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Sestak talks jobs, unemployment with students

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
News Editor
& BRIE FRIEDMAN
A&E Editor

Joe Sestak, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, addressed Wilkes students about unemployment statistics and the outlook for the job market last Friday. Sestak, from southeastern Pennsylvania, also released his new proposals for creating jobs.

Sestak, vice chairman of the House small business committee, announced new legislation to spur economic growth and a competitive workforce. Sestak stressed the importance of small business. Seventy percent of all jobs are within small businesses explained Sestak.

According to a Quinnipac University poll released on October 1, Senator Arlen Specter remains far ahead of his challenger, Sestak, by 44 – 25 percent.

In the 2010 Senate race are candidates Republican Pat Toomey, Democrat Arlen Specter and Democrat Joe Sestak. Specter changed parties earlier this year.

Also, according to the Quinnipac poll, Sestak runs almost as well as Specter does against Toomey, shadowing Toomey at only 38 – 35 percent. Therefore, according to the poll, if Toomey wins over Specter, Sestak



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After Congressman Joe Sestak's address to the Wilkes community on Friday, he was available for questions from students, faculty and staff. Sestak talked about unemployment rates and the job outlook and market in the upcoming year.

may have a chance to win the 2010 Senate race.

Congressman Sestak also spoke about his health care plan and stressed the public option. He tied in small businesses and health care, saying that he wants to reform health

care for small businesses because they contribute to many jobs in the market.

Sestak, a former three-star admiral in the U.S. navy, is the highest former military officer ever elected to either branch of Congress.

Wilkes to partner with LCCC to ease transfers

BY NICOLE FRAIL
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Correspondent

Wilkes University is working to create a task force that will collaborate with Luzerne County Community College to make the process of transferring credits from LCCC

to Wilkes easier.

According to Wilkes University provost Dr. Reynold Verret, the state of Pennsylvania is ranked within the lower quartile of baccalaureate completion rates. This may be due to students who stop attending college once they have earned their associates degrees. Students may find that many of the courses they have taken will not transfer to

their institution of interest, and may choose to stop pursuing a higher education.

"Northeast Pennsylvania is one of the lowest regions within a low state already," said Verret. "So, we have some work to do and that requires collaborations between

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Campus free of swine flu so far

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
News Editor

Wilkes University has managed to stay H1N1 free--so far. The virus, more commonly referred to as swine flu, has been infecting many areas of the country. As of Friday, October 2, there have been 47 confirmed cases in Luzerne County and 2,679 cases in all of Pennsylvania according to the Pennsylvania Health Department's website.

On Wednesday, September 30, Gail Holby, coordinator of health and wellness promotion, stated that Wilkes University was free of H1N1 and seasonal flu. By Friday, October 2, however, that changed. One student had flu-like symptoms and was tested for the seasonal flu. The positive test was sent out of the Wilkes community for further testing of H1N1.

"There is no confirmed swine flu here on campus," said Holby. "Absolutely, no confirmed case."

If the test comes back positive for the H1N1 virus, Health and Wellness Services plans to treat the student and advise him or her to leave campus and return home.

There are many different strands of the flu, explained Holby. There are also many different tests that must be done before a person can be confirmed with the H1N1 virus.

Students are strongly encouraged to keep washing their hands and practicing good hygiene.

In order to decrease the chances of getting the H1N1 virus, students should be

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State Budget may result in loss of Act 101 program

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
News Editor

Though the proposed state budget, if passed, will increase funding for education, it may not be equipped to fund some current educational programs at Wilkes University.

Governor Edward Rendell told *The Times Leader* on September 20 that, if passed by legislators, the budget would increase funding for education by \$300 million, but according to Thomas Thomas, executive director of University College, higher education institutions may not see much of that money.

"He's talking primarily about [kindergarten through 12] education," said Thomas in regards to Rendell's comment to *The Times Leader*.

President Tim Gilmour said that Wilkes University receives money from some state programs, but others are likely to be "adversely affected."

Act 101 and Science in Motion are two programs that will most likely be affected.

Thomas, who also serves as president of the Act 101 Pennsylvania Association for Educational Opportunity, has been tracking the budget process through Act 101 advocates in Harrisburg.

The Act 101 program provides academic and specific advising support for students who are first-generation college students that rely on financial aid programs to be able to afford a college education, explained Thomas. He explained that research has made it clear that many students can be successful

in college with specialized assistance to provide support.

"The early indications, without us having any confirmation, are not good," said Thomas.

At Wilkes, Act 101 serves 115 students through tutoring and advising.

The number of students that benefit from Act 101 is directly based on the size of the college or university.

"As of today, October 1, no one knows how the allotment is broken out by line item," said Thomas. "The early indications are not good. They would lead me to believe, at this point... that [Act 101] is not going to be funded at all, that the program is going to be eliminated."

Originally, the Governor's office proposed a cut from \$9.3 million

to \$8 million for Act 101. While the Governor's office was initially supportive, there is a new generation of legislators in place who do not feel the same commitment to equal educational opportunity, explained Thomas.

If the State Budget cuts the Act 101 program, Wilkes University has another plan for students who benefit from this program.

"We believe we've made a commitment to these students," said Thomas. "We feel dedicated to maintain the same level of services to students. We are going to explore every opportunity."

Thomas explained that Wilkes University is not looking to cut this type of program. Wilkes could fund its own equal opportunity program through the university's budget.

"No one is encouraging us, let's put it that way," said Thomas. "Even though these [budget negotiations] are done secretly, you still get words of encouragement. So we are preparing for the worst."

The Act 101 program came into existence as a result of the Higher Education Equal Opportunity Act of 1971. Thomas explained that the program began at Wilkes University in 1976 to assist Pennsylvania residents, "whose economic, educational and cultural backgrounds might limit their success in achieving their goals in higher education."

Theresa Wignot, program director of Science in Motion, could not be reached for comment.

"Yellow Ribbon" makes education accessible for veterans

BY GILLYAN GOWARTY
Correspondent

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has issued a GI Bill for Post-9/11 veterans to gain benefits for their education. Veterans of 9/11 can receive their college tuition and other expenses paid for, providing they have met the criteria to receive these benefits.

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a provision of the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 and is available to 75 eligible veterans on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wilkes University currently has

50-60 veterans enrolled, but not all are post 9/11 veterans. According to Camille Daniels, service associate of Student Services, there are currently 18 post-9/11 veterans taking advantage of the Yellow Ribbon program benefits.

The benefits of the program include full tuition in which the VA and Wilkes University work together to pay for the full tuition, depending on the number of credits the veteran is taking. The GI Bill will pay the per-credit cost, and if that does not meet the full tuition fee, Wilkes University will pay the difference.

"This is the best benefits pro-

gram since World War II," said Henry Steuben, director of part-time programs in the Admissions Department.

Steuben explained that if the cost of tuition exceeds that of the highest state public institution, the school can participate by supplementing the difference by fifty percent. Any other scholarships or state grants can be awarded and will not be detracted for the GI Bill benefits. Anything extra will first be used to off-set a possible tuition difference. The remainder of the funding will be put toward housing needs. Like any other scholarship, in order to maintain these

benefits the veteran must maintain a 2.0 grade-point average.

Veterans can receive a \$1,000 stipend for books and a housing allowance of \$990 per month which can be used for either dormitory or off-campus housing.

In order for veterans to qualify for all of the Yellow Ribbon Program benefits, they must have completed a total number of 36 months of active duty service after September 10, 2001. The active duty service does not have to be performed continuously; it can be divided as long as it adds up to 36 months in total. If these criteria are not met, partial benefits will

still be given.

"The Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits are good for 15 years from the date of discharge or release from active duty of at least 90 continuous days," said Jim Dougherty, Veterans Service Representative. Dougherty said that benefits will be awarded for a maximum of 48 months.

For more information on the Veterans Yellow Ribbon Program, students can visit www.wilkes.edu/yellowribbon or a full explanation can be found at www.gibill.va.gov. Veterans can also visit Henry Steuben in Chase Hall to inquire further about the program.

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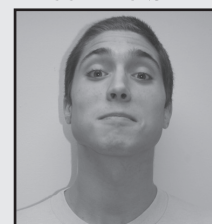
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WILKES NEWS BRIEFS

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS

News Editor

8th ANNUAL WALK TOWARDS AWARENESS - On October 20 at 12:00 p.m., the Health and Wellness Service Center will host the 8th Annual Walk Towards Awareness from the greenway to Kirby Park. Students must register for the one mile walk by October 13 with the Health and Wellness Service Center by calling 408-4730. Any student who participates in the walk will receive a free long sleeve tee-shirt. The rain date is October 22.

FALL RECESS - Fall Recess Begins at 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14. Classes will resume Monday, October 19.

ZEBRA COMMUNICATIONS /SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE - Zebra Communications will be holding the "Go Can Crazy" food drive to help the local Salvation Army. Non-perishable food, including food in cans and boxes, may be dropped off on the first floor of the Henry Student Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6 and Thursday October 8. Non-perishables will also be collected during Homecoming Weekend at the football game on Saturday, October 10. Monetary donations will also be accepted to benefit the local Salvation Army.

HOMECOMING PARADE/ REGISTER YOUR CLUB - The Office of Alumni Relations are registering groups and clubs who would like to be in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 10. Your club or group can decorate a car, truck, create a float or walk in the parade with a banner. Participating groups must arrive at 9:45 a.m. on the corner of South Main Street and West South Street. The parade continues from the arrival point to Public Square. The club with the best entry wins \$100. For questions or more information, call Alumni Relations at 408-7787. To register your club, visit <http://community.wilkes.edu/HomecomingParade09>.

FREE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING - Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology in conjunction with Wilkes Campus Counseling Services will sponsor a free and confidential mental health screening for members of the campus community today, Tuesday, October 6. The screening will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the Henry Student Center. The event offers screenings for mood and anxiety problems and will take approximately 15 minutes. Literature will also be available.

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Students travel to Madrid



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Paola Bianco

Pictured above are students in front of the Palacio Real in Madrid. Students traveled to both Madrid and Paris on the trip through Forspro Study Abroad Programs. Students from any major were able to take the trip for three, six or nine credits. The trip was from July 4-31 and students stayed in a single occupancy dorm and were free to come and go as they pleased. For more informatiton, contact Dr. Paola Bianco at paola.bianco@wilkes.edu or 408-4519.

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four-year institutions and two-year institutions."

Dr. Dana C. Clark, vice president of Academic Affairs and provost of LCCC said that chief academic officers meet several times each year to talk about ways that four and two-year institutions can collaborate with one another to help local students continue their education.

"We have partnered in several grants with Wilkes where our students and the Wilkes students are working together on projects, [...] so that's how it started," said Clark.

The task force is already getting the program underway. Clark said, "Several of our department chairmen are going to be meeting within the next month with the department chairmen at Wilkes and we're going to be looking at several of the departments' curriculum because, for some, it would be easier than others."

Often times, those who transfer from community colleges into four-year colleges

and universities have to attend school for an extra year because they take classes at community colleges that don't transfer.

"Our curriculum sometimes makes it very difficult for students to transfer and finish without having to spend an extra year, year and a half," said Verret. He noted that Wilkes accepts roughly 120 to 130 transfer students each year.

The program is slated to be similar to AcademyOne. This is a software program designed to let students know how many credits will transfer to different schools throughout the nation. According to the software's official website, AcademyOne.com, participation in the program makes it easier for prospective students to "learn what courses and how many credits will transfer" to the school into which they are looking.

Verret said he would like the program to be set up so that professors at Wilkes would partner with a professor from LCCC in the same discipline or major. The two professors would work on the curriculum together

to make the whole process easier.

Stephanie Durk, a senior criminology major, transferred to Wilkes after spending two years at LCCC. She thinks that this idea is a positive one for students who are looking to eventually transfer to a four-year university. "If they know exactly what they want to do, then it would be beneficial to have a program like this in place," said Durk.

When sophomore Kati Dunn and junior Rich Cosgrove began taking classes at LCCC, two and three years ago respectively, their initial plan were to eventually transfer their credits to Wilkes to continue their studies and gain their bachelor's degrees. Dunn and Cosgrove reached out to Wilkes from the start of their college career. They did so independently and on their own time.

"I went through Amy Patton, [associate director of Admissions at Wilkes]. She gave me all of my courses," said Dunn, a political science major.

"Amy gave us [Kati and I] lists," said Cosgrove, an elementary education and

earth and environmental services double major. "We knew exactly what we had to take. It was all planned out."

While Dunn did not have a problem transferring her credits, Cosgrove noted that only one of the education courses he completed at LCCC did not transfer.

Both agree that many students currently studying at LCCC with plans to transfer to Wilkes may not realize that they can work with the Admissions department. The proposed partnership between Wilkes and LCCC will eliminate any confusion or lack of knowledge in this area.

According to Verret, professors of all majors have already been asked to put a list of courses together that will be presented to LCCC. They hope to introduce the curriculum to students at LCCC next fall. If all goes well, Verret hopes to form partnerships with Lackawanna Community College and Northampton Community College in the future.

US News ranks Wilkes below other local schools

BY SALVATORE INFANTINO

Correspondent

Over the summer, US News and World Report released its annual ranking of American colleges and universities from across the country. Wilkes University made the list by tying three ways for 59th place in the Northern Master's division.

Although, Wilkes reportedly jumped up several spots since last year's ranking, it still fell behind its three local competitors: University of Scranton, Misericordia University, and King's College.

Amy Patton, associate director of Admissions, does not think a negative ranking deters enrollment at Wilkes.

"If Wilkes was ranked number one, I'm sure we'd get more calls from parents," said Patton.

US News breaks American colleges into four groups: Liberal Arts Colleges, Baccalaureate Colleges, National Universities, and Master's Universities. Wilkes falls into the Master's Universities category which is defined on US News's webpage as a school that "provide[s] a full range of undergraduate programs and some master's level programs... rankings are

of the entire school focusing on the undergraduate program. No master's programs are ranked." It also further subdivides the country into North, South, East and West, with Wilkes falling into the North section.

King's College, Misericordia University, Wilkes University and University of Scranton were all in the Master's Universities, North section category. University of Scranton was ranked for a tie in seventh place. King's College was tied three ways for the thirty-eighth rank. Misericordia was ranked for a six way tie for the forty-fifth rank.

After the schools are divided, they are ranked according to peer assessment, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance, and alumni giving rate.

Overall, Patton said there are more factors that should be considered when choosing a college that the US News ranking and other ranking systems neglect.

"There are a lot of great things that are happening at a lot of universities--Wilkes included--that aren't captured by the survey. Mentoring would be one of them," said

Patton.

Patton also noted some positives going on at Wilkes that sets the university apart from not only local competitors, but also national ones. Wilkes is moving forward on plans to open a Law School, and also recently received the prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute Grant.

Lauran McDonald, a freshman biology major, agreed.

"I don't really care about the ranking," she said. "I still love Wilkes. I wanted to stay close to home, and I wanted a program I knew I could trust. Wilkes was the perfect fit."

Mike Fasulka, senior psychology major, is prepping to apply for graduate schools in physical therapy.

"As long as I demonstrate good academics and complete the application packages, the name of which institution my undergrad degree came from shouldn't matter," Fasulka said.

But, Fasulka said he is not worried about pending acceptance to graduate school because the skills Wilkes provided him are ample enough to move on to higher education.

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very cautious about sharing drinks or cigarettes. H1N1 is spread through droplets that cause the flu to go from one person to another explained Diane O'Brien, director of health and wellness services.

Hand sanitizers have been placed around campus to help prevent the spread of H1N1 virus.

"Students love them," said Holby. "I see [students] using them all the time."

Any student with flu-like symptoms is strongly urged to leave the campus and return home. Also, students should notify Diane O'Brien, director of Health and Wellness Services, so that they can be tested for the H1N1 virus and the seasonal flu. After returning to campus, students should also contact Health and Wellness Services, as they will notify professors on the status of the student's health.

The H1N1 vaccine is being distributed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and should arrive at Wilkes University during mid-to-late October. O'Brien assumes that the vaccine will be free to students, staff, and faculty.



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Lawrence Reed to delivery Kirby Lecture

BY CATHRYN FREAR

Correspondent

On Thursday, October 8, the Allen P. Kirby Center Lecture Series will be hosting a lecture by Lawrence Reed, president of the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE). The speech will take place in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center at 7:30 p.m.

The FEE is a foundation that sends speakers to colleges and high schools to give speeches and provide workshops to educate today's youth. According to their website, the mission of the FEE is to "offer the most consistent case for the 'first principles' of freedom: the sanctity of private property, individual liberty, the rule of law, the free market, and the moral superiority of individual choice and responsibility over coercion."

Like the other speeches in the series, Reed will be talking economics. However, Reed's speech will steer somewhat away from the norm. Rather than just facts and figures, he will be talking more about "Character, Liberty, and Free Society," as the title of the speech states.

According to Reed, the speech will elaborate on an essay he wrote. The essay bares the same title and was published in the FEE journal in July 2008. He said, "My talk [...] will be an extension of that essay with a lot of examples that I didn't have time or room in that essay to talk about; with some application to current issues."

Reed will be concentrating on his belief that ethics play a fairly large role in how an elected official regulates a society. Reed stated, "Liberty and character are interconnected. You can't have one without the other."

In relating this issue to our area's recent judicial corruption, he said, "I think you have a very strong manifestation of a national problem and it's not all that uncommon, frankly."

Dr. Jeffery Alves, a business professor and advisor of Society in Free Enterprise, has been responsible for bringing in the lecturers that have spoken at the Darte Center in past years. Initially, Alves was unsure as to whether to bring Reed in to speak, fearing that a lack of notoriety would keep people away. Ultimately, he decided it was worth

the risk.

"He does not have the name recognition that a lot of our other speakers have had. You always worry about turnout when you have what is a major lecture. You want to have at least 250 to 300 people coming into the Darte and we want to make sure that the people we bring have a message."

Ashley Deemie, a senior accounting and business major, said that she has been going to these lectures since she was a freshman. "The main reason I want to go see Lawrence Reed is just because of the new outlook, especially how the economy is now," added Deemie.

Deemie also said that Reed's real-world business experience is something that is drawing her to this particular lecture. "I think having a new voice come in that is really experienced [will allow students] to gain some insight and knowledge on where we are now. You get a different outlook than what you get in the classroom."

For more information on Reed and the FEE, visit <http://fee.org/>. The annual Kirby lecture is free and open to the public.

Student Government Election Results

Freshmen Election Results

President - Caevaun DuBarry

Vice President - Meribeth Derkach

Secretary - Nicholas Wierman (write-in)

Treasurer - John Sweeney

Representatives - Cassandra Glenn, Nisarg Joshi

Sophomore Election Results

Treasurer - Justine Adams (write-in)

Junior Election Results

Representatives - Katelyn Aldinger, Sean LaFleur

Senior Election Results

Representatives - Paran Mukhija (write-in), Konstantina Papathomas (write-in), Charles Siarkowski (write-in)

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H1N1 policy is a step in the right direction

Hand sanitizers are not enough to prevent pandemic

BY THE BEACON
Editorial Board

In response to the looming Swine Flu pandemic, Wilkes University amped up its illness prevention tactics by adding fancy sensor-activated sanitation stations around campus. As useful as these new sanitation stations may prove to be, they are not enough.

There are no other areas on our campus in which decay and germ infestation are more visible than computer keyboards.

With almost the entire campus presently operating on white iMac keyboards, one can clearly see which keys have been overly contaminated because of the discoloration of the once pristine-looking surfaces.

Wilkes's Health Services department has recently updated its "FAQ- Pandemic Influenza Policy" to accommodate for the H1N1 (Swine Flu) threat. Health Services website will bring readers up to date on just about everything they need to know about what to do in the event of catching the dreaded Swine Flu.

But nowhere in this prevention plan is a schedule for regular sanitation of germ surfaces included. Keyboards, door knobs, stair railings, elevator buttons, and desk surfaces should all be regularly sanitized, especially now with the threat of a deadly flu pandemic hovering over the campus.

Yes, the hand sanitizers are a step in the right direction, but the trouble with this effort is that we cannot guarantee every student will use the sanitation station before he or she touches a doorknob, types on a computer keyboard, or shakes hands with another person.

The only way to guarantee clean, touchable surface at all times would be to require each student to disinfect his or her keyboard or desk surface after each use with something like a Clorox disinfectant wipe. While the probability of this being implemented and carried out is slim, the least the University can do is commit some members of the facilities staff to sanitizing the most often touched surfaces on campus on a nightly basis.

Health Services has done a great job call-

ing attention to the fact that Wilkes University is prepared in the event of an H1N1 pandemic. If an outbreak were to happen, we can at least have the peace of mind to know Wilkes University is prepared.

But while we all are busy running rampant on a day-to-day basis through doors with knobs and typing out papers with no regards for the person who just coughed up a lung on his hands, influenza is lurking around every corner.

Students need to be more cautious, by coughing or sneezing into their bent elbow, and generally having respect for the person who will sit at their computer in the next class. And, if you're that sick, stay in bed. Likewise, facilities can do more to ensure that surfaces are disinfected regularly.

Before the health status of an entire campus gets to that point, let us all make a more conscious effort toward an H1N1-free year. The best thing the University could do is to include upon Health Services' FAQ sheet a motion for regular-scheduled sanitization of touchable surfaces.

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 21 responses.

The Beacon asked:

Do you think that Wilkes should mandate a physical education course?

- Yes, students need exercise
52%
- No, they can exercise on their own
48%

Next Week's Question:

Have you used the new hand sanitizers placed around campus?

- Yes
- No

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A close-up view of an iMac keyboard on the first floor of Wilkes University's Farley Library reveals obvious signs of deterioration as well as germ build-up. Our keyboards are not desantized between users which presents a serious health hazard. Dr. Gerba of *Woman's Day* estimates that "there are about 200 times more bacteria on a keyboard than a toilet seat." Wilkes's hand sanitizing stations can only do so much against the user-to-user daily germ build-up.

Frequent fire alarms in Towers a danger to residents

BY CATHRYN FREAR
Correspondent

In high school, we all went through the tornado drills, fire drills, etc. and we accepted them. They were preparation for real emergencies. In the 50s, they had bomb drills in preparation for The Big One. That was a little sillier, but it was still accepted and taken seriously. Besides, all of us kids got out of class, and who doesn't want that?

But when you grow up, you get tired of the drill—or in this case, the “real thing.” No one understands this fatigue better than the residents of University Towers, who have experienced 14, count ‘em, 14 fire alarms since classes began this fall, according to Jerry Rebo, manager of public safety.

Over the summer, a new fire alarm system was installed in University Towers. The new system, unlike the old system, is extremely sensitive, going off over burnt bacon and steam from hot showers. The alarms happen at all hours of the day or night, and, as the alarm says when someone sets it off, they are most certainly not drills.

The problem? Residents of the Towers are no longer taking these alarms seriously.

Public Safety expects that students will just get used to the new detectors and adapt. Only time will tell whether this is the case. With 14 fire alarms going off this semester alone, it appears that students need a bit more time to adapt to the new up-to-code smoke detectors that have been watching their every move.

We have had so many that ... Oh, wait. I've lost my train of thought. The fire alarm has just gone off again in the Towers, where I am a resident. It's Friday, October 2, as I'm writing this. I'm not kidding. Now if you will excuse me, a disembodied voice is telling me I have to leave the building ...

Back at my desk after 25 minutes because of the evacuation, I can pick up where I left off. Oh, yeah. We have had so many alarms that more than anything else, these have been compared to that old folk tale “The boy who cried wolf.” The boy says there's a wolf present over and over

again and people take him seriously and freak out because wolves are scary. Eventually, they stop listening, though. Then, of course, there's a real wolf.

Fires, too, are scary, but these fire alarms are already being ignored by many UT residents. In certain instances, this negates the fact that we have fire alarms at all. Eventually, people are going to stop leaving and someone is going to get hurt.

Not only are students affected by this issue, but there are also senior citizens who still reside in the Towers from the days before the building was owned by Wilkes. Some of these folks need the use of canes to get around. It's not easy for them to walk up and down the stairs during these emergencies, when elevator use is prohibited. Frankly, the lights and sounds are enough to put even young college students into a momentary panic attack, let alone those who may have heart issues.

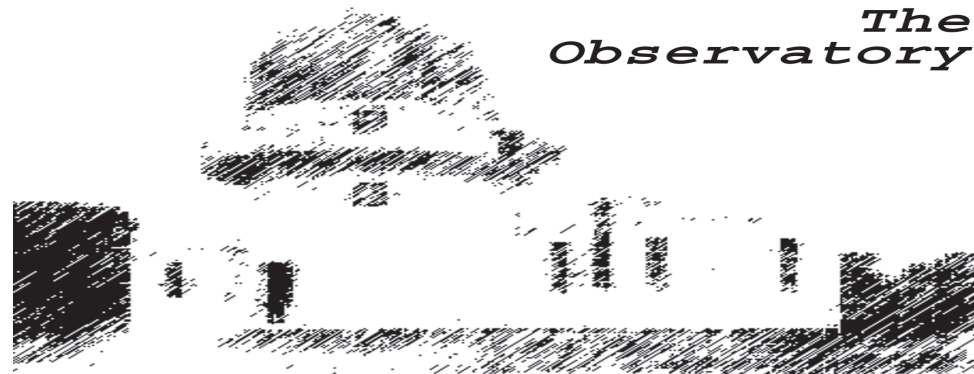
The point is, this is a major issue and none of the powers that be are doing anything about it. Sure, the fire department comes for free along with an ambulance bonus, but seriously, no one wants to stand outside for ten to 30 minutes for a non-emergency purpose. We are all busy and the weather is getting colder.

If you think this seems inconvenient, just imagine what the situation will be like when that fateful day comes that the sprinklers are set off. Something needs to be done, and soon, to get this serious issue resolved before someone gets hurt.



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Students stand outside an evacuated University Towers on Sunday, October 4, 2009 after the 14th fire drill since fall classes began.



*The
Observatory*

NEVER OWN A FERRET



Opinion Editor

**MATTHEW
GOGAS**

People want them. Ferrets are apparently in demand. More and more pet stores sell ferrets these days and of course, they are so cute and so cuddly. The way that they scamper about the floor and hide under furniture is just so darn precious. They make the cutest sounds and who can forget those little faces ... oh, the faces. Let's not forget that other thing about ferrets: they literally stink.

Ferrets give off a distinct odor that can sting the nostrils. Believe me, I know from experience. I lived with a ferret and his owner for more than a year. It is an odor that you really cannot get out of your house. According to Dr. Erika Matulich, a veterinarian and ferret enthusiast from Florida, the distinct odor that ferrets give off comes from musk glands in the their faces and bodies. Matulich also stated that the strongest contributor to the odor is hormonal activity. So, if you want to reduce the odor, your best bet is to have your ferret spayed or neutered. Most cat or dog owners prefer to get their pets spayed or neutered, so it is pretty commonplace for a ferret owner to do so as well, though it does cost money. This does not, however, eliminate the odor, it simply reduces it.

If these people going out and adopting ferrets are not turned off by the odor, what can turn them off to owning one? Maybe they are not completely informed about the downsides when they go to the pet store or someone they know passes one off to them. That is my best guess. In any case, do not own a ferret, especially if you do not know all the facts about them.

Two states, California and Hawaii, have laws that make owning a ferret illegal. New York City, Washington D.C., and a few other cities also make it illegal to own a ferret. I agree wholeheartedly with the decision these governments made. It should be

illegal to own a ferret. Ferrets are wild animals and should not be domesticated. While once the same could be said about cats and dogs (they too were once considered wild animals), they can be trained to be domestic animals. Ferrets cannot always be trained, not to mention they have very sharp teeth and tend to bite when they are younger.

Ready for a big surprise? If you own a ferret, be prepared to possibly spend up to \$1,000 in surgeries and medical expenses at any point during the ferret's lifetime because they are prone to developing adrenal disease. Adrenal disease is an affliction in which the adrenal glands stop producing hormones necessary to life. According to a study published by Dr. Kemmerer Cottrell in 2005, adrenal disease is “one of the most common problems of the domestic ferret.” Cottrell also stated the available options are either surgery or melatonin implants. Lu-pron, an estrogen blocker that is used for the treatment of breast cancer in women, is also effective in treating adrenal disease in ferrets. However, the cost would be \$50 a month for the rest of the ferret's life.

I could give you a thousand other reasons not to own a ferret, but these are the only ones that really matter. They are expensive, cannot always be trained, and they really do stink. So, the next time you see a ferret with his cute, cuddly little face and you think about buying him from the pet store, think again because he is nothing but trouble.



The Beacon/Tom Reilly

Finding a date on Facebook is not the best way to go



Asst. Opinion Editor

**DAVID
LEWIS**

Do you remember a time when dating involved nothing more than the intimate interactions between one person and another?

Chances are that if you are between the ages of 18 and 25, you have not experienced the blissful, black and white Hollywood depictions of long walks on the beach, or running to the front porch in the rain for a good-night kiss, or having a magical evening on a roof-top that nobody else in the world has access to or knows about.

Granted those examples of dates are not within the average Joe's means or budget, but we cannot discredit those couples who are brave enough to weather the challenges that our new millennium places on trying to find love. Dating in a technologically savvy era involves much more than just meeting that special someone at a designated time and place for a good time.

Advances in cellular phone texting/calling plans, social networking websites, and even websites designed to find you a husband or wife, have made stalking somewhat normalized. Now, a lover can keep track of his or her significant other's whereabouts throughout the day with a simple checkup on his or her "status."

Our generation has access to several types of networking websites such as Facebook.com or eharmony.com whose loan purpose is to accent our individualities to make us

look more appealing to outside viewers. As cool or appealing as one may seem on a website, chances are that he or she has not put as much time into developing his or her own sense of self--in "real" life.

It is no secret that societal trends in our country lean toward instant gratification--getting the most information in the fastest way possible. However, having your individuality on display through words on a screen at all times defeats the purpose of having to date, court, or even hang-out with a person for an extended period of time.

If the extent of deciding whether to date someone involves logging onto a social networking site, then the purpose of interacting through intimate face-to-face tactics is defeated. Once one knows what he or she needs to know about whether the "target" is attractive or distasteful, the whole purpose of dating becomes unnecessary.

Although Facebook is geared towards social networking, there are applications and features which make the internet-sensation a solid ground for judging another person without getting to know him or her through face-to-face contact.

Let us say, for example, you see a good-looking young woman who you think you might want to date. Instead of approaching her and starting a conversation, you choose to look up her profile on Facebook and check her "status."

First of all, a "relationship status" on Facebook is tremendously flawed. One can easily be listfited as "single" but still have a



The Beacon/Tom Reilly

Nicole Leshnow, sophomore nursing major, takes a study break to see what her friends are up to on Facebook in the Farley Library.

significant other. A single person could be unmarried, but dating. People may also list themselves as "in a relationship" or "married" to ward off unwanted pursuers, even if that is not his or her true status.

Once you've checked out the status, the next logical move on Facebook is to check out her photos. This is a disgusting way to tell if a person is right for you, considering that the pictures of the person may be from just one incident and does not mean that he or she always parties to the point where they run a naked mile.

Facebook can also deter an aspiring lover

from pursuing a person based upon the comments upon his or her wall. Just because someone left a dirty comment on your love interest's wall, does not mean he or she is a player.

In essence, using Facebook, or any other social networking site-- especially dating sites designed to find you a husband or wife--creates more problems than it's worth. The next time you are thinking about phone texting, AIM-ing (AOL Instant Messaging), or using social networking websites, avoid the hassle and strike up a conversation. Just say, "Hello. I'm (your name here)."

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Global Partners help students adjust to college, culture

BY RUTH WHISPELL

Assistant Lifestyles Editor

Imagine living somewhere where the entire culture is foreign. For the 160 International students enrolled at Wilkes University, that is their everyday life. Fortunately in September 2008, Wilkes inaugurated the Center for Global Education and Diversity.

"We help international students who don't have the English skills they need to study at the university," said Kimberly Niezgoda, assistant director of the IEP since 2006. "We teach the international students reading, writing, listening, speaking--all the things they're going to need to know to get a passing score on the TOEFL Exam," said Niezgoda.

TOEFL stands for Test of English as a Foreign Language Exam; international students take this exam around the world to prove that they have the academic skills they need to succeed in an American, British, or Australian University.

"We have services for all International students and we also have services for diverse students, or students of diverse backgrounds," added Georgia Costalas, managing director for the Center for Global Education and Diversity. "We work with students who are considered underrepresented minorities, or who are minorities for

other reasons."

The Global Center for Education and Diversity, according to its brochure, provides services for students whose race, sexuality, gender, age, and culture is different from the majority population.

The Center recently applied a program called Global Partner, where international students can meet with American students who volunteer their time to hang out.

According to Niezgoda, the students who enter into the IEP can come in at five levels, Beginner, speaking little or no English, Low Beginner, Intermediate, High Intermediate, and Advanced, speaking clear and concise English. Some of them speak little to no English when they get here. Those students who come to the university and have more experience speaking English may only need to participate in one semester of the IEP.

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"They really want to get to know Americans and college life and because of the IEP schedule. They don't get to do Club Day or meet Americans in their classes because our schedule is so different," said Niezgoda.

Mohammed Aloumin is a 19-year-old from Saudi Arabia and has reached level four of the IEP. "It's helped me a lot with reading, vocabu-

lary, listening, and speaking skills," said Aloumin.

"The Global Partners is a chance after classes for them to hang out with an American. They play pool in the Student Center, or go see a movie, even cook together," said Niezgoda.

Through this program, international students wanting to improve their English get

to experience American culture and make friends at the same time. Because of the IEP schedule, they don't have an opportunity to make friends with American students.

The Center for Global Education and Diversity offers coffee hours on Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. in the Savitz Multicultural Lounge on the second floor of the Henry Student Center.

"We have people who come every week. Sometimes we have about ten people, but other times we've had up to 35 people attend coffee hour. Sometimes we'll have a presentation where one student may speak about a particular situation or event from their country," said Costalas.

The center also features Global Family, where a family invites an international student to their home for an American holiday, such as Thanksgiving.

"I have met a few people in coffee hour, but outside of school, no. I want to join American life and I want to learn about American culture. Also I would like to share Arabic culture and food with Americans," said Aloumin.

Anyone interested in becoming a Global Partner should contact Kimberly Niezgoda via email at kimberly.niezgoda@wilkes.edu.



The Beacon/Melanie Thomas

Cindy McCoy mans the desk of the Global Diversity building. The program connects international students to American students.

Student of the week: Jahmitza Perez

BY ADRIENNE SHELLENBERGER

Correspondent

Wilkes University may have The Beacon, The Inkwell, and Wilkes World, but senior Jahmitza Perez didn't think we had enough campus media, so she's adding a "POW." Perez, an integrative media major, is working on creating POWzine.

It started as a class project when she was a junior. "My strengths lie in 2-D design so I thought a magazine would be appropriate," said Perez.

With the thought that integrative media students should have their own piece of literature to contribute to Wilkes and the advice of her advisor, Eric Ruggerio, Perez

decided to turn the project into a full product. Perez has set up a non-profit business with a bank and is currently working on the first issue of POWzine to present to Wilkes to be approved for funding.

Ruggerio, Perez's advisor, encouraged her to produce a new piece of media for the Wilkes campus. With that extra push, she turned the draft into a full-blown project. Perez has set up a non-profit business with a bank and is currently working on the first issue of POWzine to present to Wilkes to be approved for funding.

Perez wants her magazine to appeal to all college students, "the young adult, the I'm-not-married-just-yet public," she said. "I got tired of reading lame Cosmo articles,"

said Perez. POWzine will be "full of 'the student,' our hang-ups, our art, our makeup, but most importantly, it's ours."

Perez doesn't take all the credit for POWzine. Her friends Amanda Petrosky and Ryan Bracey are helping out, along with Nicole DePolo who is supervising and editing.

"It's a team effort and I cannot wait to share the magazine with Wilkes this semester," said Perez.

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words...

Perez: Determined, curly-haired, optimistic.

The Beacon: Finish the sentence, "My friends would be surprised to know..."

Perez: That I actually hate orange juice.

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

Perez: I see myself creating, designing, branching out to the public so I can share pieces of my work.



Photo courtesy of Jahmitz Perez

Trolleys, Pints and Ghosts for Homecoming 2009

BY RUTH WHISPELL
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

As Wilkes University moves into the month of October, the staff at the Office of Alumni Relations feels not only the sudden chill in the air, but a certain pride about Homecoming Weekend.

"We try to have events for every type of alumni, so the people who may not want to come back just for the social will come back for the educational factor," said Mirko Widenhorn, director of Alumni Relations.

There will be open classes all day, allowing alumni the opportunity to sit in on a class they once took during their time at Wilkes.

Widenhorn and Sandra Carroll, the executive director of Alumni Relations, sent emails out to all faculty and staff asking if they would be willing to open their class for alumni.

"We had a good response. It's a good cross section, everything from first-year foundation courses to psychology and even communications," said Carroll.

Other events of interest on Friday include the Trolley Tour of Campus and downtown

Wilkes-Barre. Tourists. It will be hosted by Tony Brooks, the executive director of the Luzerne County Historical Society. The tour will cover part of downtown's historical buildings, and also some buildings around campus.

Later that day, returning alumni can have a beer with their favorite professors. Pint's with Professor's will kick off in Weckesser Hall at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will also be available and all students who are 21 or older will be permitted to attend the event, but must provide ID at the door.

After drinks, what better way to close out the evening than searching for ghosts in some of the old mansions on campus? The Historical "Haunted Wilkes" walking tour will depart from the John Wilkes statue at 6 p.m. Wilkes University buildings on the tour include Kirby Hall, Sturdevant Hall, Weckesser Hall, and Roth Hall.

Rest up, because Saturday packs quite a punch, with events starting at 8:30 a.m. and going through dinnertime.

Saturday highlights include the 2009 Homecoming 5K Ragin' Road Race, which is sponsored by the Wilkes Running Club.

The race starts at the Alumni House on South River Street and goes across the Market street Bridge, through Kirby Park and ends at the tailgate tent. Students can participate in the race for free and can sign up by contacting the Alumni Office.

If you'd rather watch than run, cop a squat along South Main Street for the Homecoming parade, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Just a few of the groups featured in the parade include SIFE [Students in Free Enterprise], ROTC, The Beacon, Class of '04, Class of '69, and of course the Wilkes University Colonel.

After the game, head back to campus for a tent festival on the greenway from 4-6 p.m., where there will be special reunions for Alternative Spring Break, The Beacon, communication studies, Doane, Gore, and Weckesser Alumni, psychology alumni, the class of '69 and the class of '84.

"Students are invited, as the tent festival is being sponsored by Student Government. There will be alcohol, but students will not be allowed to drink because it is funded by Student Government," said Widenhorn.

To wrap up homecoming weekend, the

campus belltower will ring in remembrance of all alumni and Wilkes community members who have passed away since last year's homecoming on Sunday, October 11th at 9:45 a.m.

Also on Sunday at 11:45 a.m. in the Henry Student Center ballroom, six alumni will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.



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The John Wilkes Statue is the starting point for homecoming weekend activities like the Historial "Haunted Wilkes" walking tour.

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College Days

Associate provost's Facebook connects him to college friends

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS

Lifestyles Editor

"Bing!"

The computer revs up.

Dr. Vernon Harper, Wilkes University's new associate provost, sits down behind his large wooden desk and places his hands over the keyboard.

Into the URL bar he types "www.facebook.com."

Harper, like millions, uses Facebook, the Internet social networking site, to connect and stay connected with his family and friends.

"I have 164 Facebook friends. Ten to 15 are from grade school; three or four are from Penn State Hazleton; five or six are from Penn State University Park. And I need them," admits Harper.

Harper thrives on the connections made during his undergraduate years to sustain his view of Penn State, where he completed his undergraduate degree in communications.

"As you get older, your past becomes brighter. I need them sustain my view of Penn State and what happened. It was a wonderful time. If I didn't have those peo-

ple to relive those experiences I don't know what kind of person I would be, and I would not want to know," said Harper.

Harper spent two of his four undergraduate years at Penn State Hazleton and the last two years at Penn State University Park.

"Back then you had to go. When I transitioned from Hazleton with a small, small campus of around 3,000 students to University Park with 40,000 students, that was a rough adjustment," said Harper.

Despite a rough adjustment, Harper spent his undergraduate years learning the many lessons students inevitably learn about themselves.

Harper admits to not always being the studious and driven person he is today.

"I was a slacker," stated Harper. "I guess I was a good student, but I never exercised my potential as a student."

As he approaches age 40, Harper's connection to his undergraduate years is still vivid. While he remembers his time at both Penn State Hazleton and University Park well, he notices the changes within himself. "A major change for me from past to today is I have charted a course for my life and I derive a great amount of satisfaction in ex-

ecuting it," stated Harper.

As Harper's personal education excelled through not only his undergraduate years, but his masters' degree and doctorate as well, he gained a greater sense of self and a drive that kept him thriving in his personal endeavors. Harper's drive came to him in his late 20s.

"I learned that I needed to pay more attention, be more detail-oriented. I learned about relationships. I learned about careers. It put me position to learn about myself as a working person. I really appreciated that," reflected Harper.

Moving from Pennsylvania to California for work, and back to the east coast to work in Virginia, Harper's many positions have enlightened him and instilled him with a determination to push him both personally and academically.

"I'm stealing someone's thought, but there is where you are and where you'd like to be. In between the two is a tension. If you can feel that tension, it can pull you through your life. However, you need that point. You need to know where you want to be," suggested Harper.

After graduating from Penn State, Harper

took a job as a headhunter, working to find other professionals jobs. Despite losing this job early in his professional career, Harper thrust himself back into academia.

According to Harper, he was running from the real world by going back to school; however, his running turned into the push he needed to become not just a well-rounded student, but a well-rounded professional.

"I felt like I didn't have enough firepower to give myself security in life. I had to go back and get more firepower," he said.

Education was his firepower.

Harper's personal and academic education was defined through his many roads.

"Enjoy your time as an undergraduate. Be cognitive and know that it leads to a time when you really need to work hard," concluded Harper.

Harper's hard work has propelled him through many positions in the professional world. But he has never forgotten those connections he made while in college. Just check his Facebook and see.

In his own words, Harper storms Beaver Stadium:



Photo courtesy of Dr. Vernon Harper

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It was 1991, and in 1990 George Tech had won the national championship in football. We played George Tech in the first game of the season in Atlanta. We won that game. So, we beat the defending national champions in the first game of the season. A spontaneous group of fans formed on the corner of, I think, College Avenue and Beaver. My dorm was a couple of steps away. It was ten people, then it was twenty people, then it was a thousand people, then two thousand people. Everyone ran down and joined this mob. Someone had the vision of going up to the stadium [Beaver Stadium]. Some rowdy people broke in. I ran around the stadium and through the tunnel where the team comes from. I ran and stood on the fifty yard line. It was one of the best moments in my entire life.

”

Dr. Vernon Harper recently became Wilkes's first associate provost.



Review: Fundraiser “raises roof” for Osterhout Library

BY BRIE FRIEDMAN

A&E Editor

Atop the East Parking Garage Corner located on Washington and Market Streets in the Downtown, the city of Wilkes-Barre provided citizens with food and entertainment under the stars to benefit the Osterhout Free Library on Franklin Street. The event, “Raising the Rooftop Fundraiser,” took place this past Saturday evening, Oct. 3, from 5 - 7 p.m.

The event had an exuberant atmosphere with a decent crowd of people. The majority of guests were enjoying the many Hors d'oeuvres that were courtesy of eleven local restaurants, such as pizza from Rodanos, sandwiches from T.G.I. Fridays, and mouth-watering wings from Gonda's Hoagies, Wings, and Spirits.

I couldn't help but notice the generosity of the local breweries either. It was appropriately themed “Oktoberfest.” Breaker Brewing Company and Northeast Eagle Distributors provided courtesy beer, wine, water, and their ultimate fall featured cocktail that made me weak in the knees: “The Tuaca Apple Pie.” This cocktail gave the cool, sunny evening a fall-season taste, made up of fresh apple cider and Italian liqueur topped off with whipped cream—enough said.

Live music also echoed off of the buildings in the Square and punctuated the evening with easy rock. This live entertainment was provided by The Traveling Wilkes-Barreans, featuring Bret and Ron of the Badlees, Pauly of Panacea, and Dustin of

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Locals seen enjoying the fundraiser festivities on top of the Park and Lock East Parking Garage on the corner of Washington and Market Streets.

Artist Spotlight: Dr. Sharon Bowar

BY KRISTEN KARPINSKI

Asst. A&E Editor

Too often, the art department is overlooked at Wilkes University. This month, The Beacon will spotlight students and faculty of the visual arts department for the Wilkes community to create a stronger appreciation for their majors and backgrounds.

This week The Beacon will spotlight a woman of sensational talent and compassion for the study of art who teaches classes in painting, printmaking, design, and life drawing each semester. Sharon Bowar, associate professor of art, teaches at Wilkes with the hope of sparking interest in and appreciation of art in her students each semester.

The Beacon: When did you first learn of your talent and interest in art?

Bowar: I knew I wanted to become an artist by age fifteen. At that time, I was not aware of how much hard work it required, but I knew I had found what I loved and had a strong desire to learn, grow and succeed as an artist. For many years, I explored and experimented with a vast array of art forms and then focused my knowledge and skills in the art of painting.

The Beacon: What makes painting such an important part of your life?

Bowar: The regular practice of painting is the most consistent part of my life. I enter my studio very early each day. Some days include many hours of painting while others, usually teaching days, may have only a brief hour or two. Of course I like to travel and take holidays, but I'm always returning to the act of painting for the anchor it provides in an oft-unpredictable world. This consistency of creativity provides me with a sense of well being and inner composure.

The Beacon: I know you had said you had an art business. Can you explain more about it?

Bowar: In brief, my business involves travel, research, correspondence, production of art, documentation, marketing, presentations, exhibitions, identifying markets, maintaining a studio with supplies and equipment, billing and paying taxes. I have two galleries that showcase my work and I maintain a web-portfolio that has been viewed around the world, www.sharon-bowar.com. I participate in juried, invitational and solo exhibitions. I regularly donate works of art for charitable auctions

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BELOW: Dr. Sharon Bowar, associate professor of art at Wilkes University, has participated in several exhibitions, showcasing her paintings in cities such as Philadelphia and Albuquerque.



Courtesy of Wilkes.edu

ABOVE: Pictured is an oil painting created by Dr. Bowar in 2005 named *Studio Chair*.



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and fundraisers. My next large solo exhibition is scheduled for June 2010 in Philadelphia. It takes me about two or three years to create new work for a solo exhibition.

The Beacon: What pieces make you feel most accomplished as an artist and why?

Bowar: Many of my smallest and seemingly insignificant works mean the most to me. I love the quick “demonstrations” I spontaneously create in my classes because they speak of my joy of teaching art. Otherwise, it’s not the large and bombastic that I cherish most, it’s certain small paintings that help me recall the work—the evolution—the growth and struggle of becoming an artist. In works like my first etching done at age 19, or a small landscape painting done outdoors in Italy or Mexico, or those special greeting cards I made for my father over the years.

The Beacon: Will any of your work be featured at the Faculty Exhibition at the Sordoni?

Bowar: Yes, I will exhibit four new oil paintings.

The Beacon: Where do you gain inspira-

tion for your paintings?

Bowar: I’m inspired by nature, poetry, atmosphere, color, daily and seasonal rhythms, and people.

The Beacon: What technique do you use?

Bowar: I’m a fairly traditional painter, except sometimes I sketch and compose on the computer. Then I draw, develop a tonal under-painting, apply color washes, build layers of full-bodied oil paint, apply transparent glazes and end with a layer of varnish to protect the work.

The Beacon: Where do you complete your paintings?

Bowar: I paint in a private studio in north Wilkes-Barre. My studio has consistent northern light, high ceilings, a cozy fireplace, and two loving cats.

As Dr. Bowar mentioned, you can visit her website, www.sharonbowar.com, to view more of her works online, learn more about her educational background, and read reviews about her work. Don’t forget to check out her oil paintings which will be displayed at the Faculty Art Exhibition starting on October 19 at the Sordoni Art Gallery.

ROME STUDIO CHAIR

Photo Courtesy of Cultural Council of Luzerne County

This oil painting was completed on canvas by Sharon Bowar. See more oil paintings done by Dr. Bowar and other Wilkes University faculty at the Faculty Art Exhibition on October 19 in the Sordoni Art Gallery or by visiting www.cclcart.org.

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The “Wild Thing” from Maurice Sendak’s “Where the Wild Things Are” is coming to story time on Saturday October 10th from 11:00 – 12:00pm.



Powder Puff Game

Battle of the classes

BY BRIE FRIEDMAN

A&E Editor

There's something about seeing guys dress up as cheerleaders and classes battling against each other in flag football that oozes school spirit. The junior class has decided to have a fall semester event that would serve that exact purpose—to raise school spirit and just have fun.

This Wednesday, Oct. 7, a battle of the classes event will take place in the UCOM building. The Powder Puff game will be divided among the classes: juniors in yellow against the seniors in blue, and freshman in red against the sophomores in white. The winning team will be awarded with Wilkes Powder Puff Champion T-shirts. If there are any guys out there who could use some cash, all you have to do is dress up as a cheerleader and prove your school spirit. The most convincing male cheerleader and best female football player will both be awarded with a \$20 Visa Giftcard—sounds like fun already.

Megan Dickinson, president of the junior class, is hoping to get enough students to participate. If it has a great turnout, they will definitely make it an annual event. The idea was inspired by Katie Munchel, secretary of the junior class.

"This is a very low cost event and hopefully turns out to be a great night without having the school put out so much money," said Dickinson.

Everyone is invited to this event. Referees and coaches are welcome to help out with the game. In order to participate, students must sign up in the Student Union Building outside of the Student Government office during club hours. Students should make sure to sign up by Oct. 6 at 5 p.m.

The game starts at 7 p.m. Even if students don't want to participate, it is worth watching the classes battle it out or seeing the guys dress up as cheerleaders. The point is to just have fun.

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Lemongelli.

People 21 years and older were allowed into the event. The admission fee was \$20 at the door, but only \$15 if purchased in advance. Once paid, guests were able to indulge in the many varieties of food and all of the fun drinks from the local restaurants and alcohol distributors.

Christopher Kelly, director of development at the Osterhout Free Library, hoped to bring in about 700 guests. Kelly's job entails raising money for the library via grants, foundations, corporate and personal donations, and special fundraiser events such as this one. The goal was to raise about \$8,000 for Osterhout. Kelly said the idea was inspired by similar rooftop party fundraisers in Scranton, which brought in about 700-1,700 attendees. Though it may not have seen quite as many attendees as previous Scranton parties, the night still looked like a success, and Osterhout definitely benefited from this fundraiser.



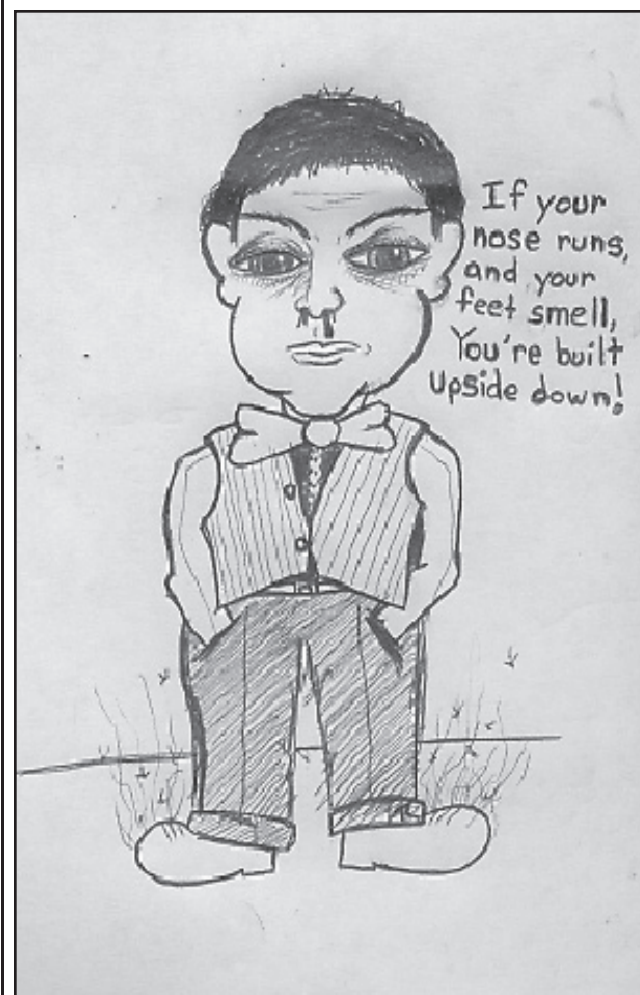
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The band "The Traveling Wilkes-Barreans" performing during the "Raise the Roof Fundraiser."

TR 'TOONS

BY TOM REILLY

Photo Editor



THE DEEVOQUIP!

BY DAVID LEWIS

Staff Writer

Use the clue provided in order to decipher the meaning of the puzzle. The clue represents a letter that can be used to guess what other letters within each word are. Through the process of elimination and knowledge of vocabulary, solving the puzzle depends upon how well you can deduce the possibility of one letter equaling another. Once you assign a letter to equal another, the letter cannot be changed for the remaining letters in the puzzle. Good Luck!

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This week's clues: Q=E & N=T

Check next week's issue of *The Beacon* for the answer!

Answer from last week: IF IT TAKES TWO TO MAKE A THING GO RIGHT THEN IT TAKES ONE FOR IT TO GO WRONG.

Movie Review: *The Informant* is timely tale of corporate whistle-blowing

BY DAN KAUTZ

Managing Editor

Editor's Note: This review contains spoilers.

Sitting through *The Informant* was one of the more unique experiences I've ever had at the movies. I went in with high expectations as a fan of both Matt Damon and director Steven Soderbergh (Ocean's 11-13, Traffic), and walked out... pleased? Confused? Maybe the right word is tickled.

The movie follows the real-life story of Mark Whitacre (Damon), a high-ranking executive at Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) in Decatur, IL. One of the world's largest producers of ethanol, ADM is said in the movie to be the world's 46th most lucrative corporation according to Fortune magazine.

Mark's not happy. It's difficult to believe, considering he earns a \$350,000 salary and is loved and adored by his loyal wife Ginger (Melanie Lynskey). Mark's problem is that he knows too much-- as one of the top players at ADM, he learns of the company's international price-fixing arrangements that have been bilking consumers out of billions of dollars around the world. He decides to clear his conscience to an FBI detective named Brian Shepard (Scott Bakula), and it is from there that the movie takes off.

Whitacre begins wearing a wire and gathering evidence for the mounting FBI investigation, using his small-town charm and sensibilities to stay a step ahead of suspicion.

His colleagues see him as quaint and unassuming; they don't even catch on when his recorder starts malfunctioning during a business meeting, setting up one of the movie's funniest scenes. It's only after he finally indicts the leadership of ADM and is crowned a hero by the FBI and public that the movie delivers its hilarious curveball: Whitacre's been making millions himself through a series of embezzlement scams and kickbacks. As the audience tries to keep up with Soderbergh's pacing, veil after veil of deception is peeled away until we're left completely unsure of who or what to believe.

Following the many details of *The Informant* is important, but it's the actors who are crucial to its success. Damon plays Whitacre with impeccable timing and a focus that is extremely understated. Having to play clueless requires more guile than most audience members probably appreciate. Bakula is also integral as Shepard; as time progresses, you begin to sympathize with the bewildered detective as he realizes that he's involved in the schemes of a wildly pathological liar.

Calling the movie "a success" is an assertion that gives me pause. I can't deny that it's good, but I was left with an odd feeling at its conclusion. Perhaps it's the pacing, which can at times get bogged down in a crush of details. Maybe it's because of the fact that it's more of a "mockumentary" than a true comedy, which is what the majority of its trailers had me believing before I saw it. In any case, it's certain to frustrate many of those who attend it expecting a simple

comedy.

Should you go and see it? I would be disappointed if I stopped you- I believe it's a movie that you should draw your own conclusions about. Fans of Damon will love the subtle touches he brings to Whitacre, and those who love Soderbergh won't be disappointed with his directive stylings.

Rating: 3 / 5



What's Happening Around Wilkes-Barre

BY KRISTEN KARPINSKI

Assistant A&E Editor

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

- "Battle of the Classes" @ UCOM
- Powderpuff football against classes
- Starts at 7 p.m. - Check out the fun!
- Slug Club @ Barnes and Noble
- Book Club for Harry Potter - all ages invited
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 8, 2009

- Live Irish Session @ The Bog, Scranton
- Cost: FREE, Starts at 9 p.m.
- Loom, Exotic Animal Petting Zoo, Machine Arms, Faceplant Harvey @ Café Metropolis
- Cost: \$7, Starts at 7 p.m.

All Weekend Long

- Cliffhanger @ Lakeville Community Hall
- Cost: \$12, Starts at 7:30 p.m. (Fri.-Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.)
- Betwixt Two Mountains @ Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre
- Cost: \$8, Starts 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.)

Friday, October 9, 2009

- The Asylum Street Spankers @ Arts YOUiverse, Wilkes-Barre
- Cost: \$15, \$12 for members, Starts at 8 p.m.

- Ol' Cabbage @ Club JAM, Pittston
- Cost: \$5, Starts at 9 p.m.
- NEPA Philharmonic - John Williams at the Movies @ FM Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre
- Cost: \$20.50-\$57.50, Starts at 8 p.m.
- Live Music with Eamonn Garaghty @ Barnes and Noble
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 10, 2009

- Weatherbox, All Get Out, Kite Party, The Greek Favorites @ Café Metropolis
- Cost: \$8, Starts at 8 p.m.
- Black River, Edge Three, Imaginary Boys @ Club JAM, Pittston
- Cost: \$5, Starts at 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 11, 2009

- Former Ghosts, These Elk Forever, Agnes @ Café Metropolis
- Cost: \$8, Starts at 7 p.m.
- Whose Live Anyway? starring Ryan Stiles and cast of Whose Line Is It Anyway? @ FM Kirby Center, Wilkes-Barre
- Cost: \$26.50-\$46.50, Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 12, 2009

- Backseat Goodbye & Goot @ Café Metropolis
- Cost: \$8, Starts at 7 p.m.

Coming next week...

-Wilkes University:

Faculty Art Exhibition starting on Oct. 19th at the Sordoni Art Gallery

-The Bog, Scranton:

Bog Swing Band on Oct. 14th, 9:30 p.m. - \$3
Cabinet on Oct. 15th, 10 p.m. - \$5

-Café Metropolis, Wilkes-Barre:

Life on Repeat, Floral Terrace, The Spin Room on Oct. 15th, 7 p.m. - \$7

-Club JAM, Pittston:

X-Terra on Oct. 16th, 9 p.m. - \$5
Jesse Fink, The Bluegrass, Boyz on Oct. 17th, 9 p.m. - \$5

-Mellow Theater, Scranton:

Artic Shaw Orchestra on Oct. 17th, 8 p.m. - check site for prices

-Scranton Cultural Center:

3rd Annual Evening of Jazz on Oct. 18th, 5:30 p.m. - \$50

-The Phoenix Performing Arts Center, Duryea:

Night of the Living Dead on Oct. 16th-17th, 8 p.m. - \$12

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THE QUEENS OF KING'S

Volleyball sweeps season series with Lady Monarchs

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI

Assistant Sports Editor

There's no question that Wilkes University's biggest athletic rival is King's College.

Lisa Rizzo, a four-year veteran of the Lady Monarchs volleyball team who now coaches the Wilkes University squad, will be the first to testify that there's a mutual dislike between the two Wilkes-Barre schools.

"I would definitely say it is an even rivalry," Rizzo said. "Everyone's pumped up. Everyone wants to win. Both teams are out for blood."

While there wasn't any bloodshed at King's during Wednesday night's volleyball match, the Lady Colonels did erase a four-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory over their cross-town rivals.

It was Wilkes's 11th win of the season, and their biggest one to date.

"We needed this win really bad," said junior libero Allie Kelleher. "We had a losing streak and we played a lot of tough teams, but we knew that King's was going to be tough for us. The fact that we beat them just makes us work even harder now."

The Lady Colonels' four-game skid was part of a dismal stretch that saw them lose eight of their previous ten matches. The Lady Monarchs were much more fortunate in their recent results, entering Wednesday with a 9-2 record in their last 11 games.

Kelleher said that the Lady Colonels didn't take that into consideration. The team was focused on proving that they should have been ranked higher than King's in the pre-season polls.

"They were seeded fourth, and we were seeded fifth, so beating them helped us," Kelleher added. "We knew we were better than them."

Wilkes took the opening game of the best-of-five match, 25-20. King's answered back with a 25-23 victory in game two, and was in danger of winning the third game as well. The Lady Monarchs led 22-21, but the Lady Colonels responded with four consecutive points to take the game.

Sophomore middle hitter Emily DeBuck took over at the end of game three, earning points on three straight serves to steal



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Sophomore middle hitter Emily DeBuck gets ready to spike the ball during Wednesday's match at King's College. The Lady Colonels beat the Lady Monarchs 3-1.

a victory and give Wilkes a 2-1 advantage heading into the fourth game.



Emily DeBuck
Courtesy Marketing Comm.

"I get excited when I'm back there," DeBuck said of her serving. "I try and pick the team up and get them excited."

DeBuck's serves started a momentum swing that carried over into game 4. After going through eight lead changes in the third set, the Lady Colonels opened the fourth game with a 5-0 run and never looked back. They posted the biggest win margin of the day in the decisive contest, winning 25-16.

"In the last of the third and the beginning of the fourth set, I think we found a more consistent pace," Rizzo said. "We controlled the tempo of the game a little bit more."

The Lady Colonels return to action tonight, October 6, when conference foe DeSales visits the Marts Center at 7 p.m.

Including tonight's match-up, Wilkes has seven contests remaining in the regular season, with five of those being home games. The team is hoping to feed off of the energy of the crowd and conclude the season with another stretch of wins.

"I know we have a lot of tough games, so hopefully the fans will help us get that energy we need and be excited during the games," Kelleher said. "We play very well when we're excited."

REMAINING SCHEDULE

10/6 DeSales	7 PM
10/14 Delaware Valley	7 PM
10/17 Albright	10 AM
10/17 Marywood	12 PM
10/20 Eastern	7 PM
10/22 Scranton	7 PM
10/28 Misericordia	7 PM

Home Games in Bold

Wilkes thrown to the Lions in MAC opener

BY RYAN HOLMES

Assistant Sports Editor

The Wilkes football team took on the Albright Lions in a battle of the unbeaten to kick off their MAC season on Saturday. Before the game, defensive back Darnell Corbin said that the team was confident and poised for victory again.

"I feel that we are ready for whatever Albright has to throw at us," Corbin said. "We just came off a big win in Virginia and I think we are ready to keep the win streak going."

But Albright had other plans for the Colonels as they entered the Lions' den in Reading, Pa.

Albright immediately attacked the Wilkes defense in the first quarter. On their opening drive, the Lions used nine plays chewing up 72-yards in the process to record the first score of the afternoon. The extra point was no good and the score stayed at 6-0.

A defensive battle followed after the score until Wilkes took the lead on a Zack Tivaldo 16-yard rushing touchdown in the second quarter. Albright regained the lead six minutes later when quarterback Tanner Kelly completed a 22-yard pass to wide receiver Nate Romig for his second touchdown reception of the day. The Lions added a 28-yard field goal just before the half to make the score 15-7.

The Colonels went into half time trailing Albright by eight. This was the third time that Wilkes has gone into the half trailing the opposing team, but so far this season the second half proved to be all about Wilkes football. However, this time would be different.

"I guess we keyed too much on one thing this week and they [Albright] came at us with something totally different," commented defensive end Sean O'Neill after the game.

The Colonels first possession of the second half resulted in a loss of 12 yards forcing them to punt to Albright.

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Athlete Spotlight: Melanie Nolt; freshman phenom

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
Sports Editor

Served up in this week's athlete spotlight is tennis ace Melanie Nolt. The Accounting major from Manheim, Pennsylvania, has wasted no time showcasing her talent on the courts, as she has taken over as the Lady Colonel's number one singles player as only a mere freshman.

In her first collegiate match versus Manhattanville, Nolt made her presence felt on the court immediately, pairing up with fellow freshman Katie Lynn to embarrass Scarlett Rodriguez and Danielle Waldron 8-0 in the first doubles match of the day. Then, in her singles match, Nolt made quick work of Rodriguez once again, this time with a dominating 6-0, 6-2 straight set victory.

Although this fabulous freshman made it look almost effortless on the court, she'll be the first to tell you that it was anything but that.

"The first match I was so nervous," said Nolt. "I didn't want to be the only person to lose. So many people came to watch,

including my grandparents and my parents, and I wanted to show them that I actually improved from high school. I came off the court crying, and they told me I actually got better."

They were tears of joy for Nolt, who's been playing tennis since seventh grade but spent the entire summer rehabbing an injured shoulder. She was diagnosed with limited

shoulder rotation, an injury that restricts the overall movement in her shoulder, hampering both her serve and her overhead shot.



Courtesy of Marketing Communications

Freshman Melanie Nolt has dazzled so far this season after taking over as the teams number one singles player.

The injury all but ruined her senior year, and shelved her from tennis until about two weeks before this pre-season started.

"I can't come all the way around on my serve because my shoulder gets too sore, and I'm done after two or three matches," said Nolt. "But it makes me better because I work on placement instead of power. It makes me a better, smarter player."

The injury didn't seem to have any effect on Nolt in the ITA Regional Tournament in Virginia. She would get a chance right away to prove her worth, as her first opponent was Johns Hopkins' Anita Bhamidipati, the number six seed in the entire tournament.

After a fierce back and forth battle that saw Nolt jump out to a quick lead, only to have Bhamidipati fight back, Nolt came out victorious, downing Bhamidipati in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4.

"I was kind of out of breath and walked off the court in a daze," chuckled Nolt. "I was up and then she came back, and I thought, 'I worked so hard and didn't want to play a third set.' I told myself I was not serving again and I finished it out."

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FIELD HOCKEY

10/1 vs. Alvernia 4-1 W
9/26 @ Eastern 3-1 L

WEEK AHEAD

FOOTBALL

10/10 vs. Lebanon Valley

MEN'S SOCCER

10/7 @ Rowan
10/10 @ Manhattanville

WOMEN'S SOCCER

10/7 @ Kean
10/10 @ Manhattanville

VOLLEYBALL

10/6 vs. DeSales

WOMEN'S TENNIS

10/7 @ Misericordia
10/10 vs. DeSales
10/11 vs. Susquehanna

CROSS COUNTRY

10/10 DeSales Invitational

MEN'S TENNIS

10/11 vs. Susquehanna

FIELD HOCKEY

10/5 @ William Paterson
10/7 @ Ithaca
10/10 vs. DeSales

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Face Off



Who is the best coach in sports today?

You can't spell "Koach" without a "K"



Sports Editor

ANTHONY DORUNDA

The best coach, huh? Keep reading, 'cause this is a good one!

Mr. Holmes has gone the NBA route with Phil Jackson. In all honesty I'm not sure how I am supposed to argue against Jackson. I mean there is a reason for him being aptly titled the "Zen-Master."

But he's also had the luxury of having players widely considered the best in the game at the time (MJ in Chicago, Kobe and Shaq in L.A.). Put it this way – with Shaq at center and Kobe at point guard, I could have played power forward, Mr. Holmes could have suited up at small forward, and Cignoli could have run the point and the Lakers still would have won three straight.

And with those titles, he's only won Coach of the Year once? Hmmmm...

That's why I'm going into the college ranks for this one.

My chap? Well he has not only been the NCAA basketball Coach of the Year 12 times in eight different seasons, but he was

named Coach of the Decade for the 1990s by the National Association of Basketball Coaches and was the second recipient of the John R. Wooden Legends of Coaching Award.

That man, ahem, legend, is none other than Mike Krzyzewski.

Listen, I hate Duke with a passion. I mean, I am a hardcore Heels fan; I bleed tar heel blue and want to throw a Tyson-like haymaker at every single one of the Cameron Crazies. On the same hand, I also appreciate greatness when I see it and Coach K is the epitome of greatness. On top of that, he is a class act, something that's hard to come by these days.

See, Coach K doesn't coach at a school where players major in basketball; he's coaching legitimate rocket scientists and dudes majoring in molecular genetics that just so happen to be able to play a little ball, too. There are lofty education standards at Duke, and Coach K keeps those standards, graduating an astounding 98% of his players. That's a feat in itself.

Ahh, wait, but you want some numbers. Yes, yes, I have a few.

Coach K has won a mind-bending 833 games and counting, making him the win-

ningest active coach and the sixth winningest all time, not to mention he's won an NCAA-record 71 NCAA Tournament games, an NCAA-record ten 30-win seasons, 11 ACC regular-season championships (nine more than any active coach), 11 ACC Tournament titles (eight more than any active coach), 10 Final Fours (third most in history), and of course, three National titles.

It gets boring to say NCAA-record so many times, doesn't it? Here's another: the 291 wins his Blue Devils have racked up this decade is more than any other team in any other decade in NCAA basketball history. Oh, and he also recently won an Olympic Gold Medal with team USA. Before anyone says he should have won with a team like that, remember, that team couldn't take gold just a few years earlier.

Coach K has also received another prestigious honor in 2001 as he was named "American's Best Coach" – all coaches, any sport, any level of play – by Time magazine and CNN. Not to mention Krzyzewski was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001.

Not to bad of a resume, huh?

Sorry Ms. Jackson, Whoooo, I'm Votin' for Phil



Asst. Sports Editor

RYAN HOLMES

Class is back in session and today's topic is greatness. Let's start with Phil D. Jackson who is definitely the best coach of all time. When it comes to coaching, Jackson has the "Midas Touch." Every team he coaches turns into gold.

Since 1989, when Mr. Dorunda was just a twinkle in his father's eye, Jackson became the head coach of the Chicago Bulls. From there he took them from regular status to king status. His first year as the head coach didn't result in a championship, but his Bulls posted a 10-6 playoff record that season.

There has not been one team that Jackson has coached that did not make the playoffs. True dominance is what he represents and you can guarantee that his teams do too.

It took him one year to adjust to the NBA before he conquered it. The 1990-91 season resulted in absolute greatness when

the Chicago Bulls posted a record of 61-21 and won their first NBA Championship ever under Jackson's leadership. The next season, championship; the season after that, championship. Can someone please tell me who is better than this man? Before you say something Mr. Dorunda, I can already tell you that you are wrong – it's not Coach K.

In the nine seasons as the Bulls head coach, Jackson appeared in every single playoff, winning the NBA title six out of nine times.

Now, I know what most of you, including Mr. Dorunda, are saying, "Phil was nothing without [Michael] Jordan and [Scottie] Pippen." But without a great coach to push the team, they wouldn't be champions. So give Jackson some praise for being able to motivate some of the greatest players of all time.

OK, now where was I? Oh yeah, Phil Jackson is the man, plain and simple. After taking the Bulls to greatness, he moved on to a whole new project; the Los Angeles Lakers. In 1999, he joined the Lakers franchise after taking a year off from coaching. That same year the Lakers were champs.

With the Lakers, Phil has won four NBA Championships and two Western Conference Championships. So, if you take the six championships he won with the Bulls and the four he won with the Lakers, how many does that make?

Say it with me...10. That's 10 rings, if he wins again they might just give him a crown and proclaim him "King of Greatness."

Since 1989, until now, he has collected 1,041 wins, won the Coach of the Year award in 1995-96 and was added to the list of Top Ten Coaches in NBA History in 1996-97.

Gatorade needs to come out with a new drink called "Pure Greatness" named after Phil Jackson.

So let's review. 1,041 wins, 10 Championships, produced three NBA MVP's (Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, and Shaquille O'Neal), named Coach of the Year (95-96), and is one of the top 10 coaches in NBA history.

Hope you learned your lesson Mr. Dorunda. Get on my level or get out of my class.

Class dismissed.

NOLT

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Later on in that same tournament, Nolt would advance to the sweet 16 when she upended Cassie Bowman, 6-4, 6-1. She would fall the next day to ninth-seeded Blair Brezski in a fierce battle that went three sets, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, but showed why she moved up into the number one spot so quickly.

The success Nolt has had as a freshman is not the first time she has started out her career with a bang. In her freshman season at Manheim Central High School, Nolt won her league title, beating current teammate Victoria Bybel in the championship match. She also led the team to a league title, becoming the first women's tennis team at Manheim Central to do so since her mother led her team to a league title many years before.

But not only is Nolt a fantastic player, teammates say she is an even better team-

mate.

"Even though the girls just got on the team a few weeks ago, they have already become part of our big family," said senior Xiaoqiao Zhang. "Melanie is very supportive to each one of her teammates, and she fits very easy into our tennis team; but you know, she is an amazing tennis player!"

"It's a privilege playing with Melanie," stated Junior Michelle Knight. "She's a morale booster and a hard worker and is a dedicated teammate, as the rest of us are. We all support each other and we are all happy for her."

Adding this diaper dandy to an already star-studded cast makes this a scary team for any conference foe. That 22-game conference winning streak may not come to an end anytime soon, and a fourth straight conference championship is in their sights.

Nolt and the Lady Colonels hit the courts again Wednesday when they make the quick trip to Dallas to take on conference foe Misericordia.

FOOTBALL

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Albright increased their lead, driving 81-yards in eight plays to record another score. Corbin returned the ensuing kickoff 21-yards to set up the offense on Wilkes's own 31-yard line. After six plays, the Colonels had only driven 27-yards and were forced to punt once again on fourth and ten. On the twelfth play of Albright's next possession, running back Josan Holmes took it in from a yard out for the touchdown.

The short kickoff was recovered by the Lions on the Wilkes 30-yard line. Albright quickly turned the opportunity into points. Kelly completed a 30-yard pass to Sean Caldwell Jr. for the touchdown. The third quarter came to an end still in favor of Albright, 36-7.

The Colonels began to show some life late in the game when Johnson connected with Shawn Gregson from 8-yards out. The Lions posted one more score to slow the Colo-

nels' late charge.

With a 43-14 score, quarterback Marc Persing started calling the signals for Wilkes.

Persing completed a 26-yard pass to wide receiver Adam Fraley just before running back TJ Bergmann took it in from 9-yards out on his only carry for the final score of the game. The clock ran out with the final score 43-21 giving the Colonels their first loss of the season.

"We aren't going to point fingers and blame anyone for this loss," defensive tackle Chris Swinarski said. "We win as a team and we lose as a team. From here on out we just have to get better."

The Colonels look to bounce back on Saturday on Homecoming weekend when they host Lebanon Valley College, whom they lost to 28-21 in last years contest, at 1 p.m.

QUICK HITS



PENGUINS CRUNCH SYRACUSE

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins kicked off the 2009-10 American Hockey League season with a 4-2 victory against the Syracuse Crunch on Saturday night.

Newcomers Wyatt Smith and Chris Conner recorded three-point evenings for the Penguins. Smith scored two goals and added an assist, while Conner potted a goal late in the third period to compliment his two helpers.

Rookie Keven Veilleux also scored for the Penguins. John Curry made 26 saves for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, allowing only a power play goal by Pascal Pelletier and a rebound tally by Alexandre Picard.

DANCING WITH THE DEVILS

The Wilkes women's soccer team kicked off their conference season on Saturday when they hosted the Devils from FDU-Florham. The Lady Colonels took a 2-1 lead into half time off goals from Jenna Sargent and Katy Fissel. The Devils tied up the game in the 60th minute of the second half which lasted the rest of the regulation and both overtimes. This marks the second tie in a row for the Lady Colonels who will travel to Union, NJ, on Wednesday October 7, to take on Kean in their next contest at 7:30 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY BACK ON TRACK

At press time, the Wilkes Field Hockey team bounced back from their 3-1 loss to Eastern last Saturday by beating Alvernia 4-1 on Thursday. After a scoreless first half, the Lady Colonels opened the floodgates. Their top scorer Jennifer Keegan broke the 0-0 tie shortly after the second half started. Amanda Peters deflected a Chelsea Minix shot in the seventh minute, which was followed up by two Jenna DiSabatino goals. It wasn't until the end of the game that the Crusaders found the back of the net making the score 4-1 in favor of Wilkes. The Lady Colonels take on Ithica tomorrow in New York at 4 p.m.

WAKELY HAS CLASSIC FINISH

The men's and women's Cross Country team participated in the Belmont Classic on Saturday. Out of the 11 schools that participated, the Wilkes men finished in fifth place overall with 142 points while the women finished in sixth place with 155 points.

Robert Carp led the men finishing in 22nd place with a time of 30:25.53, while Michelle Wakely led both the men and women with her third place finishing time of 20:58.65. The team will compete once again on October 10, when they participate in the DeSales Invitational.

SOCCER GETS THE BALL ROLLING



The Beacon/Melissa Polchinski

Junior defenseman Tom Joyce and the men's soccer team snapped a five-game losing streak with a win over Baptist Bible last month. That victory was the start of good things for the Colonels, who picked up a 2-1 victory over Susquehanna on September 30 and a 1-0 shutout of FDU-Florham on Saturday. The Colonels, now 5-5 this season, will put their win streak on the line when they visit Rowan at 7 p.m on Wednesday.

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WHAT'S THE WORD AT WILKES?

On Page 18, our editors debated who holds the title of best coach in sports. We took a camera around the Wilkes campus to find out what students thought about the same question. You can see what your classmates had to say by logging on to *The Beacon's* website.

Men's Tennis serves East Stroudsburg, 7-2

Team hopes the win is first step towards third straight NCAA playoff berth

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After bowing out in the first round of the NCAA playoffs last year, Wilkes University's Men's Tennis team set a goal for themselves.

"The last couple of years, we've been happy to get to the NCAA's," said Chris Cozzillio, the team's number five singles player. "This year, we want more. We want to do some damage there."

With the way the team is shaping up this season, that's certainly a possibility.

The Colonels team that finished 16-1 during the regular season last year lost only one starter this summer, Kyle Ungvarsky. The team replaced him with two highly talented freshmen, Cesar Leon and Clarke Freeman.

"You cannot replace Kyle Ungvarsky on or off the court," said Cozzillio, Ungvarsky's former doubles partner. "But these freshmen are handling it well."

For Leon, "well" is an understatement.

A nationally ranked player in high school, Leon has secured the team's number one position. He competes against the top-ranked player on the opposing team.

"I expect him to be one of the best players in the conference, even as a freshman," said head coach Chris Leicht.

And off the court?

"He's a great kid," said Evan Katz, who holds the number six position for Wilkes. "He's funny. I love having him around, and he's also a really great tennis player."

Leon and the Colonels kicked off their quest for a third straight conference championship on Thursday, when they defeated Division-II East Stroudsburg University 7-2.

"It is always nice to start off the season in winning fashion," Leicht said. "Especially against a Division-II opponent."

The Colonels raced out to a 2-1 advantage after doubles play, with the teams of Leon/Freeman and Katz/Wes McCollum posting victories in their matches. Cozzillio and Jeremy Nolt lost their doubles match in a tiebreaker.

"This is the first year Jeremy and I have played together," Cozzillio said. "He's a great player, big serve, and I didn't exactly hold up my end. We could have played better."

Nolt and Cozzillio rebounded from their loss and won their respective singles matches, joining McCollum, Leon, and Katz in the singles win column. Freeman suffered the Colonels' lone loss in singles play.

Men's tennis returns to action on Sunday, October 11, when they host Susquehanna.

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Wilkes's Men's Tennis team defeated Division-II East Stroudsburg 7-2 on Thursday.

They'll then venture to Bucknell University to compete in a tournament that features multiple Division-I schools.

For the Colonels, the Bucknell Tournament is primarily an opportunity to better themselves by competing against a talent level that they're not used to playing against.

"We got our butts whooped last year when we played there," said Cozzillio. "But I think our team's a little bit stronger. I think we'll have pretty decent results there."

Following the tournament, the Colonels won't play a competitive match until February, when they compete in the Drew Invitational. The bulk of their games take place in late March and early April. By that point, the team will have had plenty of practice in order to be ready for a tough Freedom Conference schedule.

Last season, the Colonels were able to steamroll through conference play, finishing with a 7-1 record in eight conference games. Of their seven victories, three were 9-0 shutouts, and the Colonels didn't win any conference game by less than a 7-2 margin.

The only team that was able to defeat the Colonels last season was Manhattanville, and they did it by a convincing 8-1 margin. However, the Colonels bounced back to squeek out a 5-3 victory against the Valiants in the Freedom Conference playoffs.

This year, the Colonels expect Manhattanville to continue to present the biggest challenge on their conference schedule.

"Manhattanville is the team to beat," Cozzillio said. "They always produce top players... they're going to be tough. They always are."

However, tennis games aren't played on paper. Cozzillio noted that there's a certain degree of unpredictability when it comes to determining who can give the Colonels a run for their money.

"You never know," he said. "Kids can step up, recruits are coming in. Everybody can give you a scare."

Even so, the Colonels aren't scared. They're out to win.

"We're trying to prove to everyone that we should be nationally ranked," Katz said. "We're good enough to play with any team in the nation."

MEN'S TENNIS PLAYING ROSTER

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CESAR LEON	JEREMY NOLT	WES McCOLLUM	CLARKE FREEMAN	CHRIS COZZILLIO	EVAN KATZ
FRESHMAN WOODHAVEN, NY	SOPHOMORE BLOOMSBURG, PA	JUNIOR HARRISBURG, PA	FRESHMAN YORK, PA	JUNIOR HARRISBURG, PA	SOPHOMORE ELLCOTT CITY, MD

BY THE NUMBERS

88

Overall single matches that the Men's Colonels Tennis team won last season.

2

Freshman in the top line-up for Wilkes this season. They are Cesar Leon and Clarke Freeman.

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Number of seniors in the line-up this season for the Colonels. Last year the Colonels were led by senior Kyle Unvasky.

1

Total number of losses that the Men's team had last year. Manhattanville beat the Colonels 8-1 during the regular season, but the Colonels avenged the loss in the playoffs, 5-3.

