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Governor Pataki: key issue is good political leadership

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO
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A call for leadership, both political and social, was the basis of the lecture given by New York Governor George E. Pataki last Thursday evening at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts.

The lecture, entitled "National Cry for Political Leadership" presented by The Allan P. Kirby Center Lecture Series in Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, not only showcased Pataki's effective speaking skills but also stressed the importance of entrepreneurship in our country. Pataki also discussed the need for solidarity

among citizens before opening up the floor for questions from the audience.

Pataki stressed that the battle for jobs and the need to break our country's dependence on foreign oil are two of the major weaknesses of the nation. He discussed these and other issues, such as the unity of America after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the divisiveness between political parties, while relating these broad topics to particular stories and people he has encountered throughout his career.

Governor Pataki also outlined plans he believes may be beneficial in terms of breaking our reliance on foreign oil and putting an

end to partisan politics in Washington. Many of these solutions rely on individual entrepreneurship and free enterprise in order to be successful.

The New York governor's presentation would draw a diverse crowd of individuals, including many Wilkes University students. Dr. Jeffrey Alves, The Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, predicted in an interview prior to the event, "Most students recognize that there is a void, and there has been, in terms

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Wilkes officials begin preliminary discussion about law school

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Wilkes University Law School? Faculty and administration on campus are exploring the possibility of implementing a law school in addition to the graduate programs already offered at the institution. Currently, Wilkes is engaged in early discussion and there is no timetable set for implementation.

Wilkes University President, Dr. Tim Gilmour, said the idea for a law school came up last December, and an outside firm is currently researching the idea.

"We're presently doing some research to see if there is demand for a law school, and if in fact our research shows that there's no demand, that will be pretty much the end of the discussion. If it does show demand, then from there we will take the issue up with the appropriate faculty and administration decision-making bodies and it will be considered pretty much like any other new academic program," Gilmour said.

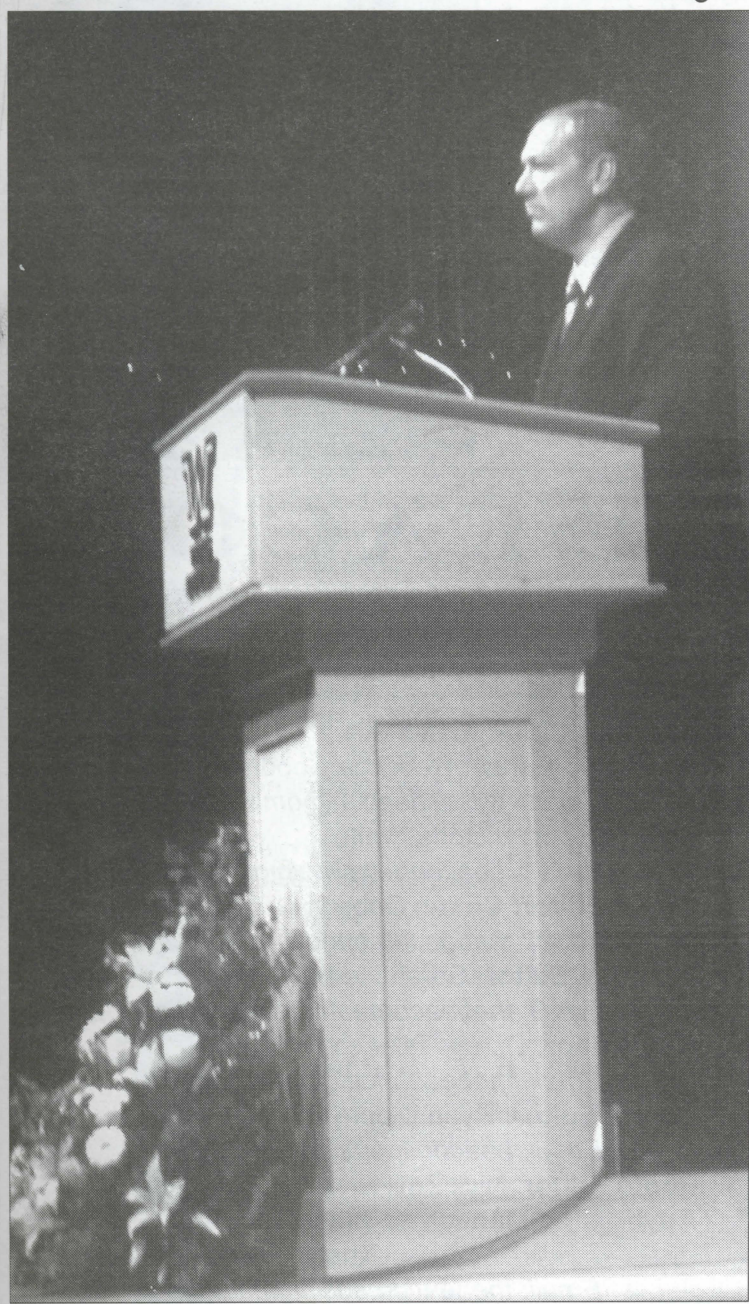
Even though the discussion officially began almost a year ago, some faculty said the idea of the law school has been around for

years.

Dr. John Hepp, associate professor of history said he was approached seven years ago when he came to the university and asked whether he would be interested if the university started a law school.

"I think the concept of Wilkes someday having a law school has been floating around for years because northeastern Pennsylvania is the portion of Pennsylvania with the most population that does not have a law school," Hepp said.

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The Beacon/Jason Fairweather

Governor Pataki spoke to a crowded audience in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center about the need for leadership initiatives.

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Woodward to present at Wilkes in the spring

BY VICTORIA WHITE
Beacon News Editor

Bob Woodward, known to many as the journalist who uncovered the Watergate scandal through clandestine talks with "Deep Throat," will serve as the distinguished lecturer for the 25th Annual Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law and Humanities on April 23, 2006.

Christine Seitzinger, associate director of marketing communications said, "Given the recent revelation of the identity of Deep Throat, and certainly Woodward's reputation as one of the most influential investigative reporters in America, we expect the lecture to be a well-attended event."

The Max Rosenn lecture was established

in 1980 by some of the judge's acquaintances in recognition of his tenth anniversary as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The event honors Judge Rosenn's contributions to the field of law, the United States judiciary system and the quality of life in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is held each spring at Wilkes University.

Woodward worked with Carl Bernstein on the series of *Washington Post* articles that uncovered the Watergate scandal. He has authored or co-authored eight national best-selling non-fiction books, the only contemporary American writer to do so. Woodward was called by *The New York Times*, "the most famous investigative reporter in America."

Excerpts of Woodward's books have been used in cover stories for *Newsweek*, *60 Minutes* has featured three of his books and three have been made into movies, the most famous of which was the Academy Award winning *All the President's Men*.

At press time, the topic of Woodward's presentation was unavailable.

Bob Woodward will present April 23, 2006 at the 25 Annual Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law in Humanities. The event will be open to the public.

Courtesy of <http://www.harrywalker.com>



Pennsylvania Department of Education reviews Wilkes education

BY DANA ZLOTUCHA
Beacon Staff Writer

From October 23-26, the Pennsylvania Department of Education reviewed the Wilkes University education department, a re-accreditation evaluation that occurs every few years. The department has been preparing material for the

when officials came to review the program, "They met with students and...instructors and spent a great deal of time looking through [the department's] evidence of what they call 'compositions and standards.'"

The reviewers looked closely at the faculty and their course syllabi to discover if the teachers are competent and whether they are

for teachers, so this is a very big event here on campus," explained Bewick.

"If we had a poor review, they could actually...pull certain programs here because they weren't meeting the requirements. If that were the case, Wilkes wouldn't be able to offer certain certifications," commented Suzanne Murray Galella, instructor in the edu-

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-Suzanne Murray Galella, education department instructor

site visit for the past 18 months.

Eighteen representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Education came to review the Wilkes education programs. Some reviewers were employees of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, but most of the committee was comprised of Pennsylvania professors, teachers and administrators hired to perform a review.

Dr. Kristen Bewick, assistant professor of education, said that

adequately teaching the appropriate material to their students. Then the review team examined evidence of the students' progress, such as projects and assignments that the department has collected over the past few months.

This review process is very important to the existence of programs in the department. "The Pennsylvania Department of Education is the entity that certifies Wilkes to provide training

cation department.

Wilkes came out of the process with great reviews, and the Education Department is proud of its hard work. "All of our certifications were completely appropriate, and what they were looking for," said Galella. "It went very well... we'll have our final report in about 60 days, but overall, it was a great review. We were thrilled. Eighteen months of hard work paid off," she added.

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News in Brief

Voter reaction to Bush administration woes

BY REBECCA GOODMAN
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A five-count indictment was brought against Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice-president Dick Cheney's chief of staff October 29. The counts, including perjury and obstruction of justice, focus on the leak to the press of the identity of CIA undercover agent Valerie Plame.

The investigation continues and sources have speculated Libby's indictment may be the first of several--a political blow to the Bush administration only compounded by the withdrawal of Bush's second nominee for Supreme Court Justice, Harriet Miers at the same time.

High-ranking government officials are being questioned and pushed by the Senate, the media, and voters for answers. In addition to Libby's indictment, according to a November 3 *New York Times* article, Libby entered a not guilty plea to the charges of perjury and obstruction.

With the very public legal trouble of a former member of the Bush administration and the announcement this past week that the President's approval ratings are at their lowest, questions of impact at the polls on Election Day seem inevitable.

Dr. Kyle Kreider, assistant professor of political science said that it would be highly unlikely for the recent news regarding the Bush administration to impact the local races this Tuesday.

What is more likely, however, if a change is to occur, is that it would happen next year when this area--and the country--sees a bigger election in the form of voting for Congressional representation.

"The impact on here and places like northeastern PA is if you have Congressional seats that are split 50/50 that Republicans could win or Democrats could win, is that you are not likely to have the Repub-

lican candidate to ask Bush to come to the area and campaign on his or her behalf," said Kreider.

In addition to not asking Bush to come campaign for them, voters may see candidates attempt to distance themselves from the Bush administration.

"Members of Congress, or rather Republican candidates for Congress, will run away from Bush and Cheney because of their low approval ratings and say, 'I'm independent of the President, I'm independent of the Vice president,'" noted Kreider.

Some students on the Wilkes campus do not think the indictment and the current problems with the Bush administration will have any affect, negative or positive, on voter turnout in the college age group.

Junior Biology major Dave Scordino said, "I don't think it will have an effect because I sadly think that many students our age are apathetic or uninformed about the political environment. If you asked most of the people on campus who Scooter Libby is, they wouldn't know."

Scordino continued saying that despite the recent controversy, it would not affect his vote in the least.

"I don't think many things could stop me from voting because I do believe America can change and that politics can change as long as America is willing to see that there [are] more than two parties and more than two sides to every argument."

Amanda Baronowski, junior psychology major, said that her vote would not be negatively affected by the recent controversy;

"I would still vote in the next election. With controversy, more people will have more definitive opinions and probably be more prompted to vote. I know I would be more apt to vote if I had a strong opinion on a controversial issue."

PATAKI

from FRONT PAGE

of real leadership and moving our country forward and I think what Governor Pataki's message will be is that everybody needs to be involved in this process."

"[Governor Pataki] is a very effective communicator and will outline some things he thinks are absolutely critical in making sure we have a leadership at the national level that is in response to the needs of the people," Alves added.

The governor's lecture was an important event for Wilkes University, but it was also something he found to be tremendously important and enjoyable. "[Speaking with students] is, to me, one of the most important things because in politics it is so easy to become insulated. It's so easy to just talk to the people who support you or work with you, and it's important to hear from particularly students and young people who are out there learning different things and experiencing different things."

Pataki added, "Often [the students] will ask you intelligent questions and from those questions you can understand what their concerns are, and it makes you better able to respond to those concerns."

Pataki believes it is crucial for young people to be well-informed about politics in order to make knowledgeable decisions about the future of the government. "It gets back to what I was trying to talk about [in the speech] and that is, we're a government of the people. Ultimately that means that unless the people participate intelligently in the elections and in the political process,

we're not going to have the type of government that we should, and I think the single most important thing [is] that young people in particular understand what the candidates stand for... it's the essence of our democracy."

Some students in attendance were impressed by the governor's lecture and agree that this event was valuable for the university. "I think any political event at Wilkes serves to better inform the students here, even if they were just there for extra credit or to better inform themselves. Governor Pataki had some great points and showed what leadership and the entrepreneurial spirit can do for America," said junior biology major Dave Scordino.

Governor George Pataki is the first conservative Republican chief executive in New York state history. He is currently serving his third and final term in office. Although he will not run for re-election next year, the governor intends to stay involved in the political process. "I don't intend to just not be involved. I think the debate about the future of our country and the government in that future is too important," Pataki said in response to a question from the audience, "I do intend to be a part of the dialogue as we go forward."

Pataki is known for his efforts involving the restoration of the death penalty and the penalties he has placed on violent offenders, as well as for his environmental efforts.

"That is the kind of leadership we need to have," Alves said, "Governor Pataki is not only talking about what we need to have, but he has demonstrated how to do it."

Student Government Notes

November 2 Meeting

-Anime Club appeared for second reading in order to receive club status. Josh Swantek motioned for the club to be accepted, John McClave seconded the motion. The motion passed 30-0-1.

-The Equestrian Club appeared for its first reading for a fund request of \$4,000 dollars.

-The Off Campus Council will be holding a cookout before the Mayors Cup game, 10:30 Saturday morning. Everyone is welcome to the cookout.

-The Pep Rally for the Wilkes, Kings game will be November 10 on the greenway.

-Casino night is November 11.

-Programming board is hosting Pizza Wars Monday night at 9 pm in the ballroom.



Beacon Correction

Last week's preview of the wrestling squad's meet against York [11.5.05], contained several errors. The article reported that the match was to begin at 11:00 a.m., but the match began at noon. Bill McEnvoy and Kyle Lenio, both mentioned in the article, are not on the wrestling team, though they were listed on the website roster. Lenio is in the first year of the pharmacy program

and will be taking the year to concentrate on his studies. Rex Harris spent two years away from the mat, but his ACL injury occurred last season, not two years ago. Finally, coach Jonathan Laudenslager led his team to a 9-8 record last season, not an 8-9 record. *The Beacon* regrets the errors.

Here is the breakdown by weight class of the Colonels for the 2005-2006 season:

Felipe Queiroz:	125
Shaun Farnham:	133
Adam Penberthy:	141
Erik Smith:	149
Justin Barowski:	157
D.J. Giancola:	165

Angelo Dileo:	174
Rex Harris:	184
Brandon Kelly:	197
Keith Altieri:	285

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Wilkes "Talks About It"

Campus diversity up for discussion

BY MYLES RUMBEL
A&E Assistant Editor

October 10: Mark Congdon Jr. writes editorial about homophobia concerns on campus

October 11: Coming Out Day is celebrated at Wilkes with the theme, "Let's Talk About It"

October 24: Jim Morrison writes response in form of letter to the editor in *The Beacon* to Congdon's article and Coming Out Day

The campus has been a-buzz ever since.

Morrison, a junior history major said, "I decided to write my letter to the editor because of the way that the SUB looked with all of the rainbows. I overheard students talking about how they were

ashamed of being part of Wilkes because of how 'fruity' it had gotten."

Letters to the editor filled the next issue of *The Beacon*.

While it may seem Wilkes community members are responding to new issues, in reality Wilkes has been working toward maintaining a diverse campus since 1989, when President Christopher Breiseth put in place a diversity plan, the goal of which was to increase diversity on campus as well as diversity awareness.

President Tim Gilmour has continued this commitment to diversity. Gilmour commented, "The current discussions on campus reflect...a growing awareness of alternative lifestyles in our community. It is to be expected that this increased awareness will lead to debate and so long as these dis-

cussions are healthy and without intimidation, I believe they are a good thing and an important component of the Wilkes educational process."

Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Wilkes University Provost, said that we still need to assume there is insensitivity on campus. She added, "We have to be clear in our commitment to a safe, respectful and welcoming environment to all students, faculty, staff and visitors. We have to educate our campus community on the nature of racism and other forms of discrimination and insensitivity."

"There's intolerance everywhere in the world," Alan Zellner, Director of Diversity at Wilkes University said. "And it's a problem everywhere in the world."

With regard to Wilkes, Zellner said, "We're at a critical point.

The discussions are very, very good but we need to make sure change occurs in the right way and for the right reason."

Zellner also explained that Wilkes is very far ahead of other schools when it comes to having a diverse campus, reminding everyone that college is a time to learn about yourself and others and a great time to discuss such issues.

Likewise, Mark Allen, Dean of Students explained, "This is a great environment for discussion as long as discussion is productive and respectful."

Discussion is coming in the form of a panel. The "Let's Talk About Sexual Orientation" panel will be held at Wilkes on Monday, November 28. According to Andita Parker-Lloyd, Multicultural Affairs Coordinator at Wilkes and the Programming Chair of the

Northeast Pennsylvania Diversity Education Consortium (NEPDEC) "Basically, we have to have an open and frank discussion about sexual orientation."

When sexual orientation is brought up in conversation, people usually think about gay, lesbian and transgender as sexual orientation but as Parker-Lloyd pointed out, "Everyone has a sexual orientation."

The panel is a follow-up to Coming Out Day, where the theme was "Let's Talk About It." The goal is to discuss perceptions about sexual orientation and give a more factual perception about such issues. The panel will be moderated by Arthur Breese of NEPDEC and will be open to all Wilkes students as well as students from other local universities.

LAW from FRONT PAGE

Hepp said right now there are six law schools in or surrounding Philadelphia. There are also law schools in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. However, there are no schools located in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area, Allentown or areas of surrounding states close to northeastern Pennsylvania.

Dr. Thomas Baldino, professor of political science, agrees the idea has been around for some time now. He said the university first brought the idea up eight to ten years ago, but the time was not right for the University. Baldino thinks it is a good time for the university to look into this program.

"Wilkes is looking to expand its graduate and professional schools and given the existing programs, I think a law school would be a nice fit to dovetail with these other programs," Baldino said.

If the law school were to be implemented, all involved agree the school will bring an air of prestige to the university. Gilmour said the program would add "significant academic strength" to the programs already offered and he hopes the significance will be much like Pharmacy's.

"It would add to the sense of our academic strength both internally and in the larger publics we serve," Gilmour aid. "Ultimately I think we would have a number of Wilkes graduates of the law school who would move into positions of influence in the community and that's always beneficial and I think there would be real opportunities for

collaboration, both with academic programs on campus and with the other institutions in the area."

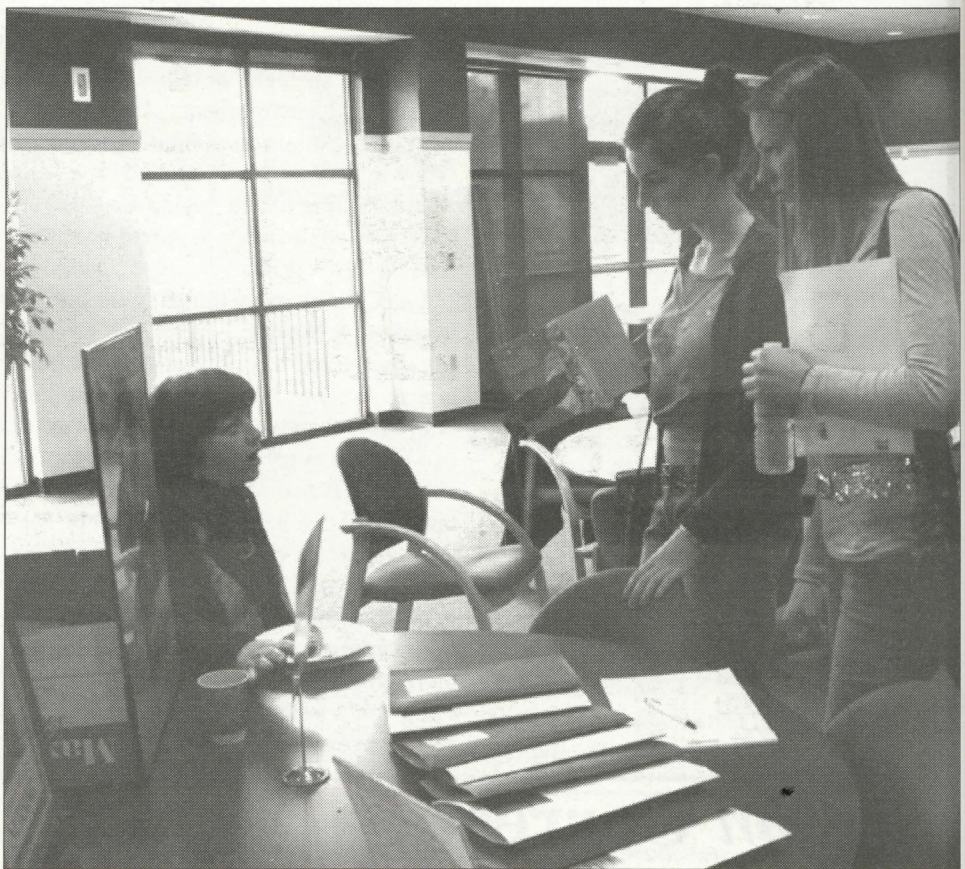
Baldino agrees it will add to the academic strength of the university and will also open up the opportunity of offering joint degree programs.

"We have other graduate and professional programs which we can link our legal education to and give students the opportunity to pursue an undergraduate degree and in their upper years begin the process of getting a law degree. Joint degree programs are getting more common," Baldino said.

Gilmour said there are some drawbacks and risks to the program that need to be examined before a decision is finalized. One of the risks is that a law school must be established before it is accredited by a committee of the American Bar Association. The second, Gilmour said, is the risk of devoting resources to the school which would take a while to be completed.

The research will address all of these issues as well as explore the question of whether there is a demand for a law school and how financially feasible it is. Hepp said he does not think the University would have a problem filling the seats of the program.

"Law schools are sort of like the baseball stadium in *The Field of Dreams*. If you build one, they will come...Despite the fact that the demand for lawyers has been fairly flat over the last decade and a half, law school is still a very, very popular option for lots of people," Hepp said.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Students, Michelle Nenish and Lindsay Baun, sought help from faculty regarding options for minors from each of the academic departments. The fair is intended to present information for undeclared students or those who wish to explore their options with different majors or minors. The students are afforded the opportunity to gather information regarding all of the majors and minors offered as a way of developing sound education plans and critical career decisions.

An unusually warm day led several Wilkes and Pennsylvania Environmental Coalition (PEC) members in Township on Saturday to a streamside tree planting. The volunteers planted oak and maple trees along a creek in Laffin and around a ball field. The event was part of the Wyoming Valley Cleanup project started to help cleanup local rivers.

For Dr. Holly Frisvold, adjunct professor at Wilkes, the project manager for the project was a lot more than just planting trees. It served



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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Planting trees to make a difference

JOSEPH DEANGELIS
Beacon Asst. News Editor

An unusually warm November day led several Wilkes students and Pennsylvania Environmental Coalition (PEC) members to Laffin Township on Saturday for a streamside tree planting.

The volunteers planted young oak and maple trees alongside a creek in Laffin and around a softball field. The event was part of the Wyoming Valley Streamside Cleanup project started by PEC to help cleanup local streams and rivers.

For Dr. Holly Frederick, an adjunct professor at Wilkes and the project manager for PEC, the project was a lot more than just planting trees. It served as a way

for her to help better the community.

"Sometimes people look at environmental problems and they think there's nothing they can do, they can't make a difference, they're stuck with the problem they have. This kind of community work gives people the change to rise above that," she said. "It gives them a chance to be pro-active, get involved, do something that makes a difference."

Frederick has also led other volunteer environmental projects, including a streamside cleanup in the spring.

"This is really kind of a missing link working on a little more of a long-term solution to our erosion runoff problems throughout the valley," said Frederick. Frederick and PEC hope to make the project an annual event.

Josh Scoff, senior environmental engineering major and president of the environmental club at Wilkes said, "They [PEC] bring people together and have a positive effect socially, culturally and environmentally."

The project allowed members of Wilkes the opportunity to go out for the day and make a difference in a place that they may otherwise have overlooked. "I'll be glad to come back in the spring and see how things look when things are starting to kick in," Frederick said.

The day was filled with plenty of digging, mulching, planting and watering. The participants were glad for an unseasonably warm day. "For November you couldn't have asked for a nicer day," said Frederick.



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Dr. Holly Frederick and Wilkes students made a difference in the community by planting trees on Saturday.



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Lack of integrity among elected officers disheartening

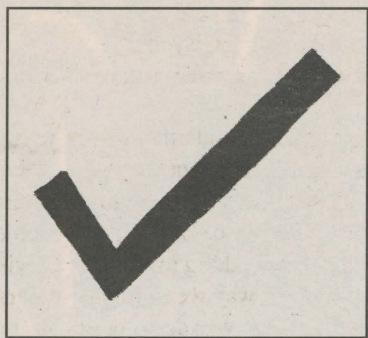
Voters have responsibility on Election Day

BY THE BEACON
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Crooked politicians.
Kind of redundant, huh? Isn't crooked pretty much synonymous with the word politician anymore?

Unfortunately, it's looking more and more like this is the case in our country. With numerous indictments and threats of more flying around in Washington, American citizens can't help but question the integrity of the national political system.

Bush appoints personal friends to the position of Supreme Court Justice, regardless of their experience and ability. The chief of staff to the Vice President is indicted and resigns the same day. The city of Philadelphia is besieged by a political scandal that reaches as high up in the ranks as the mayor. In short, Democrats and Republicans alike have allowed a break-



down of great magnitude in our democracy.

As Americans, we are given the opportunity to elect people who will represent us. We have a chance to believe the hype and hoopla the politicians feed us in the weeks leading up to election day. Unfortunately, we are usually faced with a gross imbalance between what the politicians say they will do and what they actually do once in office. This represents a serious breakdown in what is supposed to be one of the greatest political systems in the world

when it comes to choice and the freedom of expression, democracy.

Why, exactly, is this? Does it stem from a rather simple reason: because they can? Or, if it's true, as we have all heard said before, that power corrupts, perhaps those in political power in America are simply victims of the inescapable effect of a flawed system.

Whatever the cause, politicians are abandoning the role they pledged to fill for the American people and instead are pursuing paths that facilitate only their individual success and advancement.

The disturbing reality is that this democratic breakdown necessitates a serious overhaul of the manner in which politicians conduct their business, and unless the politicians themselves undertake this challenge, there is little the American public can do.

Politicians are still human beings, and, in many cases, they

place their own needs and wants before the needs and wants of the American people.

Unfortunately, this comes as part and parcel of the democratic system; politicians have the choice to be crooked or honest, and many choose the former.

Americans *do* have recourse in the voting booth, but frustration with the reality of such poor leadership has been turning people away from the polls for more than two decades. Voters need to get tough and make serious statements about what sort of leadership we want—from the President of the United States all the way down to the town council representative and school board member.

Elected officials have a responsibility to do their jobs with integrity. We have a responsibility to hold them to it or find someone else who can.

Your Voices: Exercising freedom of speech should still send positive message to future

Dear Editor,

First of all, I'm really glad that many people are exercising their right to free speech by sending their opinions to *The Beacon*. I'm proud to be part of a campus that remains active and speaks up rather than whispers on the sidelines.

What I am not proud of is the fact that many people use *The Beacon* to exercise one freedom to take others away. Yes, everyone is entitled to their own opinion, like believing that killing every black baby would decrease crime rate and keeping homosexuals in the closet, but what message do you think you are sending to the future? Doesn't killing all black babies sound a little Hitler-ish?

By keeping these opinions, not only are you creating a stigma that allows prejudice to occur, but you are also ensuring that African Americans and homosexuals are kept oppressed. Sure, what William Bennett said may not have been a perfect example of what the dictionary defines as racism, but allowing these opinions to stand and calling it fact, sends a message to the world that we believe African Americans to be criminals and allows racism to occur.

I'm sure Stephen Franko is not an advocate of affirmative action, but it's opinions like these that make affirmative action necessary. Instead of killing all of the black babies to reduce our crime rate, let's try something not so characteristic of the Nazis and offer better education for inner-city kids, after school programs to keep them out of trouble, and scholarships to make sure they get to college and graduate.

And as far as feeling threatened by homosexuals... even homosexuals have standards. Just as not every girl on the street is hitting on you, not every homosexual male is going to be trying to get in your pants. Homosexuality is out there and I don't think it's going away. The best thing for us to do as the future of this country is to accept that it's there and not teach our children to hate what's different.

Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but let's start thinking of what we want the future to look like and what we want our kids to experience before we start taking radical action to regress our country into the stone age.

Jennifer Ramil
senior, biology major

Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 49 responses.

The Beacon asked:

Which of the following people would have made the most impact had they not died so young?

- John F. Kennedy, Jr - 35%
- Martin Luther King, Jr. - 37%
- Malcolm X - 6%
- Joan of Arc - 6%
- Princess Diana - 14%
- Anne Frank - 2%

Next Week's Poll Question:

Which *Real World* season is your favorite?

- London
- Chicago
- Philadelphia
- Las Vegas
- New York
- Austin
- New Orleans
- Miami
- Back to New York

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

YOUR VOICES

The unspoken consequences of war

Dear Editor:

News reports of attacks and suicide bombings in Iraq inform Americans of horrendous physical conflict and carnage. And we see those in Iraq who grieve over their losses. In the U.S., one of the tragic consequences of the war in Iraq is that thousands of effected soldiers and families will be dealing with a lifetime of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

In addition, even Americans who will never see a battlefield, or be touched directly by the loss or injury of a loved one, pay psychological costs for the war. Beyond any ways that our collective psyche is effected by the horrors of war, there are other psychological injuries that can affect us all, sometimes at a deep and long lasting level.

But first, some psychological background. As individuals, in general, we desire to have “the correct” position on political and other issues, and need consistency between our beliefs. Furthermore, what we believe greatly affects what we perceive. We pay more attention to events and information that is consistent with what we already believe, and pay less attention to information that contradicts our existing beliefs. We also tend to allow ourselves feelings that are consistent with beliefs, while denying feelings that cause conflict.

The problem we focus on here is rooted in the often loud public conflict between people about the war. When the debate is so polarized, it becomes harder for people to express doubts or concerns and feelings that don't fit one of the "correct" positions. Accompanying that can be painful conflicts and debates taking place silently within ourselves. There may be thoughts and feelings that are not understood or are "unspeakable," that negatively affect our functioning, the way we feel, and the way we think about ourselves.

Whether one supports or opposes the war dictates the type of inner conflict. Neither side is spared. Those supporting the war do so believing in the likelihood of success and worthwhile benefits, even if progress is uneven. The bias would be to pay less attention to negative news. News reports of death, trauma, and failure tend to be minimized, rationalized, or even ignored. It may be difficult to face the effects on all those victimized by the war; and difficulty fully integrating the “bad news” compromises healthy grieving.

For some there may be guilt over having supported an action that caused so much suffering and death. Thus for such folks there is inner conflict because they support the war, but can not properly integrate and deal with the negative consequences.

For those directly experiencing the loss of a family member or relative, the effect is stronger. One way families cope with the danger and loss of war is by internalizing the goals and value of the stated mission. A sense of positive meaning helps people cope with adversity. Thus, good news about Iraq can give positive meaning for their suffering, while bad news can threaten it.

But what about those who oppose the war? Those who do not support the war believe that success is doubtful, and that the potential benefits are outweighed by the costs and risks. Some believe that only a failure in Iraq will bring our soldiers home safely--and perhaps discourage future wars. There is a bias towards noticing "bad news," and downplaying good news. Bad news confirms their belief that the war was wrong; it provides a sense of validation, self esteem, and face-saving if they had their patriotism questioned in standing against popular opinion at the beginning of the war.

However, these people may also be deeply troubled when they have an initial positive feeling in reacting to bad news: casualties, political processes failing, and military operations gone wrong. These thoughts and feelings cannot be spoken in public, and come from those who wanted to prevent suffering, death, and chaos.

These conflicting thoughts and feelings can produce self-doubt and shame. As said nearly identically for war supporters, "Thus for such folks there is inner conflict because they oppose the war, but can not properly integrate and deal with the negative consequences."

At this point we could begin discussing how conflicting thoughts and emotions are part of life, describing healthier ways of seeing the world--and ways of dealing with these dilemmas. But we are satisfied here to "speak the unspoken" in order to bring to public consciousness other consequences of the war that, like physical war injuries and deaths, are likely to outlast the war itself.

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Forty Fort, PA

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North Manchester, IN

Nudism about freedom and relaxation, not voyeurism

Dear Editor:

Thanks for the article on nudism by Kristyn Ostman [Oct. 31]. There are a few things I'd like to add.

Nudists are not exhibitionists any more than others, and possibly less. The better publications on the subject make that clear. Nude beaches, for example, are about neither voyeurism nor exhibitionism, but about the freedom and relaxation that comes partly from shared vulnerability.

Ms. Ostman suggested that the anything-goes attitude for nudity in public is disliked by nudists because they're losing their uniqueness. That seems an incorrect take on two things. One: some nudists fear that public nudity in unexpected places will create a backlash against nudist clubs and nude beaches. Two: club nudists, especially club owners, don't like nude beaches and other public locations for nudity, because they (wrongly) assume those will hurt their businesses.

As for top free women or fully naked people popping out everywhere, it isn't happening and probably won't. Not in body-phobic America.

Lastly, the notion that the only people who should take their clothes off should be young and attractive is misplaced. Presumably Ms. Ostman wouldn't deny other freedoms to such a group at the expense of those she considers less worthy of viewing. Attraction, sexual or not, is not what this is about, especially in the projection of what others care to see or not see.

Dr. Paul Rapoport
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Federation of Canadian Naturists
Ancaster ON, Canada

Warning: this article also contains German nudity

BY KRISTYN OSTMAN

Beacon Asst. Business Manager

It is my sincere hope that after reading the title of this piece you are all wondering what more I could have to say about modern nudism. Your confusion or curiosity implies two things: 1) that you read my article last week or 2) that it piques your interest as much as it does mine. I am returning to you now to answer the questions I alluded to last week.

So far, we have established that nudism, and selfish attention-seekers, are a societal staple. Allowing collective freedom has costs and it may turn out worse than we imagined when it's time to pay the piper. Today, social equality and tomorrow a downward spiral to a frightening counter-culture. Who are we hurting and who needs to give up their dreams?

The argument can be made that once it's accepted, then it won't be viewed as hyper-sexual or wrong. True; however, those at the forefront of the movement (at least in Germany) have presented ulterior motives behind their campaign. That leaves exhibitionism as the driving force. The funny thing is that given all the other problems we face, I wonder if people realize the damage that social corruption can cause.

The biggest mistake made is the attitude that nudism is harmless and only affects the person who's naked (by being exposed to the elements or perhaps having sensitive parts be in direct contact with seats in the bus station.) In reality, we are all moving toward an overly sexualized mentality. Before you begin storming my apartment, thinking that I've just implied that sex is bad, holster your pitchforks. My beef is voyeurism and its affect on children and civilized society as a whole.

The nature of exhibitionism causes a person to have to deliberately behave appallingly in order to draw attention from we status-quo fans. If we become as permissive toward public nudity, it inevitably forces itself to escalate. After all, where does one go when the thrills aren't as thrilling?

Sure, it's easy to say that it's immoral so don't do it, but why should some morals be universal? Selfish desires only service the small group pushing for them, yet they undeniably affect us all. When voyeurism is given a place in society, it causes a general breakdown in the culture.

Currently in the U.S., exposing oneself to a child is illegal. Why? Because it is damaging to be force-fed sexuality before you are able to grow into it naturally. Since this is true, how can Europeans be so careless about naked people walking into public

places? The function of social progress is not to accommodate all the fleeting desires of special interest groups but to guarantee the well-being of the majority.

We are chipping away at a culture to replace it with immorality and calling it freedom. The joke's on us because once it begins we are locked in to this downhill pattern. Freedom isn't always so free and this is a lesson we can't afford to learn after the fact.

Arguably, morals are what separate man

from beast. We have the ability to step back and choose our path based on the consequences others will face from our actions. In a totally free-choice civilization we would become vulnerable to accepting child exploitation, sex crimes and other violent acts. I know what you're thinking, "she is jumping to conclusions! What animals would ever allow those things?" We lay the groundwork for our future and we have no right to set them up on a faulty foundation.

Your Voices: Use logic, not preconceived ideas of race

Dear Editor:

I hope [Mr. Franko] is still waiting for a response, because here it is.

Your definition of the term racism was counterproductive for your argument. Let's examine:

1. The belief that race accounts for differences in human character or ability and that a particular race is superior to others.
2. Discrimination or prejudice based on race

Number one states "belief that race accounts for differences in human character." Well, by stating that all black babies should be aborted, one is stating that all black babies are different from white babies in that they will commit crime. Is that not a stated difference in human character? To assume that one will be a criminal simply because of skin color is *overt* racism.

Number two: discrimination and prejudice. Well, again, stating that black babies should be aborted because blacks are responsible for crime *is* prejudice. Let's look closer with our analytical skills. The word prejudice is split into **Pre-** and **judice**. **Pre-** means earlier, or prior to (as in *pre-fix*). **Judice** means simply to judge. To judge before is basically what it means. Well, isn't aborting babies by race to lower the crime rate judging before those babies have been born? You forget that people have free will and we make decisions based on events and courses of life, not skin color.

If you had used logic and analytical skills you might have stumbled upon some crime statistics. According to <http://www.geocities.com/onemansmind/rb/Crime.html> the crime rate is not what it seems. Yes, more blacks are in jail than whites, but more whites are arrested each year, and by a significant percentage. So the real question is why do the statistics work out this way?

Perhaps the racism goes further than closed-minded individuals. Perhaps it goes all the way to the top, to the judicial system, to the police force, to whatever you call the top. It stands to reason that if more whites are arrested than blacks, but more blacks are in prison, there is something fishy going on.

Plus, William Bennett was in a position to effect change in the United States, not like Kanye West who just makes music and doesn't effect legislation or funding. Look at inner city schools and tell me that racism in government doesn't exist. Look at the statements made by the former Sec. of Education, and I mean really look at them, and you will see racism is inherent in those words.

The racist remarks made and then backed up by you were seriously misguided, and I hope someday you will regret your closed minded views of race. Because regardless of skin color, we are all still humans and we are all still entitled to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." And, I'm pretty sure that happiness doesn't include being discriminated against or blamed for all of the crime in the United States.

Sincerely,

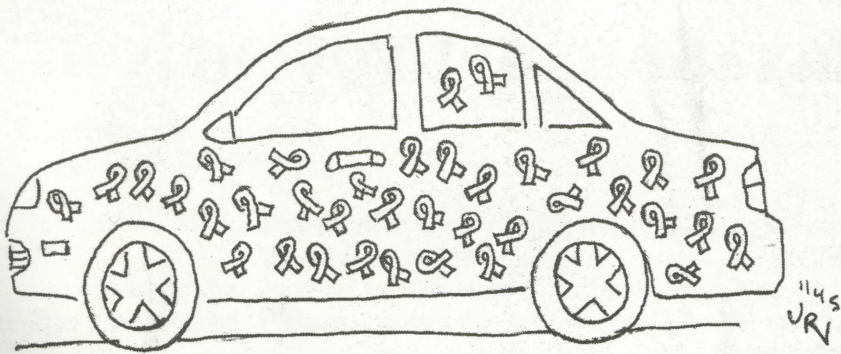
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Wilkes *Real World* fans meet, greet MTV celebs

BY SARAH HERBERT &
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"This is the true story of seven strangers, picked to live in a house and have their lives taped, and find out what happens when people stop being polite and start getting real..."

If asked to identify the reality show that this slogan hails from, the majority of college students would not even need a second to respond. For the past sixteen seasons, MTV's *The Real World* has become a television phenomenon that's known for its cult-like youth following.

For some, Tuesday nights are specifically reserved for viewing the program. For others, *The Real World* is an obsession with not only the show, but with the people involved in every episode.

Wilkes University is no different in this respect. Luckily for students here, a chance to meet past cast members in person is no longer a dream, but an actual reality.

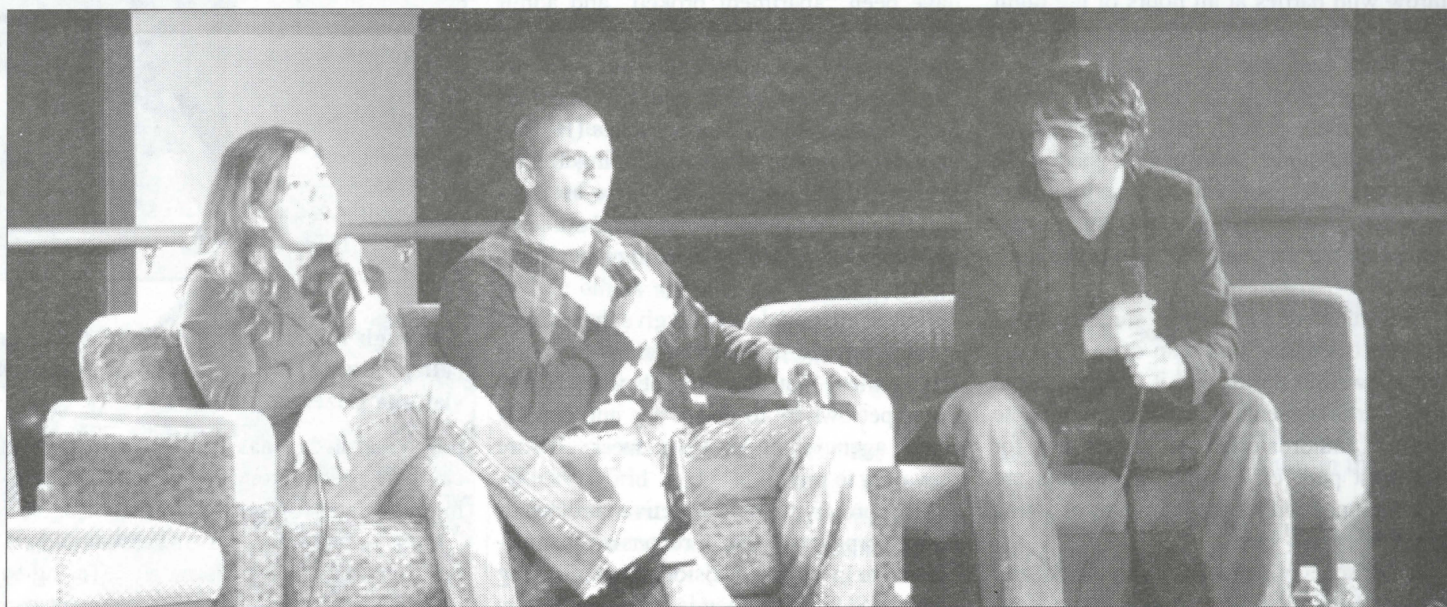
Yesterday, three members of the *Real World* cast were on campus to discuss serious issues, offer insight into their life experiences, motivate students and answer questions.

Years in the planning, Programming Board sponsored the event. Megan Mance, senior communications studies and Publicity Chair of Programming Board said, "Ever since I was a freshman, the idea of the *Real World* speakers was floating around. So basically, the Executive Board of Programming Board brought it up to the General Board, who thought it was a great idea. We felt that the student interest would be very high because so many college students watch reality shows, especially on MTV."

Mance felt strongly about the speaking program MTV has set up. "I think the speaking program MTV has set up is amazing. I think MTV knows so many people watch this show every week, and relate to the cast members in so many ways," she said. "I think that by giving them the option to go out and speak about topics that mean a lot to them, they can get students to listen and even get some advice about things the characters have gone through."

Landon Lueck, *Real World Philadelphia*, agrees with what Mance had to say.

"I think what we do is important because



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On Sunday, November 6, past *Real World* cast members Rachel, Landon and Randy sat down with Wilkes students to discuss issues such as alcoholism dangers on campus and how to deal with stress. The cast members also provided some input into how the show is run, how being on reality TV has changed their lives and some behind the scenes action not shown on TV.

we can make kids more interested in these important topics because we have that niche with them," said Lueck.

Lueck delivered a message that every college student can relate to in one way or another. His story focused on the events of alcohol and the specific way it affected his relationship with a former girlfriend who was raped.

Randy Barry, *Real World San Diego*, also talked about alcohol and making good choices. Barry emphasized educating students on how to "party smart."

He also stressed that going out and motivating students to make smart choices is "more rewarding than going out and getting wasted."

Rachel Moyal, *Real World Austin*, talked about another aspect of college life--stress.

Moyal was deployed to Iraq the first year of the war. She said that the fact that "not enough people talk about [the war]" is what motivates her to do it.

The hype about the speakers making an appearance at Wilkes had been exciting since the first day the posters were put up around campus.

That excitement certainly didn't dwindle. The event was set up to accommodate 100 people. Not only was every chair filled, but many others chose to stand as well.

Programming Board expected a significant crowd for the speakers, as did most

students. Sarah Evanina, a sophomore nursing major, weighed in on the expectations beforehand.

"I went to Penn State Worthington when

the *Real World* speakers came there and there were a lot of people in attendance, so I expected there would be a big turnout here."



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Rachel and Landon genuinely welcomed the Wilkes student body with excitement. All three of the *Real World* cast members think that this opportunity allows them to voice their opinion on serious issues to students who already feel comfortable with them after connecting with them through television.

Pets prove worthy companions, roommates

BY ERICA LEO
Beacon Staff Writer

A great college roommate does not borrow your things without returning them, throw wild parties at all hours of the night or raid your side of the refrigerator. Ideally, they don't even talk.

Although finding an actual roommate who fits these criteria may be difficult, it is not impossible. Sharing your space with an animal incapable of these actions may be a better alternative in maintaining order amongst your personal belongings and your sanity.

Unfortunately for college students, having a pet is easier said than done. Pets are not allowed in dorms and it is hard to find living arrangements that do accommodate them. Landlords often forbid pets and, for the most part, off-campus apartments are not equipped with a large amount of living space or even a yard.

Junior accounting major Vinny Abbot and junior computer science major Justin Rogers both have managed to find off-campus

apartments that do accept pets. Each have dogs and have not run into any problems with having them around.

For Abbot and Rogers, taking care of the animals has not been an issue since they have been "apartment broken" and admit that their dogs are "fun to play with when stressed out."

In a pamphlet distributed by The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) entitled "Thirteen Steps to Finding Rental Housing that Accepts Pets," there are several things that can be done to aid students in the process of finding housing that allows a furry friend.

First of all, people should give themselves enough time to find an apartment or living arrangement that does accept pets. HSUS urges pet owners to check ads and contact rental agencies at least six weeks before they plan to move.

Also, proving to a prospective landlord or rental community that a renter is responsible can help sway a decision about allowing a pet. HSUS recommends providing letters of reference from past landlords, written



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Although easier said than done, there has been an increase of owning a pet among college students. For information regarding finding a living place that accepts pets, visit the Luzerne County SPCA.

proof that a dog has completed a training class, or a letter from a veterinarian affirming pet owner responsibility.

Most importantly, pet owners should remember that honesty is policy. Trying to sneak a pet into a living arrangement can cause eviction and may also result in legal

action by the landlord or property owner.

For a copy of the HSUS pamphlet and other information regarding local rental housing that accepts pets, visit the Luzerne County SPCA or contact them at (570) 825-4111.

Cueing up: intramural billiards tourney begins next week

BY SARAH DORMAN
Beacon Correspondent

Sports bring people together.

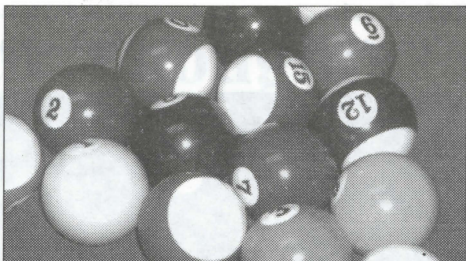
Whether a veteran athlete, sports fan or just looking for a way to spend time with friends, Wilkes University intramural sports draw a variety of students to recreate and participate in a little "friendly competition."

Mike Witcoskie, in his second year as Director of Intramurals, is focused on building the program. Right now there are seven intramural sports offered at Wilkes including flag football, racquetball, co-ed volleyball and billiards.

"Flag football is a big one and there is a lot of interest in that. Basketball [is] the main [intramural sport]. Hopefully, there will be softball in the spring, but if not, we'll double up on something like racquetball and maybe billiards," said Witcoskie.

This is the second year billiards will be offered as an intramural sport. Senior elementary education major Brian Strazdus said, "I play pool as often as I can. It depends on who is willing to play. I play down in the Commuter Lounge."

Signs were posted across campus advertising the sport for students to sign up. This year, 17 students signed up to play bil-



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liards.

This intramural sport is designed as an eight ball round robin tournament with single elimination. The winner receives an intramural sports t-shirt.

Last year's champion was Pete Morgan. This semester's tournament will start next week in the Henry Student Center.

"I believe having billiards as...an intramural sport is a great idea because there are a few tables on campus and quite a few people like to play pool," said Strazdus.

Witcoskie said, "Intramural sports offer competition for men and women and it gets people out and moving. I encourage students to sign up for spring sports."

Information about spring intramural sports as well as billiards and other sports is posted on www.wilkes.edu/campuslife/sportsactivities.

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NAACP Freedom Fund works to educate about discrimination

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Staff Writer

Got money? That's what the NAACP freedom fund will soon be asking.

The Freedom Fund banquet, which will be held on November 11, is coming to Wilkes as part of its annual fundraising efforts.

The NAACP Freedom Fund banquet happens every year, and the money raised supports the general fund that allows the NAACP to do its work. This year, as in past years, Wilkes University has purchased two tables for Wilkes students to attend.

According to Andita Parker-Lloyd, coordinator for Multicultural Affairs, the event for students is a change from cafeteria food. "It's a nice dinner with dancing afterwards. It is really a chance to honor students in high school and college," said Parker-Lloyd.

With that in mind, tables have been purchased for high school and college students to attend. "Local business and organizations buy seats at a table so that students can go," said Parker-Lloyd.

According to the RSVP form, this year's keynote speaker will be Diallo Shabazz, who serves as the Northeast Regional Youth Field Director for the NAACP. The form notes that Shabazz works with, "educational issues, voter empowerment, criminal justice, economic empowerment, and health issues with over fifty NAACP Youth Councils and College Chapters in the northeastern United States."

Parker-Lloyd sees the need for the NAACP to continue its work. "I need the NAACP here to be more proactive. But to be more proactive, we need more volunteers--students and faculty--because there is still discrimination," she said.

Parker-Lloyd also sees the banquet as an opportunity to develop young leadership skills. "As leaders, there is a social responsibility aspect. We need to be inspired or to learn from the speakers," she said.

Raquel Wheby, who works in the office of multicultural affairs and is attending the dinner, also sees the need for the NAACP to come to campus. "It's necessary, not just for black students. The point is to educate [all students] on stereotypes and know where things came from. Blacks took cultural things from whites and it worked the other

way, too," she said.

The University has been largely supportive of the Freedom Fund said Parker-Lloyd. "The University sees the speaker as a worthwhile event, so they usually purchase two tables for students to go see the speaker," she said.

Students can receive tickets to the event by going to the office of multicultural affairs, located on the second floor of the Henry Student Center, or by calling Andita Parker-Lloyd at extension 4731.



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Wilkes makes conscious effort to educate about class

BY ASHLEY AMBIRGE
Beacon Correspondent

Whether customers shop at Gucci or K-Mart, Prada or Payless may depend on a variety of factors. Personal preference or store location could be two of those, but let's be honest: it really comes down to the size of your bank account.

For some, the ATM happily spits out an endless supply of hundred dollar bills, while others are at home, painfully rolling quarters.

Seem unfair? Well welcome to the United States, land where social class affects us all.

As students prepare to enter the professional world and face issues of salary, health insurance, and loan repayment plans, class differences are likely to become all the more apparent.

For this very reason, a workshop called "Exploring Class" will be held Tuesday, November 8 on the second floor of the Marts Gymnasium in the Hall of Fame Room.

The workshop will examine the impact that personal class background has on our individual life choices, beliefs and behaviors.

Furthermore, the workshop takes a look at unpacking class dynamics in the workplace.

According to Andita Parker-Lloyd, Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs, "Class is always an issue. Two years ago, a woman came [to Wilkes] and gave a presentation on class, but it wasn't enough. It really is an issue here, even though it's not seen."

"Exploring Class" will

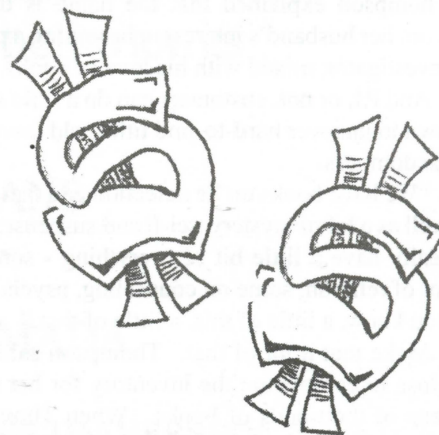
be hosted by nationwide organization Class Action.

Presenter Felice Yeskel, Ed.D., is the founder of a variety of other organizations including United for a Fair Economy, the UMass Stonewall Center (a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender educational resource center) as well as DiversityWorks, Inc., consisting of social justice educators that provide training and consulting on issues of diversity and multiculturalism.

"Talking about issues of class remains one of our society's last big taboos. It's the elephant in the room. In the wake of the natural and unnatural disaster that was Katrina, the media focused attention on the deep race and class divisions in the United States," said Yeskel.

"Once we step off of campus, we're in a very poor community. Students and staff have to get to the point of understanding how to deal with these issues," said Parker-Lloyd.

Those interested in attending the presentation should RSVP by emailing Parker-Lloyd at: culture@wilkes.edu, making sure to provide name and email address.



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Used bookstore turns new page for downtown shopping

Book and Spy Shop houses hundreds of old book bargains

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

Prior to McDonaldization, cozy was once a word synonymous with bookshops. However, stores resonating with that kind warmth and charm do still exist, albeit hard to find.

Not too far from campus near the intersection of West Ross and South Main is the Book and Spy Shop. Filled with used books, thrift store furniture, antiques, family heirlooms and family pets, this downtown gem fits the bill of the quaint, friendly shops from days past.

Art lover and Dallas native Georgann Thompson, known to her friends as Jody, runs the store with a little help from Simon and Molly, the store cat and dog. Thompson's husband opened the shop last October, but passed away unexpectedly only a month later. The shop closed temporarily, but in early 2005, Thompson reopened the shop, keeping her husband's dream alive.

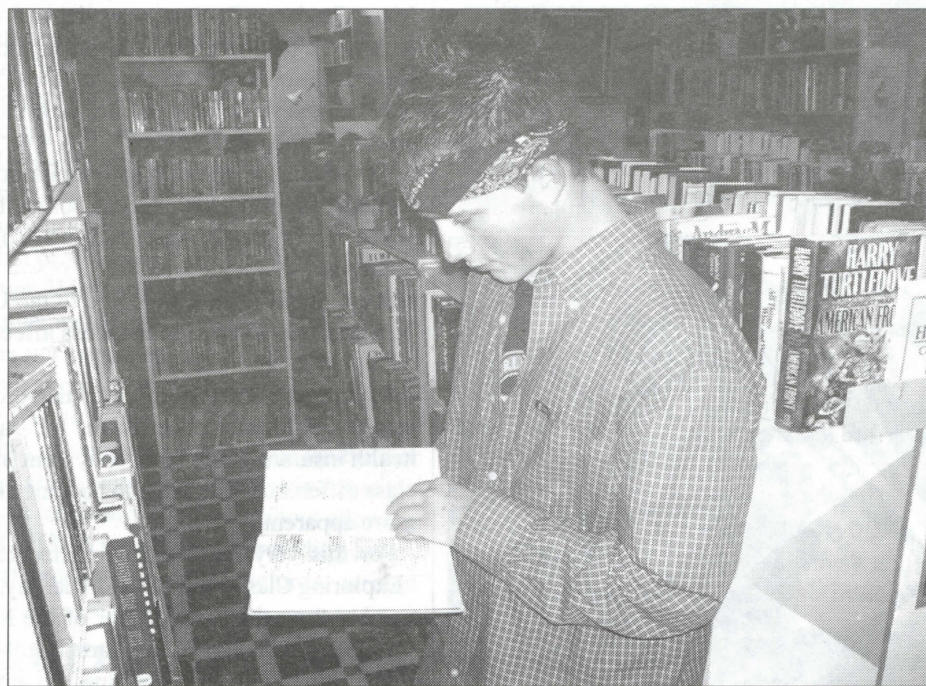
Many patrons can figure out the book portion of the title, but many are curious about the 'spy.' Thompson explained that the name is derived from her husband's interest in becoming a private investigator, mixed with his love of books.

And P.I. or not, customers can do a little sleuthing of their own to uncover hard-to-find titles, old favorites and a lot of randomness.

"We have books on lie detection and that kind of thing, as well as a lot of mystery, sci-fi and suspense," she said. "We really have a little bit of everything - some philosophy, a lot of religion, some on counseling, psychology, textbooks, you know, a little of this, a little of that."

Make that a lot of that. Thompson said she is not even close to completing the inventory for her collection in the tens of thousands of books. When Thompson purchased the building however, it was not specifically to open a bookstore.

"We bought the building thinking it would be an investment property. But my son's friend had a bookstore at



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SHELF LIFE: Freshman entrepreneur major Scott Szili breezes through one of Book and Spy Shop's thousands of titles. The shop has day and evening hours.

one time and had a storage locker filled to the ceiling with books. He him-hawed around a bit, and we decided to take them," she said.

Thompson says that the basement is filled floor to ceiling with books, far too many to fit on the shelves.

"We have so many, it's not funny. It's just an eclectic mix of things," she said. "We rotate the books to keep the selection fresh. So people who come a lot, they see different things each time."

People of all walks visit the Book and Spy Shop, says Thompson who enjoys seeing what they will pick off the shelves.

"It's funny how people like a host of different things. I never know what someone will buy," she said. "We had a couple come in yesterday and bought five or six books, and they were back again to buy more."

With such a selection and low prices, it could be hard for a book lover *not* to become a regular. Most of the books at the shop are old, but there are also new and nearly new titles. Many are first editions of classics. Most paperback books sell for \$.50 and hardcover for \$2.00. Additionally, she has buy-one-get-one-free deals. Thompson has unearthed treasures too, books that are worth over \$100. She can special order any book, as well as search for hard to find titles.

So, is there a market for 'out with the new and in with the old'? According to a study by the Book Industry Study Group there is. In 2004 Americans spent over \$2.2 billion on 111 million used books, and 11 percent increase from 2003. According to the study, most of the sales growth was online. While traditional book houses still dominate the market, the Internet is changing business practices for sellers of old books, Thompson included. Even when foot traffic is low, she actively sells books online through abebooks.com. If a book sells online, she removes it from the store

shelf.

For Thompson, running a bookstore is more like a hobby. But technically, it's her third job. She is also a full-time social worker and provides supportive living for two mentally handicapped men.

When one visits the store, they may recognize Thompson from walking Molly on the streets around campus or from being in the audience at a Wilkes event. "I try to go to all the college cultural events in the area. My kids grew up going to things at Misericordia, King's and Wilkes - so many that I got to the point where I didn't know where I graduated from," she said.

In fact, if something really catches her interest and it's during store hours, she'll close. "I'll hang a sign on the door though, saying 'Please join us at....'"

SPAF-a-Palooza 2005 to benefit American Red Cross

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

The Wilkes University Political Action Forum (SPAF) will present SPAF-a-Palooza on Saturday, November 12 from 5:00-11:00 p.m. in the Henry Student Center ballroom.

SPAF member Marissa Phillips, who said the event has been in the works since their first meeting of the year, thinks the seven-band show is a great deal.

"First, this is a good cause to contribute to. Second, this is just a fun thing. A concert with seven bands for five-dol-

lars? Where else can you get that?" she said.

Taking stage are The Five Percent, Felix Sarco, Strange Icons, The Letter U, Arson Decor, Graveyard Rumlbers and Fo a Cha.

Senior communication studies major Gavin Robb is known on stage as Captain Cromley Legussa, the multi-faceted super sexy beast in the progressive, psycho-pop band Felix Sarco.

"We were asked to be a part of this, and it is a good opportunity to do something," he said.

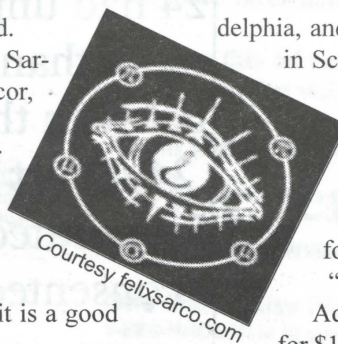
Felix Sarco often plays in upstate New York and Phila-

delphia, and according to Robb, has quite the following in Scranton, their shows drawing 200-300 people. However, this is their first time on campus.

"This should be a good time. We don't get to Wilkes-Barre too much," he said, adding that they are going on second to last at about 9:30. So, will it be worth the wait for Felix?

"Absolutely!" said Robb.

Admission is \$5.00 and pizza will be available for \$1.00 a slice. All proceeds benefit the American Red Cross, Wyoming Valley Chapter.



Local Music: 40lb. Head offers reprieve from boring valley life

BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Features Editor

Commentary

Let's face it, for young people, the Wyoming Valley is lacking when it comes to entertainment. That is, until you turn 21.

After that, it's bars and live music every weekend. If getting your drink on to the sounds of some good music is what you enjoy, then there's a band you need to catch.

40lb. head...need we say more? Those who live in this area and have never heard of them must be living under a rock.

The band is made up of three brothers, Steve, Brian and Jay Egenski and their friend Mike Zubritski. The four make for a crazy combination and yes, 40 pounds of head between them.

What can music lovers expect at a 40lb. Head show? First, an exceptional night out. The band covers songs from a variety of different artists ranging from The Beatles to Sublime to Michael Jackson and everything in between. And yes, they do have their own material---three CDs worth.

The band is always willing to take requests,

and the audience requests original 40lb. Head music frequently. The band's fans beg for 40lb. Head classics like "Around the Bar" and "1-9-6". In fact, local radio station 102.3 The Mountain, whose format includes local artists, frequently sprinkles 40lb. Head records throughout its daily playlist.

Perhaps even more exciting than the music itself is the band's ability to fire up the crowd. Lead vocalist and keyboard player Jay Egenski conducts frequent "socials" in between songs, inviting the crowd to have a drink with him and the rest of the band. What's better than enjoying some brew in the midst of a crazy bonding experience with total strangers?

The all around atmosphere at a 40lb. Head show is something that cannot be fully described. The excitement level is top notch and you can't help but let go and belt out the lyrics along with the band while dancing up a storm.

Underage fans unable to see 40 lb. Head at the local watering holes can always wait until summer to catch the group at a variety of local benefits and fund raisers. In addition to fine music, this quartet is also a fine



Courtesy 40lb. Head

group of gentlemen. The band frequently lends its talent to local charities, often playing at bazaars and fundraisers such as the annual Valley with a Heart Benefit Ride. 40lb. Head has been with the Valley with a Heart ride, which takes place in Plymouth Township, since its inception.

This group offers much to the Wyoming

Valley. Seeing them live is one thing that every person should experience at least once. Even the tonedeaf can always have a blast with the socials.

To learn more about 40lb. Head and get information on when and where they will be playing next, you can visit their website at www.40lbhead.com.

Author Toi Derricotte to give read, sign on campus

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

The Wilkes University's Master's in Creative Writing program, the Multicultural Student Coalition and the Office of Multicultural Affairs welcome award-winning author Toi Derricotte to campus for a reading and book signing on Tuesday, November 8.

Advisor to the Multicultural Student Coalition Andita Parker-Lloyd not only helped plan the event, but as a writer and fan, she is looking forward to hearing Derricotte.

"She is a provocative, intelligent African-American women, poet and author. To me, she is an inspiration- to launch the careers of other poets and writers. I look forward to hearing some of her wisdom. That's the writer in me, the little, tiny writer," said Parker-Lloyd.

Although Suzanne Chirayil, sophomore prepharmacy major and president of the MSC, has not personally read any of Derricotte's works, she says "I'm really excited to have a poetry reading and signing here. I heard a lot of good feedback about her [Derricotte]. I did some research."

Derricotte's publishing credits are numerous. However, from that long list, Parker-



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Lloyd has no idea what Derricotte will be reading from.

"It will just be a delightful surprise," she said.

This writer-poet is also passing on her love of the literary arts as a professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh.

Prior to the reading, Derricotte will also visit with students for a luncheon and dinner. "This is so exciting for English majors and future writers," said Parker-Lloyd.

Derricotte's reading begins at 7:30 p.m., followed by a book signing in the Henry Student Center Ballroom. Books will be available for purchase. The event is free and open to the public.

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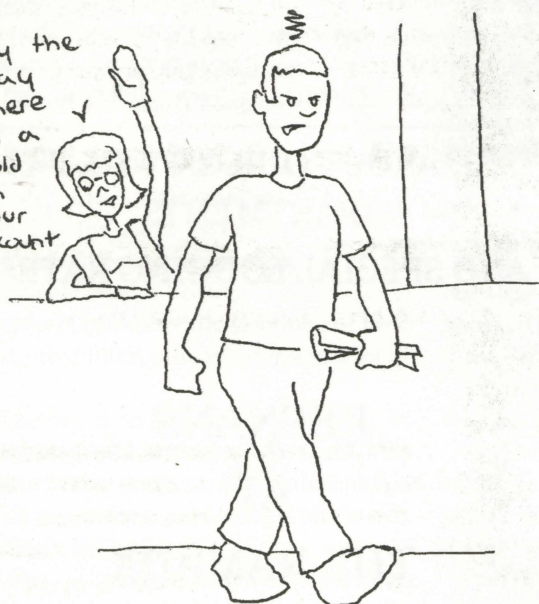
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A&E Profile

Highlighting contributors to campus and community culture

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

Some argue that spectator sports would just not be the same without music. What else would die-hard fans dance around to during time-outs and between quarters and innings? What else would cheerleaders bop around to? And, when a team scores, music is the perfect accompaniment to a roaring crowd.

The Colonels football team and its fans are entertained and motivated by the Wilkes University pep band. For the past three years, Brian Stabinsky, a junior music performance major, has been making some of that noise. The Pottsville, Pa. native is also active in many of the other music performance opportunities at Wilkes.

Beacon: What made you decide to continue with music after high school?

Stabinsky: I have enjoyed making music both on my own and in various groups since a very young age. I started playing trombone in fifth grade. From kindergarten to 12th grade, music was a very influential field on me as well as to my siblings.

Beacon: Are you involved in any type of music groups outside academia?

Stabinsky: I haven't officially been in another band outside of high school or college, but I have been hired [for gigs] and have filled in on gigs.

Beacon: How did you become involved with the pep band?

Stabinsky: I was asked to be in pep band and agreed. I enjoyed playing for the football games in high school and so I knew it would be fun here as well. I get to watch the football games and play my instrument so it is a good opportunity for me.

Beacon: What do you like best about pep band?

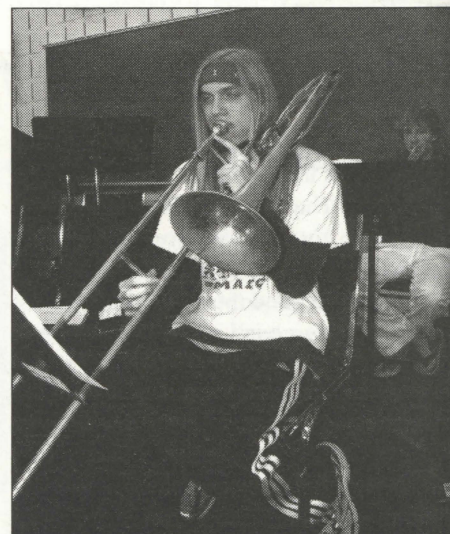
Stabinsky: Free breakfast (half the calories) and a free hoody.

Beacon: What is your favorite song to get the crowd energized?

Stabinsky: The best song in the stands has got to be the KFC song just because of the humor and confusion it has continued to bring with it. But any song that I make it through without getting lost or having my music get blown away is a good one for me.

Beacon: In your own words, tell us why a football game is incomplete without the pep band.

Stabinsky: I think having a pep band is helpful to the performance of the football players, even if they don't really notice it that way.



The Beacon/Rebecca Goodman
Brian Stabinsky at practice

It's kind of like how people get themselves motivated to workout or accomplish something by certain music. And when the players begin to recognize their own songs it gives a certain feeling that really can motivate a better performance on the field.

Beacon: What are your post-Wilkes plans?

Stabinsky: After graduation I hope to continue to practice my trombone and someday learn how to play it. In the music field I hope to play for gigs, perhaps become involved in various music groups, continue to be an organist, and give lessons.

Beacon: Finally, I just have to know. I often hear the brass section is the best. Why?

Stabinsky: This one needs no explanation. (wink, wink)

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Dinner and a Movie

Take Out: Antônio's Pizza

BY REBECCA GOODMAN
Beacon Managing Editor

Some nights are just made for grab and go food. For me, this usually occurs on a Tuesday night right before I need to make my way to night class.

I have also found that this desire for take out coincides with moods for certain foods. This week, I was in the mood for something Italian and as luck would have it, Antonio's was at the ready.

Forgoing the normal pizza order, I decided to try something else from the expansive menu hanging above the counter. I finally decided on the cheese calzone, served with a side of marinara sauce. The bill came to less than \$5 dollars, and that was including a can of Diet Pepsi. In fact, the prices for the entire menu are very affordable and college-budget friendly.

After a brief wait for the food, (it was freshly made-another plus), I grabbed my stuff and headed back to campus to eat before my two-hour plus foray into the world of research methods. Opening the box that held my calzone, I was greeted by the smell of fresh bread and tomato sauce. The calzone was golden brown and filled to the seams with mozzarella and ricotta cheeses, and it was huge. It covered about half of the bottom of a small pizza box. The first bite was absolutely delicious. With or without the chunky tomato sauce on the side, it was worth the money.

My only complaint was that towards the middle part of the calzone, it seemed to become all cheese with little to no bread.

Overall, Antonio's is a place that I would visit again, especially to satisfy a pre-night class craving for Italian on a limited budget.

Grade: A

New on DVD: Mad Hot Ballroom

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

Who says ballroom dancing is a thing of the past? Whether it's ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* or *Dancing with the NEPA Stars* held at the Woodlands last week, the blitz of ballroom is back. And it's everywhere. Including the movies.

Not into the dancing craze sweeping the nation? Maybe the independent film *Mad Hot Ballroom*, directed by Mary Argelo, will change your mind. The indie film was recently screened in my hometown, Tunkhannock, and after the movie all I wanted to do was dance, dance, dance.

The film follows three troupes of 11-year-olds required to take ballroom dancing as part of their curriculum at their New York City schools. The documentary illustrates how most of the poverty-stricken kids become immersed in the dance and reveal pieces of themselves and aspects of their lives. Most of the kids aren't ready for the transformation from little "boys and girls" to mature "ladies and gentlemen," so many of the interviews and footage with the fifth graders prove to be hilarious and poignant.

The film also follows the competitions they encounter and what the children go

through as they get to the next high point. The kids have something to look forward to and that alone gives them a different outlook on their futures. It also addresses the issues of learning dances like swing, tango, rhumba, merengue, and the foxtrot at an age where it's vitally important to "be cool."

This movie is truly a good time. It takes



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on New York City's cultural diversity and watches how kids will be kids no matter where they're from or what they're forced to do. Many of the participants who never had much

to look forward to realize that maybe their lives can be something successful. It is fun to watch the excitement as the judges reveal who will go onto the next level of competition.

If *Mad Hot Ballroom* had been a regular movie with paid actors and actresses, it probably would never have been as great as it is. It gets at the core of living in New York City and the lives of the students. The dancing is also greatly entertaining and some of the students learn to really move it.

Whether you're already an expert dancer or have never laced up a dancing shoe, *Mad Hot Ballroom* will definitely make you want to get a piece of this nationwide ballroom action!

Grade: A

Nothing But Net

This week on the web

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO
Beacon Staff Writer

To an aspiring musician, the words mean so much. A garage band is merely a band that plays in a garage; a band that hasn't been discovered.

Some of these bands actually make connections and, if they're lucky, eventually a "name," while others just stay in the garage until they've had their fill of "the dream."

BETA Records is a site designed to get bands out of the garage, and give them a chance to make their music public.

BETA Records (www.betarecords.com) is a website for such bands. It's a place where artists are given web space to upload their music, completely free of charge. The site provides an option of either joining as a "listener" or a "musician." The site not only provides users with web space, but also a calendar for when and where bands are performing. Betarecords.com allows music fans to listen to new, "undiscovered" groups and individuals and to rate what they hear. The top bands of each musical genre can be



located via the navigation bar at the top of the page.

Although useful for some, the site is one of many that allows users to broadcast their music via the internet. There are many sites that allow users to sign up, and upload music. MySpace.com is an example of such a site. MySpace also pulls in a greater number of hits than www.betarecords.com. Also, there is not much security as to who can sign up. Any regular average person can sign up as an artist, which makes the probability of actually finding fame-worthy "talent" very slim.

Although the idea makes musicians feel a little more "special" about strumming their guitar strings, it's like playing a lottery. There's always a small chance of fortune, but for the most part, "winning" is a pretty unlikely prospect.

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Lady Colonels look forward to a successful season

BYRICH HANNICK

Beacon Staff Writer

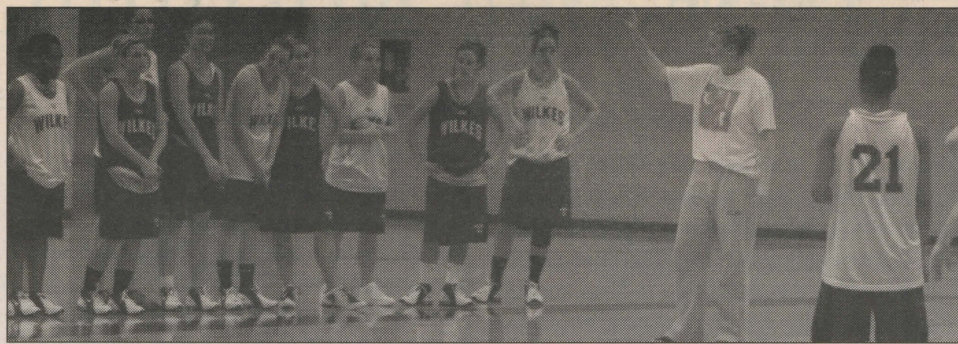
The Lady Colonels will hit the court November 18 as they launch a new season with new players, a new attitude and new coach.

According to many on the team, the Lady Colonels are looking for their strengths and senior leadership to take them to a new level. They also need their underclassmen to help the team in any way possible.

Rachel Hartung, new head women's basketball coach, likes the fact that she has three strong leaders on the court. Rena Bolin, Andrea Kacprowicz, and Tristan Tkach are the seniors who have made it their responsibility to lead this team.

Hartung also acknowledged the height of the team as an aspect opposing teams are going to have to prepare for. Wilkes has four returning sophomores and eight incoming freshmen. "It's a nice mix of different players, nice height, good shooting guards, a little bit of everything," said Hartung.

Tkach, an elementary special education ma-



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Women's basketball coach Rachel Hartung explains a drill to her players.

jor, said that team strengths include speed and conditioning.

Bolin, a criminology/psychology major, said "I think we're in great shape...we want to run the floor this year."

Noting that the team is young, Hartung said, "There are times when we get everything, and then we have our moments when the youngsters aren't quite catching on." But as the season progresses she feels confident that the team will reach its potential, and players will realize

what they can and cannot do.

But defense is closely tied with another key to winning: motivation. And Bolin cited the latter as her focus. She wants to make sure each individual is up for every game.

Though Hartung has only been working with the three seniors for the couple of weeks she has been here, she has witnessed a group of women who she says are role models for the freshmen. According to Hartung, some of the chief responsibilities of the seasoned leaders on

the team include mentoring the freshmen women. The seniors' jobs include "making sure the freshmen are coming along...getting them acquainted with college life." Hartung notes that she and her captains have a good relationship which allows great communication.

Hartung acknowledged that the underclassmen will see ample playing time. "They are going to have to have the confidence to go up against some of our huge rivals," said Hartung.

"Just step up at anytime possible," said Bolin, Lady Colonels point guard. She also does not want the underclassmen to be timid.

Kacprowicz, an elementary education major, said she wants the underclassmen to just play their positions to the best of their abilities.

At the end of practices, and possibly before games, Hartung will have the team compete against one another in a game called "A through K shooting." "It's all the different shots you'll see in a game, and it's a competition...You want to outscore the other team," she explained.

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Faculty, staff weigh in on men's lacrosse

BY RYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Sports Editor

Editor's Note: This article is the second in a two-part series investigating the possible creation of a varsity men's lacrosse team at Wilkes. In part one, The Beacon examined student attitudes toward a men's lacrosse team. In this issue, we will look at the issue from a faculty/staff perspective.

On the surface, adding a men's lacrosse team to the fourteen men's and women's sports that Wilkes University offers seems like a "win-win" situation. "It's the fastest growing sport in the country by far," said Matt McCaffrey, Associate Director of Admissions and faculty adviser to the lacrosse club. "We're one of only two teams in the MAC that don't have a men's lacrosse program."

This statistic may change as the MAC undergoes realignment, but Wilkes is still "behind the eight ball" according to McCaffrey.

A major stumbling block between the lacrosse club joining the varsity ranks at Wilkes is Title IX. Title IX is concerned with "satisfying the needs of the underrepresented gender," according to Athletic Director Addy Malatesta. Recently, the Office of Civil Rights completed a review of the Wilkes athletic department and its compliance with Title IX.

"At the end of a two year period, it was determined that we were in compliance with Title IX," said Malatesta. "I'm not opposed to adding other sports as long as we are able to remain in compliance."

Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs, had similar views. "If we were to add any sports, we would add so that the proportionality reflected the overall proportionality of the university."

Title IX is not the only challenge that men's lacrosse must face. "I don't want to hide behind Title IX," said Malatesta. "We also have our own inherent issues that we need to deal with."

The three main areas of concern are facili-

ties, fields, and budget. Malatesta describes the current field situation as "landlocked," with the existing fields struggling to support the fourteen teams that Wilkes currently sports.

The lack of lights on the athletic fields also limits the amount of practice time available to the university. Coaching budget, transportation costs, and operating budgets must be fit into the university's overall budget.

"You also have to consider the startup costs, which are substantial," said Malatesta.

The contact that so many athletes enjoy is also a problem, due to the high cost of insurance. "We are making progress in increasing resources," said Adams, "but we want to give everything to our fourteen sports that we have."

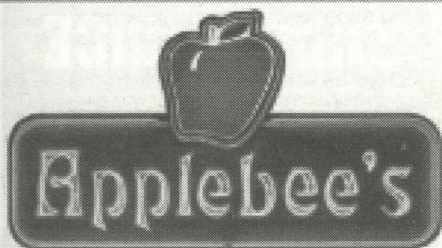
Despite the problems with adding another varsity sport, there is still hope for those who wish to see a men's lacrosse team at Wilkes. The athletic department has a "five year plan, and in that plan, expansion of athletics is key," said Malatesta.

The addition of a men's lacrosse team is "in the mix," with several other sports that are being considered. "The last people opposed to this are the people in athletics," said Malatesta. "If we could have twenty sports, we would." The problem lies in available resources, and Malatesta's concern lies with giving every varsity sport the funding, equipment, and field that it deserves.

"To disappoint the student athletes involved is the last thing we would want to do," she said. "We have to do what's right for the student athletes."

McCaffrey, who appreciates the support that the athletic department has given the lacrosse club, is optimistic. "We made a formal proposal in June 2004, and we were never told no," he said. "[The athletic department] offered to work with us; we're just trying to make it go faster."

With faculty and staff working hard to expand the athletics program, it may only be a matter of time before Wilkes begins to square off against men's lacrosse teams throughout the MAC.



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GAME OF THE WEEK

NHL: Philadelphia Flyers versus New York Islanders

Flyers to outplay Islanders

BY KEVIN REED
Beacon Staff Writer

Open up the doors, fire up the zambonis, and lace up the skates. After a labor dispute caused the cancellation of the entire 2004-2005 season, the National Hockey League is back on ice and back in business.

Armed with new rules to increase scoring and new schedules to induce rivalries, the NHL has been offering a very good product of hockey in rinks all over the league this season. The fans have welcomed back the game with open arms as the NHL reached an all-time attendance record for the month of October, according to NHL.com.

One of the games that is a result of the new scheduling guidelines is the Atlantic Division battle between the Philadelphia Flyers and the New York Islanders this Thursday. The match-up will be the second of eight contests between these two teams this season. The Flyers thoroughly outplayed the Islanders in a 5-1 victory on October 15th. Unless the Islanders can come up with a different game plan, this game might be more of the same.

The Flyers garnered a lot of recognition over the extended off-season by signing premier forward Peter Forsberg and stalwart defenseman Derian Hatcher to an already impressive group of players. And so far this year, the team has played up to expectations. At the top of the league in goals per game, this roster has no trouble putting the puck in the net.

Leading the attack are the aforementioned Peter Forsberg and forward Simon Gagne as well as offensive defensemen Eric Desjardins and Joni Pitkanen. The Flyers' main weakness, however, is keeping the puck from going in their own net. Goaltender Robert Esche is finally solidifying himself as the team's primary option in goal, but they still find themselves near the bottom of the league with a high goals against per game.

The inability to defend is also a weakness of the New York Islanders. The problem is: that isn't their only issue. The Islanders are either in or near the bottom third of the league in goals per game, goals against per game, power play, and penalty-killing.

Usually, that's not the best formula for a

championship team. On paper, however, the Islanders do sport a convincing roster. Offensively, the Islanders are led by top-notch forwards Alexei Yashin, Jason Blake, and Miroslav Satan (pronounced Sha-TAN... don't worry). They also have a solid defensive corps and very capable goaltenders. But for some reason, the Islanders haven't played up to their potential as yet. Over the course of a long season, I expect the Islanders to turn it around.

As for this game though, considering the Flyers are playing at home, as well as their distinct offensive advantage, most would consider the Flyers a heavy favorite in this match-up. But as a hockey fan for 11 years, one definite strategy that is evident is teams use past experiences to their advantage. Very seldom in the NHL do the fans see similar outcomes in games against the same team.

Since the Flyers won so handily in their last meeting, the Islanders will know that they have to play a better game, a faster game, and a smarter game. That said, I still think that the Flyers have the edge as I anticipate them to break away from the Islanders in the late stages of the game.

The Pick: Flyers 5, Islanders 4

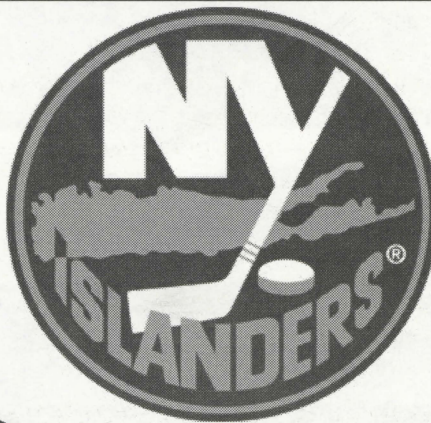


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Double Take

Sarah examines the stats that truly matter

BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Features Editor

Just when I thought it couldn't get any worse than football, my wonderful sports editors sprung this one on me.

They tell me the game of the week is between the Flyers and the Islanders. After a long awkward silence and a blank stare they inform me that it's hockey.

Does anyone out there really *like* hockey, anyway?

We're talking about a sport full of toothless bullies. To me, hockey is as pointless as Nascar.

Hockey fans rally together to support their team in the hopes that many a great fight will break out. When these brutal attacks occur, some poor venue employee is forced to come out and rid the ice of blood.

If violence is what you're after, put on HBO after 10 p.m. If it's the live action you crave, go to a boxing match. At least boxers don't disguise their true desire (to beat the crap out of an opponent) behind pretty little ice skates.

Nevertheless, I must choose. I think I'll pick the Flyers this time. I'm usually anti-Philadelphia sports teams, but hockey isn't a real sport anyway. Go Flyers.

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History in the making: women's soccer wins Freedom Conference crown

Winningest women's soccer team in Wilkes history to make NCAA appearance

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When the clock struck zero at Ranger Stadium, it signaled more than simply the end of a hard-fought struggle between two talented teams: it was the pinnacle of an already magical season for the 15-3-1 Lady Colonels.

With a 1-0 victory over Drew University, the Lady Colonels have secured their first ever Freedom Conference championship, and with it their first ever NCAA tournament bid. Wilkes came into the Freedom Conference tournament as the number three seed, and went on the road to defeat FDU-Florham and Drew on their respective fields. "Going in to FDU, I knew we were going to win," said head coach John Sumoski. "As a coach you just know your team is there."

In an interview on Friday morning, Sumoski noted that he had the "same feeling about Saturday."

The Lady Colonels began their season with an eleven game win streak, but dropped three of their games in the final stretch of the season, causing them to fall to the number three seed in the Freedom Conference playoff tournament. The team also suffered a loss when all-conference goalkeeper Liz Pauly suffered a season-ending injury against Misericordia.

The team responded admirably to the losses, however. Freshman Jessica Berkey stepped in at goal and proved to be devastatingly effective between the posts. "Her improvement from day one to now has been remarkable," said Sumoski.

Senior co-captain Jen Compton agreed, "She has really stepped up as a goalkeeper. She's really grown into her role."

The team's reaction to its few losses has also shown the strength of its character. "We've been pretty resilient with losses and ties," said Sumoski. "They know what it takes to get back on track. It's a real tribute

to the leadership on the team." Indeed, even the loss of the final regular season game and a 1-0 deficit early in their first playoff game against FDU-Florham could not deter the Lady Colonels from making it to the Freedom Conference championship game.

Although the team never lost sight of the fact that it was a championship game, it also did not forget that it was something a bit more personal than a playoff game. "It's an avenged loss situation," said Sumoski, referring to Drew's 3-2 victory over Wilkes at the end of the regular season.

In preparation for the rematch against Drew, Sumoski reviewed film of the previous contest to create a more specific game plan. "We want to keep the ball on the ground," he said. "There are also a few players on their team that we need to be smart defending." Sumoski also wanted to take advantage of the differences in the playing styles between the two teams. "It's been the focus of practice," said Sumoski. The emphasis on defense proved to be the decisive factor, as the Lady Colonels were able to out-play the Rangers in a 1-0 defensive duel.

The Lady Colonels, who have been noted for their teamwork all season, came into Saturday's game with a bounce in their collective step. "Everyone was more pumped up than we've ever been," said senior co-captain Jen Compton. "Even coach said that he didn't think he's ever seen a team so ready to play a game."

The Lady Colonels will attempt to extend their season for yet another week in their first NCAA playoff game on Wednesday afternoon. Even the uncertainty of what opponent they will face and where they will face them cannot dilute the rush of being in the hunt for a national title. "It feels amazing," said Compton. "Some people didn't believe in us, but we believed in ourselves...there really aren't words to describe it."



Courtesy of Sports Information

The Lady Colonels defeated Drew University 1-0 on Saturday, November 5th, to win their first-ever Freedom Conference championship. The Lady Colonels are 15-3-1 going into the first round of the NCAA playoffs on Wednesday.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Football

Tom Andreopoulos led the way offensively with 173 yards for the Colonels in their 59-38 win over the Susquehanna University Crusaders on Saturday. Sophomore star quarterback Al Karaffa completed 10-23 through the air and threw for three touchdowns in the Colonels' 6th straight win to lift their record to 7-2 overall and 7-1 in the conference.

Women's Soccer

Jennifer Compton scored the lone goal in the Lady Colonels' Freedom Conference Championship 1-0 win over number one seed Drew University. The Lady Colonels out-shot Drew 10-8 and also earned their ninth shutout game of the season. The next stop for Wilkes will be the NCAA Playoff Tournament Wednesday, time and location yet to be announced.

Wrestling

The Wilkes grapplers came up short 27-9, in their season opener against nationally-ranked York College on Saturday. For the Colonels, wins came from Erik Smith at 149 lbs, Angelo Dileo at 174 lbs, and Felipe Quiroz at 125 lbs.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

161

The number of yards that Bo Tkach raked up on punt returns in Football's Saturday MAC win over Susquehanna.

6

Women's soccer players who were named to the All-Freedom Conference. The Lady Colonels ended their season with a 14-3-1 record.

3

The number of men's soccer players named to the All-Freedom Conference team. The men ended the regular season with a 10-7-2 record

97

Total combined number of points between Wilkes and Susquehanna at Saturday's football game where the Colonels went on to win 59-38.

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Preview of the Week: Football vs King's College on 11/12

Colonels fighting for third straight Mayor's Cup, possible MAC title

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As its theme song suggests, this Wilkes football team is "B-b-b-bad to the bone!" Not because it is awful, but because it is bad news to its opponents.

The Colonels will try to win their seventh straight as the team caps off the season with a backyard brawl against King's at Ralston Field, and the Monarchs would love nothing better than to destroy the Colonels' playoff hopes. Here's the skinny.

With Delaware Valley clinching the MAC with a dominating win over Juniata, Wilkes faces a must-win situation against the Monarchs, and would need the Aggies to lose their game against Widener to become co-champions of the conference. All the excitement has everyone scoreboard watching.

"Yeah, we've been watching the whole time," said quarterback Al Karaffa. "I definitely think Widener could get the job done this week if they play like they played against us."

Karaffa, who took over the reigns at quarterback in the sixth game of last season, is the ring-leader of the pack. The hotshot



Wilkes will enter the contest against King's on the heels of a six game winning streak. Wilkes is currently 7-2 overall, with a 7-1 conference record. King's is 5-4 overall, 5-3 in conference.

QB has fired for 1,955 yards and 17 touchdowns. Most of those yards have come from his favorite target Jim Jordan, who leads the league in receiving yards per game with 104.4. Bo Tkach and Stephon Burgette complete the wide-out trilogy.

The running game has also filled

in nicely for last year's star Brett Trichilo, who graduated in May. The triple threat of Tom Andreopoulos, John Impagliazzo, and Jake Remmell have pounded the holes like crazy trains this year as the Colonels' average 129.8 yards per game.

In theory, Wilkes should be unde-

feated. After bouncing back from an agonizing loss to William Paterson in the first week of the season, the Colonels lost to defending MAC champions Delaware Valley after erasing a 14-point deficit at the half. With seven seconds to go and the game deadlocked, Aggie quarterback Adam Knoblauch

completed a Hail Mary pass down the sideline, setting up the game winning field goal with three seconds left.

"Those two losses were very disappointing, but for the guys to overcome adverse times with the resolve and character that they did shows how special this team really is," said head football coach Frank Sheptock.

King's (5-3), which also lost to the Aggies via a Hail Mary pass in the final minutes started the season 1-3, but has been hot of late, winning four of its last five. Running back John Ortiz leads the offensive attack, leading the league in rushing and scoring with 14 touchdowns. While quarterback Chris Barnic has thrown for 2,043 yards and averages 232 yards per game. Defensively, the Monarchs are anchored by 6-0, 230lb line-backer Tore Alaimo. The Vin Diesel look-alike will look to put the hurt on the Colonels, as he leads the conference with 103 tackles and 2 sacks.

Ralston Field should be filled to capacity for the big game, so fans should make sure to get there early.

Kickoff is set for 1:00 Saturday, November 12.

W Campus Calendar

All Week

*Hideous Beauty, Sor-doni Art Gallery
*National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

MONDAY (11/07)

*Fall Semester Food Drive begins

TUESDAY (11/08)

*Exploring Class, register at culture@wilkes.edu -- 8:30 to 3:30 p.m.
*Reading by Author, Toi Derricotte, HSC Ballroom - 7:30 p.m.
*New York City trip tickets on sale 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Henry Student Center

WEDNESDAY (11/09)

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

THURSDAY (11/10)

*Caricature Artist, Jon Federowicz, HSC Roth Concourse -- 10 to 2 p.m.
*Mindy Davis Sterling Silver Sale, HSC Roth Concourse -- 10 to 2 p.m.

FRIDAY (11/11)

*Casino Night, HSC Ballroom -- 8 p.m.
*NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, East Mountain Inn -- 6:30 p.m.
*Joseph and the Amaz-

ing Technicolor Dreamcoat, DDD -- 8 p.m.

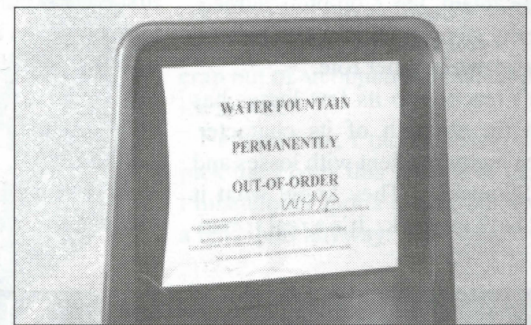
SATURDAY (11/12)

*University Open House for prospective students -- 9 a.m.
*Football vs. King's -- 1 p.m.
*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, DDD -- 8 p.m.
*Seat Belt Challenge, Liberty Mutual Insurance Group will check cars as they arrive to King's-Wilkes football games -- 11 to 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY (11/13)

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, DDD -- 2 p.m.

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Congratulations to Katelyn Kozma, who correctly identified last week's secret shot, which was of the Chase Hall roof facing the Stark Learning Center.