

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

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The new science building, pictured above, will be placed between Conyngham Hall and Stark Learning Center. The anticipated date of completion is spring 2013.

BY AMANDA LEONARD
News Editor

The new science building, which will be the new home for biology, chemistry, environmental earth science, as well as innovative learning

environments, has an anticipated completion time of Spring 2013.

The 70,000 square-foot "J-shaped" building will be placed between Stark Learning Center and Conyngham Hall, with half of it connecting to SLC. It will wrap

around the outside of the SLC auditorium, ending on a portion of the greenway, according to Loren Prescott.

It is estimated to cost in the \$30-35 million range. There will be a mixed source of funding, including

\$3 million that was already given by the state. Wilkes will borrow other funds and implement a financing plan.

Loren Prescott, vice president of finance, said that tuition will not be affected by this project and that

funds will be raised through a capital campaign in the near future.

"Right now, we are in the final set of construction and will receive the drawings some time this week and

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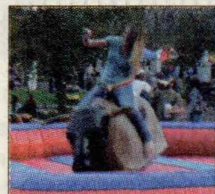
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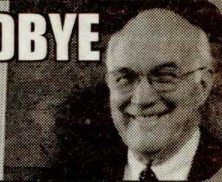


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Beacon Briefs

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PARTY IN PINK, ZUMBATHON FOR CANCER – The second annual Party in Pink charity event will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 8 at Memorable Occasions, located at 268 Main St., Duryea. The cost is \$10. Zumba dancing, raffles and guest instructors are scheduled.

LACKAWANNA COAL MINE TOUR AND ELECTRIC CITY MUSEUM TRIP – The Office of Diversity Initiatives is sponsoring the trip. The bus will leave at 8:45 a.m. Oct. 8 from Max Roth Center. The trip is free, however, seating is limited to 23 students. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Erica Acosta, associate director of diversity initiatives, Center for Global Education and Diversity at the Max Roth Center, or e-mail her at erica.acosta@wilkes.edu.

FLOOD RELIEF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – The University needs volunteers to staff flood relief efforts in the community. Teams will help residents with clean-up in the Brookside section of the City of Wilkes-Barre. Teams will be needed for three shifts per day through this week helping residents with cleanup in West Pittston and assisting Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston with serving meals, delivering food and setting up a clothing distribution center. Volunteers must be dressed appropriately, including long sleeves, jeans, work boot or study shoes, and bandanas or hats. You must be registered to volunteer. To register to volunteer, visit our flood relief page at www.wilkes.edu/floodrelief.

VOLUNTEER TO BE CONVERSATION PARTNER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT – The Intensive English

Program (IEP) at Wilkes has created a conversation partner program. It's an opportunity for Wilkes University students to volunteer and be paired with an international student for the semester. They will meet once a week to chat, giving the American student a chance to learn about a new culture while helping an international student adjust to life in Wilkes-Barre, and giving the international student a chance to practice their English and make some new friends. The IEP has 47 international students from China, Korea and Saudi Arabia in need of conversation partners. If interested in volunteering to be a conversation partner, please e-mail kimberly.niezgoda@wilkes.edu

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE – Wilkes University Health & Wellness Department is offering flu shots for \$20.00 payable by check made out to Wilkes University or cash. Vaccines will be given during regular office hours. A limited number of shots are available and will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the week and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays at Passan Hall.

WEIGHT WATCHERS AT WORK – The Health Services Office has had employee and student interest in continuing the Weight Watchers At Work Program for the spring semester. It will be held at the work place at a convenient time. It would be a Weight Watchers meeting, with a weekly weigh in and a half hour meeting. The cost is \$10 for each meeting. Weight Watchers has programs students can participate in for an eight week series and pay \$80 for a 10 week program paid in advance. If anyone would be interested in the program, call Health Services at ext. 4730. to register for the Weight Watchers At Work program. A minimum of 15 participants is needed for the program.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF

POLISH DESCENT – The Polish Room Committee Scholarship and The Judianne Stanitski Scholarship welcome applications from Luzerne County residents. To be considered, applicants must write a brief description of their Polish heritage and what that heritage means to him or her. This must be submitted, along with the applicant's name, WIN and contact information, to Melanie Mickelson, vice president for enrollment services. Applications can be emailed to melanie.mickelson@wilkes.edu. Please include "Polish Heritage Scholarships" in the subject line of your email.

STUDENT PRINTING REFUNDS – Students are allotted a certain amount of money

to print on campus printers each semester through the Greenprint service. Due to malfunctions with the software or the printers, students are occasionally charged for pages that never print. If this happens, email a description of the malfunction to printrefund@wilkes.edu. In your email, please describe what happened, the location on campus and which printer caused the issue. There is a Wilkes asset ID number on every printer and on the back of every computer.

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Sterling deemed dangerous



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Hotel Sterling, located on the corner of Market St. and River St., has been under inspection by local engineers and officials. Due to recent and past flooding, the Sterling is left without proper support and a functioning roof.

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after that, the bidding process will begin," Prescott said.

The bidding process will take between six to eight weeks and construction will begin around March, when the weather is better to work with. Ground breaking was set to occur this fall, but other proponents of the project took longer than originally anticipated.

Prescott said that preliminary site work was performed over the summer and heavy excavation, as well as a year and a half of construction, will begin in March.

The idea to build a five-story building in the middle of campus came after numerous visits to other universities who had recently added to their campuses, extensive discussion, but mainly from the idea that SLC is outdated.

Dr. Kenneth Klemow, biology professor, is the chair of the committee comprised of faculty and staff and has been guiding the development of the building. He leads and organizes meetings and has helped designed

the interface of the building with architects.

He noticed an observation from faculty and students that technology and modern innovations could not be implemented in the current learning environment in Stark.

"About five years ago, we began to discuss that the chemistry labs in particular are out of date," he said. "We got the figures and specs and realized that it would cost just as much to refurbish Stark as opposed to building a completely new structure."

After the committee concluded that it would be best to plan to build a new science building, they visited colleges with similar recent additions, such as Swarthmore College, Muhlenberg College, Dickinson College and others.

"Once we learned the process and found out what works, we realized we need a place to be the best we can be," Klemow said.

Saylor Gregg architects have designed the building and were chosen because they had worked on campuses where a building was needed between two existing structures.

There was concern that construction outside residence halls and classrooms would cause disruption.

"We're confident that there will be mini-

mal disruption to ongoing programs and classes during construction," Klemow said.

The science building is planned to be as "green" as possible. Saylor Gregg is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council, a non-profit organization aimed toward building environmental-friendly buildings.

"We are looking to be as efficient as we can in the way we use energy," Klemow said. "We will be instrumenting the building, meaning we will be measuring how much energy, water and waste we are using and hope to have science courses designed around the efficiency of the building."

The building is aiming for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification, which means that a building was designed and built to be energy and water efficient. LEED certification breaks down into four categories: certified, silver, gold and platinum. Each level is awarded based on a point system, measuring its efficiency, innovation and improved indoor environmental quality, according to the U.S. Green Building Council's website, <http://www.usgbc.org/>.

Currently, the building is projected to be at the silver level, but plans are still in progress to achieve gold.

Gloria Barlow, chief of information technology services, said that this new construction allows Wilkes to plan a network infrastructure, as opposed to trying to renovate and update older buildings, such as Stark.

"We can make our networking part of the architectural plan, as well as plan any necessary wiring," she said.

Barlow said that the science building will be a state-of-the-art learning environment.

"We are looking for this to be a high-end facility with easy connectivity for devices, adequate wireless and modern instructional tools," she said.

The lobby of the building is said to have a visualization wall, where professors can teach 3-D or classes can congregate to watch videos and images.

Every department will have a student lounge on its floor, which will

INSIDE THE NEW BUILDING

Ground floor:

- Administrative offices
- Conference rooms
- Lobby that includes a video wall
- Delivery and field gear storage space
- Loading dock
- EES labs (rock/mineral lab, hydro)

Second floor:

- Bulk of biology and environmental science classrooms
- Faculty offices
- Six biology labs with preparation storage rooms
- Student lounge with high-speed Internet and flat panel televisions
- EES labs

Third floor:

- Rooms dedicated to research
- Mix between biology, chemistry, EES to allow for collaboration
- Faculty offices
- EES labs
- Student lounge

Fourth floor:

- Chemistry floor
- Faculty offices
- Ample teaching space and labs
- Geographic computer lab
- EES labs
- Student lounge

Fifth floor:

- Part rooftop greenhouse
- Enclosed head house with growth chambers
- "Green" roof



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Pictured above is a rendering of the science building, as viewed from the greenway. The new building will be home to biology, chemistry and environmental earth science. The building will be innovative, "green" friendly and five floors. Each floor will have numerous labs and research rooms, as well as a student lounge and faculty offices.

include high-speed Internet and flat panel televisions. Each lounge will be in the front of the floor and facing the river.

"We are planning for the future," she said. "We are very excited for Wilkes to incorporate this type of facility."

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Wilkes brings Pulitzer Prize winning-journalist to area for presentation

Thomas Friedman to kick off Wilkes' 2011 Outstanding Leaders Forum

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Three-time Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Thomas Friedman will deliver a lecture at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts.

Friedman, an author and Foreign Affairs columnist for The New York Times, has been deemed one of "America's Best Leaders" by the U.S. News & World Report, and one of The Wall Street Journal's most "influential business thinkers."

A prolific writer, Friedman has also published several books, all of which received much acclaim. His latest work, "That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World We Invented and How We Can Come Back," was published this month and is now available at Barnes & Noble, according to Rebecca Van Jura, director of events. Coauthored with Michael Mandelbaum, the book addressed many of today's political and economic challenges.

"We are very excited about this opportunity. (Friedman) is very worldly and can discuss a myriad of topics, ranging from journalism to politics, sustainability and business," said Van Jura. "I encourage everyone to come."

Named one of "America's Best Leaders" by U.S. News & World Report and ranked number two on The Wall Street Journal's list of "influential business thinkers," he is a frequent guest on programs such as Meet the Press, Morning Joe and Charlie Rose. His TV documentaries, Searching for the Roots of 9/11, The Other Side of Outsourcing and Addicted to Oil, have aired on the Discovery Channel.

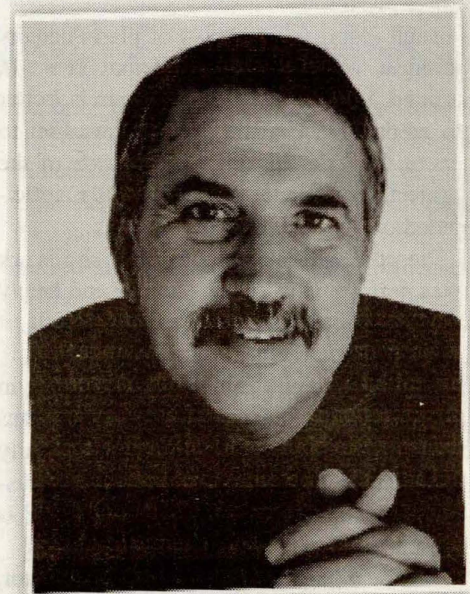
Friedman's lecture will mark the beginning of Wilkes University's 2011 Outstanding Leaders Forum. The forum, which showcases national and international leaders who embody the principles of authentic leadership and strategic excellence, has brought some of the world's top leaders, including Blake Mycoskie, founder of TOMS shoes,

and Elie Wiesel, a Nobel Laureate and Human Rights leader, to campus. It is presented annually by Wilkes's Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership.

Dr. Matthew Sowcik, director of leadership education, said that the process of choosing the speaker for this event begins in December and lasts until February, as they narrow down their list of candidates.

"Mr. Friedman has been on our short list for the last few years," Sowcik said. "I believe that a great thought leader, like Mr. Friedman, provides both students and faculty with a chance to take time out of their busy days to hear a particular perspective and reflect on their own thoughts on these issues."

Van Jura stated that there will be a book signing at the event and a chance to meet Friedman.



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President Gilmour enters his final year at Wilkes

Gilmour expresses his final goals and expectations for his future predecessor

BY KIRSTIN COOK

Editor-in Chief

Joseph (Tim) Gilmour is not planning on having an easy eleventh and final year at Wilkes University. Before he retires from Wilkes at the end of the 2011-12 academic year, he hopes to complete two major goals of getting the science building construction underway and restructuring finances.

"I don't see myself coasting," he laughs.

Gilmour decided to focus on these final goals with the future of Wilkes in mind.

"These are two things that I think ... will provide Wilkes and the successor a really good platform from which to move further forward," Gilmour said. "I'm really very optimistic about Wilkes' future."

These two goals will be stressful for Gilmour, but that does not take away from the fulfillment he gets from his job.

"Doing this job is always exciting, and a lot of fun, and I do feel a great deal of pressure," he said.

He is planning on having construction of the science building underway by the time he leaves the University, but this will require financing and completion of the major portions of the capital campaign. They are on track for a completion date of Spring 2013.

"That's really a huge goal. We're right on target now," Gilmour said.

Restructuring finances will involve generating more revenue by developing new

programs and strengthening existing ones, along with reallocating funding to areas of greater need. Gilmour said the intent is to better match the needs of the institution with the budget.

These goals are ways Gilmour is trying to ensure the University is in an ideal position to advance under a new president.

"What I'm hoping is we'll hand over an institution that the new president really won't have to worry about those issues but can concentrate more on where Wilkes needs to

go and how do we get there," Gilmour said.

Gilmour's main expectation for his predecessor is simply someone who can lead Wilkes into the future in areas concerning the school's role in the community and cultivation of students.

"My sense is if Wilkes is going to survive, it needs to become the premiere institution in our region, the one that contributes significantly to the region's economic development and at the same time developing students who can do all of the necessary work

of the future," Gilmour said.

Gilmour believes that a new president should mean a new feel for Wilkes, and that is something his predecessor should work with administration to develop.

"I really think the next president, with the campus committee, needs to find what the next Wilkes will be," Gilmour said.

Instead of resisting changes, Gilmour feels that the Wilkes community should be open and confident about the future of Wilkes because of the possibilities that exist. He said the future president could aid in this and help develop a sense that Wilkes can make a difference.

"What I think is exciting is that it is an institution that has enormous potential, and what you need is someone who can help the entire campus community find that direction and make it happen," Gilmour said.

Gilmour said there are a few areas that he hopes will continue to improve after he retires from his position. He said it would be logical for Wilkes to continue to advance its historic strengths in science and mentoring, as well as its relatively new expansion into graduate studies.

"It's really playing to our existing strengths, our historic strengths, but essentially looking to the future and saying 'How do I develop these?' and 'How do I move them?'" Gilmour said.

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President Gilmour stands outside of his office, located on the second floor of the UCOM building.

Wilkes opens branch in the Poconos, to offer three programs

BY AMANDA LEONARD

News Editor

Wilkes University's Poconos branch will officially open next semester with three programs. Students in the Pocono branch's master of business administration program began classes this fall.

The new 2,800 square foot Pocono center is located off of the Bartonsville exit of Interstate 80, about a 45-minute drive from Wilkes' main campus.

It will hold two classrooms, a conference room and an office for two faculty members. Wireless internet will also be implemented.

The concept for the Poconos branch has been in discussion for two years. After realizing that there are students who could be served in the Poconos and Tannersville area, planning began.

Vernon Harper, associate provost, is the

project manager and has seen a lot of interest in students willing to attend Wilkes in another location.

"We are looking to extend the footprints of Wilkes and our education programs," he said.

Students in the M.B.A. program have begun this fall at an alternate location, but the official Poconos site will finish construction before its official opening for the spring semester.

The Poconos center will have three programs: master of business administration degree, an accelerated bachelor of business administration program and a master of science degree in engineering management. Other curriculum may be added based upon interest.

Classes are scheduled for evenings and weekends. There will be continuing education programs held during the day at the

center. The classes are designed to be at convenient and flexible times for adult learners.

Kristine Pruett, assistant to the dean of graduate education, supported the project and attended discussions about planning the facility.

"We realized that there are students in other areas that we could be serving and now we have the resources to do so," she said. "This is the first place we are leasing to open up an alternate Wilkes location."

Pruett said that there are about a dozen students registered this fall for the M.B.A. program.

"All but two would not have enrolled in this program at Wilkes without this location," she said.

As of now, there are no solid plans of other Wilkes locations. However, Harper and Pruett agree that if there are enough interested people in an area, Wilkes will begin to re-

search programs and locations.

The Poconos center will include part time faculty, as well as full time faculty that teach at Wilkes' main campus, as well.

Costs for the programs vary, but financial aid is available to those who qualify. There were be a series of informational meetings at noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29 and 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 11, Oct. 17 and Oct. 25 at the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce, 556 Main St. in Stroudsburg.

The information sessions will discuss admissions process, financial aid and student services. Faculty will be present to answer questions or address concerns. For more information or to register for a session, visit www.wilkes.edu/poconos.

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Einstein replacement is a clone of Rifkin Cafe

BY TIMOTHY FISHER
Staff Writer

Bagels are convenient; so are sandwiches. After Einstein Bagels left the UCOM building, speculation swarmed the Wilkes grapevine. What will replace the Einstein establishment? A Panera Bread café? A fast-food chain? I thought of a different idea each time I passed the place. I strolled past the UCOM the other day, and lo and behold, there was a clone of Rifkin Café in the SUB.

I enjoy Rifkin café just as anyone else. What I don't enjoy is a lack of variety. You would laugh if they built a McDonalds, then built another one fifty feet down the street. I know this is America, but come on! It's too much. Switch the scene, spice it up, do something different!

The same bagels, sandwiches and wraps are all there in the UCOM again. It's no surprise that these common foodstuffs can be picked up at the Sodexo cafeteria in the SUB as well. It gets better: if I want a break, I could always head down to the square, but then again, Dunkin Donuts also has bagels and sandwiches; another establishment just feeding into the uniformity.

The monotony of food choices here at Wilkes is ridiculous. I find myself walking to Crown Fried Chicken to find something that's not a bagel or wrap. I do not wish to risk life and limb to walk to interesting places to eat. Nor do I want to drive and waste money on gas. I want to experience this thing called convenience that other colleges have. So the two points above are not complicated, right? I would like creativity and convenience; a creative eating establish-

ment in a convenient location.

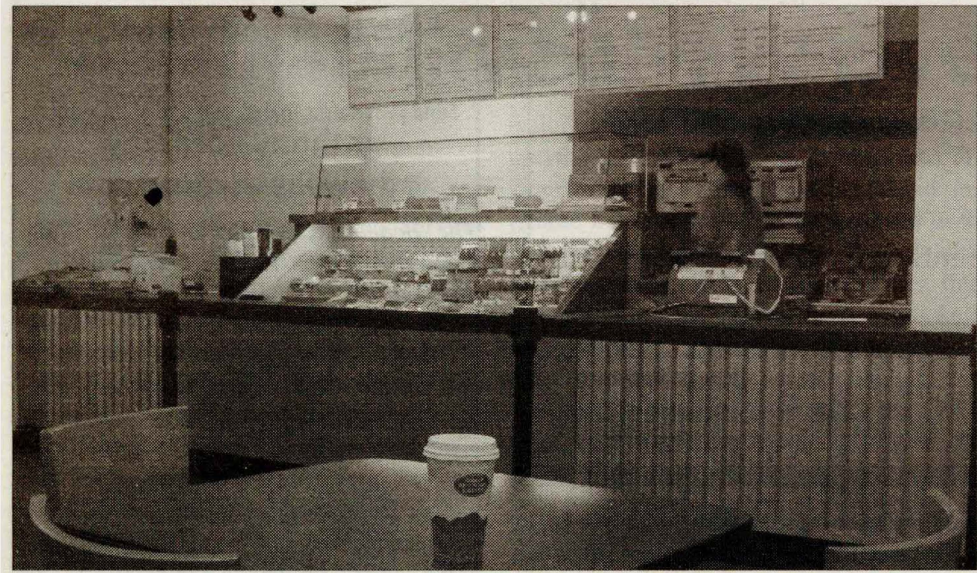
Wilkes has a convenient location at the UCOM. Why not place an establishment there that would actually be unique? The school could ask students through surveys which place to eat was their favorite. The faculty and all other staff members could be asked as well.

The UCOM location has its advantages. Residents of University Towers apartments are right across the street. Proximity to the rest of the campus would allow ease of access for students and faculty. Sure, one could say that a crazy resident of Wilkes-Barre could walk in just as easily. However, the Public Safety office is across the street. That fact alone makes me feel better. Crown Fried Chicken is a full half-mile away and off-campus, making it a more dangerous and inconvenient spot.

So let's review. The clone of the Rifkin cafe in the UCOM building is not looking to win your business. They offer the same foods as the Sodexo cafeteria and Dunkin Donuts. It would not be that difficult to come up with a student and faculty approved idea for the UCOM space. The space is clean, convenient and safe; a perfect venue for a decent establishment.

When Einstein's Bagels left the UCOM, I hoped for a new business that would be worthy of my Wilkes flex dollars and cash. So far, Wilkes has failed to deliver. I know this school has a strongly opinionated student body, so let us draw on the masses and find a real restaurant for the UCOM.

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Campus technology needs updating

BY ANTHONY GORECZNY
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For today's college student access to working technology is very important. Students are expected to create power points, type papers, and communicate constantly via email. Student groups are also organized, and school events promoted through the use of social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Without access to these resources it is very hard for many students to keep up with everything going on at college.

Many of the computers in classrooms are in need of software updates to often used add-ons like Flash.

Over the summer I worked for the Upward Bound summer program as a tutor/counselor. Toward the end of the summer I was helping the music class during study lab to prepare the songs that they would be performing for the Celebration of Achievement recognition ceremony.

I had gone with them to one of the computer labs and was attempting to play the song on the Internet so that the students could sing along. I was unfortunately unable to play the song because Flash was not updated and a large majority of mp3 and video players on the internet operate on flash.

I was able to find another classroom that has an updated computer and we were able to practice the song, but this is a very common problem.

These updates can only be performed by people who have administrative accounts and provide the proper permissions, and this problem is very widespread. In fact, the computers at the Wilkes Beacon office also require this update. Without it YouTube and most videos on the Internet are inaccessible and the staff and editors cannot watch news videos or editing and design tutorials. These computers also lack some important java up-

dates. Many things on the Internet that do not run on Flash often run as a Java applet. The lack of an updated and functional java add-on restricts access to many of the interactive websites on the Internet.

One of the most important things a student does in college is write papers. Sometimes the outcome of a paper can either save a grade or completely destroy it. Many professors require that students hand in print copies of papers. This can be a difficult task when many of the computers on campus are unable to connect to the printers. One of the printers that is often inoperable is the color printer in the library. This is the only color printer readily accessible to students and those who do not own their own printer cannot print in color for projects.

I understand that the flood evacuation was unforeseen obstacle, and many precautions were taken by Information Technology to preserve the functionality and files on the Wilkes network. I admire that they took necessary steps to protect the network, as well as all the time and energy they devoted. I also understand that they are quite possibly smothered in work while trying to return to the network to full functionality, but the previously mentioned problems have been ongoing since before the flood evacuation.

There are also smaller problems like a large quantity of broken links on the Wilkes website. Last semester I was trying to look up graduation requirements and elective classes. I found that for both the political science and theatre arts majors the link to the required classes was broken and simply reloaded the current page. On the Wilkes website it is also sometimes difficult to find a specific section or article on the website and a more streamlined interface would be very beneficial.

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Water Damaged Rooms are a Health Concern

BY CARLY YAMRUS
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It is common for college students to wake up worrying about their homework that is due that day or a test they might have. Laura Nulton, a sophomore at Wilkes University, wakes up every morning wondering if her room is leaking again.

Wilkes University Towers is generally considered a pleasant place to live. With two bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen, a living room and a balcony, there is plenty of room to live comfortably and enjoy your freedom in this spacious high-rise apartment. However, not everyone in Towers is content with their living conditions.

Every time a dark cloud rolls over Wilkes-Barre, the students who live towards the top and ends of the building prepare to take on water. As rainwater seeps through the bricks of the building, the Towers' occupants can only watch as their walls and ceiling crumble to pieces. There is always a possibility that mold will grow when water becomes stagnant in a small area. Although there are no visible signs of mold in the room, it makes its presence known through its distinctive stench. Water damaged rooms are a health hazard and distraction to students who are paying to live in Wilkes' University Towers.

"I woke up and didn't have my glasses on, so I reached over and felt around for my phone. It was covered in water," said Nulton. Many of her personal belongings were affected. "All my clothes were soaked with yellow dirty water and my phone and laptop

both damaged as well." Laura has moved most of her furniture to the living room. The only item in her room is her bed, because there is no room for it anywhere else.

She is not the only one who was forced to move out. Mark Attilio and his roommate Ed Martinko, both sophomores at Wilkes University, sleep in their living room because their room is simply inhabitable. "Water fell directly on my roommate and woke him up. We all got up in the middle of the night to put plastic bags over everything and hoped for the best," Attilio said. Laura and Mark's rooms both have visible water damage to the carpets, walls and ceilings. They cope with the leaking every time it rains.

Mold can be a serious concern for people with allergies. "I wake up every morning with a stuffy nose," Nulton said. According to water-damaged-mold.org there are over 10,000 species of mold, which reproduce by releasing spores into the air. A variety of health problems may arise from breathing in spores. Skin rash, cough, nasal congestion, lung infection and difficulty breathing are just a few effects that mold can have on the body. It only takes 24-48 hours for mold to form under the carpet or in the walls.

Reslife and 2Fix are currently working to clean up the rooms, but can only do so much. "They know what the issue is but it costs too much to fix. A request was put in for money

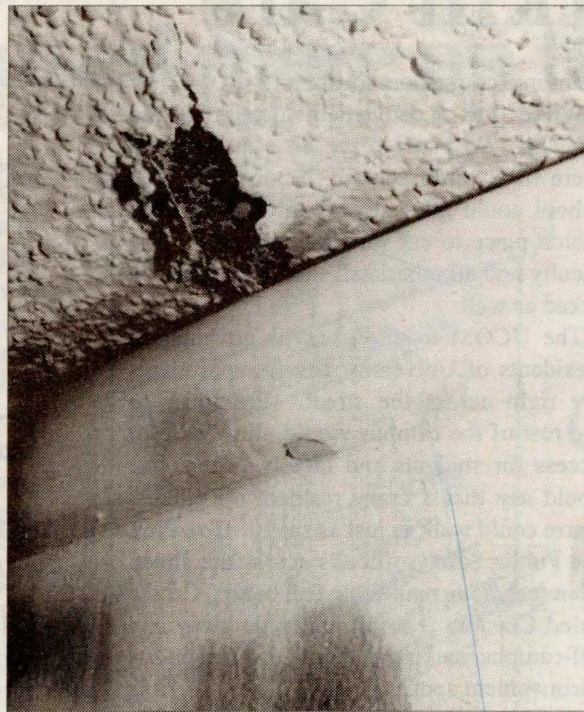


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This is an example of a room in University Towers that has a leak in the ceiling. Leaks have caused damage to ceilings and walls.

to fix it," Attilio said. "Reslife offered us another room but my roommates and I already put hours into decorating the one we have now." Laura explained. Neither one of them wishes to move out, and is now hoping that Wilkes can make their rooms habitable again.

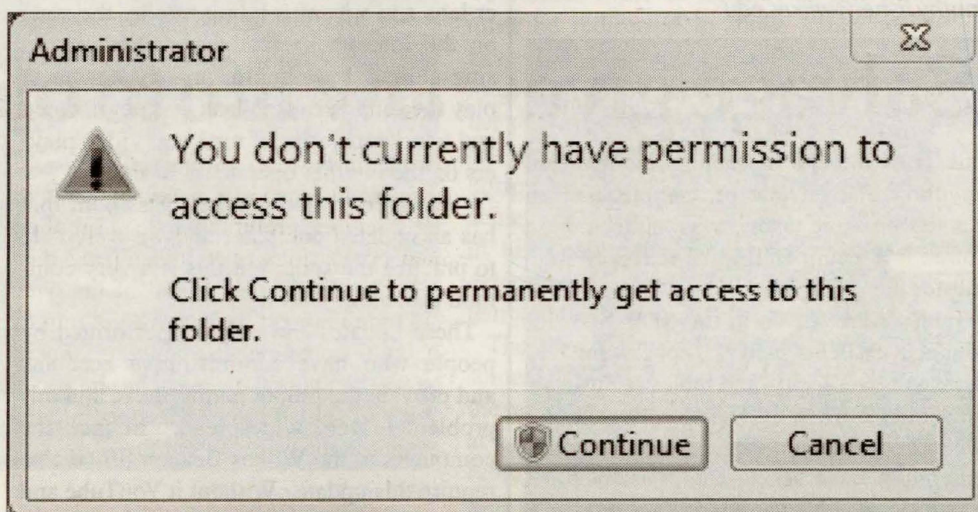
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All of these problems can make it very difficult to get school work and other activities done within time constraints, and this adds a large amount of additional stress on the students who use the technology available on campus. A student should not have to contend with computers that won't print because their account can't connect to the servers. I understand that fixing these problems will require time and manpower, but access to functioning technology is absolutely necessary for the modern college student to succeed.

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This error screen is what students see when they try to complete administrative tasks on the campus computers, such as updates. Since students cannot make updates, the Information Technology departments should be completing these updates.

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The Beacon poll is unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on the Wilkes campus. These poll results are based on 38 responses.

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'Army of Colonels' lends a helping hand to areas devastated by flood

BY CHRISTINE LEE
Life Editor

Upon arrival at a residential neighborhood along the Lackawanna River creek on Saturday, Sept. 17, a group of volunteers were greeted with the sight of piles of debris in front of homes in Duryea. When the volunteers entered some of the homes, they discovered that mud-coated the insides of homes and many of the homes were gutted to help them air out.

Although it disheartening to look at the insides of homes and homeowners bringing out mud-coated belongings, the 'Army of Colonels' formed to help those affected by the Sept. 8 flood have persisted in their efforts to lend a hand to those in need. Although it may seem that students were asked to volunteer for a club or sports team, many have done it purely out of the goodness of their hearts.

"I don't think I can say enough how awesome our students are and just the amount of work that they are going out and doing and not asking for anything in return; they just want to go out and help others in need," Caitlin Czeh, Campus Interfaith coordinator, who led the group of students to Duryea to help out, said.

Many of those whom students have helped say they are very grateful for the amount of effort that the Colonels have given.

One of those is Pittston resident Jim Connors, who is a landlord of several apartments that were devastated by floodwaters in Duryea.



Courtesy of Caitlin Czeh

Student volunteers have eagerly signed up to clean mud residue from homes in the cities of West Pittston, Duryea and Brookside neighborhood in Wilkes-Barre.

"I don't know what we'd do without the help," Connors said. "Every hand helps, in a situation like this the hardest part about the job is to get everything wide open so we can dry it out."

Connors says that Wilkes is to be commended for having students come and help out with flood relief efforts.

"The homeowners are devastated, and the more help and the more people that they see come out and help that care, it really means a lot," Connors said.

Among students who volunteered their time on Saturday, Sept. 17 in Duryea were

freshman environmental engineering major Kayla Reed, freshman biology major Samantha Rivera and junior earth and environmental science major Kim Gumaer.

"It's a good feeling, people coming together to help out," Gumaer said. "It makes me feel good that I've done something good for someone else; it shouldn't take a big event to get people to help out, you should just come help out."

Reed and Rivera say that going into a complete stranger's house to help out is a new experience for them, as neither had done something like that before.

"Usually if I would help out somebody it would be somebody that I would know, these are complete and total strangers and so it's really interesting to see these people and how they're coping with the flood," Rivera said.

The 'Army of Colonels' consists of volunteers who go to towns that were affected by the flood and help out those in other towns along the river weren't so fortunate, even some that did not sustain flooding in 1972 from Hurricane Agnes.

According to Community Service Coordinator Megan Boone, the need for volunteers from Wilkes to help with relief efforts started when the university realized that some of their own were directly affected by the flood.

"We have faculty, staff, students and alumni that have lost everything or who had damage," Community Service coordinator Megan Boone, who has been responsible for coordinating volunteer efforts, said.

Boone said it took some time to figure out how the university could give assistance properly. Boone said that when encountering remnants of the flood, people don't really know what is in the remnants.

"We wanted to make sure we were being careful and responsible with our students," Boone said.

To do this, Boone's office worked with Marketing and Communications, Student Affairs and the Alumni Office to form a

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Sustainability Salvage gives new life to old belongings

BY LYNDIE YAMRUS
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On Tuesday, Sept. 20, Students for Environmental Sustainability took a stand on sustainability by hosting the Sustainability Salvage, which demonstrated the concept of re-use and discouraging wasteful habits.

This was the third year for the Sustainability Salvage, and it was a huge success. Wilkes students left with smiles on their faces and newly acquired belongings.

Junior environmental engineering major Lizzie Helsel and junior environmental engineering major Katie Cirone, club presidents described the event as a "free yard

sale." At the end of each spring semester, anything that anyone on campus had and wanted to give away was collected and stored in Slocum Hall to be retrieved in the fall for the salvage.

Tables were set up in the SUB first floor lounge with items such as Tupperware, laundry detergent, lamps and tables: a variety of unwanted but useful items collected from the previous school year that would have otherwise been discarded, destroyed and wasted. Students were permitted to stop by and browse the objects on the tables, and take whatever they needed or wanted without having to pay.

"We want to promote re-use over just

throwing stuff away," Cirone said.

Helsel and Cirone said many students, especially seniors, prefer quick disposal of unwanted possessions over transferring them back home. The primary goal of the event was to try and direct these items not into the trash, but to someone who could use them.

The presidents said the event has improved since it was started three years ago, and that a lot more items were put out this year.

Sophomore psychology major Mariah DiGloria, who grabbed a binder and a few pantry foods at the salvage, appreciated the fact that so many students could benefit from the event. DiGloria also said that the salvage was a great way to get rid of belonging if

you didn't know what to do with it.

"Some people may not realize that other people need what you have," DiGloria said.

DiGloria said that the people who gave away their items in the spring may not realize that their useless belongings are now of benefit to someone else.

The number of students poking through the items resulted in most everything being taken quickly. The sustainability free-for-all, which was expected to extend into club hours, had ended earlier than expected.

SES has donated the items that were not taken at the event to the Salvation Army.

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New Health and Wellness Club all about fitness

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Trey Tietz, senior pharmacy major, knows what it's like to have a lot on his plate. But somehow he still manages to coordinate daily workout sessions at 6 a.m.

As coordinator of the Health and Wellness Club, Tietz along with faculty advisor Residence Life Director Elizabeth Swantek, show students how to improve their overall well-being.

According to Tietz, their mission is, "To improve the health and wellness of the student body at Wilkes."

Wilkes offered an exercise-based club in the past, but that lost its members and became inactive. To prevent this from happening to HAWC, Tietz labeled it as a "wellness" club instead of a "workout" club. In addition to daily workouts, proper nutrition is covered as well.

"Myself and a couple friends last semester got started with working out in the morning. I got really into it this year. Liz (Swantek) said we should make it a club," Tietz said.

HAWC offers students an encouraging,



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Students perform mountain climbing exercises as part of their fitness regime.

judgment-free environment to help set and reach their fitness goals. The club provides a support system to its members as they take part in workouts and learn healthy eating habits.

"It's a really supportive group. We don't judge anyone. We're here to help," Tietz said.

Club members receive weekly emails which include a meal plan, schedule of workouts, healthy eating tips and motivating quotes.

Workouts are offered daily to all members

starting at 6:00 a.m. in the SUB ballroom. While workouts are not required, Tietz and about 10-12 other students participate each day in the Beach Body Series, including P90X and Insanity workout routines, which last approximately 50 minutes.

The club also offers community service through educating children in local elementary schools and afterschool programs on the importance of healthy eating and regular exercise.

Tietz wanted it to be a group effort more along the lines of a team rather than the

typical club format. Instead of the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, the club has a coordinator, representatives and public relations.

It's his interest and dedication to inspiring for club members, but it also proves to be a rewarding experience.

"I try to help people to reach their goals," Tietz said. "I love doing it."

Some of HAWC's goals include having a member on the food committee in order to promote more healthy choices and increase the club's popularity by getting as many people involved as possible. With 98 members on the list already, they're off to a good start.

In addition to this, Tietz wants members share and celebrate their progress by weighing themselves in and taking pictures before and after.

Next year Tietz will be at his senior level in the pharmacy program and will no longer run the club, but he hopes it will continue to grow.

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'Everyone is Gay' speakers



The Beacon/Laura Preby

On Thursday, September 22nd, Everyone is Gay website founders Kristin Russo and Dannielle Owens-Reid gave an interactive presentation to the Wilkes community. The women answered questions about coming out, dealing with relationships and gave advice about who you are and told several stories about coming out experiences. The women run a website support community for LGBTQ teens and young adults where they answer questions from users.

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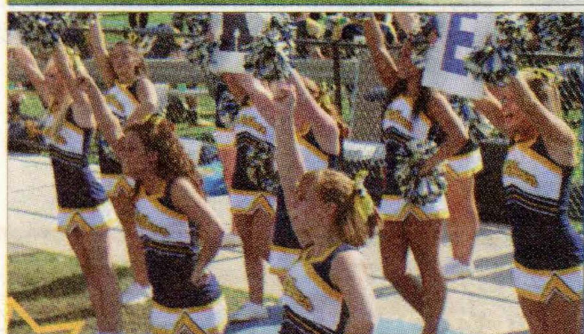
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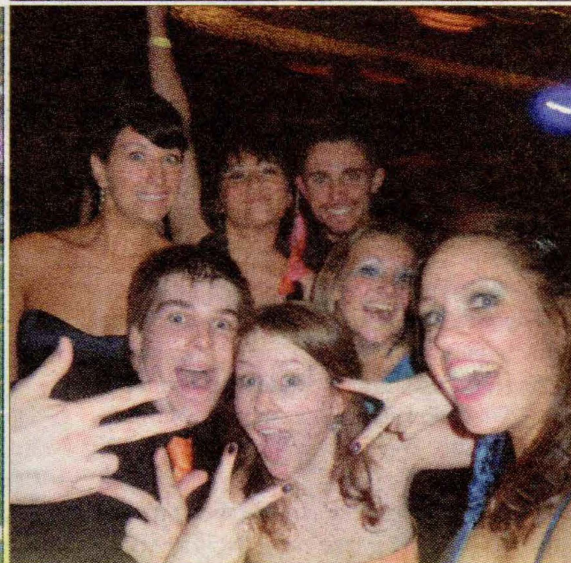
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Homecoming Weekend 2011 started off with a pep rally on Thursday. Friday night was the homecoming dance held at Genetti's, where students danced all night and the court was presented. On Saturday, the Homecoming King and Queen were announced as business administration major Dan McLoughlin and biology major Christa Filipkowski. See online for the full article and more photos from Homecoming 2011.

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Unimportant Questions with Important People

WILLIE EGGLESTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT

BY HOLLY BOYER
Assistant Life Editor

The Beacon: What is your role on campus?

Eggleston: "Student Body President. Running board meetings, working between students and administration, working towards bettering the campus for students."

The Beacon: What is the greatest part about your role?

Eggleston: "Getting to know so many students, staff, and faculty. It is cool to see both sides (students and administration) and take them to be one view and one solution that everyone is happy with."

The Beacon: What is your favorite thing about Wilkes?

Eggleston: "The campus atmosphere – everyone knows everyone. It functions more as a small community rather than a small university."

The Beacon: What is your favorite pass time to partake in?

Eggleston: "Ultimate Frisbee, It is a lot of fun. Triathlon is a close second, but definitely frisbee."

The Beacon: What is your best Wilkes memory?

Eggleston: "The people I've met. I tried to think of a specific event, but I've met so many people with awesome memories. I definitely don't regret coming to Wilkes at all."

The Beacon: Why did you choose to get involved in Student Government?

Eggleston: "I want to make sure we're getting ever thing we can get out of our experience here."

The Beacon: Name an interesting fact about yourself?

Eggleston: "I just finished my first Iron Man marathon this past summer."

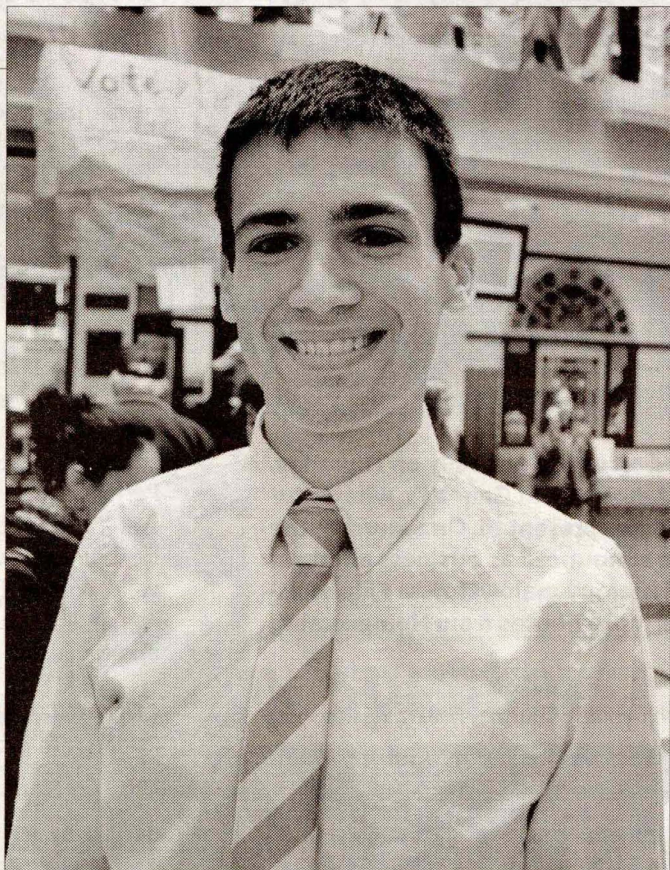
The Beacon: What are you looking forward to in the future?

Eggleston: Starting my job, I have two more years with pharmacy. I want to do residency, get a job at a nice big hospital, that would be my ultimate goal."

The Beacon: Do you have any advice for the student community?

Eggleston: "Their experience at Wilkes University is what they make it. There is so much out there that you can do. There is something for everybody, you can definitely keep yourself busy."

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Willie Eggleston is a senior pharmacy major who plays Ultimate Frisbee and was on this year's Homecoming Court.

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To do this, Boone's office worked with Marketing and Communications, Student Affairs and the Alumni Office to form a flood response team with constituents on campus to help those associated with the university affected by the flood. Eventually others that were affected asked for the Colonels' assistance, which created a huge task in trying to organize volunteers.

"To make everything flow better we created the Doodle link, which helps us not only count how many volunteers we have but who's available at what time and how many people we would need to transport," Boone said. "That really has helped quite a bit (with our efforts)."

To show their support for those affected,

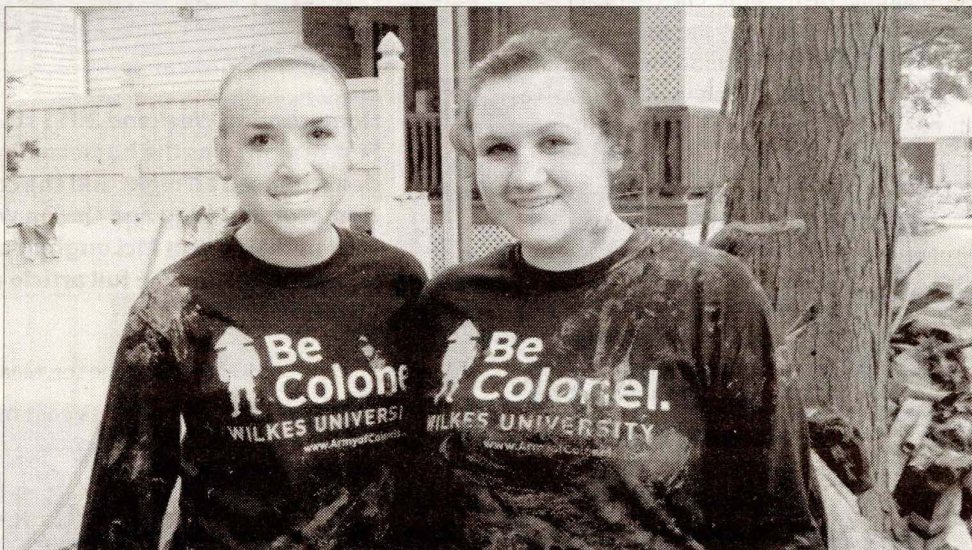
President Tim Gilmour, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Paul Adams, Associate Dean of Student Development Phil Ruthkosky and Dean of Students Mark Allen each personally helped out as an initiative.

Boone says she is grateful for the campus shuttle service for transportation and facilities for allowing the Colonels to use their tools and donating equipment.

Reed says it is very "humbling" to volunteer and makes you feel more grateful for what you do have and makes you realize that people do care when something like that happens.

"Try not to focus on yourself too much, make sure that you reach out to your community at least a little bit, even if it is just something small it makes a difference," Reed said

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Courtesy of Caitlin Czeh

Volunteers pose after cleaning out a home in West Pittston. During the first few days, volunteers sifted through and raked out mud from homes in West Pittston.



Courtesy of Caitlin Czeh

Students sift through and clean up belongings at a home that was flooded. Although it isn't difficult, some of the hardships encountered include picking up items with nails in them. For additional pictures and article, visit www.thewilkes-beacon.com

'Almost, Maine' debuts at Wilkes University Theater Department

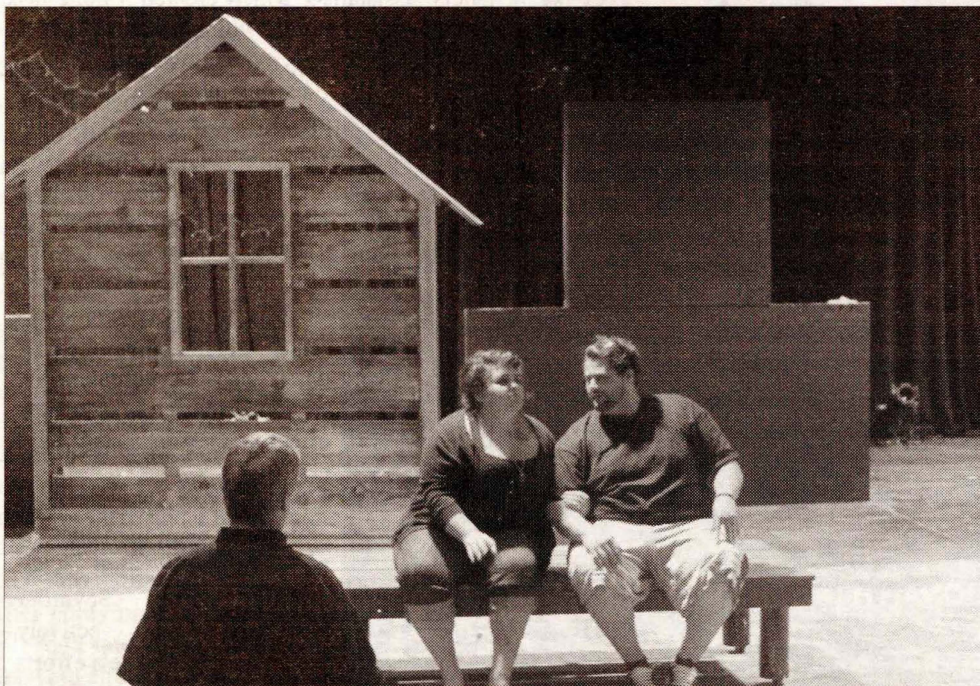
Romantic comedy uses eight vignettes to portray life in a small town

BY JORDAN RAMIREZ
Staff Writer

Wilkes University's Theatre Department has been preparing its own production of the complex, and often comedic, romance script. Carriani, born in Maine, took his experiences from several locations in Maine and combined them in the very precise town of Almost. The play follows eight vignettes surrounding vastly different characters; all eight vignettes occur at the same time and are related. While the entire work pertains to the theme of love, each vignette involves an intricate exchange between two or more characters.

The department is optimistic toward the show's nature and the production quality. Professor of theater, Naomi Baker remarks, "It's a really wonderful script."

Dr. Joseph Dawson, chair of the Performing Arts Division at Wilkes University, is directing "Almost, Maine" and designing the costumes. Wilkes student Jimmy Bas-



The Beacon/Jonathan Bowman
Director Joseph Dawson instructs cast members on the set of "Almost, Maine."

quill holds the production together as Stage Manager.

Cast members include: Alex Fahnestock (Pete), Nicole Weaver (Ginette), Luke Brady (East-End Randy), Kelly Pleva (Glory), Bill McGovern (Jimmy & Chad), Erin Weinberger (Sandrine), Nina Vazquez (Waitress & Rhonda), Lacy Willis (Marvalyn & Marci), Jamie Alderiso (Steve & Daniel), Casey Gow (Gayle & Hope), Corey Martin (Lendall & Dave), Dino Osmanouid (Phil).

The theater department and cast encourage students and community members to attend its presentation of "Almost, Maine." Performance dates are Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. Admission for Wilkes students and faculty is free with valid Wilkes ID. General admission is \$15, non-Wilkes student and senior citizen admission is \$5.

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Legendary R&B singer comes to Kirby Center

Actress, pop icon, Golden Globe winner brings talents to Wilkes-Barre

BY BILL THOMAS
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Fans of classic pop music will get their live Motown fix this Friday, Sept. 30 when R&B legend Diana Ross comes to Wilkes-Barre's FM Kirby Center. With the venue celebrating its 25th anniversary season, Kirby Center director of marketing Will Beekman said Ross is an ideal performer to help commemorate the event.

"We wanted someone with a rich history," explained Beekman, "and it doesn't get much better than Ross. She's had such a profound impact on pop culture, as an actress, singer and, of course, as leader of perhaps the greatest Motown group ever assembled."

Ross' history is extensive. After leaving The Supremes in the late 1960's, Ross found acclaim with a solo career that has endured for more than 40 years. In addition to receiving numerous awards throughout the years (including 12 Grammys), the Guinness Book of World Records has named her the single

most successful female performer in the history of the music industry.

"She has just about done it all," said Beekman. "She's an Academy Award-nominated actress, a Tony and Golden Globe Award winner, an eight-time American Music Award winner, bestselling author, and has sold more than 100 million records in her lifetime. That's the stuff legends are made of, and we're very excited and lucky to have her coming to the Kirby Center."

The tour, which Ross brings to the Kirby Center, dubbed "More Today than Yesterday: The Greatest Hits Tour," takes advantage of the songstress' vast library of hits. During the concert, Ross will regale audiences with renditions of songs like "Stop! In the Name of Love," "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," and "I'm Coming Out," among others, all the while accompanied by a full band, complete with horn section and back-up singers.

The concert is just one of many events that Beekman believes will capture the spirit of the Kirby Center's own long and storied history.



Courtesy of F.M. Kirby Center

"Our biggest aim is to celebrate our past while looking forward to the future," said Beekman. "We really want to find ways to

say 'Thank you' to the community for helping us keep our brass doors open for the past 25 years."

In addition to scheduled performances from such acts as country singer Darius Rucker and comedian Lisa Lampanelli, Beekman points to an upcoming contest in which the venue will give away a 2011 Civic EX Coupe as an example of the kind of plans the Kirby Center is hoping will give the venue's silver anniversary that special commemorative touch.

It doesn't end there, Beekman hinted, "a number of free and special events throughout the season, many of which have not yet been announced."

Tickets for Diana Ross at FM Kirby Center on Friday, Sept. 30 are \$79.50, \$99.50 and \$125. Doors open at 7 p.m. performance starts at 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.kirbycenter.org.

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Movie Review: 'Moneyball' - good baseball story, better life story

Film may disappoint baseball fans who seek more of a sports-themed story

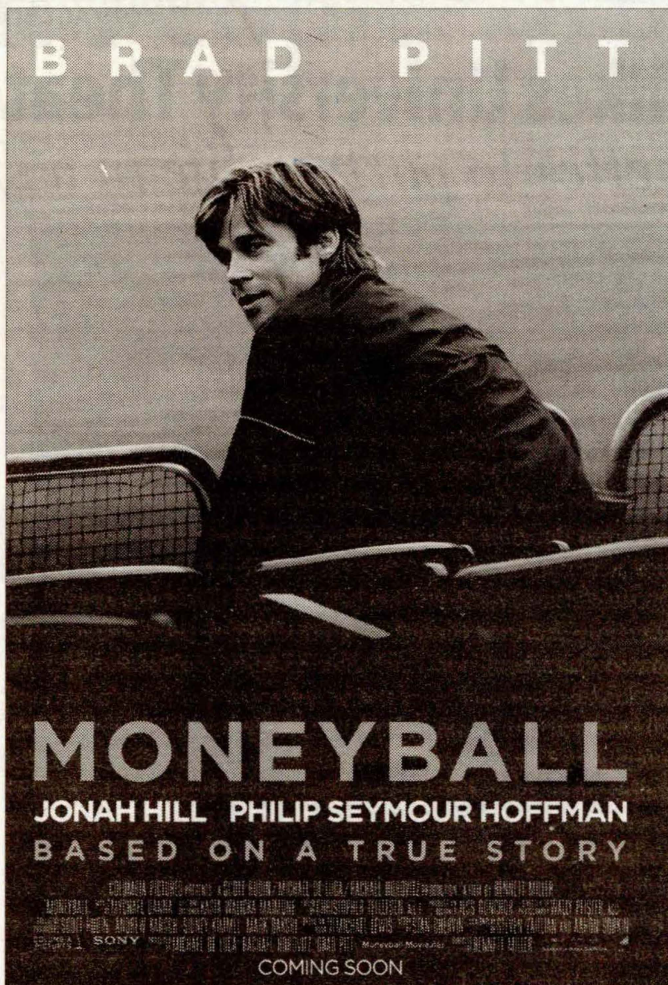
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Music once came in tangible form and "tweets" were something a little kid with bad enunciation asked you for on Halloween. Back then, baseball was the "national pastime." Now, in the Age of Blogs, statistics may have stolen that title. You can thank "Freakonomics" -- math-manipulating partisan pundits and fantasy sports leagues for that.

Enter "Moneyball," a fictionalized film based on the non-fiction book of the same name. "Moneyball" tells the story of sabermetrics (the analysis of baseball statistics), a field which revolutionized the way professional baseball teams were managed after previously skeptical industry insiders finally began to embrace it in the early 2000's.

More so, "Moneyball" tells the story of Billy Beane (Brad Pitt), GM for the Oakland A's, whose budget hampers his ability to compete with the big boys. Beane equates the A's with a "farm system." His best players get scooped up by more famous teams, who seduce them with lucrative contracts and the promise of fame, leaving Beane the chaff. Money talks, baseball walks.

Hemorrhaging talent and unable to nego-



tiate a decent trade to save his life, Beane starts looking for a new way to go toe-to-toe with the ritzier teams for a third of the price. In comes Yale-graduate economist Peter Brand (Jonah Hill). His philosophy? If you can't beat 'em, go around 'em.

Eschewing the obsolete drafting strategies of yesteryear, Beane and Brand start looking at raw data instead of star power. Together, they put together a team of under-appreciated misfits whose subtle gifts have been overshadowed by age, appearance or personality. Of course, none of which matter next to how effective they are as ballplayers.

It's no use arguing their abilities to team manager Art Howe (a low-key, but scene-stealing Philip Seymour Hoffman), who actively works against Beane's efforts to reinvent the wheel. Beane knows if he can get people to give his strategies a shot, the

tide will turn for the ailing A's. But can he? One part "Bad News Bears," two parts "The Social Network," "Moneyball" may disappoint fans of traditional sports flicks, as little of the film is spent out on the field. However, the movie manages to make seemingly humdrum office politics as exciting as the game itself.

The baseball story is good. The human story is better. Most notably, "Moneyball" brings the sense of disposability with which athletes are treated once they're supposedly "washed-up" into stark, haunting focus.

This isn't necessarily a story of trailblazing success, just trailblazing. History tells us nothing if not that the pioneers are the ones most likely to get dysentery and die. The ending of "Moneyball" may leave a bittersweet taste in your mouth, but it will also imbue your heart with a renewed sense of love for both the sport and the people who play it.

On the surface, the sabermetrics of "Moneyball" might seem like a cold, clinical approach to the game. But, as Beane asks in the film, "How can you not be romantic about baseball?"

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Book Review: 'The Hunger Games' is an action packed page turner

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Suzanne Collins puts an interesting twist on post apocalyptic North America in her book, "The Hunger Games." She creates a teenage girl main character whose biggest responsibility is keeping her mother and sister alive.

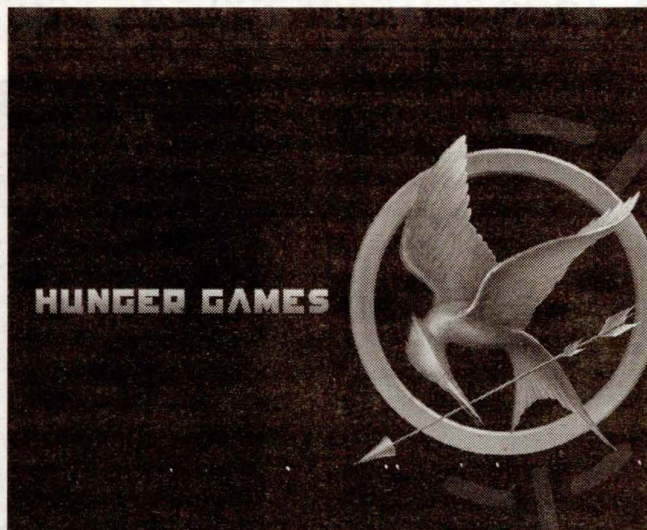
The book reminded me of a cross between the television show Survivor and George Orwell's novel 1984. The futuristic society is engaging, yet brutal in the way two tributes from each of the 12 districts are chosen by raffle to compete in the annual Hunger Games, a televised fight until death that every citizen has to watch.

The reader does not have to wait for the action to start, because it starts on the first page. Once I picked up "The Hunger Games," I didn't put it down until I was done.

Luckily, this is the first book of a trilogy so the engaging story doesn't need to end with the last chapter.

Collins embraces readers with the adventures of the characters she created. Each character is infused with such personality, it leaves readers feeling as if they actually know them. I counted down the days until the next book to the trilogy was published.

I found the main character Katniss very relatable. She volunteers to take the place of her younger sister in the games, and sends herself into the arena. Even if you don't have



Katniss's strong personality, she is relatable in her family struggles, her love life and her challenges in the arena. Her sidekick, Peeta, will win the heart of readers in his artistic gentleness.

At first, I was pulled into the book by concept alone. The description reminded me of gladiator fights and television drama. But outside of these themes, "The Hunger Games"

has something for everyone. Make no mistake, this is not a light-hearted comedy, but it won't make you sob either. The stakes of life and death are always on the table but the cut-throat plot is rounded out by an underlying love triangle between Katniss, her best friend and hunting partner Gale and Peeta.

This book puts adrenaline into its characters, as they face situations today's America can't imagine.

I found the reading easy and clear, no plot lines were dropped and nothing went unresolved except the answer of whom Katniss will choose, Peeta or Gale. The love story aspect of the story is left as a cliff hanger baiting readers into the next of the series. For a relatively short book, it packs adventure and suspense into every page. Collins created a world that I might not exactly want to live in, but I couldn't stop reading about.

To be blunt, I loved this book. It is the type of book you can read again and again, picking up on new underlying themes each time you read it. This seems to be the consensus from readers, since "The Hunger Games" is a New York Times number one bestseller in young adult fiction, adult fiction and science fiction/fantasy. The movie is to be released in early 2012 (IMBD).

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Wilkes parties on the square

The 8th annual college town party on the square

BY DEVONI NOVAK
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The eighth annual college town party on the square took place last Wednesday Sept. 20. The event was an interactive success that brought college students from the area together with community members to enjoy food, music, and giveaways.

Students from Wilkes, Kings, Luzerne County Community College, Penn State Wilkes-Barre and Misericordia made their way around the public square checking out more than 17 tents that housed local businesses. Some students felt this year was better than the last with more vendors and better food, while others said this year had less attendance.

Penn State students from the Wilkes-Barre branch, Justin Manisy and Tom Barreto were less than impressed with this year's turnout.

"My freshman year it was packed, it was crazy," said Barreto.

"Honestly I expected a little bit more I thought there would be more tents around," said Manisy of his first year attending.

Although expectations may not have been fulfilled, the night was action packed. Party goers were taken by surprise by an outbreak of a flash mob, two bands, Stealing Neil and No Where Slow, performed and the Domino's-sponsored pizza-eating contest.

Senior marketing major at King's Col-

lege Matthew Steltzer maintained undefeated status as he finished his pie first for the fourth year in a row. Steltzer said he doesn't practice but he has a strategy.

"Devour and throw water in your mouth," he said. His prize was a goody bag, complete with two gift cards for free pizza.

The results are pending for this year's Collegetown Cup Trophy winner. The cup is won by receiving the most cumulative points in the school spirit poster contest, mechanical bull riding and the pizza eating contest.

Senior business administration major at Wilkes, Jonathan Estimoza worked with Karen Gallia to plan this year's Party on the Square while interning at the Diamond City Partnership. Estimoza said they began planning in May and sought out sponsors as early as possible. Overall, he was happy with the event's turnout.

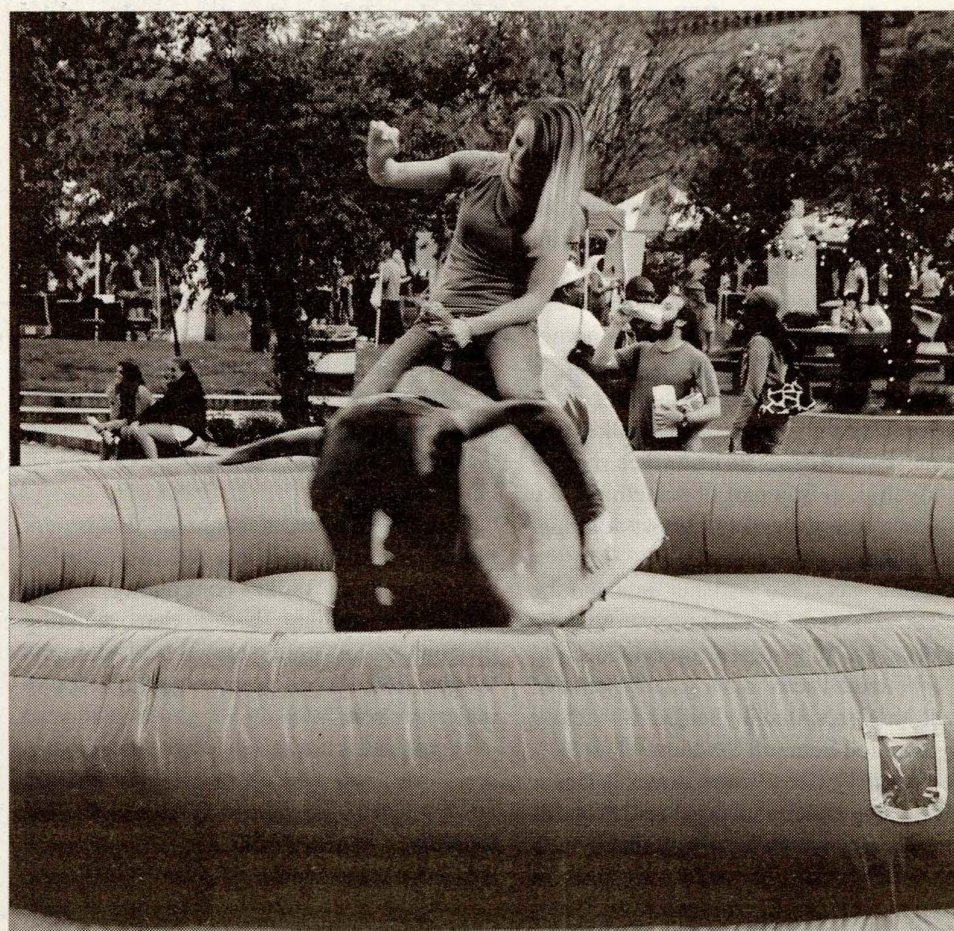
"I think it turned out great, we had a lot of students in there and a lot of students liked the giveaway items this year, which was great," said Estimoza.

After enjoying a night of free entertainment, food and community company students were already looking forward to next year. Terrance Wagner and Steven Foster, seniors at King's, agreed, "I'll come back just for party on the square, we both will," Wagner said.

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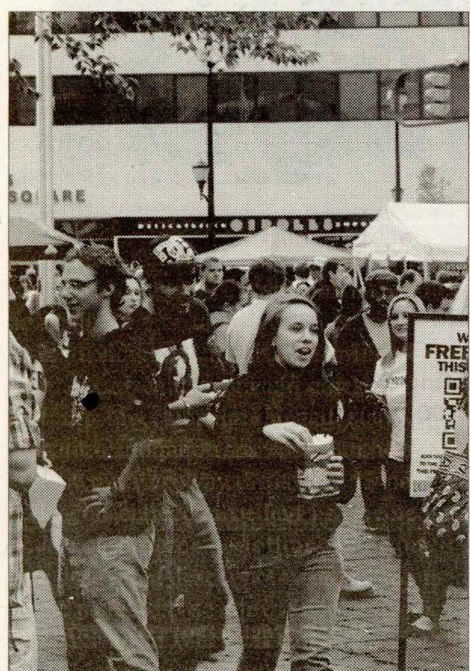


Pizza lovers devouring pies at the Domino's-sponsored pizza-eating contest.

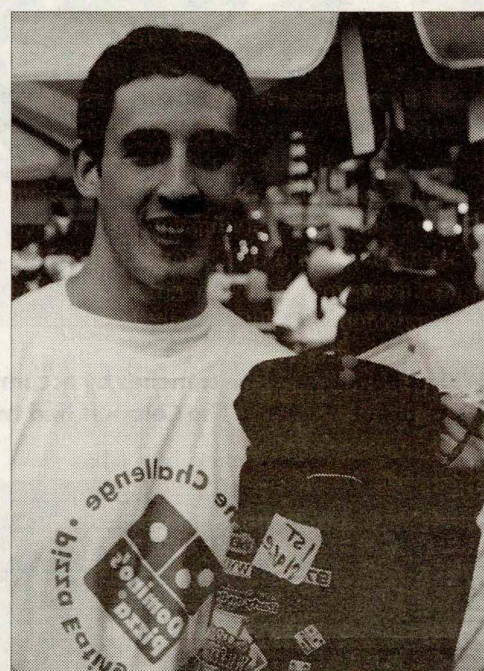


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One of the many activities available for students included mechanical bull riding.



Area college students taking advantage of free food.



Matt Steltzer, senior at King's College, defended his pizza-eating title.

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Colonels down Widener; secure first win in homecoming game

Wilkes tacks on 508 total yards and forces 6 turnovers in convincing conference win

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Rollie Schmidt, the former Wilkes football coach leading in all-time wins, had the name of the football stadium dedicated in his honor. The Ralston Athletic Complex is where the honorary ceremony had taken place at around 12:30 PM. Schmidt undoubtedly deserved this recognition. With a remarkable 32 game win streak within his career, Schmidt put Wilkes on the map of collegiate football, and even gaining the university itself greater popularity.

Schmidt did more for Wilkes than just coach football. He coached the baseball and golf teams as well. And his grand leadership resulted in both teams winning MAC titles within his career. Three golf championships, and one baseball. Schmidt retired after 32 years of coaching, and was inducted into the Wilkes' Hall of Fame in 1994, earning him Emeritus Faculty Status.

Wilkes Quarterback Alex George had extra motivation going into Saturday's homecoming game especially with the dedication to former head coach Rollie Schmidt.

"Rollie Schmidt really made Wilkes the program that it is, and it just gives me extra motivation to be a part of something like that," George, sophomore business administration major, said.

The game was some Widener defeated the Colonels last season, but this time around the Colonels were fully determined in beating their opponent. There was a greater sense of purpose and it resulted in their 35-27 victory newly honored Schmidt Stadium.

The Colonel offense wore down Widener with a rushing attack that piled up 332 yards on the ground, which nearly doubled their season average of 170 yards per game. In addition to their prolific run game, the Colonels were also very successful on the other side of the ball forcing 6 turnovers which lead to 3 touchdown drives.

Alex George had a breakthrough game as he was involved in every touchdown scored. On the day, George had 3 passing touchdowns along with 2 rushing scores in a game where he accumulated 288 yards of total offense. Senior captain Zach Tivald also rushed for a season-high 147 yards on 21 carries.

George credits the success to the blocking of his teammates that opened up running lanes for a Colonel rushing attack that totaled 332 yards rushing.

"The major thing was the performance by the offense line and the blocking by wide receivers down field," George, who accounted for 107 yards rushing and two scores, said. "The blocking was great and allowed for great performance by everyone on our offense."

Along with proving of being a good quarterback, George is also a man of his word. Prior to the game, he believed with wholehearted confidence that they would get the win in the former coach's honor.

"We're going to get that W in dedication to Rollie," George said.

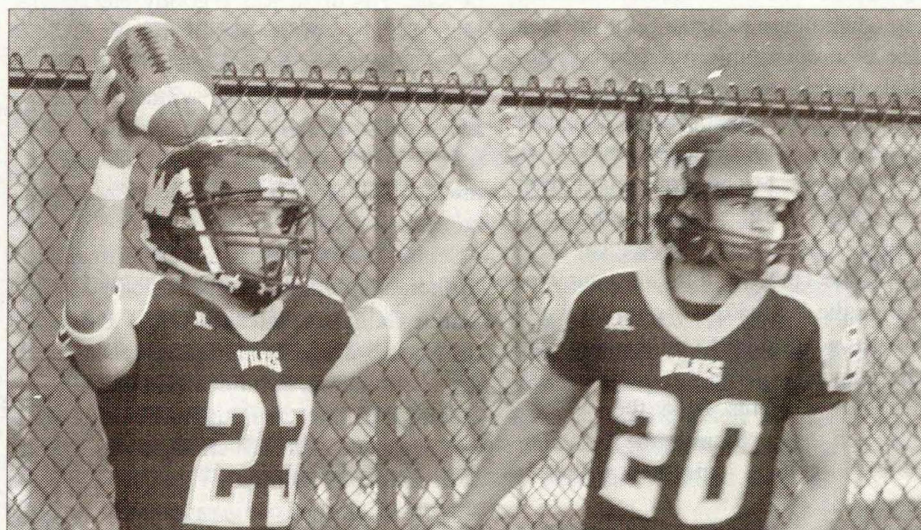
Another big factor for the victory was the support of the 12th man, the Wilkes cheering section which totaled 2335 fans. Student Government even handed out T-shirts and rally towels to get the community out to cheer. Members of the football team were very excited to see a rowdy crowd.

"Nothing is better than coming out to a packed crowd," George said. "The student support was awesome and we can only hope that more students make it out to all of our home games."

Auxence Wogou, a sophomore business major, was also very excited to see a big turnout from the Wilkes community.

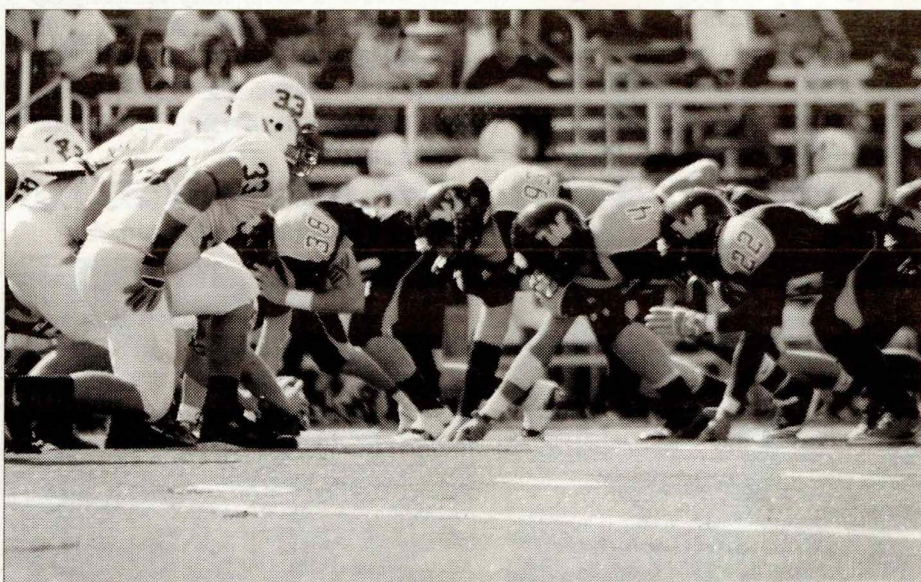
"There's nothing better than winning in front of the home crowd and alumni," Wogou said. "It felt great to get the first win under our belt."

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Joe Chrismer (left) celebrates after recovering a fumble with teammate Jordan Fredo (right). The Wilkes defense forced 6 turnovers in the win over Widener.



The Beacon/ Laura Preby

Wilkes dominated the trenches by accumulating over 300 yards rushing based off of great blocking. The Colonels had two 100-yard rushers on the day.

Game Statistics

Rush Yards
332

Pass Yards
178

Total Yds
508

Points off T.O.s
21

Wilkes athletes pick up the pieces after flood

Multiple sports teams volunteer to help local victims of recent flooding

BY JUSTIN FRANIAK
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A team is defined as a group of people linked in a common purpose. This common purpose is not to beat King's, win a MAC or Metro title, or qualify for nationals, but rather help those in need.

The Wilkes area of River Street was lucky enough not to experience major damage in the recent floods, but others in the community were not so lucky.

Many Wilkes athletic teams took time out of their busy schedules and training to participate in well needed community service.

"I knew there was need of help in certain spots and I wanted to be able to go out and coach and school gave us the opportunity to help," Katy Fissel, a senior intergrated media major and women's soccer player, said.

She along with a few other women's soccer players were sent to a few houses where they performed various tasks. Fissel said she tore down drywall and wall boards that had been touched by the flood waters.

"We had to be very careful with what we touched and had to clean everything,

clothes, body, etc multiple times because instead of flood water some houses had sewage water," Fissel said.

Taking out all the affected belongings, cleaning basement, and organizing trash to be picked up was also taken on by the team.

Coach John Sumoski was very proud of his players after their volunteering hours and believes their hard work paid off in multiple ways.

"I believe that this selflessness brings out the best of the team it helps them get the job done and helps them realize that giving is more important than receiving."

Along with the women's soccer team, Wilkes' wrestling team also volunteered to help flood victims. Coach Jon Laudenslager of the wrestling team reiterated the fact that team bonding was also a benefit of his team volunteering.

"In our sport, or any other sport that is one vs. one, you're not relying on a teammate for help in the competition, but there's the old saying that you're only as good as your teammates make you," he said.

Junior engineering major and wrestler Griffin Panicucci helped sanitize and sal-



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Members of the Wilkes University wrestling team helped local flood victims.

vage textbooks and reading materials at a local church and library, while other wrestlers helped move garbage and clean-up debris from victims' houses.

"It made me feel like a part of the community I'm living in," Panicucci said about volunteering. "It gave us a chance to get out and see that, even though our campus was

fine, others didn't have it as good. It would be good to get out there again, considering we are a large team, and put a dent in what needs to be done and giving the relief workers a little break."

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Colonels play 'Fall Ball' to prepare for spring

Baseball team looks to take full advantage of off-season with scrimmages

BY PHAT NGUYEN
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The typical offseason is usually a time in sports where there is no official competition, a recess if you will.

However, at Wilkes University, this off-season is has been far from typical.

The Colonel baseball team has 14 approved NCAA regulated practices this fall that will be used for intra-squad scrimmages and practices.

Head Coach Joe Folek will host these fall baseball practice sessions three to four times a week, where he will bring the team to compete against one another to give them an outlook of things to come for the spring. Folek believes it gives the newer guys something to work and know what to expect once spring hits.

Senior closer Mark Siebel notes how well some of his teammates have been playing during these fall ball sessions. For example, he believes his fellow senior teammate Michael Olerta has made significant strides to

improve his game, including losing weight.

"Mike 'Snail' Olerta has lost 30 pounds in the off-season and is going to be competing for starting first base and third base as well as designated hitter," Siebel, a business administration major, said. "His hitting, running and everything has really improved since last year. He's really impressed me so far."

Another Colonel who has been playing well is A.J. Mihaly, according to center fielder Angelo Trento.

"He's going to be one of our starting pitchers and a stud center fielder," Trento, junior criminology major, said. "He's already hit three or four home runs already."

With the loss of last year's seniors, Al Clocker and Rich Cosgrove, and also last year's batting champion Angus Neary -- who left school to attend the police academy -- this year's team hopes to focus on less power hitting and more situation play to score runs.

"The offense has changed to more of team effort instead of just relying on the number

three and four guys to hit, we have to depend the entire lineup, one through nine," Trento said.

"We're missing a lot with Angus, but we are returning a lot of bats," Siebel said. "We're going to have to rely on base-to-base hits, hitting the gap and your occasional home run here and there. Plus, we have Steve Ruch now, so we'll be ok."

Steve Ruch, the brother of current captain Matt Ruch, is a local multi-sport standout from Holy Redeemer, that looks to add another big bat to the lineup.

Not only have the returners have been looking good, but some of the new players, especially the freshman have also brought their a-game.

"There are five or six really good freshmen pitchers who have seen lot of innings already," Siebel said. "It's always interesting to see who's going to replace us when we're gone."

When asked about what could be improved from years past, Trento responded without hesitation that egos were a major problem

and will not be tolerated if the Colonels are going to be a winning team.

"Team chemistry 100 percent," Trento said. "There were a lot of egos on the team last year, none of that cramp last year problem for the last year...one of the best team best teams in the country if we get our chemistry down."

Trento and Siebel are both taking the measures to improve team dynamic. The two are big on bonding especially with a focus on looking out for the younger guys on the team.

"This year, the seniors of the team will adopt one freshman to mentor," Siebel said. "We're going to have an iniation night to show the freshmen what it's like to be a Colonel. It's really going to bring everyone together, but it's nothing illegal so don't worry."

Leadership is not only limited to seniors who are stepping up, but also Trento who is only a junior and is looking out for all the new players on the team.

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SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

9/24 vs. Widener 35-27 W

WOMEN'S SOCCER

9/21 Baptist Bible 4-0 W
9/24 Arcadia 1-2 L OT

MEN'S SOCCER

9/20 @ Penn College 1-0 W
9/22 @ Baptist Bible 2-1 W OT
9/24 @ Lebanon Valley 2-1 W

FIELD HOCKEY

9/20 Elizabethtown 2-5 L
9/24 @ Eastern 1-6 L

VOLLEYBALL

9/24 @ PSU Berk 0-3 L
9/24 @ Monclair State 2-3 L

WEEK AHEAD

FOOTBALL

10/1 @ FDU-Florham

WOMEN'S SOCCER

9/28 @ Susquehanna
10/1 @ Misericordia

MEN'S SOCCER

10/1 @ Misericordia
10/5 Arcadia

FIELD HOCKEY

10/4 @ Cabrini

VOLLEYBALL

9/28 @ Kings
10/1 @ Albright, Arcadia
10/4 Desales

MEN'S TENNIS

10/1 Lycoming

GOLF

9/27 @ U of Scranton

Are "Super Conferences" good for NCAA?

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SUPER-SIZE ME

Super Conferences in collegiate sports would be a great change. In the college football landscape there are 21 conferences for 120 schools in division IA also known as the FBS or the Football Bowl Subdivision. The FBS is the only collegiate athletics league that does not have a playoff system in place. Super Conferences could possibly change this.

The news lately has been filled with rumors of schools possibly leaving one conference to join another. The rumor mill has not stopped spinning in the last few months and it has become a Hollywood gossip session more than business ordeal. The NCAA has dropped the ball in letting this free-for-all style to be allowed in their system. While we are well on our way to super conferences and few can deny that, the road to get there has no street signs to direct the schools where to go, and the NCAA must step in. The NCAA needs to sit every school down in one congregation to discuss and map out conferences that would ultimately provide for the prosperity of college sports.

The ideal number many would look for is eight super conferences in the FBS to help establish either a 32, 16 or eight team playoff system that would work. This would ensure top competition in each conference, so no more untested Boise St. controversy. The SEC would not be the sole power conference and no longer be first in line to every bowl game. The new playoff structure would not necessarily eliminate bowl games, it would simply make bowl games more significant. You can still have The Rose Bowl as a semi-final game, it just puts meaning behind each game. No longer would we have to wait three weeks in-between the bowl games and the last regular season games, thus allowing the college football season to still finish in the same timeframe, while still putting important games in between the national championship and the last regular season game. Essentially the college landscape is moving towards these major super conferences. However, they need support and guidance from the NCAA.

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Justin Franiak



LONG LIVE THE RIVALRY

The new trend in College Football is the idea of "Super Conferences," so essentially having the Pac-10 become the Pac-57. Being a college football traditionalist, I am completely against this idea. For one, the best thing in college football is rivalries. Being a Penn State fan, I loathe the existence of Ohio State, but I love playing them every year. If, for example, the Big Ten were to jump to around 20 teams, this rivalry would diminish because teams would only play each other once every few years, instead of beating each other up annually. I love to watch Notre Dame get beat by different teams every year, but by instilling "Super Conferences" Notre Dame, being independent, would be forced to play lesser competition. This would be caused by teams only playing other schools in their conference. Out-of-conference play would totally be diminished as every game played would need to have some playoff implications.

Another negative is the travel time and schedule instilled on the athletes. Some people forget that these college football athletes are still in college, they do need an education because they are not all going professional. By having these huge conferences, travel time would only be extended. Instead of the Pac-10 only being a West Coast league, it would begin to jump into the middle of the country because of the absorption of new teams. This would cause teams to have to leave earlier from school and stay longer at their desired locations. In the end this would only hinder getting their diploma.

Some say it would help develop a college football playoff system. I believe with the current ranking system, a decent playoff system could be developed. Currently there are 11 football conferences. You keep the BCS rankings and at the end of the season every conference winner is pulled out of the top 25. The teams that then fall within the top 5 after the pulling of the other teams are considered wild cards. This would set-up a 16 team playoff, which would only take four weeks to complete, around the same time the college championship is played.



The Topic:

Are bigger conferences the way to go?

Key Teams: (Or players)

Notre Dame, Boise State, NCAA

The Buzz: Will Bowl

Games stay relevant?

Can the NCAA develop a playoff system?

The Odds: Super

Conferences are forming now.

The Results:

Wait and see!

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What's it like being named Freedom Conference player of the Week along with your teammate Sam Lindo? I think that's great for our team and the face of our team. I think it really shows a lot of our dedication I haven't been able to show my strengths since I got hurt. I'm really happy for Sam because she didn't get much time last year, and she has come right into things now.

What are you listening on your iPod before games? Mostly classics like "Heart of the Champion"... The Gatorade "G" clapping song really gets me in the zone too.

What do you guys do to improve team chemistry? We like to eat most of our meals together in the cafe, and in preseason we'll make T-shirts and things like that.

Does the team have any traditions before games? We come out holding hands to the game, no one hits the wall like football.

Who's your favorite teacher on campus? Sara Pisarchick, she's into graphic design so she helps because I didn't know much about the program when I got here. Sara wants to get your name out to there with all these internships. Some people have gotten big jobs after graduation.

How do you feel about Rubie the IM dog? I love the dog being down there with us. She makes us happy whenever we see her.

Do you ever feed her? No, I don't feed her. (laughs) I know not to feed them when you have a dog yourself.

Is there any reason why you rock the #8? It's just always been my number. There's no real background to it. Once I got to college though, it's been mine.

What are some of your goals for the team? I want to be nationally ranked, or at least regionally ranked. I want to show everyone what we're made of.

How would the team get ranked? I think it depends on our record. I'm not sure if they take the points differential into consideration. We're 4-2 right now, so basically we just have to win the next two or three games. We want to win every game.

How do you like Hope Solo's chances on "Dancing with the Stars"? I haven't watched it yet, but I see her on Twitter promoting it. I love Twitter. I want to see what she's made.

Most people complain about bandwagons, but I really believe that getting a bandwagon of fans for soccer could do so much for women's soccer in the states.

What do you think professional women soccer players could do

to keep America interested? I think women should stay around and get more girls to games like that. And have teams travel and do camps keep people interested.

What's an interesting fact about you that no one knows? I'm a big freak about being organized. Everything at my desk is very particular. Some people find it funny. Back in freshmen year, my roommate Megan Clementson borrowed my stapler and put it back facing the other way. I knew because I always have my desk work all set out and my stapler is facing the other way. Every time I tell that story people laugh at me.

Tell us five things about yourself: I'm always happy and optimistic. I love being a leader, I'll always stand my ground, and I love community service and volunteering.

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"I like to consider myself the personality of the team," Trento said. "I'm the one you'll hear when you show up to practices. I'm going to take all the freshmen under my wing and answer any questions like where do I go, how do I do this? I know my freshman year, I liked when upperclassmen helped me out."

With the loss of egos and a balancing act to help bring the team closer, the Colonel baseball team looks to achieve great success this coming spring.

"We don't have any real big super stars so its going to have to be everyone coming together for us to win this semester," Siebel said.

"We're all together with the same goal to make the playoffs, and we're going to make it happen this year," Trento said.

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Senior education major and women's soccer player Megan Clementson believes she took some stress off of the victims.

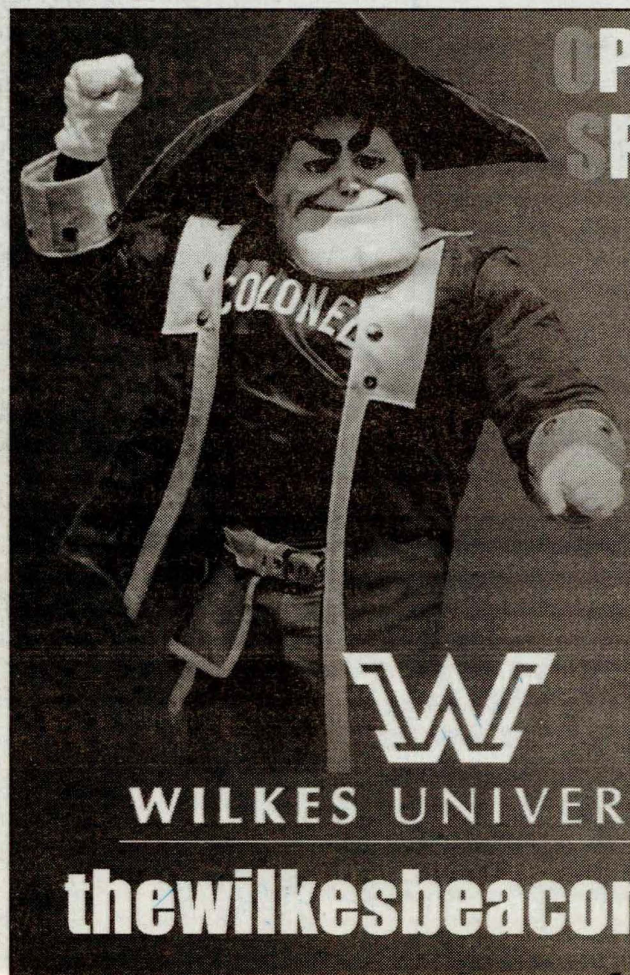
"The older lady we helped kept asking us how she could repay us for our work," Clementson said. "It was great to say, 'Nothing,' we came because we wanted to help you."

Clementson said it was satisfying to see the burden lifted off the victims shoulders and would definitely want to help again.

Whether it was cleaning basements, ripping down walls, or putting trash at the curb, this army of volunteers definitely made its mark on the community and maybe gained a few more fans.

"We actually gained a couple fans at our game following our volunteer work. A couple of individuals that were helping with us admired our desire to help and thought it would be nice to support us by coming to our game," Clementson said.

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Getting to know...

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Meet Katy Fissel, a senior integrative major of the women's soccer team. The senior captain has high hopes to lead the Lady Colonels to goals of a regional and eventual national ranking. The first team all-MAC performer was sidelined last year after tearing ligaments in her ankle, but is now back in action leading the team with two goals and six points. Even the little flood couldn't stop her.

Age: 21

Major: Integrative Media

Hometown: Moorestown, NJ. It's about two hours from here.

What sealed your decision to come to Wilkes?

I was recruited by coach John Sumoski in high school. He was the most intriguing coach, and I wanted to play in college.

What made you want to do integrative media?

I was undecided when I got here. Freshman year, I saw a couple people on my dorm floor working on graphic design, and I started getting into art and design. Jess Gannon, who was a senior on the soccer team at the time, also showed me some of her work.

Are you working on any cool projects? I just finished a magazine project for the women's soccer team, and I did a highlights promo video too.

What's it like working as a photographer for

FotoFink? Mr. Fink is very helpful. He's taught me a lot more than I could learn on my own by taking photos especially like things like the process of photography.

So is the FotoFink gig more like an internship or a job? It's kind of like an in-between. I go out to take pictures when I can. It's nice. When I do bigger tournaments and games, he pays me.

As a freshman, you were named second team all-MAC. As a sophomore, you were first team all-MAC. How much did it hurt you to only be able to watch last year? Last year, I came into the season really fit, pumped and ready to play. I had a lot of goals to reach and then went I got hurt, I was just devastated.

I hate to bring up horror stories but remind everyone what kept you out last year: I tore

KATY FISSEL

Women's Soccer

ligaments in my ankle in the first half of the first game when I went up for a header. I went down hard and was out for season. It ended up with me being out for the entire year, but I actually redshirted, so I can play next year.

How excited are you to get back now? Yes, I'm very excited. It was long year.

Is there's a chance that you'll be back next year? There's good chance I might be back an extra semester.

You guys were picked third in a preseason poll. How does that feel to be considered one of the top teams? I think we're all really excited to be up there, and we're all ready to achieve higher standards.

What did it feel like to hit that late goal? We felt like we were playing really well. Our possessions were good. I had a couple chances early, but I was putting them over the net. Then there was this great touch by Priscilla [Bonilla] and through ball from [Alicia] Roberts I knew we didn't have much time left. It was a great feeling getting that first goal of the season. I know there's a lot of it to come.

What kind of movies do you like? I like comedies and chick flicks.

What have you seen recently? I really liked "Something Borrowed." I really want to see "Bridesmaids."

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