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## Democrats predicted to lose votes in upcoming elections

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Nov. 2 is Election Day and, according to various sources around campus, it is possible that the United States could see a major change in party control.

Political science assistant professor Dr. Andrew Miller said these elections could change American policy, but he has doubts.

"It would be presumably a totally new policy direction, on healthcare, on taxes, on laws hav-

ing to do with business, on financial regulation, on a whole range of [items]," Miller said. "Although it could possibly force both sides to work together if the Republicans do win the house and maybe the senate; having the president being a Democrat. But that's something I don't feel very confident in."

Miller said the economy has made these elections more crucial.

"It's not only the state of the economy but the government's reactions to the economy have both influenced the elections considerably," Miller said. "I think a big dividing line among voters is the

economy, but more so their reaction to the president's plans to [try to] make it better."

Ian Foley, a freshman political science major and president of the Campus Republicans, said that the economy is the biggest factor currently shaping citizen's vote in America.

"This election has spurred interest just because of the way the economy is heading," Foley said. "We are still unfortunately in an economic depression where unemployment has not changed in the

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Mid-term elections are being held Nov. 2. Democrats are predicted to lose some seats in both the U.S. House and the Senate.

## Linda Winkler appointed new dean of CAHSS

BY KIRSTIN COOK  
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Increasing awareness of Wilkes University's programs and emphasizing life-long learning are a few of the goals that Linda Winkler, recently appointed dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, intends to reach.

Winkler began her position as dean of CAHSS on Aug. 1 after relocating from the Titusville campus of the University of Pittsburgh, where she previously served as the vice president of academic affairs, as well as the director of international studies.

Winkler said she decided to pursue the opening at Wilkes because she found the university to be compatible with her values.

"I'm a big proponent of liberal arts education and college as a time where people are transformed and ideally develop skills to become life-long learners," Winkler said.

An objective that Winkler is aiming for is an increase in knowledge of Wilkes University beyond the local level.

"I think that Wilkes has a much broader appeal and that it could be attracting students from a much broader regional range, and that for a large part, outside of this immediate area people aren't really aware of what Wilkes has to offer," Winkler said.

Winkler said that most of her colleagues in Western Pennsylvania had not heard of Wilkes University, but they were impressed when they looked at the Web site.

One of the techniques she has begun implementing to widen publicity is an improvement of the Wilkes Web site.

"Today, many people search for schools via Web page, and it's not just a matter of going to Wilkes' Web page, a lot of it involves searches for keywords for the kind of schools that might fit who you are," Winkler said.

Director of undergraduate education Ellen Flint, who served as the interim dean of the CAHSS for two months over the summer, agreed with this method.

"I've been advocating for better Web site presence for at least three years," Flint said.

Flint has worked with Winkler to help with her transition into the new position and said that the

change has been very successful and quick. She links this partially to Winkler's previous experience in academia.

"The Titusville campus is very similar in structure and in the numbers of students served and the number of faculty to the CAHSS here at Wilkes. Many of the challenges and opportunities for improvement and growth that we have here at Wilkes within (CAHSS), she has already encountered and addressed at University of Pittsburgh-Titusville," Flint said.

Flint said it is clear that Winkler has the experience and skills to help the college grow.

"I think we work with a mutual respect and a sense that we just like each other as people," Flint said. "She's a very, very warm person,

extraordinarily intellectual, and I can't think of anyone else I'd rather be working with as dean."

Winkler, who has earned a master's and a doctorate in anthropology as well as a master's in public health, hopes to interact with students through teaching, possibly on a study abroad basis.

Winkler received her bachelor's degree in sociology and religion from Midland Lutheran College, which she said has many similarities to Wilkes.

"Wilkes looked a lot like the college that I went to, and I wanted very much to be back in that kind of academic environment," Winkler said.

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## Beacon Briefs

BY CATHRYN FREAR  
News Editor

**FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE** – Flu shots are currently available on the first floor of Passan Hall, located on Franklin Street, during regular health services hours. The shot includes immunizations for both current seasonal flu strains and last year's H1N1, also known as the swine flu, vaccine. The cost for the shots is \$20 in cash or check form. Checks can be made payable to Wilkes University.

**MSC TALENT SHOW SIGN-UPS** – Wilkes Got Talent sign-ups are being held in the Henry Student Center. Those interested in signing up can do so from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The show

will be held Nov. 4 on the second floor of HSC in the ballroom.

**SALVATION ARMY KETTLE KICK-OFF CLASSIC** – Zebra Communications and the Salvation Army will be hosting the annual Kettle Kick-off Classic Relay Race Saturday at noon, Nov. 13 in Nesbitt Park in Kingston. The race is meant to benefit the 2010 Kettle Campaign. Teams will consist of four people and the teams are asked to come up with a theme and the most creative team will receive a prize. The first three teams to finish and the team with the most sponsorship will also receive a prize. Sign-ups are being held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a registration fee of \$10 for those who sign up in advance and \$12 for those who sign up the day of

the event. All proceeds benefit the Salvation Army of Wilkes-Barre.

**LIBRARY REFERENCE BOOK SALE** – Now through Dec. 10, the Farley Library will be holding a reference book sale. The books that are for sale are available on the bookshelves in the basement of the library. Also on the shelves are bags that buyers can fill with books. The cost for a bag of books is \$1.

**WEEKLY MEDITATION** – Meditation is held on campus every Wednesday from 5 to 5:30 p.m. in the Kirby Salon in the first floor of Kirby Hall. Those with questions or concerns as well as first-time meditators are also invited to attend a question and answer session before the actual meditation session

at 4:45 p.m. Interested parties can also contact Dr. Linda Paul at linda.paul@wilkes.edu or Dr. Mischelle Anthony at mischelle.anthony@wilkes.edu

**LIFE EMPOWERMENT CLASSES** – Life empowerment classes are being held by Dr. Ed Schicatano every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Arts YOUNiverse. The classes are meant to help rid oneself of negative emotions, stress, anxiety, fear and phobias. The cost is \$10 per person. More information can be found by calling 417-3309 or by visiting www.artsyouniverse.com or www.ahealthy-mind.webs.com.

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## Student Government allots funding to Spirit Committee

*Approved allotment of \$2,000 accounts for committee's entire semester budget*

BY CATHRYN FREAR  
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Student Government allotted \$2,000 to Spirit Committee on Wednesday, Oct. 20. The motion passed 32-0-7.

SG President Ben Beidel said the Spirit Committee has its own budget within the SG total budget that they are provided each year.

The allotment was the club's entire available funding for this year's fall semester.

"We're requesting our entire budget (for the semester) so that we are sure we have enough money," said Stacy Prelewicz, a junior P1 pharmacy major and president of the Spirit Committee.

Spirit Club is paying for is various items to give away, including foam fingers, at

the fifteenth annual Mayor's Cup, which is a Wilkes University versus King's College football game. The Mayor's Cup is the last regular season game for the school rivals every year.

The biggest expense that the Spirit Committee is spending their money on is the foam fingers to be given away at the game. Prelewicz said they will be blue and probably have the Colonel on them as well as possibly sport the words "Wilkes University."

The final design for the foam fingers, however, is not yet completed. The estimated final cost is \$1,181.

Prelewicz also estimated in the meeting that they will purchase more than 500 foam fingers for the event.

Katie Aldinger, a senior nursing major and senior class representative, voiced her concern over what she said was a relatively high

number of foam fingers for the amount of people that attend the Wilkes football games.

"I don't know how many people attend football games," Aldinger said. "500 foam fingers just seems like a lot to me."

Christina D'Ippolito, a P2 senior pharmacy major and inter-residential hall council president, countered Aldinger.

"I see your point, but I think the good thing about foam fingers is that as long as they don't say 'Mayor's Cup' on them, we can use them for other events (if there are still foam fingers left)," D'Ippolito said.

Other items the funds will include hot chocolate, supplies for a relay race and \$500 worth of prizes for those who participate in the relay race.

**New Business:**  
*Casino Night:* Casino Night will be held

Tuesday, Nov. 2 in the Marts Gym. It was announced at the SG meeting that this year's Casino Night will have a theme and that the theme will be the Rat Pack. Students are encouraged to dress in their favorite Rat Pack era attire.

**Treasurer's Report:**

All College: \$2,753.65  
Conferences: \$4,100  
General Funds: \$2,000  
Leadership: \$2,941.20  
Spirit: \$3,000  
Special Projects: \$2,000  
Start Up: \$1,500  
Total: \$18,294.85

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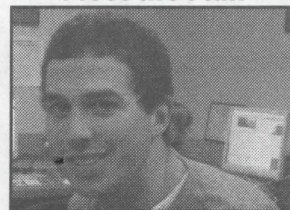
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# Fundamentals of color and design students style their soles

BY CATHRYN FREAR  
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TOMS Shoes, designed and painted by Sharon Cosgrove's Fundamentals of color and design class, will be showcased at the Style Your Sole event.

The event is being held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Oct. 26 in the first floor of the Henry Student Center. At the Style Your Sole event, those who previously purchased a pair of TOMS Shoes will be designing their own pair of shoes.

The shoes from the class were purchased through funding donated by an anonymous source. The 11 pairs of shoes were bought at \$44 per pair from TOMS Shoes, a non-profit organization that matches every pair of shoes purchased by giving a pair of shoes to a child in need.

"Some of the children may have never even had shoes," associate professor of art Sharon Cosgrove said. "As a society, we are visual learners and this assignment brings about a visual awareness of a really big problem."

The assignment was something that Cosgrove wanted to incorporate into her classroom for some time. The opportunity presented itself and she ran with it.

"I could probably use this assignment for any number of classes," Cosgrove

said. "I chose this particular one because I had wanted to somehow create an assignment that was 3-D. I had the students create their own shape and use it a repeating pattern."

Cosgrove said that while the idea is much like a camouflage, she was careful not to use the word camouflage as to not influence the students' designs.

"Then, they used that shape to create a painting that was anti-focal point, that is, a painting that doesn't have one particular point that catches the eye, as well as proportion and balance," Cosgrove said. "Then, I had them take that concept and apply it to their shoes."

Samantha Kerpovich, a sophomore integrative media major and a student in Cosgrove's class, said she didn't expect the result that she got, but she is happy with how her shoes turned out.

"It was a really long process," Kerpovich said. "I had never worked in 3-D before and it took a lot of planning. I did mine as a reflective pattern, and it was really challenging to look at it and think how to do the opposite (on the other shoe.)"

Cosgrove said that she hopes that her students are reminded of the bigger world picture when they see and wear their shoes.

Cosgrove, along with 12 other faculty members, purchased her own pair of shoes

to design and also display at the Style Your Sole event.

"Our shoes will be put on display at the event and then our shoes will be auctioned off at a silent auction in a private club," Cosgrove said. "The money earned at the auction will be put toward Wilkes' students scholarships."

The title of Cosgrove's shoes is "Abundance and Want." One shoe is covered with various fruits and vegetables, representing abundance. The other one is painted with children in need, symbolizing want.

"My shoes are supposed to represent the two societies that TOMS Shoes represents," Cosgrove said. "The design represents the abundance of our culture and the want of the people receiving the shoes."

Those interested in purchasing their own pair of TOMS shoes can do so by visiting <http://www.toms.com>.



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Senior psychology major Alitsa Panteloukas (above) works on a project for Sharon Cosgrove's fundamentals of color and design class. The shoes for the project are from TOMS Shoes.

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## DEMOCRATS

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two years since the current administration took office."

Foley said the job market in Pennsylvania is down due to industrial jobs leaving the commonwealth, such as the steel industry leaving Pittsburgh.

"I think that the candidates need to look into other industries such as healthcare, technology...and renewable energy sources in order to bring those jobs [that we have lost] back," Foley said.

Foley also said that these upcoming elections will shape the state budget and that this could directly impact students' tuition for those who attend state schools.

"It wouldn't affect students at Wilkes, but those who go to state schools could see a major increase in their tuition," Foley said.

Tony Thomas, a junior English and political science major and president of the Campus Democrats.

"The most important issue this year is the economy," said Thomas. "The economy is slowly getting better, but progress is a slow

thing. There was not going to be an economic turnaround overnight."

Dr. Kyle Kreider, associate professor of political science, said that the Tea Party is playing an important role in this election that hasn't been seen before due to the fact that the movement is new.

"Moderate incumbent Republicans are losing in the primaries and party conventions," Kreider said. "They've had a huge influence in the shifting of the Republican Party to the right, so I think that's the biggest influence."

He said that even the Republican candidates who are not affiliating themselves in any way with the Tea Party are being careful and more mindful of that group of people.

Kreider said that the Tea Party's constituency accounts for a large number of their voters.

According to Miller, Democrats are going to lose votes this year and that there will be a shift in power.

"With the president, there's certainly going to be Democrats that lose votes because people (who do) not like the president won't vote for a Democrat in their local election(s)," Miller said. "I think part of the vote (change) is also going to be (that) over the last couple years the Democrats won in

large gains in districts that they hadn't (formerly) won."

Miller also said that in the last election, voters who generally vote Republican flipped, but now they may return to their previous ways.

"Part of it will be some of these districts that have long been Republican bastions that had voted Democrat maybe last time or the time before are now kind of returning to what they normally vote, and there are lots of districts like that," Miller said.

Foley said that, while it is too late in this election, student voters who are not registered locally should send away for an absentee ballot in future elections.

"If students use an absentee ballot, they can vote in their own local elections at home where they are more likely to know about and understand the candidates," Foley said.

On Election Day, those who vote locally can do so in the lobby of the Marts Gym on Franklin Street.

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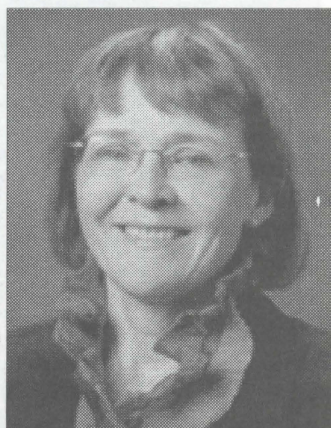
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community within the Wilkes mission are areas that Winkler hopes to focus on. She considers community service to be a life-long focus, since she has been involved with many service projects.

Winkler considers her adjustment to Wilkes to be a success so far.

"It's been a pleasure being here and I'm looking forward to interacting on the campus more broadly," Winkler said.

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# iPads come to campus, currently only for use in the classroom

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The Farley Library and IT services purchased several iPads this semester for classroom use. Currently, only faculty members have permission to take them out. However, furthering the iPad program is still under discussion.

Two of the iPads are located at the Circulations Desk in the library and are checked out the same way as any other media devices.

"We got them mostly for faculty to play around with," John Stachacz, dean of the library, said.

Several more iPads are available in the Teaching Commons in the library's basement. Dana Burnside, director of the Teaching Commons, has been exploring the teaching possibilities the iPads can provide professors.

"The Teaching Commons is a playground for faculty," Burnside said. "As educators, we want to know how we can use it (new technology) in the classroom."

Burnside has downloaded helpful edu-

cational applications on the iPads such as Mac's version of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. One flaw in the iPad design is that the iPads cannot save files, but anything can be transferred via iTunes to another computer and saved there.

Other useful applications Burnside has been looking into include iBooks which works much like an Amazon Kindle or Barnes & Noble's Nook.

"This way, students won't have to carry as many books," Burnside said. Something else Burnside said students won't have to carry around as much is flashcards, as there is also a program that allows the user to create flashcards to help with studying.

The iPad purchase was a collaborative effort between IT and the library staff.

The iPads have only been available for three weeks. The iPads are on a trial run while the library staff sees if the new devices will become popular. During this time, they will only be available for use by faculty.

"There has been some interest," said Collette Elick, library technician. "I have seen them go out about five times so far."

Burnside said she would be excited to see the iPads be accessible to the students.

"They have more time and are curious enough," she said. "The students would discover a million different things to do."

She said it's much like having a laptop and can be very helpful from not having to carry books and saving paper by taking notes in one of the programs.

"Students are comfortable using (the technology) already," Burnside said.

Stachacz said that the iPads' availability will likely eventually be extended to the Wilkes student body.

"We'll probably have them for student use eventually," Stachacz said. "It'll be the same (process) as the laptops and (for use) only in the library."

Burnside said she is excited with the opportunity the iPads provide.

"They are fun and cool and can get students more excited to learn something they might find boring otherwise," she said. "There is a



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**Dana Burnside, director of the Teaching Commons demonstrates how to use one of the new iPads.**

whole world of education (in technology) to be explored."

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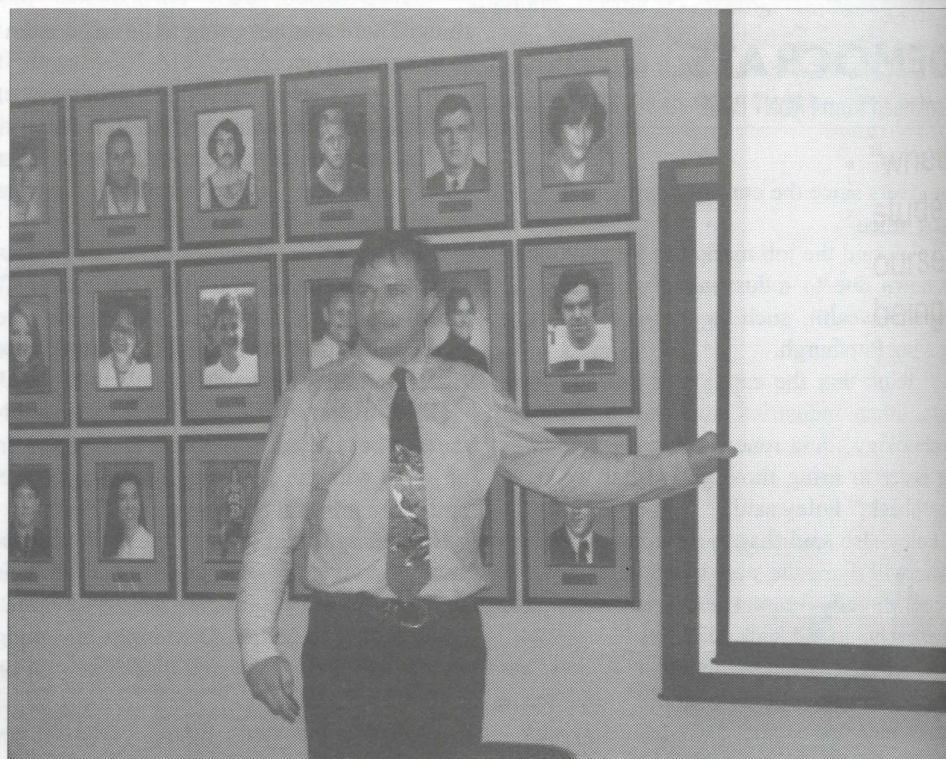
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## KaBOOM! open for play Reid lectures on morals



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The newly constructed KaBOOM! playground was opened Monday, Oct. 11 for children to play on. The playground was successfully built on Oct. 7 by volunteers from the community. KaBOOM! playground builders cooperated with Kraft Food and the city of Wilkes-Barre to make a safe play area for local children.



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Dr. Mark Reid, Wilkes assistant professor of philosophy, presented "Teachers as Moral Leaders" on Oct. 19. The lecture elaborated on learning that takes place outside of the classroom. The presentation was a part of the educational forum series organized by Drs. Robert and Judith Gardner.



## Wilkes GSA honors victims of recent suicides

### *Candlelit vigil held on the greenway to respect the memories of gay teens*

BY TREVOR KURTZ

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A candlelit vigil sponsored by the Wilkes University Gay Straight Alliance and held on the greenway Oct. 20 was attended by members of the Wilkes community to bring light to recent incidents of suicide thought to have been caused by bullying of homosexual teens.

As a result, schools across the nation have been re-evaluating their policies to see how well they are treating their lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students.

The GSA has returned to active status this year with Alyssa Bortz as its president. Some within the organization feel the center works less with gay students than other cultures.

"The Gay Straight Alliance has not been active on campus for a few years and we saw this as a great opportunity to support the cause and help stop discrimination," said Alyssa Bortz, president of the Wilkes GSA. Students were encouraged to wear purple

throughout in honor of Spirit Day to show their support for the cause, even if not planning to attend the vigil.

At the vigil, students were handed candles and purple papers with pledges to be allies to those who are in need of support.

Then, Bortz gave a brief speech and the attendees were shown a video presentation in silence that was put together by Willie Eggleston, a member of the GSA.

The video started by showing the names of all of the recent victims and as it continued, it displayed messages of hope to those in states of doubt and depression.

"The video was a great chance to inspire all the students in attendance to be proud of who they are and not hide who they are because of their sexuality," Eggleston said. "I was very happy to see everyone there to support the cause."

Kevin Hettrich, a recent graduate from the theater department of Wilkes University, came out to show his support to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

"It was amazing to see so many people (at the vigil)," Hettrich said. "I could not be-

lieve so many were wearing purple on campus throughout the day as well, it was great to see so much support for this worthwhile cause."

The video emphasized the importance of being open to all people, not only being open to students who may be homosexual, but also to students with different beliefs and backgrounds. It also encouraged the support of the families of the teens who committed suicide because of the discrimination of their homosexuality.

Jim Basquill, a theater major, was also in attendance at the vigil, sporting a purple shirt in support.

"It's terrible that someone would let themselves be influenced by what some terrible people do against you" he said. "It's important as Wilkes students to show we do not stand for that kind of discrimination and that we are open to everyone."

The GSA encourages any student, regardless of their sexuality to support the GSA and all students who are being harassed.

Georgia Costalas, managing director of diversity affairs at the Wilkes Diversity Cen-

ter, says the center does include LGBT students in its orientation slide show. Overall, Costalas said, the issue has not been properly addressed in the past because of a lack of faculty in the Diversity Center.

However, within the past year, as associate director has been hired and the university is in the process of finding a new vice president with the credentials to address the issue.

The center acknowledges LGBT students and is willing to work with them when called upon.

"We do not think it is taboo," Costalas said. "Anybody at the center will try to work with the (Gay Straight) Alliance or other students."

Anyone interested in joining the alliance should contact Bortz at [alyssa.bortz@wilkes.edu](mailto:alyssa.bortz@wilkes.edu) or Eggleston at [william.eggleston@wilkes.edu](mailto:william.eggleston@wilkes.edu).

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# America needs new political voices

*The Tea Party has been gaining power in United States politics*

BY THE BEACON  
Editorial Board

The Democratic and Republican parties have dominated the United States political system for years; however, the donkey and elephant may need to step aside as a new party emerges.

The Tea Party movement, which began in 2009, has become prominent in the world of politics, garnering much support and considerable attention from the media. *The Beacon* feels that even though the Tea Party's goals and motives may be rather extreme, *The Beacon* is pleased to see that new political voices are surfacing, rather than just the Democratic and Republican parties.

Although the classic two-party system in the United States will most likely not be altered anytime soon, the Tea Party has become a major political force over the past year. The Tea Party is not yet an established political party, but an organization whose main goals are cutting taxes and reducing national debt.

Named after the Boston Tea Party, which occurred in 1773 as a demonstration against taxation without representation, the Tea Party movement began with a series of protests. According to Your News Now, a cable news network based in Syracuse, N.Y., the first reported Tea Party protest took place on Jan. 24, 2009 in Binghamton, N.Y. There, angry citizens dumped a few gallons of soda into the Susquehanna River to protest Gov. David Patterson's proposed taxes on certain beverages.

Tea Party protests became much more prevalent in February 2009, focusing mostly on wasteful government spending and Congress' \$787 billion stimulus plan.

Other protests in 2009 criticized bailouts, taxes and President Barack Obama's health care plan.

The protests have continued throughout

2010, while the Tea Party has been nominating and endorsing candidates for next month's elections.

In 2009, Tea Party members developed the Contract from America, which was devised and compiled by Ryan Hecker, a Tea Party activist from Houston, Texas.

The Contract from America lists 10 goals of the Tea Party movement that congressional candidates are encouraged to support.

The most supported idea is that Congress protect the U.S. Constitution by specifically

Party supporters would vote Republican in their congressional district whereas only 15 percent would vote Democrat. Also, Tea Party members and Conservative Republicans view Obama almost equally unfavorably.

Another issue the Tea Party may have in cementing itself as a political party is that several of their ideas are extreme and a bit bizarre at times. One of the oddest ideas is that the Internal Revenue Code, which states all federal laws of the United States, be shortened from about one million words to no more than 4,543 words, or the length of the original U.S. Constitution.

In addition, many European countries have also operated on the multiparty system in parliament and other types of governments. A multiparty system can be used to show unhappiness with the current government.

For example, the French may vote for the most severe right-wing party in France, the National Front, to show the current government that the people

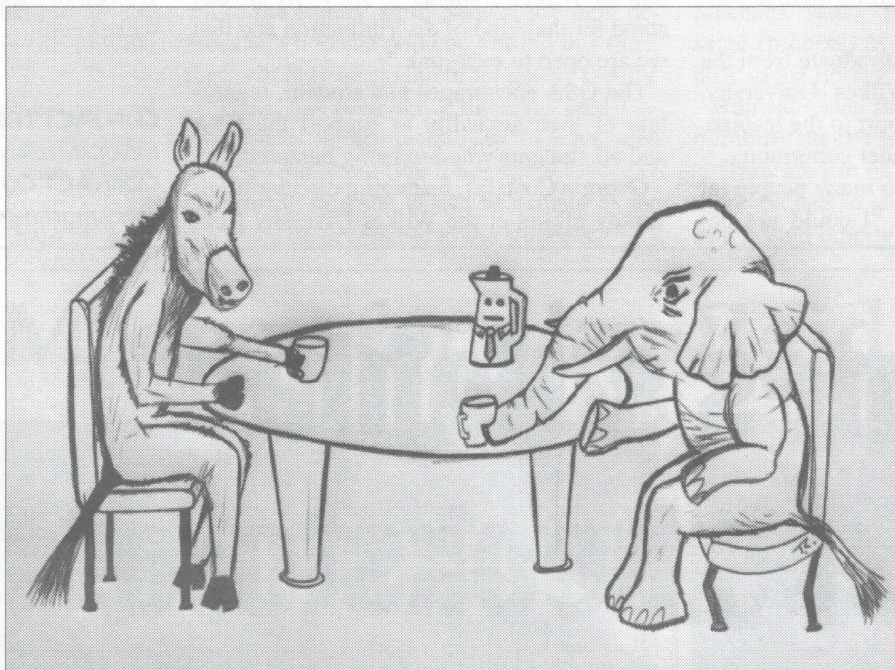
Cartoon by Tom Reilly

are so unhappy that they would rather vote for a party with very extreme ideals and values.

This system is similar to the Tea Party movement because it is a way of showing unhappiness in the current American government.

Even though the goals and motives of the Tea Party movement may be extreme or unconventional, *The Beacon* promotes the idea of new voices appearing in United States politics, rather than the dominant Democratic and Republican parties.

Although Tea Party supporters tend to be biased, the movement has become a powerful voice in the United States and may increase in power after the November elections.



## BEACON POLL

The Beacon poll is unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on the Wilkes campus. This poll was based on 14 responses.

### Last week's question:

Should Wilkes scrap the greenway for the SHE building?

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- No 86%

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# Wilkes needs to fund sports of high interest

BY AMANDA LEONARD  
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Throughout high school, many students pride themselves upon their progress and development as athletes. Many view accomplishments such as earning varsity letters and captain titles as excellent accents to his or her college application. Most athletes become dedicated to a sport and it becomes a habit to stay in shape and hone their skills during their college career.

But what is a student to do when his or her first-choice school does not offer the sport of their choice?

Currently, Wilkes offers 14 intercollegiate sports. In our competing conference, the MAC, local schools have a wider variety of sports with many from which to choose. Often, this also increases the chances that a prospective student will attend that institution over one with fewer sports offered.

After a 14-year hiatus, Wilkes University cross country regained its momentum and reformed as a team in 2008 due to a student initiative that caught on and was approved and funded accordingly.

Last year, a petition was started by members of the cross country team to develop a program for track and field at Wilkes.

Right now, the petition is still up in the air with little feedback on the decision. Why

this popular, Olympic sport is not catching on - or being approved for funding - is puzzling to many of those who are interested.

The two major issues that can be held at fault for the lack of developing a track team are funding and fear of nonparticipation.

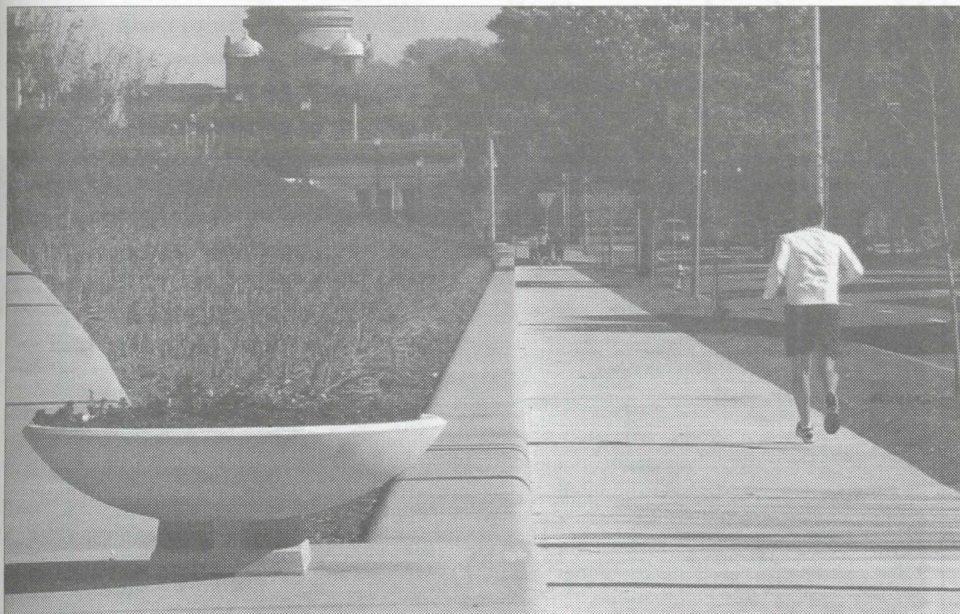
As for funding, Wilkes University should have plenty of money to dish out from students' \$26,000 yearly tuition and alumni donations. The millions and millions of dollars put toward the construction of the SHE building is evidence that Wilkes does indeed have money that is aimed toward bettering the university.

While it is indeed very important to renovate buildings and construct new ones, as most students are at Wilkes for academics, these improvements will most likely benefit the students already enrolled at Wilkes. Having a wider variety of sports and clubs will not only attract new students, but also bring in more money.

Wilkes need to be more open-minded and realize that a track team will be able to gain recognition, thrive and succeed if it is put forth when students who care adamantly about it are currently at Wilkes.

If fear of low turnout or participation is prevalent for a deciding factor to oust the idea altogether, that can be rebutted as a false presumption.

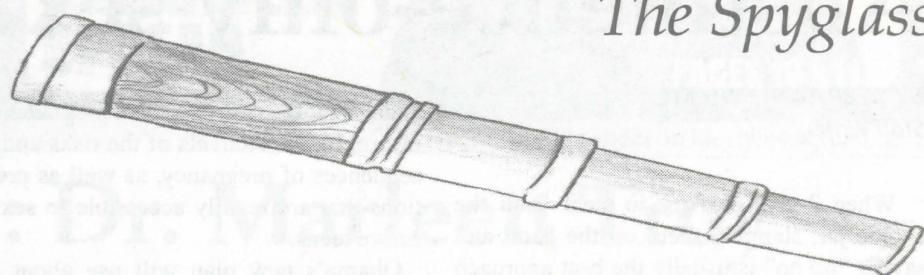
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Without a track season, many runners have to run on their own to keep in shape for their next season of cross country. If Wilkes had a track team, many runners, as well as athletes from other sports, can stay in shape during their off-season.

## The Spyglass



# Wealth distribution statistics in America should not be ignored

BY ANTHONY TRUPPO  
Opinion Editor

Whether we wish to admit it or not, money truly does make the world go 'round; however, many Americans are completely unaware of how the money actually goes around.

As members of a world dominated by currency, all Americans should be mindful of how wealth is unevenly distributed in the United States.

Some Americans may be unsure of what wealth distribution statistics are actually telling us. Distribution of wealth does not deal with one's income but with his or her assets. Wealth consists of possessions a person owns that are of economic value, such as a house. One's income is irrelevant in determining wealth.

Daniel Ariely, a professor at Duke University and Michael Norton, a professor from Harvard Business School, surveyed more than 5,500 Americans in 47 states at random, asking them how they think wealth is being distributed in the United States.

In their report, "Building a Better America - One Wealth Quintile at a Time," Ariely and Norton provided the staggering results of their survey. Those surveyed believed that the wealthiest 20 percent of Americans, also known as the first quintile, hold about 59 percent of our country's wealth. In reality, however, the wealthiest hold nearly 84 percent.

Whereas the wealthiest 20 percent of Americans own 84 percent of the United States' wealth, the second quintile, just below the wealthiest, owns 11 percent.

The third quintile, most commonly viewed as the middle class, holds four percent.

The fourth and fifth quintiles own less than 1 percent each.

Those surveyed by Ariely and Norton were asked to construct their own ideal

wealth distributions. The respondents felt that the wealthiest 20 percent of Americans should not have more than 32 percent of the United States' wealth. They agreed that wealth should be distributed evenly with all Americans, even the least wealthy having at least half of the wealth that is controlled by the top 20 percent.

Most Americans wish for a model of wealth distribution similar to that of Sweden where the richest 20 percent of the population control only 36 percent of the nation's wealth. Ninety-two percent of those surveyed would prefer to live in a nation with a wealth distribution similar to that of Sweden.

Ariely and Norton's studies indicate that both Democrats and Republicans are equally likely to choose Sweden's model of wealth distribution over that of the United States.

Norton's goal for his report is to raise awareness of the inequality of wealth distribution in the United States. "This lack of awareness may be what impedes [Americans] from being more supportive of policies that make wealth more equal," Norton said. I could not agree more.

Unfortunately, because most Americans are unaware of the nation's uneven wealth distribution, not much is being done to create equality, as the rich continue to become richer while the poor become poorer.

In September, Forbes Magazine released its annual listing of the 400 richest people in America. Since 2009, the combined wealth of the 400 richest people increased 8 percent to \$1.37 trillion.

According to the Federal Reserve, the total value of American households dropped \$1.52 trillion from April to June of this year to \$53.5 trillion. If the 400 richest Americans own \$1.37 trillion combined, that would mean the wealthiest 400 own 2.6 percent of the nation's wealth.

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# Abstinence-only sex education is ineffective

BY STEPHANIE WILKIE  
Staff Writer

When 2-year-olds try to steal from the cookie jar, slapping them on the hand and saying "no no" is usually the best approach as far as guidance goes.

Put this approach in the perspective of a teacher who must explain to children that sex must be avoided at all costs. Does "no no" cut it? Chances are slim. This must have been the epiphany that President Barack Obama had when he decided to cut back on the funding for abstinence-only sex education.

According to USA Today, Obama has decided to turn the abstinence program to preventing teen pregnancy. The Office of Management and Budget announced that about \$1.3 billion has been spent on abstinence programs from 2001-09.

Research studies from 2007 show that abstinence-only programs, in fact, do not prevent teen sex. According to Pregnant Teen Help, a website offering information on teen pregnancy, one third of all females in the United States become pregnant as teens.

Transforming sex education programs will

decrease this number of teen pregnancies by informing the students of the risks and consequences of pregnancy, as well as preventions that are readily accessible to sexually active teens.

Obama's new plan will use about \$178 million for pregnancy prevention and \$110 million for community-based programs. Three-quarters of these programs have been proven to delay teen sex and increase the use of contraception.

Advocates for Youth explains that parents, teachers and students all agree upon a more comprehensive sex education program, rather than a program that gives very little information on pregnancy prevention and promotes abstinence.

Saying "no" simply is not enough anymore and teenagers are well aware of the consequences.

AVERT, an international HIV and AIDS charity, explains on its website that programs that address cultural attitudes, sexuality and abortion are much more efficient than simply avoiding the issue.

The program should explain to young people that sexual intercourse involves emotions and respect. It should also provide

young people with the knowledge of the many contraceptive methods, birth control and where they can obtain it. Explaining the chances of acquiring HIV, the effects of various sexually transmitted diseases or the risks and effects of pregnancy often scares youth from having irresponsible sexual intercourse, which is why students should be informed of the risks, rather than trying to silence the issue.

About.com lists 10 reasons why comprehensive sex education is more beneficial than abstinence-only programs.

Some of the reasons are eye-opening and even startling. The third reason explains that giving students access to condoms does not provoke them to have sex, but gives them the opportunity to be safe.

The fourth provides a shocking statistic that 50 percent of high school students are sexually active, but only 63 percent used a condom and 18 percent used birth control.

The next few reasons explain that by providing teens with more information about sex, teens are more likely to be screened for STDs.

The website also explains that it is the parents' or guardians' job to instruct their chil-

dren on moral behavior and how to make smart choices.

Without the knowledge of contraceptives or the risks they are taking by engaging in sexual activities, how are students supposed to know how to practice safe sex? The topic of sex should not be avoided or put on the back burner; most teen pregnancies happen due to lack of information being relayed to teenagers.

This new approach to sexual education is a very bold, yet responsible change. It is not a shock to anyone that sexual activities occur frequently during teen years.

Bringing this issue to attention when teens begin engaging in sexual activity, rather than trying to ignore it all together, will provide teens with much more beneficial information and options. Parents will also be provided with the security that their children are learning preventative measures for pregnancy and STDs.

Perhaps Obama is advocating a change that the United States needs to face instead of giving this important issue the cold shoulder.

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When a prospective student is interested in attending Wilkes, often admissions will relay the message that he or she is interested in "running" to cross country head coach Nicholas Wadas.

It has happened on several occasions that a student interested in running takes a look at Wilkes, realizes there is only cross country, and moves onto another school where he or she can perform year-round.

It can be perceived as a turn off when the school offers cross country but not track, when the two go hand-in-hand. With full cooperation, any sports team could be successful at Wilkes. With the addition of a track team, other sports could benefit from athletes running track as off-season training.

Another possible deterrent for advocating for a track team is the notion that a track will have to be constructed and therefore also funded; however, that is not needed. It is not a necessity for a developing program. There are other facilities that can be used in the meantime, like some local high schools or even other colleges.

"For a new sport to succeed at Wilkes, you need full cooperation and dedication."

Wadas said, "then it will thrive and be successful."

While students at Wilkes are usually not here solely for athletics, but more so for academics, the school should still fully stand by the NCAA's philosophy of being well-rounded individuals.

According to collegestudentathletes.com, a Division-III school is "where the true student-athlete studies and competes." A Division-III school like Wilkes is one that will accommodate athletes that want to continue playing the sport he or she loves while receiving an education from an accredited university.

As mentioned before, every year there are prospective students who are considering Wilkes, as well as other schools; however, these students who have become attached to their sport would choose the university that offers the sport over the one that does not.

It is the hopes of many that the petition for a track team sent to Athletic Affairs more than six months ago will get out of limbo and a decision will finally be made.

"All sports can coexist here at Wilkes; they have the interest and the students," Wadas noted.

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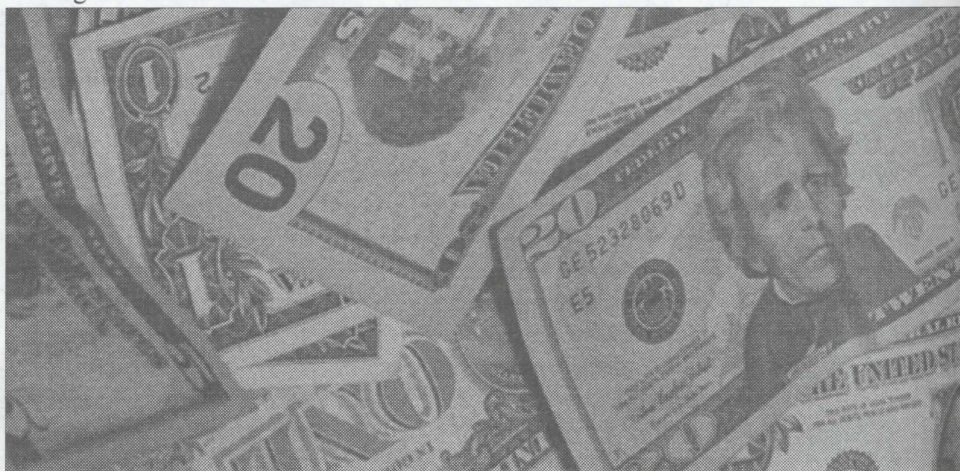
With a population of more than 300 million people, it is frightening to think that only 400 people in the United States own 2.6 percent of our country's wealth.

Thanks to Ariely and Norton's study, along with the release of recent wealth distribution statistics, Americans are becoming more aware of the United States'

uneven distribution of wealth. I feel that the issue of unequal wealth distribution in the United States will not dissipate anytime soon.

However, I believe that raising awareness of our country's uneven distribution of wealth is the first step in establishing change.

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**Most of the wealth in the United States is owned by 20 percent of the population. The richest 20 percent of the United States hold 84 cents for each dollar of America's wealth. Americans are beginning to notice the inequality in wealth distribution.**



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## Chatting with faculty: Dr. Marleen Troy

BY MARJORIE WHISPELL  
Staff Photographer

While she was born in upstate New York, Dr. Marleen Troy, associate professor of environmental engineering and Earth science at Wilkes, grew up in Wilkes-Barre.

She moved away from Northeast Pennsylvania to attend Drexel University, where she received her B.A. in biology and her M.A. degree in civil environmental engineering. From there, she worked in Delaware using materials to clean up hazardous waste.

In 1997, Troy applied for a teaching position at Wilkes University. Today, Troy can be seen working with middle school female students who are involved with the Women Empowered by Science program.

WEBS is funded by a grant from the Howard Hughes Institute and is designed to enhance female interest in science, technology, engineering and math. Troy leads an varied life of teaching, kayaking, photography and listening to some of her favorite jazz musicians.

**The Beacon:** What brought you to Wilkes?

**Troy:** A number of things... I had been in Delaware working for DuPont and I was downsized. So I was looking for a new job and I was an adjunct professor, so I thought about going back. Also, my mother was having health problems. So I applied here and it worked out.

**The Beacon:** Have you always wanted to be a professor of environmental engineering and earth science?

**Troy:** Yes and no, I thought at one point, but I didn't think it would happen. I kind of went with the flow.

**The Beacon:** What is your greatest accomplishment and why?

**Troy:** When I was working, I worked on a project in New Jersey that used bacteria to clean up a diesel fuel spill-concentrated soil. I think it wasn't the first one to be permitted, but it was the first to be permitted and closed.

**The Beacon:** What is your happiest memory?

**Troy:** I am fortunate to have a lot of them.



Marjorie Whispell/The Beacon

**Dr. Marleen Troy has been teaching environmental engineering at Wilkes since 1997. She is involved in Women Empowered by Science and is the adviser of the Environmental Club and the Students for Environmental Sustainability Club.**

I don't know if one stands out. Mostly the times with family and friends.

**The Beacon:** Where have you traveled?

**Troy:** A number of places in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

**The Beacon:** Where would you like to travel?

**Troy:** I hope at some point to go to Iceland, to see the Snow Monkeys in Japan, Europe and Paris.

**The Beacon:** If you were on a deserted island what three things would you want with you?

**Troy:** My Leatherman Mirca, a water purifier and duct tape. Something like that or a cell phone to call home.

**The Beacon:** What were you like in college?

**Troy:** I pretty much put myself through school working and studying. Where I went they had a co-op, so I worked with the water department and I enjoyed living in Philly.

**The Beacon:** Do you miss college?

**Troy:** Yeah, I enjoy learning new things,

and grad school I enjoyed it all - taking courses and learning new things.

**The Beacon:** What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

**Troy:** Bicycling, kayaking and photography.

**The Beacon:** Do you have any regrets in life?

**Troy:** Not really. I have been really fortunate, so I would say no.

**The Beacon:** What is a random fact about yourself that you're willing to share?

**Troy:** I do not know. I guess you see what you get.

**The Beacon:** What words of advice do you have for students?

**Troy:** Find something you enjoy that gets you out of bed in the morning, not something someone told you to do because they majored in it. It should be something you want.

**The Beacon:** What's your favorite color and why?

**Troy:** Green, because I've always liked it.

**The Beacon:** What is your favorite movie and why?

**Troy:** There are a couple. "The Shawshank Redemption" with Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins and "The Milagro Beanfield War."

**The Beacon:** What are your goals in life?

**Troy:** To always give it my best and do a good job and a chance to make a difference, even if it's small.

**The Beacon:** What is the most difficult thing you had to do and why?

**Troy:** I had a pet cat I had to put to sleep, so I guess putting a pet to sleep.

**The Beacon:** If you had one thing to wish for what would you wish for?

**Troy:** You're supposed to ask for more wishes or world peace right? For the Phillies to keep playing good, for things to settle down and this election year everyone is very negative, so for everyone to get along better.

**The Beacon:** Are you the kind of friend that you would want as a friend?

**Troy:** I guess so, probably loyal to a fault.

**The Beacon:** What types of music do you like?

**Troy:** Jazz, John Cold Train, Dave Brubeck, some classical and all jazz vocalists.

**The Beacon:** What was your favorite Halloween costume?

**Troy:** When I was real little they had me dressed as a penguin.

**The Beacon:** What is your favorite Halloween candy?

**Troy:** Candy apples. Apples this time of year are good.

**The Beacon:** What is your favorite ghost story?

**Troy:** For the most part I am a big wimp. I don't care to watch the slasher movies, so the classics.

**The Beacon:** Do you believe in ghosts?

**Troy:** Sure, why not?

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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## Celebrate Dia de los Muertos

BY RUTH WHISPELL  
Life Editor

• Dia de los Muertos is a Mexican holiday celebrated Nov. 1 and 2. Here, Dr. Paola Bianco, associate professor of foreign languages, explains what this holiday entails.

• Halloween is typically an American Holiday. However, Halloween is now beginning to be celebrated in parts of Europe because of commercialization.

• Dia de los Muertos is often related to Halloween because Mexicans use ceramic calaveras (skulls) as decorations. The two holidays are completely different though.

• Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), is celebrated throughout Mexico and California because of the large Mexican population residing there.

• Dia de los Muertos gets its roots from the Aztecs. They used to perform sacrifices for the gods so the gods would do good things for the earth.

• Dia de los Muertos is celebrated over the course of two days Nov. 1 is set aside to celebrate the Dia de los Angelitos (Day of Innocence), which is the day to remember

the children that have died. Nov. 2 is the day where adults that have died are remembered and celebrated.

• Those celebrating Dia de los Muertos, have altares (altars), set up inside their houses where they give ofrendas (offerings) to those who have passed. The altares often contain pictures of the loved ones, their favorite food, favorite drink and candles to light the way home. They also place other trinkets and knick knacks on the altares for their loved ones.

• When the altares is to honor a child, a light colored candle is burned.

• Mexicans also make sweet-tasting bread specifically for the Dia de los Muertos celebration called Pan de Muertos (Bread of death).

• Dia de los Muertos coincides with the Christian celebration of All Saints' Day.

• Often on Dia de los Muertos, families spend long periods of time at the cemetery talking to the deceased. They consider death as a celebration.

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## See something strange? W NEPA Paranormal investigates local per

BY RUTH WHISPELL  
Life Editor

For most, Halloween, with its haunted houses and hay rides, is the one time of year when ghosts and hauntings become real. For the investigators of NEPA Paranormal, however, the supernatural is just a part of their everyday lives.

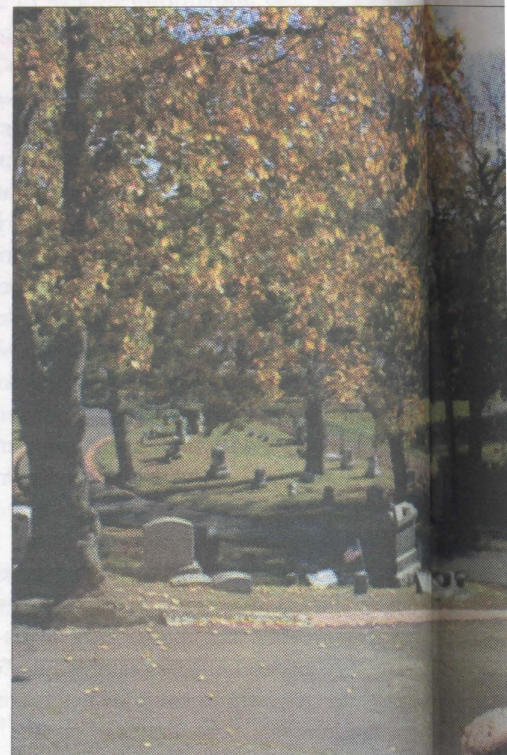
Created in 2007 by Bob Christopher and his daughter, Katie, NEPA Paranormal is a nonprofit, Wilkes-Barre based group of investigators who investigate claims of supernatural activity in Northeastern Pennsylvania and its surrounding areas.

"My father grew up in a severely haunted home and was terrorized by paranormal activity starting at a very young age. I grew up hearing all his stories of what happened to him, and soon it turned from a fear, to an interest," Katie Christopher explained.

Some of the supernatural things Bob Christopher experienced while growing up in his home were footsteps, knocking, seeing figures and sounds of chains dragging in the attic.

"The most startling experience would be when I was in bed one night and felt tied down to the bed. I couldn't move, and when I attempted to yell out for help, I couldn't find my voice. Then the bed actually levitated off the ground," Bob Christopher said.

"We received a suggestion to hang crosses above the doorways. Not long after we put them up, we came home one day to find them all missing. We tore the house apart trying to find them, but never did. One day,



The Hollenback Cemetery, located across from Wilkes University, is one of the oldest cemeteries in Wilkes-Barre. It is the final resting place for the Kirby, Stegmaier and Slocum families.

seven years later, we came home to find all the crosses piled on the dining room table. A few years ago, my family sold the house and has moved. Before they did, they let our group come in and do an investigation. The only evidence we picked up was an EVP speaking directly to me saying 'You lived here.'"

The team's case manager, Katie Christopher, said on Nov.

## STREET BEAT

What was your favorite Halloween costume?



Amber Konopka

Freshman elementary education major

"A bumble bee."



Billy Corcoran

Sophomore chemistry major

"I am tossed between an oompa loompa and the Pillsbury Dough Boy. I guess I'll go with oompa loompa."



Kathy Margavage

Freshman biology major

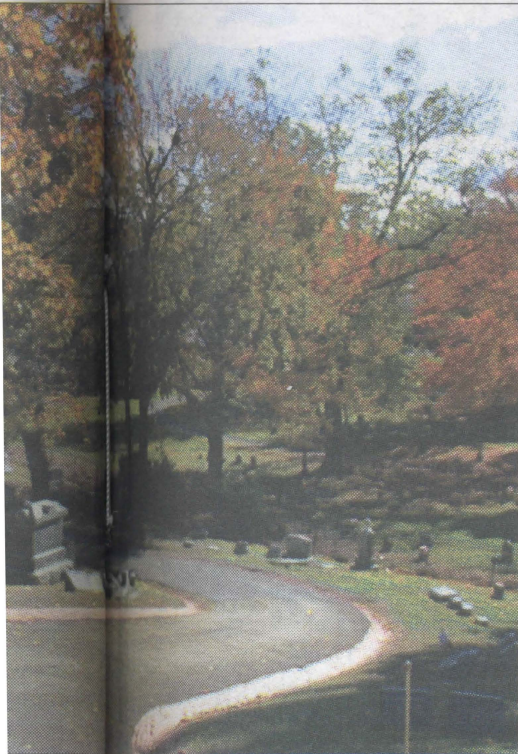
"The pink Power Ranger."

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# LOWEEN 2010

## ge? Who you gonna call? cal supernatural happenings & hauntings



The Beacon/ Marjorie Whispell Cemetery is located across from Wilkes-Barre General Hospital on North River Street in Wilkes-Barre. It is the resting place of many families.

to find all other explained since starting NEPA Paranormal the group has grown to 14 members and has investigated approximately 100 locations. Some of those places include The Avondale Mine in Plymouth Township; The Wilkes-Barre and Hollenback cemeteries, located on North River Street in Wilkes-Barre,

Gettysburg and the Hillview Manor Asylum located in New Castle.

The Avondale Mine disaster occurred in 1869 at the Avondale Colliery in Plymouth. A wooden coal breaker, which was built over the only entrance to the mine, collapsed and started a fire, suffocating the workers in the mine and killing 110 people.

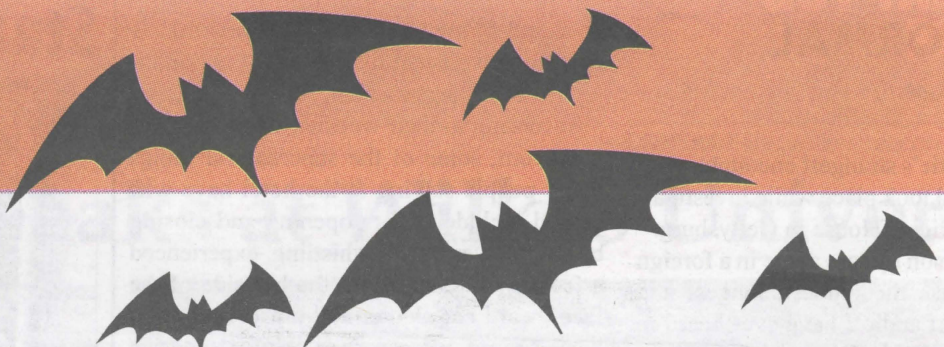
"We have picked up some of our best evidence there, including a picture of an apparition and a very loud and clear (Electronic Voice Phenomenon (EVP).) We also had an experience where a brick was thrown at us," Katie Christopher said.

The Hollenback Cemetery, situated across from General Hospital, is one of the oldest cemeteries in Wilkes-Barre. On a drive through you can spot the graves and mausoleums of some of Wilkes-Barre's most prominent families such as the Kirbys, Stegmaiers and Slocums.

The Wilkes-Barre Cemetery sits right next to the Hollenback Cemetery. The cemetery was originally located where Wilkes-Barre's City Hall now stands. Before the construction of City Hall, all of the graves and headstones were moved to the cemetery's present location.

NEPA Paranormal discovered some evidence of hauntings while investigating the cemeteries.

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## Wilkes clubs hold Halloween festivities for local children

BY LAURA PREBY  
Staff Writer

How would you like to have fun, play games, eat snacks and help out children all at once?

On Thursday, Oct. 28, you can do just that. Wilkes is holding a Halloween party for children in the Henry Student Center (SUB) Ballroom.

"We will be hosting about 80 children coming from the McGlynn Learning Center, the Kirby Family House and Wilkes Night Out," says Caitlin Czeh, interfaith coordinator at Wilkes and coordinator of the event.

Various clubs and organizations on campus will be setting up tables and helping out at this event, including Alpha Chi, Circle K, Psychology Club, Psi Chi, Sociology/Criminology, Inter-Resident Hall Council, Gay-Straight Alliance, Pre-Pharmacy Club, Wilkes University Programming Board, Kappa Psi, and Commuter Council. Several resident assistants will also be bringing residents from their floors to help out at the party.

Advisers and club members are excited about participating in the event.

Dr. Helen Davis, faculty adviser of the GSA, said, "My daughter Abby and I are excited about the Halloween party. Abby is

looking forward to making cookies for the other children to decorate, and I'm looking forward to seeing students from various clubs come together to entertain community children."

Cortny Sasserson, commuter council president, said, "Commuter Council is setting up a table for the children to make popcorn hands with candy corn fingernails. We are also holding scary story circle time."

Ariana Colella, a member of the Pre-Pharmacy Club, will be involved with the event.

"It'll be fun to see the kids happy in the spirit of Halloween. The pre-pharmacy club is hosting a coloring contest and a mystery box, where kids stick their hand in and guess what they're feeling."

There will be face-painting for the children, cookie decorating and various other events. Snacks will also be provided. All students are welcome to attend, regardless if students are members of groups.

"We will need help setting up and cleaning up," Czeh said. "And students are more than welcome to join in the fun!"

E-mail Czeh at [caitlin.czeh@wilkes.edu](mailto:caitlin.czeh@wilkes.edu), if you have any questions or would like to help out with the event.

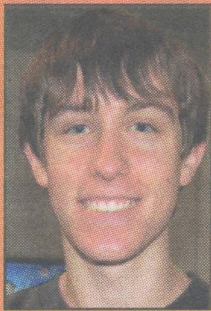
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**Bethany Sharpless**

Sophomore  
pre-pharmacy  
major

"Probably a witch."



**Mitchell Yamrus**

Freshman  
biology major

"I was a giant potato once. It was homemade, too, and it was huge."



**April Bechtel**

Junior  
elementary  
education major

"I was a manatee. They were my favorite animal at the time."



**Melissa Olsommer**

Junior  
p1 pharmacy  
major

"A vampire."



## PARANORMAL

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However, Katie's strangest encounter with the supernatural took place while investigating The Tillie Pierce House in Gettysburg.

"I heard a person scream at me in a foreign language. It was the loudest, longest and clearest piece of audio I have ever heard in my time in this field. We used every method possible to debunk it, but couldn't," she said.

"It happened at 3 a.m. and at the time the only other people in the inn were our investigators, none of whom even knew the language it was speaking. Since then we have found it to be Pennsylvania Dutch, but being that the voice is apparently very slurred, we are still working on a translation."

People interested contact them through their website [www.nepaparanormal.com](http://www.nepaparanormal.com) and fill out an application. Katie Christopher encourages those who are interested to contact them for an application that will be kept on file.

If someone believes they are experiencing a haunting they can contact NEPA Paranormal about a free investigation through their website.

For those who are interested in the action

of a real ghost hunt, NEPA Paranormal is hosting a live event this March at the Shanley Hotel in Napanoch, N.Y.

According to their website, [www.shanley-hotel.com](http://www.shanley-hotel.com), some of the supernatural things many people staying at the hotel have witnessed include "doors opening and closing by themselves, heard whistling, experienced a feeling of being hit on the left side of the face, heard bar chatter and music and some have seen a woman in a white Victorian dress." Katie Christopher explained that the Shanley Hotel is where Stephen King got his inspiration for his movie, "The Shining."

"The cost is \$75 per person, based on double occupancy. Included is the hotel accommodations, pre-investigation tutorial on how to use our equipment, welcome barbecue, all night ghost hunt, breakfast the next day, 5 p.m. check-out to allow for some sleep, and a DVD complete with highlights of their investigation and any evidence picked up on the investigation. I recommend those interested reserve soon, because the event is filling up fast," Katie Christopher said.

Anyone interested in the hunt should visit NEPA Paranormal's web site for more information or to make reservations.

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## Students attend the Major/Minor Fair



Allison Roth/The Beacon

Wilkes University held a major/minor fair, Tuesday, Oct. 19 during club hours. The fair helped students with undeclared majors decide which majors or minors are right for them. Tables representing almost every major and minor were set up in the Henry Student Center second floor ballroom.



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## TWLOHA founder speaks at Wilkes University

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI  
Interim A&E Editor

A nationally-recognized speaker for "To Write Love on Her Arms," or TWLOHA, appeared at Wilkes University on Oct. 12, 2010 in the Arnaud C. Marts Center. Jamie Twarkowski, the founder of TWLOHA, spoke to students about his organization. He stressed that every individual should know that they are not alone.

The free event which was presented by Programming Board, was held at 8 p.m. and also showcased a musical performance from the lead singer of "Satellite."

TWLOHA is a nationally-recognized organization that aims to create awareness about and prevent suicide. Although it initially began as a MySpace page that allowed viewers to respond on issues related to suicide and addiction, the overwhelming growth of community involvement led to the creation of the organization.

"At first it wasn't meant to be an organization," Twarkowski said. "We soon were realizing that there was a sense of responsibility to respond to the numerous people who had made comments initially."

One of the most important things Twarkowski ultimately stressed was that "no individual is alone."

"We are trying to encourage people to believe that things can change and things

can better, and [for them] to stay alive to see that," Twarkowski added.

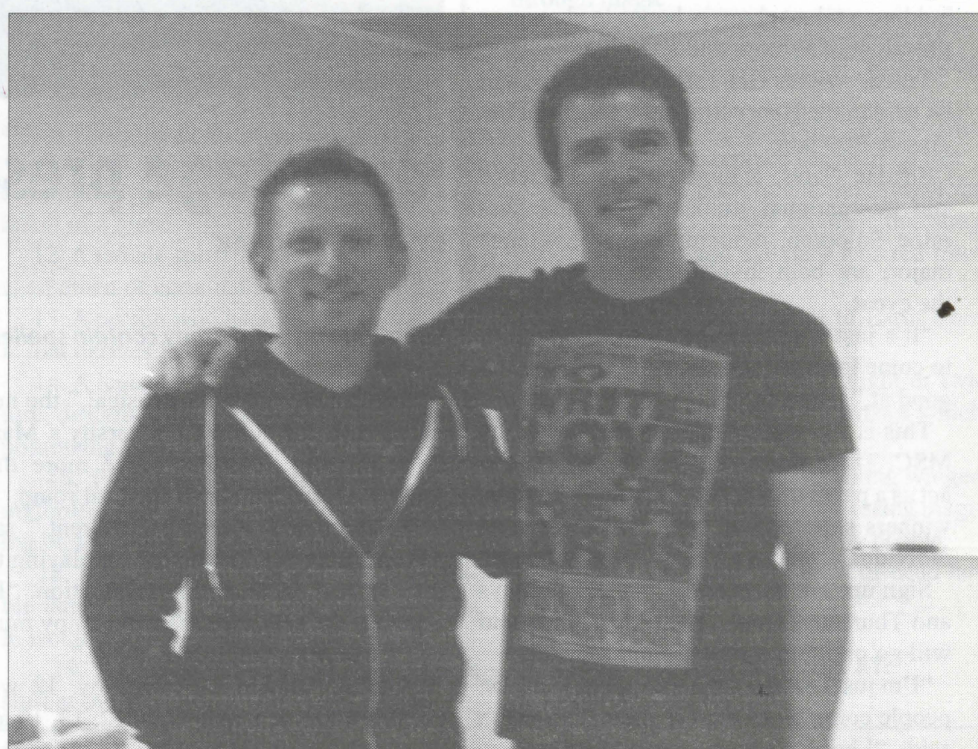
TWLOHA originated from a short story written by Twarkowski about a girl he had met at a concert series who was not allowed into rehab. Under certain guidelines of the facility, she was not considered a 'high risk candidate' for the center. From there, the issue moved from short story to online and TWLOHA is now one of the most successful non-profit organizations that deal with suicide prevention and depression awareness.

Cody Null, Programming Board's entertainment chair, agreed that Twarkowski and the members of TWLOHA relate to youth at a worldly level and do help those who really need assistance.

"They meet the kids where they are and where they need the help," Null said. It's not a professional guy in jackets talking with these kids. That doesn't always work."

Many popular bands such as Paramore, Switchfoot, Underoath and Jimmy Eat World are also involved with the program. That adds to the large student appeal and has sparked similar movements from influential figures and organizations across the world, including MTV.

"We could have never guessed that in five years, it would have looked this way," Twarkowski said. "So many surprising doors have opened and I hope that we just continue to be creative and hopefully brave in how we expand this movement further."



The Beacon/Kristy Ordile

Jamie Twarkowski, right, and his organization has sparked a series of similar campaigns for suicide prevention, including MTV's "Love is Louder" and "It Gets Better" campaigns.

"I Am Live" is the current project TWLOHA is working on. During the past several months, members of the TWLOHA organization have been in the process of creating a website that would serve as a live online crisis network.

For more information about this project and many others, students can visit [twloha.com](http://twloha.com).

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## Park Review: Hershey Park, a trick-or-treat for all ages

BY BREANNE RALSTON  
Correspondent

As guests enter Hersheypark, the smell of fresh chocolate engulfs their senses.

Excitement is in the air as visitors anticipate a fun-filled day full of roller coasters, water rides, food and plenty of candy.

Whether it is the tour of Hershey's Chocolate World, one of the numerous memorabilia stores and restaurants or an exciting ride, there is something new to experience everywhere you turn.

Hersheypark is the place to visit if you are looking for a day of thrills and adventure.

Throughout the year, the park holds a number of events. Hershey, Pa. is a histori-

cal town in the United States because it is home to the world's first modern chocolate factory. Milton S. Hershey opened this factory and built the town for employees and their families so they would have an attractive place to live, work and play.

Since then, Hershey has turned into a major tourist attraction. Visitors can tour the Hershey Factory, spend time at the Hershey Hotel, which is a recipient of both the Forbes Four-Star Award and the AAA Four-Diamond Award, and go to Hersheypark.

"We are so lucky to be in such close proximity to Hershey," said Sarah Fogleman, a junior at Bloomsburg University. "I go every year to the park with family and friends and we always have such a great time. It

seems that every time I go, there is something new to see. I think everyone who has never had the chance to experience Hersheypark should make a trip there soon."

Hersheypark is constantly updating the park to keep guests interested.

"We have received new rides in 2007, 2008, 2009 and we have one coming in 2012," said Katy Burrows, Hersheypark's public relations manager. "We do not have any specific audience we try to pull in because our park is meant for everyone. Our thrilling roller coasters and our water park are very popular among students."

One popular attraction at Hersheypark is its aggressive thrill ride, Fahrenheit. This roller coaster accommodates 850 riders per

hour and reaches a max speed of 58 miles per hour. The dazzling characteristics include its 90-degree ascent (121 feet), 97-degree negative drop, 107-foot inverted loop and inverted corkscrew.

Another thriller is the Great Bear, which accommodates 1025 riders an hour and reaches a top speed of 61 miles per hour with a maximum drop of 124 feet.

Alison Carr, a physical education teacher at Crestwood High School, takes seniors to Hersheypark every year for a class trip.

"I am one of the faculty that gets to go along on the trip; and the students as well as the faculty there love it," Carr said. "There

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## MSC plans talent show

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI  
A&E Editor

Wilkes students will have the opportunity to display their talent on Nov. 4, 2010. The Multicultural Student Coalition will be holding a talent show in hopes to showcase the talent of Wilkes students.

Titled "Wilkes Got Talent," the event will be held in the Henry Student Center and begins at 7:00 p.m.

Shadae Gates, a junior political science and international studies major, and Yasmine Solomon, a junior political science major, are both involved with organizing the event.

"It's just a chance for [Wilkes] students to come together and show off what they're good at," Gates said.

This is the second talent show hosted by MSC. Three professors will be selected to act as a panel of judges. There will be three winners selected and each will receive an individual trophy as well as a Visa gift card.

Sign ups are during club hours, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will go until the end of the month.

"I'm just looking forward to seeing all the people coming out for the show," Solomon said. "I hope it's a really good turnout."

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## HERSHEY

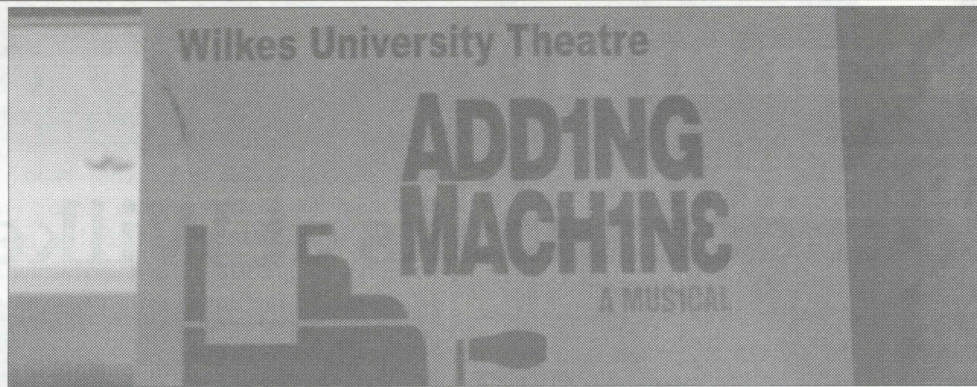
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is a ride for each of the students because some do not like the roller coasters, but there are still big rides for them to go on that can be just as exciting."

If a group of friends from college wants to go enjoy a hot summer day, there is also the Hershey water park to visit. With more than 14 rides in the water park, visitors will never get bored. As the weather chills, so does the water park, but the dust does not settle on the theme park. Hersheypark holds events for Halloween and Christmas in the park every year.

Starting in the beginning of October, the park holds a number of different events. If Wilkes University students are tired of the same haunted houses in the area, they can get together and take a trip down I-81 to Hersheypark for "Halloween at Hershey." There, guests will find fall-themed food, spooky attractions such as "roller ghosters" and holiday-themed live entertainment.

Sometimes money can be an issue for college students, but Hersheypark helps to make their ticket purchase an easy buy. Going in



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## Mainstage presents 'dark' musical

BY DEVONI NOVAK  
Correspondent

**Warning: This article may contain spoilers.**

"Adding Machine – A Musical," the next production for Wilkes University's Mainstage Season, promises to be more than your typical lighthearted musical romp.

"This musical is really different," said Alyssa Glueck, a theater major, playing the role of Mrs. Zero in the production. "It's not your stereotypical, happy, campy musical; it's dark. It makes you think."

"Adding Machine" opens Nov. 12 with performances at 8 p.m. Nov. 12, 13, 19 and 20 and at 2 p.m. Nov. 14 and 21 in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center.

The musical is set in the 1920s era of big capitalism. The main character, Mr. Zero,

has been working for 25 years as a bookkeeper. When he is replaced by an adding machine, Mr. Zero becomes enraged and murders his boss. Ultimately, he is found guilty and executed. After going to heaven, Mr. Zero is reborn on Earth.

"The music in the show is my favorite part," Glueck said. "The score is really challenging; it's fantastic."

Teresa Fallon directs the play with musical direction by Ken McGraw and choreography by Lynn Mariani.

General admission tickets are \$15; tickets for students and senior citizens are \$5. Wilkes University faculty, staff and students can attend for free upon showing their Wilkes ID.

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## Celebrity Chatter

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI  
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**Kardashian's playing the field – Reggie who?**

Only a couple weeks ago, John Mayer was telling everyone how much he wanted to be with curvy reality star/model Kim Kardashian, but it looks like it won't be happening anytime soon! Sorry John, apparently Ms. Kardashian has a thing for another musical performer. She was seen 'canoodling' with Kanye West at a bistro in Chicago last Tuesday. But only a couple of weeks ago, she was seen with Mayer. Oh boy, this should be interesting. With whom would you rather see the reality princess? West or Mayer? I can't believe I'm actually thinking this but I would honestly rather see her with Kanye. Wasn't it obvious that Mayer doesn't know how to handle relationships with A-list celebs. Remember his relationship with Jennifer Aniston and Jessica Simpson and how he openly told everyone every detail of dating them?

**CW to have their own 'Glee-like' show**

Apparently the CW network realizes that "Glee" is quite the success. The network hopes to launch their own musical show, "Acting Out," centering on counselors at a summer camp. Who knows if this show will have serious competition for the already award-winning success, but I am sure it will attract many musical fans.

**Top 3 Favorite Chatter of the Week**

1. Lindsay Lohan will head back to rehab with no jail time. Hope this time it seriously works. Its doubtful, but a girl can dream.

2. Bret Favre is in trouble over dirty pictures sent to reporter. It was only a matter of time before one of America's favorite football stars screwed up off the field.

3. Mel Gibson was dropped from 'Hangover 2.' There were complaints from the cast about his potential cameo. As long as the original cast is there, I will be in the front row in the theater on opening night!

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Courtesy of Facebook/Hersheypark

**Hersheypark is now open for the Halloween season with rides and entertainment.**

a group can save you 40 percent off tickets and there are discount Web sites online that will provide coupons for Hersheypark.

Hersheypark is also using social media to help promote its business. They can be found on Facebook and Twitter. On Facebook, viewers can find pictures of the park, photos of park events and ticket giveaways.

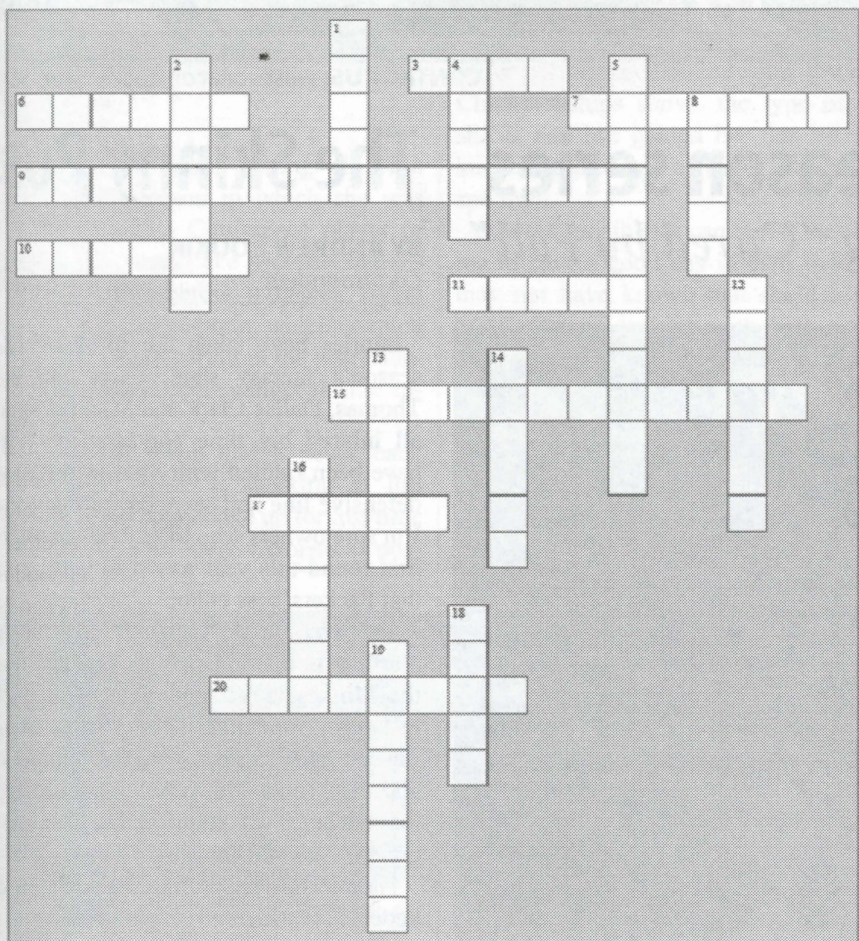
Prospective guests should check out the Hersheypark Web site and their social media networks to find all the information they need to plan their trip.

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## ZerCross: "Monster Mash"

BY ASHLEY ZERFOSS  
Correspondent



### Down

1. A person, typically female, who possesses magical abilities to cast spells and conjure the dead.
2. The amphibious creature from the Black Lagoon kills any who get too close to discovering him
4. The soul or spirit of a deceased person or animal that manifests itself to the living
5. Mary Shelley's scientist who generated a terrifying monster of epic proportions.
8. Often originating from Egypt, corpses that mythologically rise from the dead as a result of a curse
12. A female spirit whose fearsome shriek is an omen of certain death
13. A person who uses and practices magic that derives from supernatural sources.
14. A legendary evil or mischievous creature, described as grotesquely evil and often possessing various magical abilities
16. Popularized by Brahm Stoker, the mythological creatures that survive by feeding on the blood of living creatures
18. Scandinavian creatures that are notable larger and uglier than humans, dwelling in isolated caves and mountains
19. A human with the ability to shape shift at the appearance of the full moon.

### Across

3. A large and cruel humanoid monster that is known to feed on humans, sometimes green in appearance
6. Typically a reanimated corpse, or a human being controlled by someone else through magic
7. A mischievous and mechanically inclined creature, notorious for sabotaging aircraft
9. The monster of Sleepy Hollow who uses a pumpkin to replace the head he lost
10. A type of malevolent and murderous goblin/dwarf that murder travelers that stray into their homes and dye their hats red from their victims' blood
11. A creature that comes to Earth from another planet
15. A ghostly light seen at night or twilight over bogs, swamps, or marshes which recedes if approached.
17. Commonly depicted as young winged humanoids of small stature possessing magical powers to protect and destroy people.
20. The reanimated remains of dead human or animals

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## Halloween Movie Trivia Facts

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI  
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As Halloween draws closer, here are some famous Halloween movie facts.

In "Hocus Pocus," the role of Max initially was for Leonardo DiCaprio.

In "Scream," the role of Sidney was to go to Drew Barrymore, but to add suspense to the movie, she is killed off in the first scene. Reese Witherspoon was offered the role but refused it.

"Casper" was the first movie to have a computer-animated main character.

In "Nightmare on Elm Street," Johnny Depp was casted as Glen based on his good looks. This was his first feature film. Jackie Earle Haley auditioned for the role of Glen but was turned down. Later, he would go on to star in the 2010 remake as the villainous Freddy Krueger.

"Saw" was filmed in 18 days and was not set to be released in theaters but rather straight-to-DVD release. It was picked up after making its debut at the Toronto Film Festival.

In "Psycho," Anthony Perkins was paid exactly the amount of money the main character steals; \$40,000.

In "The Ring," Jennifer Connolly, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Kate Beckinsale were all considered for the role that later Naomi Watts was offered and accepted.

Drew Barrymore was considered for the role of Carol Ann in "Poltergeist," but was later cast in another Spielberg movie; E.T.: Extra-Terrestrial. The hands that come out of the window in one of the earlier scenes is in fact Spielberg.

In "Friday the 13th," Sally Field auditioned for the role of Alice Hardy. It took 48 days to shoot.

Melanie Griffith auditioned for the role that later went to Sissy Spacek in "Carrie." This is Spielberg's first movie adapted from one of his books.

In the remake of the "Texas Chainsaw Massacre," Katie Holmes, Jessica Alba, and Kirsten Dunst were all considered for the role that later went to Jessica Biel. Marilyn Manson was attached in the beginning but dropped out due to scheduling conflicts.

For more information about these movie trivia facts, visit [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com).

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## Volleyball upends King's; sweeps season series

### Edgar raises \$464.65 in first tri-match benefitting "Cured by Fall"

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA  
Sports Editor

The Wilkes University volleyball team swept cross-town rival Kings this past Saturday, Oct. 23, snapping a nine-match losing streak that dated back to Oct. 2.

The win came after an emotional speech delivered by junior defensive specialist Brianna Edgar, who organized the day's tri-match as part of her benefit for the "Cured by Fall" campaign for a boy from her hometown with Lymphoma.

With the win, the Lady Colonels clawed their way into a tie for the fourth and final Freedom Conference playoff spot, and improved their record to 9-18 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

Junior outside hitter Kate McGurk led the Lady Colonels with 11 kills while senior libero Allie Kelleher and freshman defensive specialist Erin Nothstein combined for 40 digs as Wilkes handily defeated rival King's College 3-0 in the finale of a two game tri-match with King's and Penn State-Berks.

The win capped off a season sweep of the Monarchs, marking the second consecutive season the Colonels have blanked the Monarchs in the season series. The win also marked the senior classes' third series win over the Monarchs in four years.

"It feels great," senior outside/middle hitter Meaghan Williams said. "When we beat them for the first time [three years ago] it felt like we were making history, and it was absolutely the best feeling. And as seniors, we feel like it's our obligation to instill that same passion and drive in our teammates."

After dropping their first match of the day to PSU-Berks, Wilkes was able to rebound versus the helpless Monarchs, whose record dropped to 6-13, winning in straight sets 25-15, 25-23 and 25-22.

The first game was tight, with both teams exchanging point after point. Eventually Wilkes took control of the match with a 6-0 run to go up 16-8. After the Monarchs got two quick points, Wilkes ripped off seven straight points before ultimately closing out the first game with a 10-point victory.

Wilkes found themselves in a five-point deficit early in game two, falling behind 14-9. But after multiple back-to-back points,



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#### Freshman Casey Bohan goes up for a kill versus King's on Saturday.

the Colonels closed the gap and reeled off four straight points to take a 19-18 lead late in the game. They held on to take game two 25-23.

"Everybody stepped up into one cohesive unit (in that game) and it showed how much teamwork goes into pushing back for a lead," Williams said. "Going into a fourth game was absolutely not an option; we needed to take that match in three (games)."

After Wilkes built a big lead in game three, King's made one last-ditch effort to come back. The Monarchs got within three at 22-19, but eventually bowed out to the Colonels 25-22.

"This win is a huge boost for us," McGurk said. "We have been in a slump for the past couple of games and that win has lit a fire under us. We're going to take that game and use it as fuel for Misericordia."

Adding to that fuel was Edgar's fundraising efforts for Arthur. With 100 percent of the proceeds from the match benefitting the "Cured by Fall" campaign in his name, Edgar was able to raise \$464.65 between conveniently-placed donation buckets, bracelet sales and homemade concession stand foods made by parents of players on the volleyball

team.

"It was incredible to me how much we were able to raise today," Edgar said. "The food donated by the volleyball parents was a huge hit, and with the donation buckets, people were just reaching into their pockets. People bought a few hot dogs with a \$20, and donated all of their change in that bucket."

Both Edgar and teammates alike said the extra inspiration to play was directly responsible for their victory over King's.

"We knew we had a responsibility to set the tone for the day," Williams said. "Not only for ourselves, but for Arthur and the statement that we were trying to make - we can come together for the bigger cause."

"I love my teammates, and to see them with ribbons in their hair, and support bracelets on their sneakers, I could not have been more proud to be on that court today with them," Edgar said. "They came together for me - for Arthur - and I know we had extra help from him. It wasn't Wilkes versus King's, it was three teams versus cancer."

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## The Skinny Post

BY ANDREW BOOKIN  
Correspondent

Injuries have taken the forefront in this season's fantasy slate. Guys like Pierre Thomas, Dallas Clark and Michael Vick are all injured big time players. The Packers have been riddled with injuries this season; defensive line and secondary foremost, and I'm sure owners who took Ryan Grant in the first round this year aren't forgetting about that Packers' loss either.

Another notable happening in the NFC North was the addition of Randy Moss to the Minnesota Vikings. One of my beliefs in fantasy football is to take value in experienced wide receivers before younger ones and vice versa with running backs because the tendency of running back injuries is greater than WR injuries.

Therefore, I feel Randy Moss is an even better start than even his numbers suggest. Now that he's on the Vikings roster, he'll be a great deep threat for Brett Favre, and will also create great opportunities for other wide outs in the slot. Expect solid numbers from Percy Harvin, Greg Camarillo, and Bernard Berrian as well.

While the Patriots let go of arguably one of the best wide receivers, they did acquire former Super bowl MVP Deion Branch. Tom Brady has already hooked up with Branch for a touchdown and nine receptions for 98 yards in Week six. With just under 11 yards per reception, Branch will continue to put up great numbers for the Pats.

In the big finale, one of the biggest surprises this year in the NFL has been Sam Bradford and the Rams. Bradford has looked darn good. Considering the Rams were 1-15 last season and are .500 through their first six games is saying something. Bradford has seven TDs, and yes, eight interceptions, but this is to be expected. Remember in Peyton Manning's rookie season he had a league-high 28 interceptions (26 TDs).

Bradford has the composure and intelligence to continue to throw the football with confidence. The interceptions will lessen, trust me; Sam Bradford is shaping up to be a stellar QB - and one you should think about picking up as a spot start, especially in keeper leagues.

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# Athlete Spotlight: Victoria Bybel, tennis ace

BY JUSTIN JONES  
Correspondent

Last September, after coming off of a record-breaking season in which she was named the Freedom Conference player of the year, senior tennis ace Victoria Bybel's season was taken before it began. Bybel suffered a high ankle sprain, which coupled with an ankle injury earlier in the year, sidelined the talented racket-slinger for the entire season.

After rigorous rehab and a never back down attitude, Bybel is working at full strength, attempting to make up for lost time on the court with as many victories as possible.

Her performance on the court at the MAC Championships shows the type of athlete she is and has gained her this week's acknowledgement as a player worthy of the spotlight.

Sometimes athletes can feel if they are going to have a good day in their field. Bybel may not have known that she'd leave the MAC Championships with both a singles and a doubles title (shared with Melanie Nolt), but she knew that she wasn't going to give up without a fight.

"I knew that it was going to be tough," Bybel said. "But because it's my senior year I figured that it is now or never to work hard for the championship. I had a bye the first round because I was the number one seed,

and during the first set in my second round match I actually sprained my ankle again. My coach helped me really focus on more of a mental strategy than relying on my movement."

Even with another high ankle sprain added to her list of ailments, Bybel finished her second round match against Lycoming's Akashi Sayumi with a decisive victory (6-1, 6-1).

"I had the mindset that I wanted to win no matter what. Sayumi was a really tough match because she got all my shots back. I had to be really patient in order to win," Bybel said.

Not letting her ankle get the better of her, Bybel went on into the championship round against Madison Pimpkin of Elizabethtown and tore away the championship to claim it as her own with a 6-1, 6-2 victory, relying on her forehands and volleys, in which she excels, to help gain her the title.

"Pimpkin was the hardest competition in my draw. I knew her from us both living in the Lancaster area, so I knew that it would be a good match," Bybel said.

A singles championship wasn't enough. In a day where Wilkes swept the entire tourna-

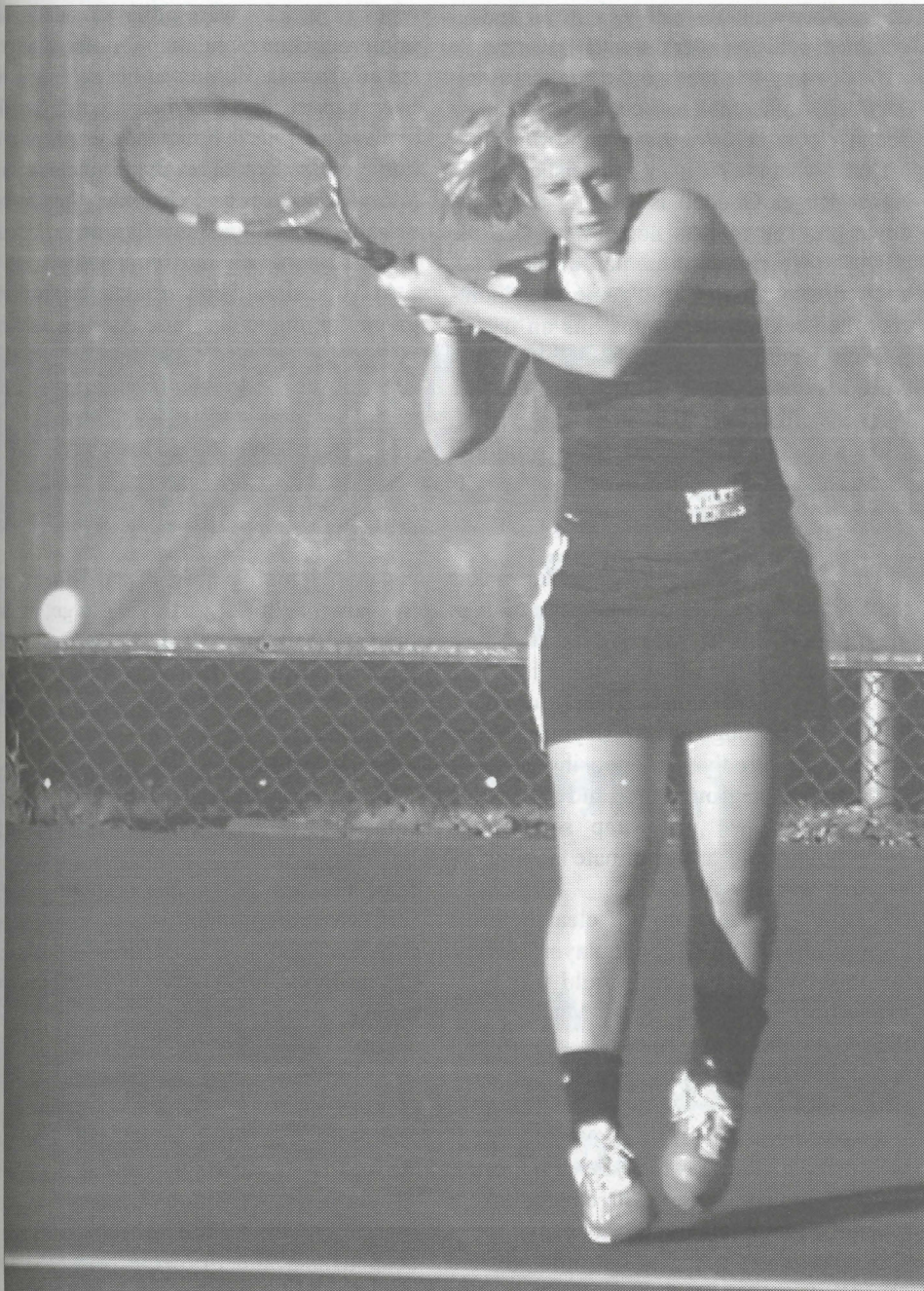
ment, Bybel teamed with Nolt and defeated Pimpkin and Alena Marani of E-Town 9-7 and gained another MAC title.

"Nolt and I have a history together. We were actually rivals from being in the Lancaster-Lebanon League for high school, so we know each other's game style so that helps us a lot in doubles. She really helps me when I get frustrated and if it wasn't for her, being supportive when my ankle was hurting really badly during the match, I do not think I would have been able to pull through."

While plagued with ankle injuries, Bybel intends to keep herself healthy after she has rehabbed her current ankle sprain for the spring season. She views this year's team as one which can go undefeated if they play to their potential and she knows she will not let another injury keep her away from the game she has played since she was five years old and that she has watched her entire family play.

"College is basically the last chapter of my competitive [career]," Bybel said. "Throwing in the towel isn't an option."

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Bybel shown here returning a volley during the Colonels' match with Dickinson on October 13th.

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### FOOTBALL

10/16 @ Delaware Valley 18-30 L  
10/23 @ FDU-Florham 28-23 W

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

10/13 vs. DeSales 1-0 W  
10/16 @ FDU-Florham 0-0 T  
10/19 @ King's 0-0 T  
10/23 vs. Manahattenville 1-2 (2 OT) L

### MEN'S SOCCER

10/16 @ FDU-Florham 0-1 L  
10/20 @ King's 0-4 L  
10/23 vs. Manahattenville 1-0 W

### FIELD HOCKEY

10/14 @ Alvernia 1-2 L  
10/16 @ DeSales 1-2 L  
10/20 vs. King's 1-6 L  
10/23 @ Delaware Valley 0-3 L

### VOLLEYBALL

10/13 vs. Delaware Valley 0-3 L  
10/19 @ Eastern 0-3 L  
10/21 vs. Baptist Bible 1-3 L  
10/23 vs. PSU Berks 1-3 L  
10/23 vs. King's College 3-0 W

## WEEK AHEAD

### FOOTBALL

10/30 vs. Lycoming

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

10/30 vs. Misericordia

### MEN'S SOCCER

10/27 vs. Lycoming Valley  
10/30 vs. Misericordia

### FIELD HOCKEY

10/29 @ Ramapo  
10/30 @ Elizabethtown

### VOLLEYBALL

10/27 @ Misericordia  
10/30 vs. PSU-Harrisburg  
10/30 vs. Moravian

### CROSS COUNTRY

10/30 @ MAC Championships



# FACE OFF



## Should the NFL fine players for illegal hits? *Fine by me*



Sports Editor  
**ANTHONY DORUNDA**

As I'm sure you may have heard by now, the NFL has taken another step in becoming the NFL – the National Flag Football League – by implementing new rules that monitor “flagrant” and “helmet-to-helmet” hits.

After an outlandish week in which numerous players were knocked out of games by vicious hits, the NFL has decided to crack down on these types of hits, or in other words, turn football into a game of two-hand touch. They might as well lose the pads and start playing at rec centers instead of giant stadiums because who's going to watch a game the kind of game an average person can play by themselves?

But in lieu of all the obvious reasons why these new rulings are a tad preposterous, deep down, I think the NFL is actually looking out for the safety of its players, not looking to fatten their wallets.

### *Fine-d another solution*



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After first implementing new rules at the beginning of the season on how seriously teams must now treating injuries to the head, the NFL has just recently announced it will be enforcing a much stricter law on illegal hits on defenseless players.

It's kind of ironic how they are going to all of this trouble now to protect its players after all but guaranteeing a longer 18-game schedule that will most certainly shorten the careers of players, who will soon be having to beat up their bodies that much more every year.

After week six, the NFL began to show off their new power and just how serious they were by making examples out of several players, most notably the Steelers' James Harrison, who was fined \$75,000 after knocking out not one, but two Browns players by using “illegal hits.”

Harrison was not happy and even mulled over retirement after hearing this news and

The new rule is, or at least it is my hope, for the betterment of the game. Of course the first thing the haters are going to say is that it ruins the integrity of the game. Before jumping on this ever-crowded bandwagon, consider this: the rules are not outlawing vicious hits in the flow of the game, they are banning unnecessary violent hits – and there is a difference.

Vicious hits that happen as part of a game are natural - a.k.a. two guys coming full speed at one another while the ball is in the air and an imminent collision after the catch – that's ok.

Unnecessary hits are like the one that Brandon Meriweather took on a completely helpless Todd Heap, on an obviously overthrown ball.

That's what the NFL and iron-fist commissioner Roger Goodell is looking to crack down on. The NFL is not turning into the NBA, no worries. Hits are part of the game, and will stay a part of the game. Headhunters who seek out dangerous hits on unsuspecting players, or ruthlessly attack players when it's obviously unnecessary are who the league is after.

Leading with the helmets is a gimmie.

it's hard to blame him. That's what makes the NFL so great. Not dirty hits, but players playing hard and making big hits. Let's be honest, that's what we all watch it for.

From day one of Pop Warner, your coach tells you to be tough and finish your tackles, not to make sure that the opposing player is going to hit the ground nice and soft.

Why don't we just strap some flags around their belts and eliminate tackling all together while were at it?

Now let me make myself clear before I go any further. I'm all about player's safety.

I'm not saying players should take after Paul Crewe and the Mean Machine out there, but there are rules already implemented in the game that protect them from illegal hits.

By putting a fear in these players that if they make a hit that is too hard or not in the exact right spot, it's really going to take a lot of the toughness out of this game.

Defenders are going to be more worried about not getting fined for a play then they are bringing down the ball carrier.

Defenders are taught to be tough. Just look at how they get all amped up before

This is not just for the protection of the hapless offensive players, but also for the defensive players who initiate contact with their head down, multiplying their chances of a career – and life-threatening spinal injury. Think about it, when a defensive player attacks a pile head-on, they have no line of vision, and haven't a clue what they are about to make contact with.

Here's a similar rule put into effect a few years back: the horse-collar tackle. These types of tackles were outlawed due to the numerous knee and leg injuries that resulted from it. Helmet-to-helmet hits have been banned due to spinal injuries as well as head and neck trauma. When there is a horse collar tackle, no matter the outcome (simple tackle or broken ankle), the penalty remains the same: it is still a personal foul and a 15-yard penalty from the spot.

And that should hold true for the penalties given for malicious hits. As long as they follow the new rule like the horse-collar rule, this new rule won't be nearly as big of a deal as we all think.

But we can only hope.

a game, jumping around and banging on their own helmets, just dying to get on the field and help their team. Can we really ask them to put all of that aggression aside and ensure that they don't hurt the player they are tackling?

I don't think so.

I understand the NFL has the right intentions here by trying to protect its players, but there has got to be a better tactic than fear. This athletes make millions of dollars, so I really don't think threatening to take away some money from them is really going to make a huge difference here anyway.

Football is a contact sport built on aggression and everyone who has ever stepped on the gridiron knows what they are getting themselves into by being on there. Players know they are going to get hit and know the rules by which they can hit. Before we get too far and start issuing suspensions and throwing players out of meaningful games for these “illegal hits,” let's just hope the NFL gets it right and puts a stop to these fines and let the referees handle the game.



# Football dominates on ground, bedevils FDU

## COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Auxence Wogou ran for 114 yards and a touchdown while Tyler Berntsen added two rushing scores as the Wilkes University defense held off a late FDU-Florham rally to gain a 28-23 win over the Devils in Middle Atlantic Conference football action on Saturday afternoon at Shields Field in Madison, N.J.

After the Colonels built up a 28-9 lead midway through the third quarter, FDU came back, first getting a 16-yard touchdown pass from Matt Jeffers to Jon Bennett with 2:18 left in the third. The Devils drive covered 64 yards in just six plays.

With 2:05 remaining, FDU took over looking for the go-ahead score. But freshman linebacker Tate Moore-Jacobs came up with a huge interception four plays into the drive at the Devils 35-yard line, preserving another win for Wilkes.

The victory put the Colonels at 4-3 (3-1) on the year, as all four victories have been by one-score and have come in the final minute of regulation or in overtime.

Wilkes started the scoring, getting into the end zone on its second possession of the afternoon when Berntsen took it in from one-yard out on fourth and goal after an 11-play drive. FDU responded right away, getting a 68-yard return consequent kickoff, and then five plays later got in the end zone as Jeffers ran it in himself from the six yard line.

After three scoreless possessions, the Devils took a 9-7 lead with a field goal from 27 yards out less than five minutes into the second quarter. However, it didn't take long for the Colonels to regain that lead.

Starting at their own 33-yard line, the Colonels got a 13-yard run from Zach Tivald and a seven-yard pass from Berntsen to David Kratzer before Wogou broke loose for a 43-yard run down to the FDU 22-yard line. Three plays later Tivald ran it in from one-yard out to put Wilkes on top 14-9.

After a fumble recovery by freshman linebacker Tom Calabrese, the Colonels got another big play from Wogou, as the freshman tailback ran 58-yards

for a score on the fifth play of the drive, giving him his first career 100-yard rushing day.

Wilkes got its fourth touchdown of the game in the third quarter, putting together a 12-play, 80-yard drive that resulted in Berntsen's second score of the day, this one from seven yards out.

The Colonels finished the day with 219 yards and four scores on the ground, as Tivald added 79 yards to Wogou's and Berntsen's totals. Berntsen was 15-of-24 for 168 yards through the air, as Kratzer and Anthony Dorunda each caught four passes.

Kevin Gerhart led the Wilkes defense with 11 tackles while Moore-Jacobs had 10 with the pick and a tackle-for-loss. Harry Reese finished with two sacks.

Wilkes will face the Lycoming next Saturday at home, as both teams look to gain ground on Delaware Valley in the race for first in the MAC. Kickoff for next week's game, which will be televised on Fox 56 in Scranton, is set for 1:05 p.m.



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Freshman tailback Auxence Wogou ran wild on Saturday, eclipsing the 100-yard mark for the first time in his career on just five carries.

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# Colonels think pink for cancer on senior night

## Wilkes Raises over \$1,000 in "Pink Out" for Susan G. Komen

BY PHAT NGUYEN  
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A common theme around colleges lately has been the "White Out" theme – when everybody wears white at a game to support the home team – creating a very intimidating effect and atmosphere.

Well, think pink.

Recently, the Wilkes Field Hockey team has incorporated a tradition of a "Pink Out" theme for specific home games throughout the field hockey season.

The team sells pink t-shirts to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, an organization supporting breast cancer awareness, treatment and research.

This year, they raised more than \$1,100 selling shirts prior to and following the game.

According to the Susan G. Komen For the Cure website, the foundation has invested nearly \$1.5 billion since its inception in 1982.

It is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists, and is the largest source of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer in the world.

"The teams in the past started the tradition," senior Rachel Cannuli said. "We just wanted to keep the tradition going."

In addition to the Pink Out theme, it was also the inaugural guest coach program, in which the team invited Wilkes University faculty and staff members as guest coaches on the sideline.

Players such as Cannuli were very responsive to the initiative, saying it was a great way to applaud the efforts of the people outside who support the program.

"The guest coach program allows for the girls on the team to ask professors to help coach a game," Cannuli said. "The people that have been elected are people that have helped out our program or have shown support to our program. It is a way for us to say thank you and involve them in the game day process"

The two guest coaches included one Wilkes alumus - Mary Jo Frail Hromchak, a recent Hall of Fame inductee - and a cur-



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**Freshman Marni Mancini lunges for the ball Wednesday against the King's Monarchs. The Colonels were all dressed in pink for their "pink out" in an effort to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, where they collected \$1,100.**

rent faculty member, Gretchen Yeninas, who assisted the girls with class schedules.

"I think it was great to have them there," said junior goalie Lindsey Davenport about the guest coaches. "Mary Jo is a great coach and had a lot of experience. Gretchen was very supportive as well throughout the game."

Cannuli, the lone senior on the team, was honored prior to her final game donning the Colonels uniform at the Ralston Athletic Complex. For Cannuli, it was a bittersweet moment.

"I was trying not to think of this being my last home game and my last few weeks, but I am pretty upset that it is all coming to an end," Cannuli said after the game. "This team has been very important to me and these girls have become not only my friends but my sisters. I will miss having the support and making memories next year."

Cannuli, a senior English and secondary education major, plans on becoming a teacher in either Pennsylvania or New Jersey and to one day become a high school field hockey coach.

She also plans on becoming involved in an adult field hockey league upon graduation.

As for those coming back, the team returns twelve underclassmen, all of which have played an important role on this year's squad. As the lone senior, Cannuli has high hopes for the girls next few seasons.

"The team for next year can be amazing, but it all depends on what they make of it," Cannuli said. "It is all about heart and desire. If the girls play with those two things they can dominate the conference. It is all just a matter of how bad they want it."

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## BY THE NUMBERS

# 1

Senior on the Colonels field hockey team. Defender Rachael Cannuli is the lone senior on the Wilkes roster.

# 2

Guest coaches on the Colonels sidelines for their game against King's College, Mary Jo Frail Hromchak and Gretchen Yeninas.

# 8

Straight losses by the field hockey team, going back to their 4-2 win against Moravian College on September 18.

# \$1,100

Amount of money raised by the field hockey team this season for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.



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