to and after election day. Why would an individual subject themselves to the teachings and rules of a specific group if they do not fully agree with them?

Do I agree with Martino's stance? Absolutely not. My view is that there is no room for politics within the walls of a religious

institution. Any time the two are associated, there is a great danger of promoting bias and ignorance. Guilt and fear are far too powerful tools.

But I do respect his right to state it. I also respect the rights of Catholics to disagree and vote their conscience.

Recently, Martino claimed that the Obama administration's aggressively pro-abortion policies are viewed "as an attack on the church."

This is wrong; a similar issue was resolved over 200 years ago.

The "establishment clause," of the First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." The founding fathers made it crystal clear in the Constitution that the United States government shall not favor or discriminate against any one religion. Bishop Martino, there is no "attack". The rules regarding choice come directly from the same document that grants you the right to practice your religion freely.

On October 7, 1801, the Dan-

bury Baptists, a religious minority in Connecticut, wrote a letter to then-President Thomas Jefferson complaining that the religious liberties they practiced were not viewed as immutable rights by the state.

Jefferson responded on January 1, 1802 stating, "I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church & State."

I am not Catholic, and have no religious ties. I am simply responding as an American who operates under the same Constitution. America is a truly great and unique nation because its people possess the ability to practice and speak freely. Although some, may not always agree with others views, we must remember that it is their right, no matter their ideology.

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 attitudes of students on campus.

The Beacon asked:

Should Proposition 8 be overturned?

- Yes - 69%
- No - 31%
- Undecided - 0%

Next Week's question:

Do you feel that UN is doing enough to keep peace in the Congo?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

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BY CHRISTA SGOBBA
Beacon Lifestyles Editor

Passing folded-up notebook paper etched with sweet nothings was once the way that brave high school students could express their attraction to the opposite sex. Now, love notes have gone passé, in favor of a more revealing medium.

And this new crop of high school students is revealing much more than their innermost emotions.

Tunkhannock Area High School recently garnered statewide attention, when reports surfaced that five cell phones that had been confiscated from students contained pictures of nude or seminude female classmates. In a letter sent home to parents on October 31, school administration said the phones contained pictures "of a highly sexually explicit nature" of female students.

The males who had the pictures on their phones were between

the ages of 11 and 17, while the females in the pictures appeared to be between the ages of 14 and 16. According to District Attorney George Skumanick Jr., some of the girls pictured had actually taken the photos. One girl interviewed described the pictures as "the new flirting."

Perhaps most disturbing is that the core issue is nowhere near an isolated occurrence. In 2008 alone, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Ohio, New Hampshire, Michigan, Texas, and other states reported such cases.

The Tunkhannock Area students whose confiscated cell phones contained explicit pictures of minors could face felony charges of sexual abuse of children and criminal use of a communication device.

However, sticking a sex offender label on an 11-year-old for trading sexual images ignores the root of the problem: a society that seems to promote sexualizing a younger and younger demographic.

Teenagers catch their cue about how to dress and how to talk from celebrities, so it's not a stretch to assume they look to them for ways to "flirt." And they got a crash-course in the new genre of flirting a year ago, when nude pictures of Vanessa Hudgens, from "High School Musical" fame, circulated over the Internet.

Like the girls from Tunkhannock Area, Hudgens took the provocative photos of herself with the intention of sending them to someone she was dating. But unlike the present case, there were no legal repercussions involving the pictures, which surfaced when Hudgens was 18 years old.

So what do the teenagers see? They see beautiful, wildly-popular Hudgens choosing to pose for sexy pictures, then to send them on to a guy she likes. Any kind of public fallout was quickly squelched by the support of Disney, who owns the "High School Musical" franchise, and the signing of Hudgens—with a raise—for the third

installment of the series.

The movie took in more than \$42 million during its opening weekend a few weeks ago, leaving Hudgens firmly planted as the new American sweetheart.

Teenagers may be looking to this case for flirting inspiration, but they're not looking at it for legal reality. Sending nude pictures via text message or e-mail may not have been a crime for Hudgens, but average Joes have found themselves in trouble for it. A few weeks ago, ten students in Michigan were suspended after passing around a female classmate's nude picture on their cell phones. In October, a 15-year old Ohio girl was charged with the felony of "illegal use of a minor in nudity oriented material" for sending nude pictures of herself on her cell phone.

Batting your eyes or covering a note with gel-penned hearts may be an outdated form of flirting, but at least it won't get you a felony sex-offender conviction.



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Technological changes on the horizon for Farley Library

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS
Beacon Asst. Lifestyles Editor

Once just a place to hit the books, the Farley Library is now preparing to launch itself headlong into the technological advances of the 21st century and hit back with high tech access for students and faculty.

Wilkes officials confirm plans for structural and programmatic changes to the E.S. Farley Library over the next few academic terms. While changes have been forthcoming on the library staff's agenda, the new Dean of the Library, John Stachacz, has been spearheading inquiry into new projects and new ways of thinking about the building that should serve as the information hub on the university.

"John is just fabulous as our new dean. He is a super advocate for bringing the issues to the front," said Brian Sacolic, Head of Reference.

Stachacz has had plenty of experience rebuilding and reworking the structures of libraries in the past. His most recent practice came from being named Director of Library Services at Indiana University-Kokomo and building a one-stop "learning commons" for students there. Prior to IU Kokomo,

Stachacz was at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he headed a \$12 million building renovation.

"A 'learning commons' unites the services of a traditional library, IT services, and a writing center. Students can get research help, IT help if they are building Power Points or spreadsheets," said Stachacz.

Stachacz and the Farley Library team have been actively planning additions to both available resources and to the library itself. For example, Stachacz is currently leading an effort to create an information commons, similar to IU-Kokomo, in the Farley Library basement.

"We want to start at the bottom. Our goal is to get better group access with more computers, more scanners, and little alcoves where students can work together. We want students to gather around and do the work they need to do in teams. And if I can get a coffee bar in there, I would be thrilled," said Stachacz.

Proposals are drawn-up to be presented to the Alden Foundation, the Farley Library's main source of financial assistance in the rebuilding process. It is the Alden Foundation's vision to aid in "the promotion of education in schools, colleges, or other educational institutions," according to www.alden.org. According to Stachacz, the proposed projects are anticipated to cost several hundred thousand dollars.

Another of the new ideas that Stachacz is trying to realize is making most collections electronic.

"We have actually already started some of these changes. Whether you know it or not, all of the books are on an electronic card catalogue. Also, new students do not have

to fill out all that information about themselves when they check out a book for the first time. It is already in place," said Stachacz.

One way students and faculty can better their educational processes is by using journal storage or JStor. JStor is a collection of peer-reviewed, scholarly journals and articles that go back to early 19th century. The Farley Library hopes to incorporate materials for disciplines in every major.

"We want a collection that is comprehensive to support everybody and then moving in a direction specific to certain disciplines," said Stachacz.

Another new electronic resource is E-ZBorrow. E-ZBorrow is a system similar to inter-library loan. However, E-ZBorrow ties 86 colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. According to Stachacz, if a student or faculty member cannot find the material they need, that individual can go to E-ZBorrow, request the material, and it will be shipped within days.

Wilkes will be connected to several schools, including the University of Scranton, Gettysburg College, Penn State University, Carnegie Mellon, and the University of Pennsylvania, just to name a few.

"This will allow students and faculty access to approximately 10 million books. It is faster and easier than inter-library loan," said Stachacz.

Books and journals are not the only materials getting face lifts in the coming semesters. Sacolic has created, and is perfecting,



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One of the technological changes coming to the Farley Library is the E-ZBorrow system, which will link Wilkes with 86 colleges and universities in Pennsylvania. This system will give students and faculty access to about 10 million books.

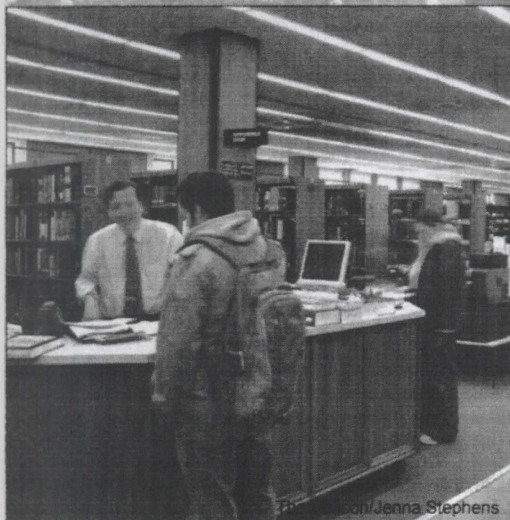
a series of podcasts for students. These tutorials, according to Sacolic, will be resources that can be used "day or night, even at 2 a.m. when some students may not be able to find what they are looking for."

Changes to both the materials and the structure of the library are in the staff's proposal. The structural changes to the library, while very much a part of the proposal, will take more time and study than the collections changes.

"This is all a vision, and we are working towards it. If we get this Alden grant, we will be looking, at the very least, at new carpeting," said Stachacz.

Sacolic echoed Stachacz's views on the need for new structural changes to the library. He stated that the library went through the 1972 flood, Agnes, and water had risen to one foot on the first floor. As a result, the residual smell has never fully dissipated.

"It's high time that students deserve a nice library," said Sacolic.



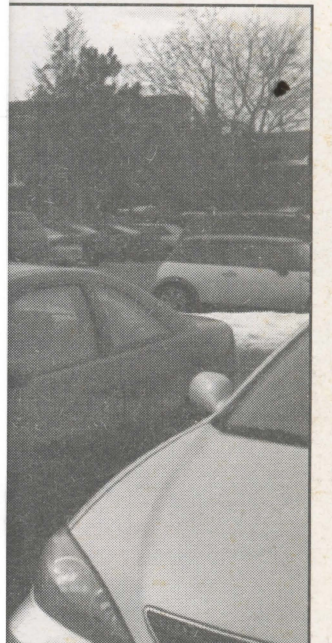
Librarian Brian Sacolic helps a student find his materials.

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Mother-daughter team breaks into bridal business

BY AMANDA GUNTHER

Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

For some young women, the song "Here Comes the Bride" inspires panic, for others, dreams of the most important day in their young lives. But for one Wilkes freshman, the song—and the wedding finery that accompanies it—inspires entrepreneurship.

Business major Breanne Holby is getting a head start in the business world by opening her own new business with her business partner and mother, Gail Holby.

The pair plan to open a bridal shop next year that specializes in mother's dresses, after five dresses, communion and flower girl dresses. Ga Bree's Boutique will be located behind the Gateway Shopping center in

the Gateway Gardens on the other side of the Market Street Bridge.

Construction on Ga Bree's will begin around December 20. The Holbys hope to open their doors sometime in January, just in time for the big busy bridal season to start.

The new store will be connected with Kathy's Bridal and Prom Excitement, where Breanne got started in the bridal world after working for owner Kathy Nardeone.

"My mom and I are actually taking part in one of her stores because she [Kathy] is expanding so much with prom," said Breanne.

Breanne and Gail have a close relationship with Nardeone, who has been in the business for over 25 years. Nardeone is helping the Holby duo in the basics and to establish a solid business foundation.

"Since I have somebody that's done this before, she's totally set me up with everything that I needed," said Gail.

The mother and daughter team have

been considering this partnership for over two years, but it wasn't until about a month ago that the plans really took off.

"We've always talked about me going next door [to Kathy's] and expanding the stores together," said Gail, but she needed her daughter's incentive to actually get the ball rolling.

"I told her that if this is what we want to do, we have to start it now," said Breanne. Soon after Breanne and Gail began looking through books and magazines, rounding up ideas from all the different vendors.

During winter break, the Holbys will venture to New York City to check out dresses the designers present through fashion shows and vendors.

"We bring a bunch of stuff back and just start trying to sell," said Breanne.

Although the business will be launching during the school year, Breanne is not concerned with Ga Bree's interfering with her studies. Doing both at once is benefitting both her studies and the business.

"The business aspect of helping my mom open the business right now is the same stuff I am doing in my classes," said Breanne.

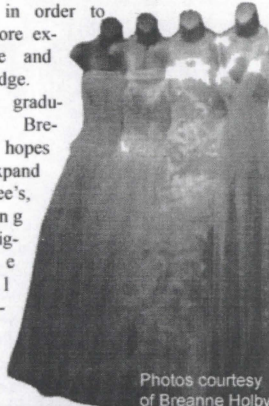
Breanne chose to become involved in the

business world because she loves working with people. After working for Nardeone, she realized she wanted to be involved in the bridal world, because she loves fashion and its customers.

"When you work with a bride or you work with a mother, they are so thankful; you see so much joy," said Breanne.

While studying business at Wilkes, she plans to intern at other larger businesses in order to gain more experience and knowledge.

After graduation, Breanne hopes to expand Ga Bree's, making it a big name in the bridal franchise.



Breanne Holby, left, and her mother Gail, plan on opening their bridal shop business in January.

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Wilkes President urges proactive stance on health

Gilmour joins growing ranks of men diagnosed with prostate cancer

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA
Beacon Lifestyles Editor

A typical day for Dr. Tim Gilmour, President of Wilkes University, begins just before 6:00 a.m. After some brisk exercise and a quick breakfast, he sits down to check his first batch of e-mails for the day.

Then Gilmour heads to his office for a day chock-full of meetings, fundraisers, and conferences, many which require traveling outside the area. He makes it home for dinner, but usually pops back to the office for another three hours of work to round out his usual 12-hour workday.

A schedule like that can be tiring for anyone, but it is especially important in Gilmour's case that he does not overexert his body. In April, Gilmour, 64, was diagnosed with early-stage prostate cancer, the most common cancer besides skin cancer afflicting men in the United States.

"I was pretty sure that I would have to contend with it, because it's part of my family history. My father had prostate cancer," he said. "They say that if you have an autopsy of

every male over 80, well over 90 percent have some sort of prostate cancer."

According to the American Cancer Society, one out of every six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. However, while the frequency of developing such a cancer is rather high, the incidence of mortality from it is not. Only one man out of 35 who is diagnosed with prostate cancer will die from it, and when the cancer is detected early, the prognosis becomes even better.

Knowing his family history, Gilmour made it a point to receive regular testing to check for any indications of cancer. He was tested by the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test, which shows the level of cancer agents in the blood.

After his PSA levels jumped, Gilmour underwent three biopsies over a year and a half to test for cancer. In April, following his third biopsy, Gilmour's pathologist at Johns Hopkins Hospital was able to identify cancer. Then, Gilmour had to make a decision about his treatment.

According to Susan Biskup, a counselor at Wilkes University Counseling Services, taking an active role in treatment can be a helpful coping mechanism to a frightening diagnosis.

"Being proactive about your diagnosis and treatment can be empowering for everyone involved," she said. "Take the time to get the facts, do the research, and ask your doctor questions in regard to your specific plan of treatment."

Gilmour researched his diagnosis and possible treatment through many channels. He studied his options online at the National Institute of Health and the National Cancer Institute websites. He discussed these options with his physicians, each of whom had a slightly different philosophy regarding his treat-

ment.

"Each one of those perspectives was really informative, but it was only a piece of the puzzle," he said. "But when you put them all together, you could see a clearer, more entire, picture."

Because of the early stage of the cancer, Gilmour and his doctors decided on brachytherapy, a treatment that involves the implantation of radioactive seeds to kill cancer cells. After six months, Gilmour's PSA levels will be retested to see if they returned to the pre-cancer point.

While Gilmour describes the outpatient procedure as "not a lot of fun," he was surprised by how energetic he felt after his recovery period.

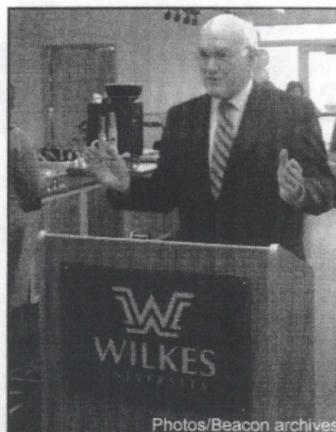
"For me, it hasn't really affected my energy levels," he said. "People I have known who had radiation in the past described it as just this tremendous sense of being fatigued all the time."

Gilmour recalls feeling tired for "only a week at most," and worked half days for only three days before returning to his normal schedule. At this point in his treatment, he can't distinguish any loss of energy.

According to Biskup, maintaining an active, healthy lifestyle is key to coping with treatment.

"Anticipate physical changes and maintain a healthy lifestyle as much as possible," she said. "Develop a personal strategy that works for you, that includes work, as tolerated, and relaxation through leisure, music, art, socialization, and journaling."

Gilmour plans to keep healthy by increasing his exercise regimen, adding vitamin supplements to his diet, and making smart food choices. He counts the unwavering support of his wife, Patty, as something that gave him strength throughout his diagnosis and treatment.



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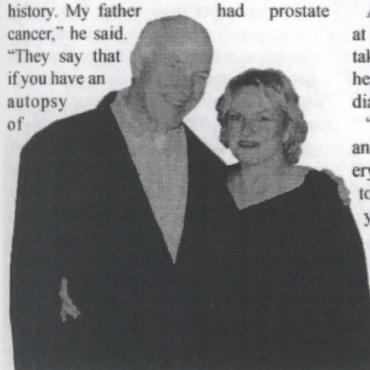
"Patty was just a great rock and a questioner all the way through," he said. "She got herself very well informed on the topic."

Gilmour's struggle has helped him recognize the importance of taking care of his body, a lesson he thinks is vital for the younger generation to learn before it is too late.

"Everybody who's younger assumes the body will continue to work perfectly throughout your life," he said. "You really need to take care of it, because it thrives on some things, and really is damaged by others, most clearly smoking and excessive alcohol consumption."

Over the years, Gilmour says that struggles like his current situation have helped him reevaluate the priorities in his life.

"Things involving work and so on are not what really give you the greatest feelings of belonging and self worth," he said. "I began to realize how important family is, that it really is the key to a life that is well lived."



President Tim Gilmour counts his wife, Patty, as his strongest supporter during his fight with prostate cancer.

Student of the Week

Marcus Magyar
Senior business major

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

For senior Marcus Magyar, going out to the real world after graduation represents everything but uncertainty.

In January of 2007, Magyar, a business administration major, interned for a stockbroker company helping to process trades and doing basic functions. Soon after that, he was trained to work one-on-one with senior brokers in the Scranton branch Scottrade, Inc., one of the largest online investment banking and brokerage companies.

Because of Magyar's work ethic and skills, he received a full-time job offer as a stockbroker trainee to become a senior stockbroker. He has been hired to manage more than 7,000 accounts. He is set to start after he graduates in December.

Magyar's first two months will be spent studying to pass exams that will make him a full licensed stockbroker and investment banker.

Because of his practical plan after graduation in a time of economic uncertainty, *The Beacon* has chosen Magyar as its Student of the Week.

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

Magyar: In ten years, I hope to have earned my masters in finance, earned my CFA license and certification and be a hedge fund manager or senior investment banker

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words

Magyar: Driven, outgoing, and focused.

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

Magyar: I spend a lot of my time reading.

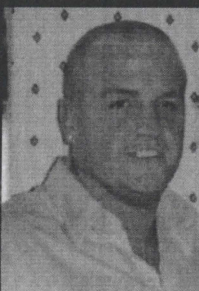


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Economic downturn affects local theaters, Broadway

BY YOHANNA DE LOS SANTOS M.
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In New York City, Broadway shows offer audiences the opportunity to escape from reality. Unfortunately, economic realities are working their way back into theaters as investors and producers have to think twice before producing new shows. And the economic issues are not only impacting Broadway.

The F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts is also facing economic challenges as belts continue to tighten across the country.

Marilyn Santarelli, Executive Director of the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts said, "Some of the analysis that we've done on the sales to date and advanced sales looks as if we are down about 20%."

Analysts note that in hard economic times, people tend to default to the familiar. People are more attracted to shows with huge popularity such as the popular musical show "Cats" or "Phantom of the Opera," which is one reason why investing in new shows is something to think twice about. "I think that anything that is not hot, like really in the mainstream, has a great following from all different age groups, or just a great following for a certain age group...will suffer first or suffer most,"

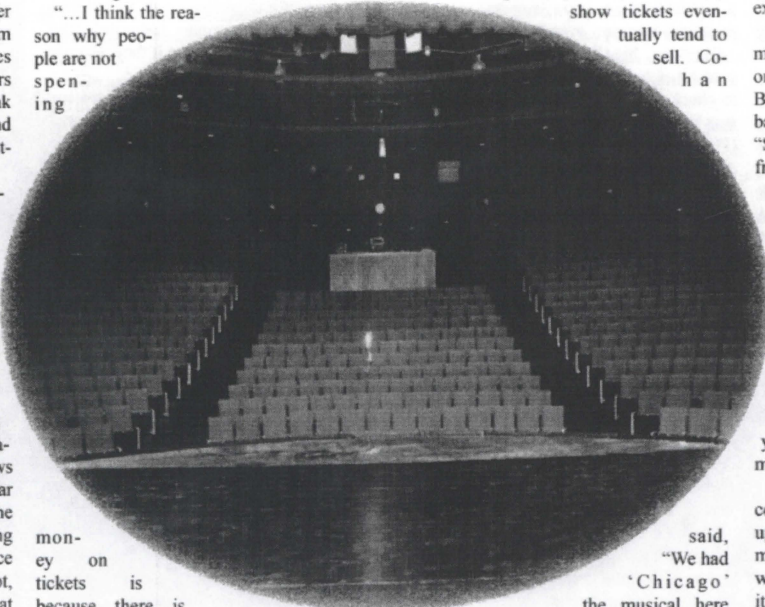
said Caroline Cohan, Director of Marketing & Sales of the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts.

"...I think the reason why people are not spending

money on tickets is because there is a sense of fear among the population that things are going to get worse and they are concerned about allocating any

not essential dollars," said Santarelli.

However, even if the ticket sales are generally down, Broadway show tickets eventually tend to sell. Cohan



had a great time and we sold [the] tickets. We are about to have another Broadway show called "Moving Out" in May and we expect that to be a success as well."

In a time of economic downturn, however, most consumers are hesitant to spend money on luxury items like outside entertainment. But entertainment venues are careful to not base all revenue streams on ticket sales. "So much of our operating revenue comes from philanthropy, so it's not just about the number of people who are buying tickets. It's also about their willingness to continue to make gifts to the organization," said Santarelli. This includes donors, individuals, and corporate sponsors.

Despite this, an ailing economy does not tend to change people's perception of the importance of the arts. Vigen Kadysewski, freshman business administration major said, "Art is important because it makes you relax and it makes you understand the people around you in a more artistic way."

Santarelli believes that if the economy continues the way it is there might be an upside to this. "Performing arts center can make their product affordable [and] people will look at it as maybe a necessity because it's fun and it is an escape," she said.

The F.M. Kirby Center was built in 1936 three years after the great depression started, and "People fled to movie theaters to escape the great depression because it was affordable," said Santarelli.

Senior musical theater major, Christine Borchick said, "I think it is extremely unfortunate. Tickets for a lot of the huge Broadway shows are selling at places like tickets for half off their normal selling price because theatres are desperate to sell their seats. I think it's a shame because when people sit down to decide how they can make ends meet it's often at the expense of the arts, much as it would be for any other form of entertainment, like sporting events or concerts."

Mark Thomas, Program Director of the F.M. Kirby Center said, "We are just coming from a difficult contentious election and now the economic [downturn] on top of it, so people are processing that information dealing with it and eventually will start looking for that escape."



The holiday season is underway. The city of Wilkes-Barre has made preparations by decorating Public Square with lights and will have a large evergreen tree as Christmas grows closer. The recent cold weather and flurries have made the season all that more festive. Students go on Thanksgiving Break on November 25 to the 30. The annual Christmas Parade was held November 22. On Saturday there were musical performances, free movies, and arts and crafts to all those who attended to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season.

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The Beacon/ Bethany Yamrick

Movie Review vs. BOOK REVIEW twilight

BY ASHLEY FILIPEK
Beacon Staff Writer

I made fun of my mom when I caught her reading the novel *Twilight* (geared toward that "tween" group) but she insisted I take the time to sit down and read at least the first of the four novel series. I finished, six hours later, eager to get my hands on *Twilight*'s successor, *New Moon*. Before I knew it, I ran out of words to read, and the four books of Stephenie Meyer's series were over. All I had to look forward to happened this past Thursday at midnight in all it's "tweeny" glory.

I walked into the midnight showing, filled with screaming 13 year-old girls, with high expectations for not only the cast of characters but that the movie would make an attempt to stay true to Meyer's plot. I was not disappointed.

The casting was very true to the characterizations and descriptions in the book. For the movie, Bella's Forks friends were "updated" and hilarious. Her mom, Renee (Sarah Clarke), was that crazy, unrestricted mother that everyone can relate to. Billy Burke, who plays Bella's father Charlie (Billy Burke), somehow manages to be simultaneously someone who does not hover and yet is still overly protective of his newly acquired daughter. Also true to his character in the book, Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner) is both a caring friend and very interested in Bella.

And then we come to the intriguing Cullen

family. The youthful and ethical Dr. Carlisle Cullen (Peter Facinelli), heads the clan and is unlike anything associated with vampirism; his wife Esme (Elizabeth Reaser), beautiful and warmly inviting. The "siblings" are physically precisely what Meyer described in her series: beautiful and synergistic. Emmett (Kellan Lutz) serves as the perfect "meathead" counter to his wife Rosalie's (Nikki Reed), cold complexity; Alice (Ashley Greene), who eventually becomes Bella's closest friend, is precisely the adorable, intense and athletic sister, and her partner, Jasper (Jackson Rathbone), the most recently inductee to the vampire clan, is appropriately stricken with the pain of human scent.

The leads were equally well cast. Robert Pattinson took on the role of Edward with a cool aloofness, seemingly a reincarnated James Dean. Kristin Stewart assumed the role of clutzy, drunk with love Bella, and turned her into a more down-to-earth and likeable character.

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BY KENNY BROWN
Beacon Staff Writer

This Friday millions of screaming girls (and more boys than will admit it) across the nation were finally able to see what they have been waiting for for months: Edward Cullen and Bella Swan on the big screen, in Catherine Hardwick's directorial adaptation of Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight*.

To understand the excitement, though, it's important to realize that this cult crush did not start with a movie. It was, in fact, created through the words of Stephenie Meyer, the acclaimed author of the *Twilight* series. Some have called

her the JK Rowling for over-estrogenized teenage girls.

Twilight, the first book in a four part fantasy series was released in 2005, slowly sucking its way into the veins of fans with its romantic aspects and its fantasy charm.

The story begins in Forks, Washington, the rainiest city in the nation. Bella Swan, a 17-year old girl from Phoenix, hesitantly moves in with a father she's seen less and less frequently over the years as her mother and stepfather chase his dream of professional baseball. To add to the awkwardness, Bella is in her senior year of high school. Although she visited Forks every summer until she was 14, she was not looking forward to the more permanent change of scenery. When Bella begins at her new school she does not automatically make friends, but as the daughter of the local police chief, discovers she is the center of attention.

It is not until she meets the unusual Edward Cullen, a son of the local doctor that she truly finds any interest in the town. But that meeting will prove to be the most important of her young life.

Before I began *Twilight*, I was admittedly skeptical. I had been avoiding reading the book for quite some time. I had heard that it was a romantic vampire novel and honestly nothing sounded cheesier than *Dracula* and a candlelit dinner. But after much begging and pleading on the part of my girlfriend, I finally gave in. And honestly, for once I will say she was right and I was wrong (but do not let her know that).

Twilight is an amazing read. Not only does Meyers creatively catch your mind's eye with beautiful descriptions of the Pacific Northwest setting, but she aptly develops a storyline and relationships between characters even more so.

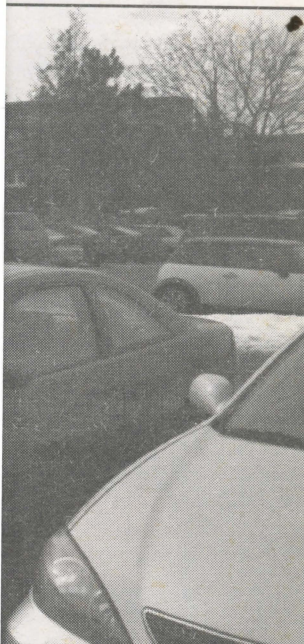
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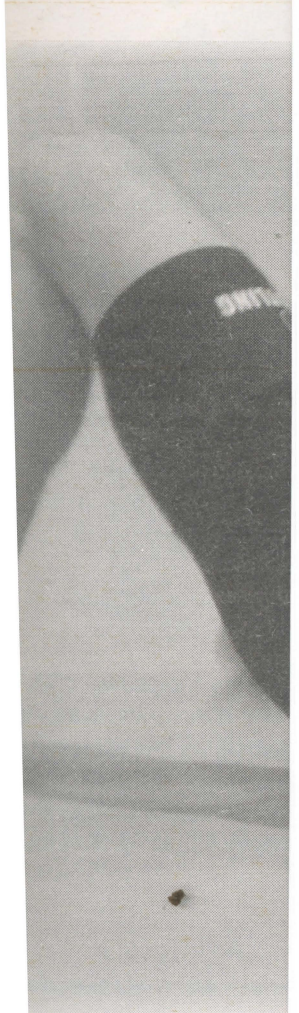
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Although the plot progressed rapidly, whose of us who had read the series were enthralled with the scenes in which we saw the novel come to life. When Bella joins the Cullen family for her first game of vampire baseball, the entire theater focused in to watch just how director, Catherine Hardwicke, would make this work. Unbelievable! The scene, backed by an awesome score, left me awestruck. Of course, the throw down between "good" vampire Edward and "bad" vampire James, left viewers in complete silence as Edward raced to save Bella's life. And now we know vampires have reflections.

With the exception of a few moments of melodramatic acting, overdone "Anne Rice-y" vampire moments, and Edward's glittering skin (come on guys ... I have shimmering make-up too!) I came out of the film feeling a sense of satisfaction. I had seen it, and it came close to be everything I wanted to be. Good enough for me. Now I'll play Ebert and Roeper ... 3 stars. Excellent job, Catherine Hardwicke.



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From the complex, largely unspoken relationship between Bella and her father Charlie, to the all-consuming, instant fire between Bella and Edward not once do readers question the believability of their relationships.

Although a common love-stands-against-seemingly insurmountable-obstacles theme, Meyers delivers a story with substance. From the minute Bella steps off the plane

to the last page you will not want to close the book in fear that it is all just a dream.

Overall *Twilight* is a great first book in what seems to be an exciting series. But with every great thing there is always something to complain about, and *Twilight* is no different. My only issue with the book is a character named, Edward. Now do not get me wrong, if I were a girl I would want to jump his bones just as much as the next one, but let's get serious here. Edward Cullen gives all guys a bad name. I remember when my girlfriend told me she had been upset with her ex for weeks because, he was not like Edward. Hey, no man is perfect. No man is Edward Cullen. Just like no woman is really like Rachel McAdams. I know it is sad, but it is true.

Nevertheless, *Twilight* it is a wonderful novel-- for both men and women, although most men may develop a complex about Edward. And please try and read it before you see the movie; the book is always better.

Kathy Dalton and Allison Shlatinsky wait in line for the midnight showing of *Twilight*. Every seat in R/C movies 14 theatre on Northampton Street was sold out. The crowd was very responsive throughout the movie.

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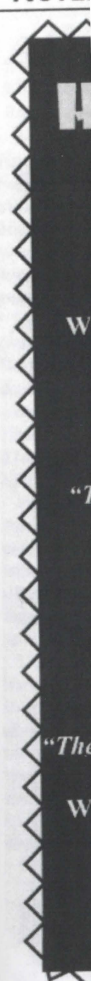
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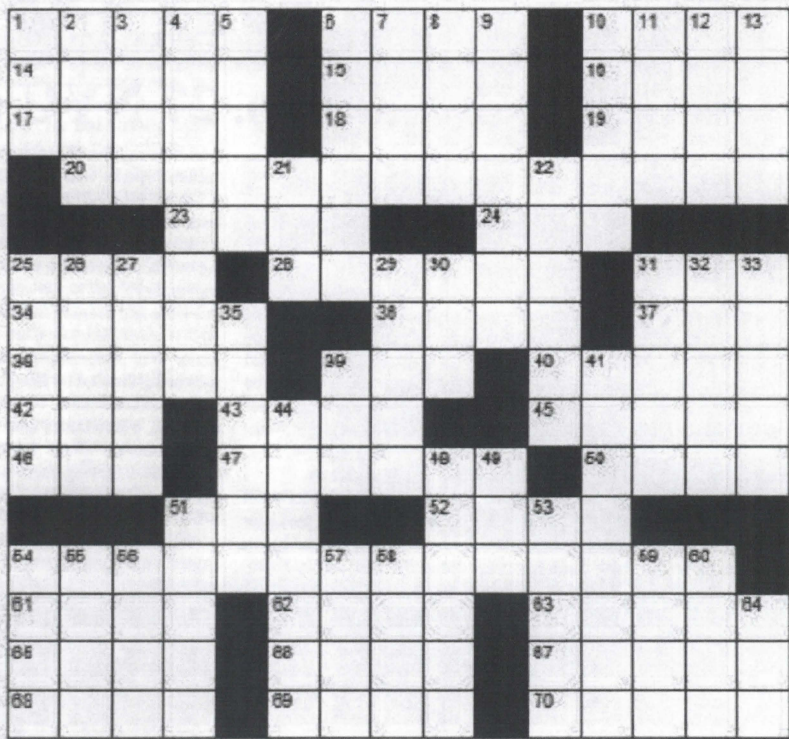
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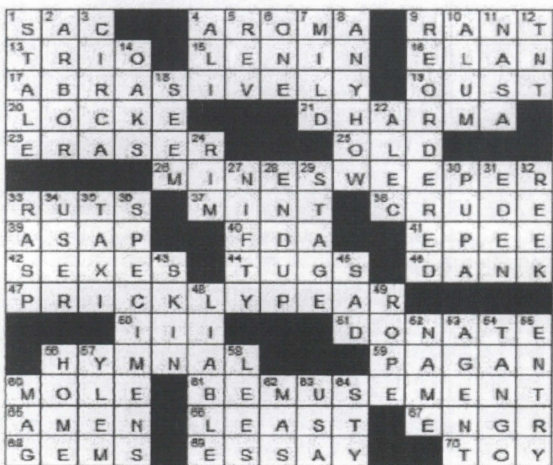
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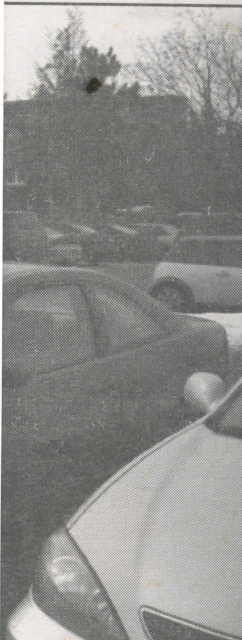
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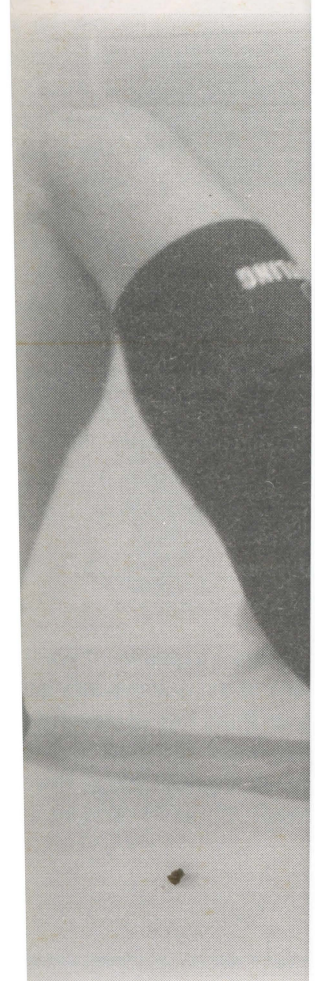
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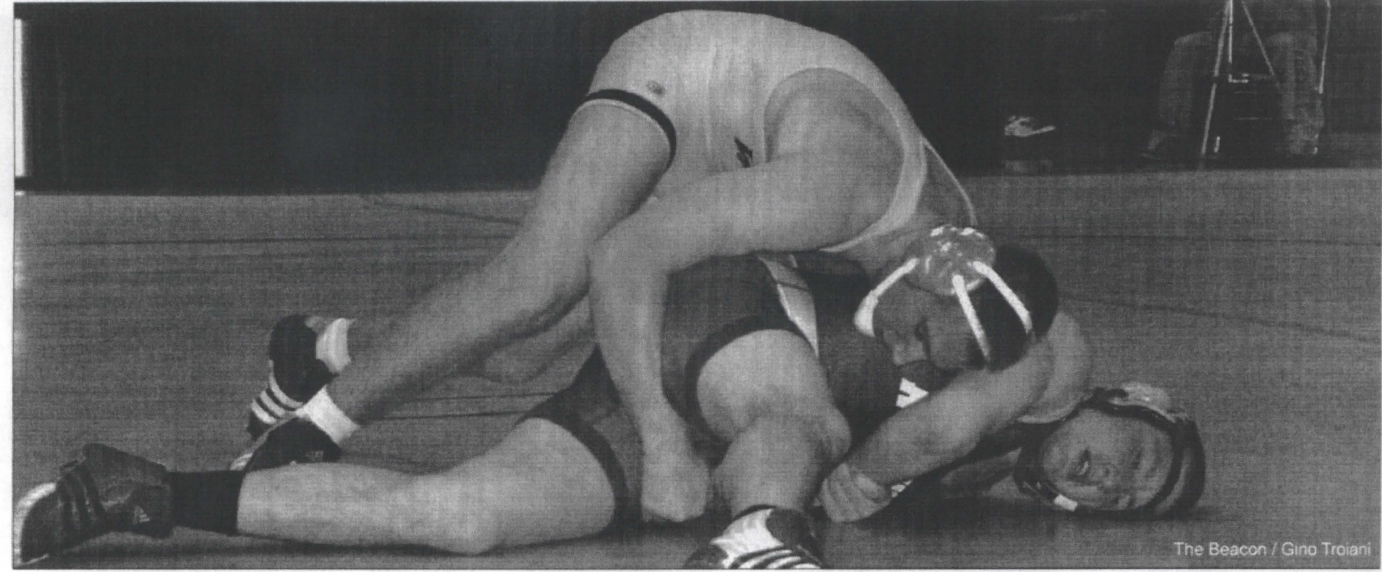
BY DANIEL KAUTZ
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The No. 24 Wilkes University wrestling team looked to improve its record against visiting New York University and McDaniel College last Saturday in the Marts Center following an impressive performance at the John Reese Duals last weekend. "Our boys were definitely on a high [following their 4-0 result at the John Reese Duals]," said Assistant Coach Mitch Marcks. "We've been working on our consistency and getting stronger each week, and it's shown in our results." The team's opening match came against No. 27 NYU, who last year edged the Colonels for second place in the Metropolitan Wrestling Conference Championship. Wilkes jumped out to an early 8-0 lead

behind major decision wins from seniors Shaun Farnham and Josh Pauling, but NYU chipped away and was able to close to within 11-10 thanks to contributions from Greg Martino, Matt Magill and Pat Knight. With the Violets threatening to take the lead, senior captain Frank Heffernan stepped up and defeated Naum Shuminov 3-1, earning the decision in the waning seconds of the bout to keep Wilkes ahead. The bout would prove to be NYU's last chance to take the lead, as freshman William Gouger, junior Zach Pizzaro, and sophomore Jake Weinrich each put away their matches (7-4, 12-2, 9-3) to give Wilkes a 24-10 victory. Their next match came against McDaniel College. Farnham and Pauling led the Colonels to a 7-0 lead after their first two bouts, much as they did in the first match. Fresh-

men Anthony Dattollo, Tom Anderson, and Richard Sparks won their next three bouts (13-0, 19-18, 10-2) to give the team an 18-0 lead, and the Colonels never looked back. Anderson's bout drew a loud response from the spectators in Marts, as he and McDaniel sophomore Brent Lowe went back and forth in a tense and exciting match-up. Wilkes led 30-3 when sophomore Chris Smith took on junior Will Yeo; despite the match being well being decided by that point in time, the two wrestlers went all out and wound up in overtime, where Smith won 12-10. The Colonels would go on to defeat McDaniel 30-9, giving them a 2-0 record on the day and running their season record to 6-0. "We were ready to go today," said Head Coach Jon Laudenslager. "Our young

guys have been getting more experience lately, and the team overall has been getting healthier." He continued, saying "I was very pleased with our performance overall. A couple of matches slipped away from us today, but if we got all of the breaks it'd be too easy; I mean, we're talking about a very good team (New York University) that beat us last year in the Conference Championship," he concluded. "Everyone did their part for us today," added Marcks. "It was very exciting to watch." The Colonels' next match will be held on Friday, December 5, when they head to Grantham to participate in the Messiah Petrofes Tournament.



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Chris Smith (197 lbs.) and Will Yeo of McDaniel went into overtime when the two squared off in the Marts Center, with Smith winning 12-10 to help the Colonels win 30-9. The Colonels went 2-0 in their matches to improve to 6-0 on the season, defeating No. 27 New York University in the process.

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Athlete Spotlight: Frank Heffernan

BY ALISSA LINDNER
Beacon Sports Editor

Winning is something junior wrestler Frank Heffernan is used to. In high school, he placed seventh and eighth in the individual Pennsylvania state championship. His high school team from Northern Lehigh won the state championship in 2005 and took second in 2006. So why would he expect anything less in college?

Heffernan has been a standout wrestler ever since he stepped foot on the mats for Wilkes during the 2006-2007 season. That season he started for the Colonels, representing the team in the 157lb. weight class. He finished his freshman campaign with a 22-13 record and a third place finish in the Metropolitan Conference Championship.

Heffernan's skills would only improve for his sophomore season. He competed primarily at 165lbs. and ended the season with an overall record of 32-12. In the Metropolitan Conference Championship, Heffernan would take second while earning a spot on the NCAA tournament list.

Heffernan traveled with fellow teammate Erik Smith to the NCAA tournament in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. As soon as he got there, his moves were tested, wrestling two seeded opponents on the first day of the national competition. Heffernan was eliminated from the tournament after falling to the sixth seed and the third seed on the first day.

Being able to taste All-American status

only motivated Heffernan for this season.

"It [the NCAA tournament] helped me realize how much harder I have to work and it gave me a good feel of what the competition is like," Heffernan said.

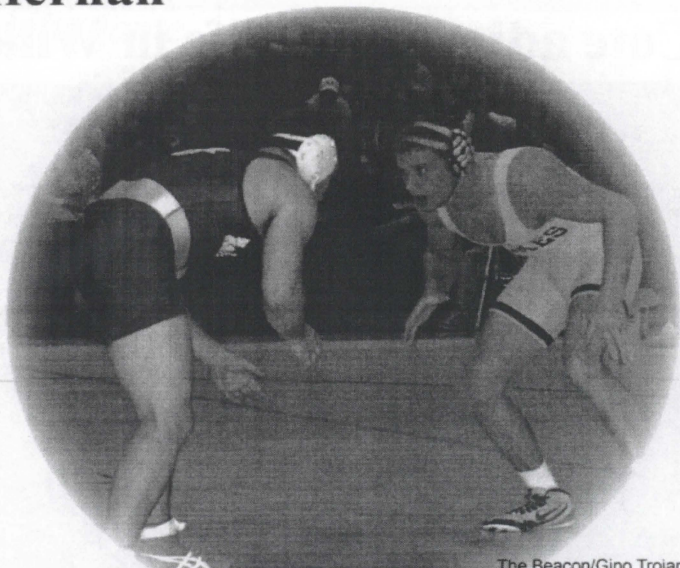
After three weekends of competition in the 2008-2009 season, Heffernan has seen much early success. He has already won an individual tournament at King's College where he defeated Mike Reilly, who was ranked No. 7 in the pre-season poll in the championship match.

In the following weeks, Heffernan has helped the Colonels to a 6-0 start. Of the six matches, Heffernan has competed in five and remain undefeated. He has also earned the No. 10 position in the National Wrestling Coaches Association poll.

Not only is Heffernan successful on the mat, but he is also seen as a leader to his teammates. He is co-captain of this year's squad; however head coach Jon Laudenslager explained Heffernan's leadership started before his junior season.

"About half way through last season I had Frank start taking over some of the leadership duties as a sophomore. He comes from a state championship team in high school and understands what it will take for our team to have the success at the college level. What makes Frank a good leader for us is he is always looking to improve and get better and expects others to challenge themselves as he does," Laudenslager said.

During practice, Heffernan practices with



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Junior Frank Heffernan (at right) battles an opponent during the wrestling match against McDaniel on Saturday November 22.

fellow teammates including James Histed, Buddy Gougar and Rich Sparks, all of whom he says are great workout partners and challenge his skill because of the variation in their wrestling styles.

Of Heffernan in the wrestling room during practice, Laudenslager explained, "He certainly could not be ranked 10th in the

country if he didn't challenge himself and be self motivated to be the best. I can't recall a practice in Frank's years at Wilkes when he hasn't given his best at practice."

Heffernan's early success will be challenged again when the Colonels travel to Messiah for a tournament on December 5.

Four Lady Colonels named to All-conference team

BY ALISSA LINDNER
Beacon Sports Editor

At the conclusion of completing the best season in field hockey history, four Lady Colonels, one from each position, received First team All-Conference honors. The team also captured the Rookie of the Year and Coach of the Year awards.

Senior forward Alyssa Koncelik, who finished the season with 32 points including 14 goals, six of which were game-winning and 4 assists. Koncelik played and started in 19 games this season.

"Alyssa's strength is her elimination skills and her ability to make smart decisions in the circle. She was able to score many goals this season because of her patience and stick skills," head coach Sara Myers explained.

Junior midfielder Brittney Sines was also named to the First Team. Sines started all 21 games she played and contributed for three goals and seven assists.

In addition to her contribution offensively, Sines also contributed defensively and was the most consistent player Myers explained.

"Brittney's strength is her consistency and versatility. She has been our play maker all year, every goal that was scored this year started with her. She is the one player that we can never take off the field, because she is how we transition from defense to attack," Myers said.

Kerry Battersby was the only defender to be named to the All Conference team. Battersby, a senior, also started all 21 games she played in often serving as the anchor for the Lady Colonel defense which allowed just 28 goals all season.

Myers explained, "Kerry's strength is her aggressive style of play and intensity. She was a force in the center of the field and really held our defense together in pressure situations."

Rookie goaltender Lindsey Davenport received First Team All Conference honors as

well as the Rookie of the Year award. Davenport started as goalkeeper for 20 of the Lady Colonel's games and finished the season with a 1.56 goals against average.

Myers knew Davenport's ability even before she became the starting goalkeeper for the Lady Colonels.

"When recruiting Lindsey I knew that her skill level far surpassed most keepers, but it was her composure in pressure situation that made her a standout. She made some amazing saves this season and has a very bright future ahead of her," Myers said.

Myers has been at the university for all four seasons of Koncelik and Battersby's career and has seen her play flourish.

"KB [Kerry Battersby] and Alyssa have both grown and developed into amazing players. Every year their skill level has grown, they always work hard in the off season to improve for the next year. Every year they have consistently gotten better and better. They are both totally different players than they were when they came here

as freshmen," Myers said.

She added, "But what makes them both stand out is their work ethic and desire; they showed the team how hard you need to work to accomplish your goals. They have proven that if you work hard enough for something, you will get it."

Myers received the Coach of the Year award for the Freedom Conference. Myers finished up her fourth season as head coach and led the team to a record of 18-3, setting the school record for most wins. The Lady Colonels also received national recognition, ranked No. 20 at the finish of the season.

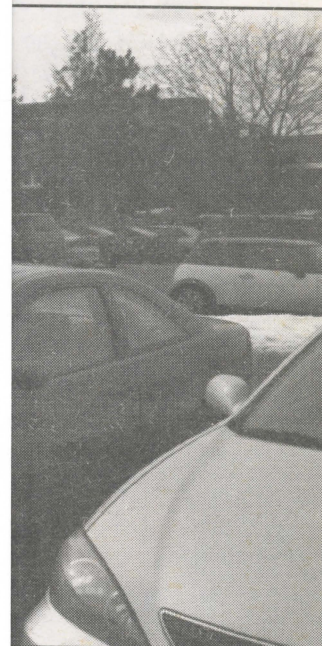
"Coach was a huge part of our success this season. I have worked with her for four years and this season she really got us working together as a team. Coach helped us but Lisa [Wasser, grad assistant coach] and Lunda [Comiskey, assistant coach] were also a huge part of our success this season," senior midfielder and co-captain Diana Wright explained.

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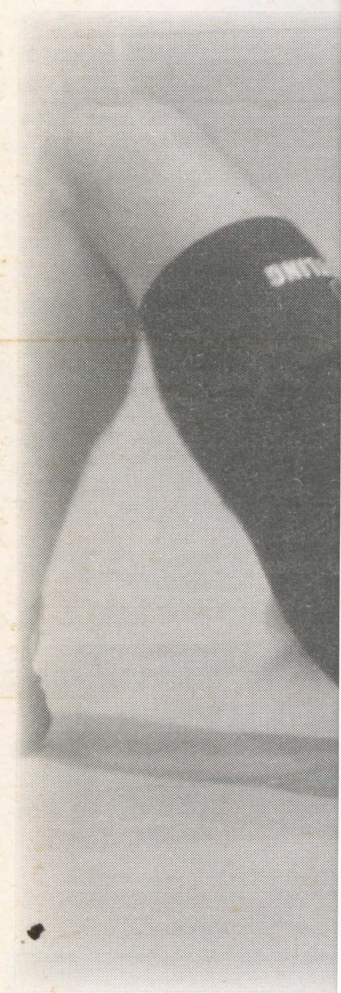
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No. 25 Wilkes Colonels start

BY DANIEL KAUTZ

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The No. 25 Wilkes University wrestling team saw great success at the fourth annual John Reed Duals on Saturday, November 15, winning all four of their matches in a packed Marts Center. The team received major contributions from numerous wrestlers in their impressive home debut which included



Wilkes' Tom Andresen holds his own. Andresen would go on to pin

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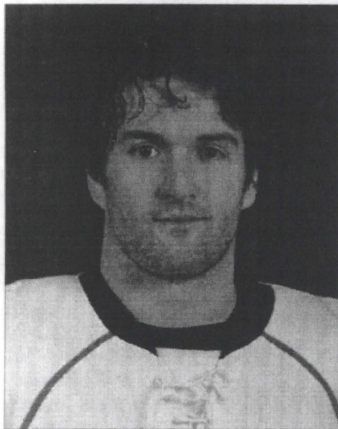
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Cote adjusting to life in Wilkes-Barre

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI

Beacon Staff Writer

When defenseman Jean-Philippe Cote signed with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton



J.P. Cote has made a nice transition into the Penguins squad.

Penguins at the start of the season, he knew he would have to make some adjustments.

Cote was coming off his fifth season with the Hamilton Bulldogs, the American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate of the Montreal Canadiens. He had spent his entire pro career with the Montreal organization, appearing in eight National Hockey League games during the 2005-2006 season and winning a Calder Cup in 2007.

After spending five years in the organization, Cote got to know Hamilton's passive system of defense quite well. He is the Bulldogs all-time leader in games played by a defenseman with 334 under his belt, and won the club's most valuable defenseman award last year.

After being the go-to guy in Hamilton last season, Cote joined a Wilkes-Barre/Scranton defensive corps that runs eight deep. Generally, teams dress six defensemen per game, which means that not every blueliner has an opportunity to play every night.

"I have coached in the past where I have had six defensemen and six defensemen

only and that does not give the urgency necessary for people to get better and find their 'A' game," said Penguins head coach Dan Bylsma. "Having eight defensemen means that there are a couple of guys who want to get in the line-up that are unhappy, but it does provide competition and motivation to find a better game."

After appearing in all but one of Hamilton's 80 games last season, Cote has already sat out 5 of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's first 16 games. Part of that is because Cote is still adapting to the Penguins' aggressive brand of hockey, completely different from the system he had been playing in for so long.

"I'm still working on it, for sure. I want to get better at it, prove myself to be very, very efficient," Cote said. "Of course, I'll never be satisfied. That's me, I want to improve all the time."

The adjustments that Cote had to make weren't limited to the ice surface. Before this year, he had only seen the roads in Wilkes-Barre between the Bulldogs' hotel and the Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza. Aside

from that, Cote knew next to nothing about the greater Wilkes-Barre area. He enlisted the help of teammate Jean-Michel Daoust to show him around.

"I got lost the first time," Cote said. "It is a small town, but I got lost in the downtown."

"We were going to Scranton," Daoust explained. "After going to the mall, we were trying to find another place, and then we just got lost there."

As the duo cruised the streets of downtown Scranton, they eventually encountered a sign for Interstate 81.

"We just followed that sign after that," Daoust said.

Luckily for Cote, the Penguins didn't sign him to drive the team bus.

"J.P.'s a guy who has played in this league, won in this league, battled in this league and so that's what we're looking for him to bring," Bylsma said. "He's a defensive defenseman who penalty kills and adds some grit to his team."

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Poor shooting haunts Colonels basketball in OT loss

DeRojas drops 20-points for third straight game

Courtesy of Craig Merriman
Sports Information Director

Wilkes University made just 15 field goals and shot 31.9 percent from the field which proved to be the difference in a 69-68 overtime loss to Kean. The loss marks the first setback of the season for the Colonels, who move to 2-1 on the year.

The Cougars made 24-of-55 field goals, shooting 43.6 percent from the field and pulled down one more rebound, but only made 17-of-30 free throws, which kept the Colonels in the game. In stark contrast, Wilkes made 35-of-47 from the charity stripe for 74.5 percent.

The Colonels were fortunate to send the game to overtime as Steve Kline, who was fouled after a Kean missed free throw with .02 seconds to play, knocked down both freebies to tie the game at 63 before the horn sounded in regulation. Prior to Kline's free-throws, Kean's Vinnie Darpino drained a three-pointer with 14 seconds to go to give the Cougars a 62-61 lead before hitting the front end of a pair of free throws with two seconds to play, giving them a 63-61 advantage.

Chris DeRojas, who scored a game-high 26 points, drained eight of the team's 15 field goals and scored over 20 points for the third time in as many games.

The Colonels opened the game with a 7-0 run after Tom Kresge converted a layup and the free throw afterwards with 17:12 to go in the half. Wilkes would only score four points over the next four minutes and by that time, the Cougars took their first lead when Jonathan Jones made a 15-foot jumper with 13:12 to go in the half.

DeRojas quickly gave the Colonels the lead back with one of his three three-pointers on the day, giving Wilkes a 14-12 lead with 12:47 to go. His bucket would jumpstart a 13-2 run, giving the Colonels a 27-14

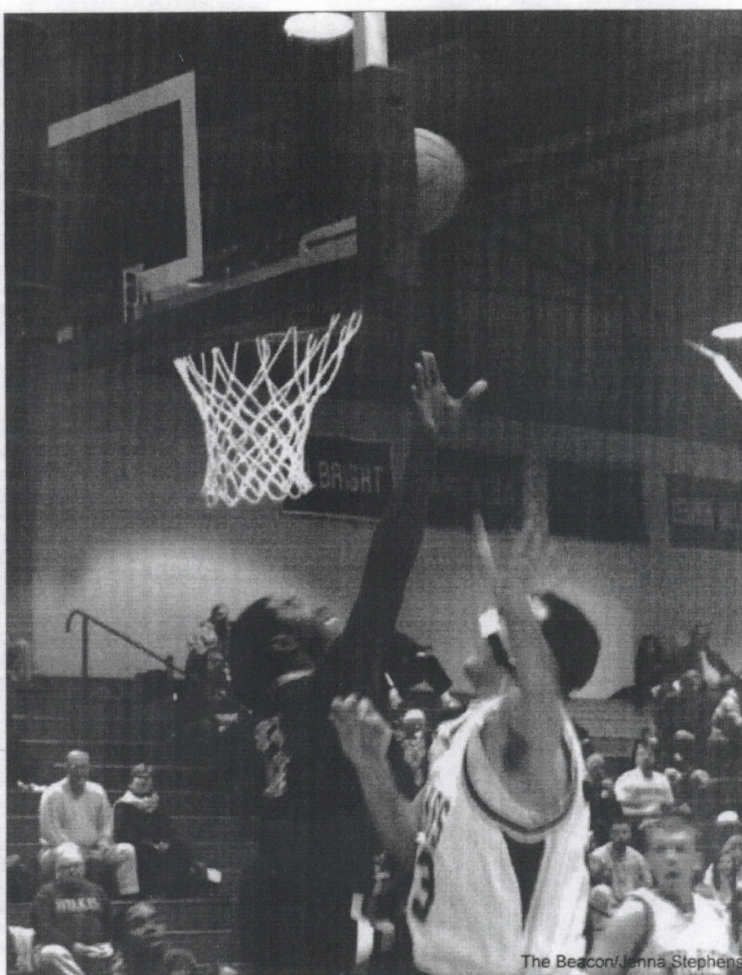
advantage, their largest of the game, with 10:16 to go in the first. They would hold a double-digit lead until Michael Oglesby hit a three-pointer with 5:47 to go in the first to pull the Cougars within eight (32-24).

Despite not scoring a point in the last 2:55, Wilkes went into the locker room with a 37-33 advantage. The worst was yet to come for the Colonels as they made just four field goals in the second half, but managed to keep the lead nearly the entire way by draining 17-of-24 free throws.

Even though the Colonels were not able to hit from the inside or the outside, they held the lead until Oshodi Akinwande hit a pair of free throws with 1:28 to go to tie the game at 59.

Like the majority of regulation, Wilkes led for most of the overtime period as DeRojas opened the extra frame with a pair of free throws with 4:36 to go. It would be more than two minutes later before either team would score, but Brian Lytle broke the drought with a jumper just outside the paint to tie the game once again at 65. DeRojas would come up big once again with a steal and a fast break layup with 1:37 to go to give the Colonels a 67-65 lead. He would score four of the team's five points in the overtime period.

With 41 seconds to play, Kresge hit the back end of a pair of free throws to put Wilkes up by one (68-67), but Lytle drained two freebies with 25 seconds to play to give the Cougars a one-point lead, which proved to be enough.



Number 33 Tom Kresge goes up for a shot during the overtime loss against Kean College on Friday, November 21.

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Colonels match best four-game start under Emmerthal

BY CARLTON HOLMES-
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

The Lady Colonels escaped a late second half comeback by Baptist Bible on Saturday evening for a 57-47 win in the teams' fourth

game of the season. Not only does the teams' solid start match the best four-game start under head coach Rachel Emmerthal, who is now in her fourth season, but the Lady Colonels have already passed their win total from a sea-

son ago. The team finished 2-23, 1-11 in the conference.

The Lady Colonels posted a 3-1 record last week with game five coming underway this evening at 6:00pm against Marywood (Pa).

There was a time during the second half of Saturday's game when the Lady Defenders went on a 10-2 run that left the Colonels and their fans quietly restless as they watched from the bleachers of the Marts Gynasium.

"It was a point where we weren't scoring very much and we just need to get ourselves back on track," said Emmerthal. "We didn't get any fast breaks and we got complacent but when our defense starting getting stops and we started scoring, we bounced back."

Senior Chelsey Gosse led the team with a game high 15 points and sophomore guard Alison Horn added 12 with half of her points coming at the free throw line to seal the game.

The Lady Colonels shut the Defenders down in the first half holding them to 25 percent from the floor on 8-32 shooting. On the other hand, The Lady Colonels shot 46.3 percent and led 36-23 at the

half.

Freshman guard Samantha Simcox from Sinking Springs, Pa snatched down a career-high 11 rebounds and sophomore guard Sam Lynam provided a presence off the bench with eight points.

Lady Defenders Naomi Sweeney was the only player to finish with a double-double, grabbing 10 boards and netting 13 points.

The Lady Colonels have certainly looked composed as a team thus far. Of the teams' three wins, two were by double digits.

"We have a lot of team chemistry this year," said senior forward Khadija Bates. "And I think that we are all working for one common goal and that's to win."

Prior to the their win on Saturday, the Lady Colonels traveled to Selinsgrove (Pa) to face former head coach Jim Reed and his Lady Crusaders.

Despite finishing the game strong in the second half, the Lady Colonels lost their only game of the season 62-50. But it was the teams' poor first half performance that plagued them for the rest of the contest.

The Lady Colonels seemed to struggle offensively, finishing the game on 17-56 shooting and trailed 23-13 at the half scoring only six field goal attempts during the first half.

Lynam led the team with 11 points and Simcox chipped in with eight. Gosse finished with a game-high 14 rebounds.

Reserve player Jennifer Buttles led the Lady Crusaders with 16 points and starter Rachel Hughes helped out with 10. Erika Barron caused trouble for the Lady Colonels, coming away with six steals to help force 20 Lady Colonels turnovers.

The Lady Crusaders shot 40 percent from the floor en route to a

3-0 start.

"It was a tough game and I think that we just couldn't get over that hump to win the game," said Emmerthal. "I think we ended up being satisfied with being close to them. But we will learn how to close those games and take the lead."

Reed was a long-time coach of the Lady Colonels and opted for a position with Susquehanna four years ago. The Lady Crusaders are apart of the Landmark Conference where Scranton University won the conference championship a season ago.

Before the Lady Colonels dropped that game, the team won their first two games.

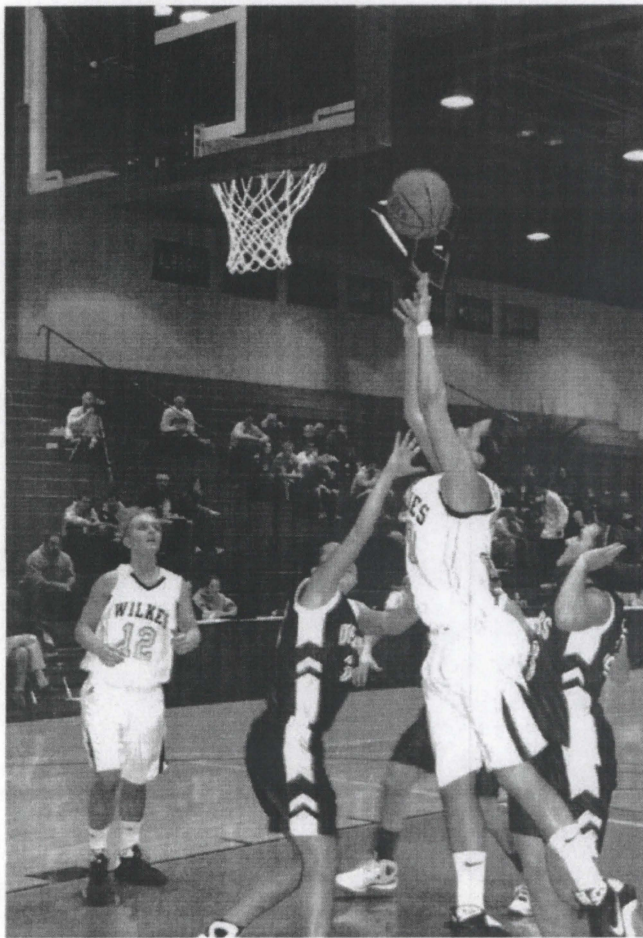
The Lady Colonels went on the road for their season-opener to face cross-conference opponent Arcadia University, a team from the Commonwealth side of the Middle-Atlantic Conference.

Lynam led the team with a career-high 33 points, shooting 11-23 from the field and knocking down three, three-pointers in the process. Lynam might have had the highlight day but it's the team effort that deserves an applause.

As a team, the Lady Colonels shot 31-46 from the free throw line, knocking down more free throws than the Knight's attempted.

Erin Schneider was the second-leading scorer on the team for the Lady Colonels with 14 off the bench. Eight of her points were cashed in on free throws. Forward Chanel Murphy led the Knights with 17 points.

The Lady Colonels knocked off Penn State Hazleton in their home-opener 74-62. Gosse led the team in scoring for the third time this season with 20 points while Lynam netted 14 points and went 2-5 from downtown.



Number 30 Chelsey Gosse throws the ball up for a shot during the game on Saturday, November 23. The Lady Colonels defeated Baptist Bible 57-47.

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Pack your bags and head home for Thanksgiving break before the final two weeks of the semester.

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Catch Cabinet at the River Street Jazz Cafe at 10:00p.m.

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Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy a homecooked turkey dinner and say thanks for all we have!

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