

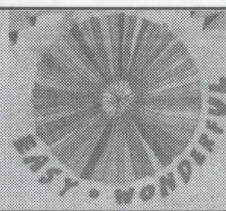
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Student hit by car in crosswalk on Wilkes campus

BY CHRISTINE LEE
Staff Writer

A Wilkes University student pedestrian is recovering from an injury sustained from being hit by a car on the campus crosswalk on Main Street near the UCOM.

At approximately 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28, Jessika Popowitz, 20, from Center Valley, Pa., was hit on the crosswalk that connects the sidewalk in front of UCOM with the sidewalk in front of University Towers.

According to the police report by Wilkes-Barre police officer and Wilkes graduate, Lt. Paul Middleton, "the car was driving away from [Wilkes] passed 148 South Main Street towards the other end of town when Ellen Dennis struck the student, who, according to two witnesses, fell and hit her head on the pavement."

The report stated that the student walked out onto the crosswalk without looking in the direction of the oncoming car. The driver did not see that the student pedestrian was trying use the crosswalk.

Middleton said that this accident occurred as a result of improper judgment of the crosswalk sign by the student.

"You cannot take the signs for granted, so it is important to look both ways when crossing the street," Middleton said. "The driver of the vehicle didn't look at signs and drove through the crosswalk, not realizing the girl was there."

According to witness Samantha Schuler, a sophomore nursing major, the accident seemed unreal as it occurred and thinks that it may be a wake-up call for the rest of the Wilkes community.



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A student was recently stricken by a car in the crosswalk (above) near University Towers and the UCOM. Public Safety Manager Jerry Rebo said that students should take caution when crossing.

Gay Straight Alliance to hold vigil in honor of gay youth suicides

BY CATHRYN FREAR
News Editor

The Wilkes Gay Straight Alliance will be holding a candle lit vigil in light of the recent suicides of gay youth across the nation.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20 on the Kirby Hall lawn to coincide with Spirit Day. Students are being asked to wear purple in memory of the lives lost in these recent tragedies.

"Six or seven gay students have committed suicide just in the last month or so," senior pharmacy major and president of Wilkes GSA Alyssa Bortz said.

One instance in particular touched Wilkes students more than the others. At Rutgers, Dharun Ravi the roommate of a student, Tyler Clementi broadcast Clementi in an intimate setting with another male over the Internet.

The incident ultimately lead to Clementi taking his own life by jumping off of the George Washington Bridge.

"The one that was felt most around here was at Rutgers," junior pharmacy major Willie Eggleston said of the incident. "A lot of Wilkes students are from the [New Brunswick] area and heard a lot about it so it kind of hit home

for them, but there have been other instances in the last month or so in California and Texas, so it's a nationwide thing."

The major issue here is that, according to the US Department of Health and Human Services, an estimated 30 percent of suicides among those between the ages of 15 and 24 are committed by specifically gay youth.

"These recent suicides are just the ones we've heard about; this stuff happens all the time everywhere," said Bortz.

The major reason listed for these and all gay suicides is various forms of useless bullying.

"Bullying obviously occurs for all groups, but I think that since this is starting to get national attention, people are realizing that bullying and homophobia and putting them together," Eggleston said.

GSA's presence on campus is essentially driven by the group's goal to help those who have felt brought down by homophobia, as well as and all forms of oppressive bullying.

"Wilkes GSA wants to come out and say 'Look, we're here, we're on campus, we're present, we're proactive. If you need help, come to us.' We don't want you to feel like you can't go to anyone. That's

why we're having the event," Eggleston said.

They will also be handing out cards for attendees to pledge to be an ally for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

"The cards will say that you pledge to be an ally no matter someone's race, gender, sexual orientation, you will be there and make sure that they are not bullied and step in if it's safe to step in and try and prevent these tragedies from occurring," Eggleston said.

The event is completely open to anyone, according to Bortz.

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SG denies funding for cancer benefit but offers helping hand

BY CATHRYN FREAR
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This past Wednesday, Oct. 6, Student Government denied a funding request from Brianna Edgar, a junior psychology major.

Edgar is holding a tournament called the Arthur Benefit Volleyball Matches, which will consist of two volleyball tri-matches. Edgar is also selling bracelets for \$2 each to put money toward her cause. The bracelets serve as tickets into the tri-matches as well as raise awareness for the events.

The request presented to SG at the meeting was for \$3,000 to be put toward Edgar's campaign to help a boy from her high school that currently has cancer. She is assisting

him in paying his medical bills. The money would be in addition to any fundraising she has already done and whatever is collected from the tournament.

"My high school put together a fundraiser for whatever they could do to help," said Edgar. "But my town is really small, so what they could do was minimal. So, I took it upon myself to do a little something to help him out."

Throughout the discussion, a few points were brought up and comparisons to the previous week's denial of a donation for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"My point last week was that...when you put the whole tear-jerking story on the event, it kind of changes the whole idea," senior

nursing major Katie Aldinger said. "Because there was no story last week about cystic fibrosis, I think that played negatively against the fund request."

However, because this instance is for an upcoming event, it is possible for SG to pay for the admission of students, similar to what SG does with the Vagina Monologues every year.

The problem with that is that many students already bought bracelets.

"We have to consider that we have a lot of students out there who already purchased bracelets," junior pharmacy major Willie Eggleston said.

The main reasoning behind both the cystic fibrosis fund denial and this one is the same

in that SG members cannot pick and choose which charities they see as fit for the donation of student activity fees.

SG is a representative group of about 30 members of the entire school of about 2,500 students, SG cannot decide which charities are most important and which are not worth student donations.

The official motion that was made was to allocate enough for up to 500 students to attend for free. The motion was denied 8-22-9.

SG is offering their services to help Edgar sell the bracelets.

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"Everyone was just shocked, like 'Did that really just happen; is this really what I think it is?'" Schuler said. "It happened so fast, that when I turned to my friend I was walking with and asked him if he just saw what happened, he said he didn't see it until he looked over [at the street]."

Schuler also stated Wilkes should teach about crosswalk safety and students should be better aware of their surroundings.

"I didn't know until yesterday that if you are on the sidewalk, the car has the right-of-way, but if you are already walking on the crosswalk, then you have the right-of-way and the car should yield to you," Schuler said. "I think that as students we need to... not take any pedestrian signs for granted because something like this can occur even in broad daylight."

Public Safety Manager Jerry Rebo stated that Public Safety is hoping to team up with Mark Allen, dean of students, to start a campaign to make students aware that cars cannot always see you in a crosswalk.

"[Students] should just be aware of their surroundings, you should always look left and right when crossing the street and act aggressively," said Rebo.

Rebo stated walking across the street is dangerous and students should take caution.

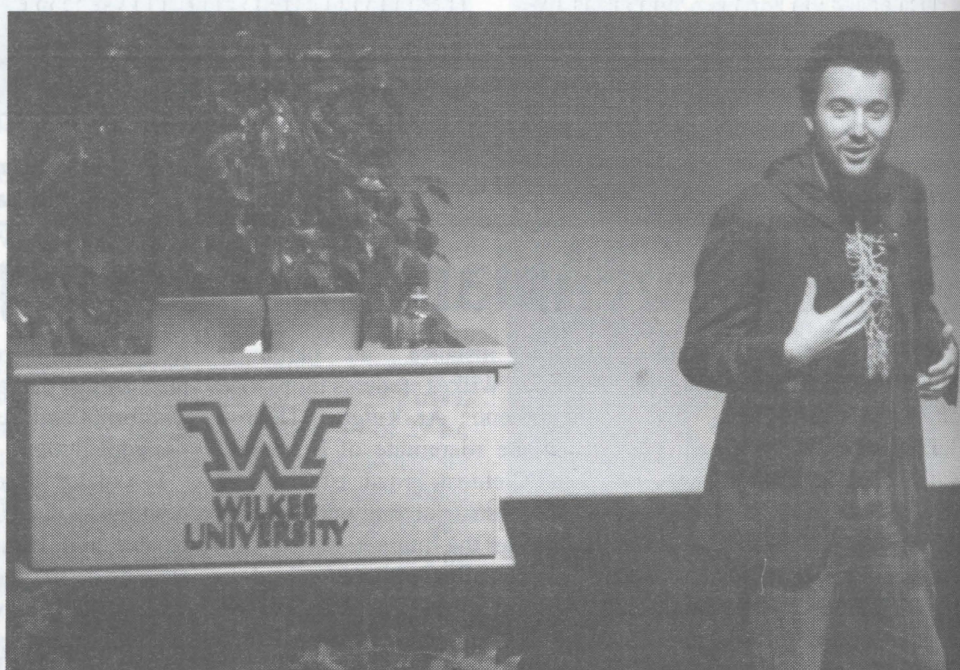
"We were taught when we were young to always look both ways before crossing the street and it's something we just do and we don't think about it," Rebo said. "Accidents happen everywhere and we are fortunate that Jessika is still with us, we need to always look both ways when crossing the street."

"Even within designated crosswalk areas, pedestrians need to be aware of their surroundings and any oncoming traffic," Police Chief Gerry Dessoie said. "Crosswalks exist to further the safety of pedestrians and make drivers aware of a high foot-traffic area, but their effectiveness depends on the cooperation of both drivers and pedestrians. We extend our best wishes for Jessika's speedy recovery."

Popowitz could not be reached for comment by press time.

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TerraCycle CEO gives lecture



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Tom Szaky, CEO of TerraCycle the fall Kirby Lecture speaker on Oct. 7. Szaky founded his company on the principle of making waste products into something useful. Today, major companies pay TerraCycle to create collection systems for their waste.

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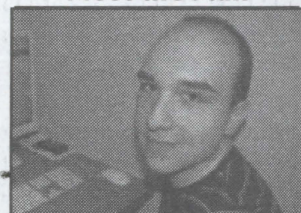
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New classes target people who seek a more empowered life

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Advice on a better life for \$10 can be a good deal for the average student or for anyone in general. This is the offer that Wilkes psychology professor Dr. Edward Schicatano is providing every Tuesday night.

Schicatano is holding a new life empowerment class from 6 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday, which began on September 14 at Arts YOUiverse, located on North Franklin Street.

At a cost of \$10 per class, attendees are able to learn and work on techniques to develop a more fulfilled life. In total, there have been five classes, but attendees can begin with any class.

Schicatano said that the techniques used are based on neuro-psychology research.

"Some of the techniques might be a little strange," he said. "But when you understand how it works and the way the mind works, it makes a lot of sense that it does work."

Schicatano defines empowerment as living a happy and fulfilled life, which involves getting rid of negative emotions that serve as obstacles.

The hour-long classes usually begin with a presentation by Schicatano on the science behind his methods, so that attendees are



Pictured is the ArtsYOUiverse poster that is outside of the facility, located on North Franklin Street. Life Empowerment classes will now be offered at ArtsYOUiverse.

able to understand how the brain works.

The class moves into group work for the second half of the class, where attendees focus on individual problem.

"There's power in the group," Schicatano said. "For me to work with one individual and doing this stuff is good, but there just seems to be that support from the group that really helps, and it really makes a difference, I think."

The individual reflection allows people to keep their problems confidential and still be able to work on coping methods. Schicatano said that he is focused on working on structure, not content, yet people still may be hesitant in trying the class.

"I think what holds people back is they just

don't think about working on themselves," Schicatano said.

Some of the issues dealt with include daily stress, anxiety, fears, weight loss, depression and grief. The techniques developed include literally tapping into energy fields on the body and life-coaching strategies that focus on small changes leading to an overall personal goal.

Schicatano said that there are clear reasons for college students to attend these classes in the face of exams and pressures of college.

"Students would learn how to basically deal with their own problems, which are things like how to handle stress better," Schicatano said.

Schicatano hopes that the class will be on-

going, so that he can continue to help new people and current attendees with problems.

The class has been receiving between four and six attendees every class, most of whom have attended previous classes. Kathleen Godwin, executive director of Arts YOUiverse, said that this is a testament to the outcome of the class so far.

"I think the success can be measured by the number of repeat customers that he's getting," Godwin said.

Godwin said that she took an interest in holding the class because of the knowledge that Schicatano was providing and the effect of her personal empowerment techniques that she utilizes through art.

"It's an unusual thing, it's not offered anywhere else, that I know of, in this fashion and I would encourage people to take advantage of it," Godwin said.

Rachael Talpash, a junior psychology major, sees a benefit to involvement in such a class due to the environment it develops.

"I think that the class is really beneficial for, say, people who are maybe going through a tough time in their life right now," Talpash said, "I feel like it could really help to turn their lives around, because it seems like it would be a really positive atmosphere."

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Contrary to phony reports, zombies not an issue

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On Friday, Oct. 1, an email was sent informing Wilkes University students of a false community notification. This mock-up notification mimicked community notifications posted by Public Safety on doors around campus.

This false report was posted early in the afternoon on Thursday, Sept. 30 by sophomore English major Casim Gomez and his roommate, Zachary Keoppel. They said that they posted the notifications around campus after being inspired by the joke warnings of a velociraptor problem at Wilkes.

The notification was in the style of the official Public Safety community notifications that are posted on campus to alert students, faculty and others of campus emergencies. The falsification began with the descriptions of assaults and break-ins on campus.

The notification then described the assail-

ants as pale males and females in clothing that was tattered and covered in dirt.

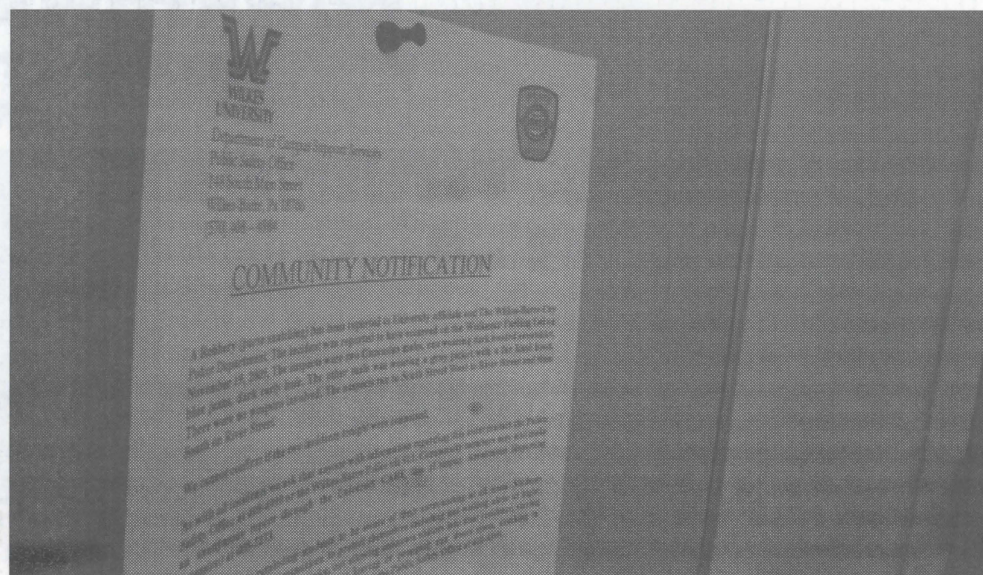
The document stated, "They shared a limping gait and an odd moan during the time of the attack. They are also reported to have open wounds, and have proven to be unresponsive to most forms of self-defense."

The false notification continued by stating the precautions to be taken in the case of an attack. According to the document, one should call Public Safety or 911 and to avoid any contact with the zombie assailants.

The concluding paragraph of the document advised members of Wilkes to be aware of surroundings, to cover all cuts, lock and reinforce doors and windows, to travel in groups at night, to utilize Public Safety escort services, to prohibit unknown visitors from entering residence halls, drink responsibly and to report all suspicious activity to Public Safety.

"If you know anyone who has been infected, leave them in a locked room alone and call the Police," the notification stated.

There was a serious response to the noti-



Pictured is an actual community notification posted by Public Safety regarding a purse-snatching incident. The phony notification duplicated this format.

fication, mostly as a result of the impersonation of Public Safety authorities.

"I feel that it's very serious and that I jeopardized the authorial merit of the public

safety notifications," Gomez said, "They are very serious and they're how the community talks to everyone."

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"It's not just open to students or people that go to Wilkes, it's open to everybody that wants to come and show support and honor the people who might be going through something like this," Bortz said.

The reason for the color purple being picked is because it is the stripe on the Pride flag that represents spirit.

"The whole point of spirit is letting everyone know that it's completely okay to be who you are," Eggleston said. "Everybody is an important person. So, the whole point of spirit day is just to let people know that you can be happy with who you are and everyone else out there should be happy with who you are."

Bortz said that one of the main points to this day is to provide hope for those who feel otherwise hopeless.

"We just want you to know that even if it's bad now, it will be getting better for you," Bortz said. "You need to be around to see when things get better."

Interested parties can contact Bortz at alyssa.bortz@wilkes.edu. GSA meets every Tuesday at noon in the Kirby Salon.

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SG

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New Business:

President Tim Gilmour spoke with SG about the Master Plan for the University. A major concern raised was where the SHE building would be. The plan is currently to put the building on the Fenner Quadrangle, better known as the greenway. It is as of yet unclear the full impact that this build would have. Gilmour said that the reason that this space was chosen was to incorporate interdisciplinary classes within the sciences.

Old Business:

The homecoming budget was over by \$632.86. The two main reasons for this were that the budget this year didn't have the same few thousand dollars of wiggle room as years past and that there was a 20 percent service fee charge that was overlooked. Previous budgets were approved without subtracting the revenue gained by ticket sales. Due to this subtraction, balancing the budget was trickier. In order to balance it, SG allotted the difference to Kevin Hopper, SG's corresponding secretary, who organized the event to pay off the rest of the fees.

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Mark Allen, dean of student affairs, said that punishments for this falsification could range from a warning to a suspension, depending on the judgment passed by the student affairs cabinet.

"I think it's very serious," Allen said. "We have different vehicles to communicate urgent information towards students."

The misuse of the notification system may lead to a syndrome akin to that of the boy who cried wolf.

"If there's wrong information, these false reports, then people become very complacent or don't take them seriously," Allen said.

The notifications were placed on each floor of the University Towers and the Henry Student Center. Gomez said that they were posted for about an hour before they were removed by Public Safety.

Jerry Rebo, manager of Public Safety, said that officers observed Gomez placing the false notifications by means of security cameras, which allowed them to prevent a broader distribution.

"They didn't get a chance to go anywhere else because we did pick them up on the cameras," Rebo said.

The velociraptor poster that originally inspired Gomez did not trigger similar serious consequences, which Gomez believes is due to the fact that the velociraptor postings did not claim to be an official Wilkes University document.

"I think it was definitely taken more seriously because I impersonated a Public Safety officer, I used the official heading and the dressings of a public safety report and used the actual names and numbers of public safety and 911," Gomez said.

Allen said that the paper copies of actual notifications are supplemented by electronic copies of the official document, which would allow students to attribute the information to Public Safety. He also suggested that students check for these electronic supplementations whenever they see anything posted around campus.

Students may also contact Public Safety if they are in doubt.

Gomez said that the practical joke was meant to scare anyone, and he regrets the controversy that it has caused.

"I wouldn't do it again," Gomez said.

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New sustainability certificate program at Wilkes

JACQUELINE LUKAS
Editor-in-Chief

A Sustainability Management Certificate program is beginning in the spring of 2011 at Wilkes University. The program is geared towards students who have full-time jobs and are also looking to further sustainability at their place of employment.

After receiving certification from the program, students will be able to implement new projects or recycling initiatives at their individual companies and assess the company in terms of carbon footprint and sustainability.

The course is an online, 12-credit, four-class certificate program, which will be conducted as a cohort program meaning. Being a cohort program means that when a student enters the class, they must take the classes in a specific order because the classes build on the prior class. Students will take one course per semester.

"[Students] have to start from the first course and take it because the students are going to use stuff from the first course for the other courses," said Dr. Marleen Troy,

associate professor of earth sciences and environmental engineering.

The program was developed by Troy over the past year. She stepped down as department chair of the environmental engineering department in order to better focus on creating the courses for the new program.

In order to apply, students should have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, but students do not have to be in an environmental engineering track. Students from all types of backgrounds and majors can apply because sustainability is entering all types of businesses, Troy said.

"[The program] is general, it's not targeted at a specific audience, as opposed to a science audience or an engineering audience or a business audience," said Troy. "It's directed to anybody who wants to learn about this because in almost every background now, there would be opportunities to be involved in implementing these things where you work."

"Anyone who has any type of background in [sustainability], when they go to put in for a position in whatever field they are in, it can encompass not only environmental sciences,

but also business majors and across the board," said Janet P. Warnick, Regional OETD Manager, Department of Environmental Protection, who is also on the advisory board for the program.

Troy also said that interested upper-level undergraduate students might be able to take the course, as well, depending on his or her level of interest.

In the first course, titled Introduction to Sustainability, students will learn why sustainability is important in the world today and will begin in the spring semester of 2011.

The following course, called Metrics of Sustainability, students will learn about waste audits and energy assessments.

Third, a Sustainability Implementation course will focus on creating a sustainability plan, which is based on the student's place of employment.

The last class will be a group-based class called Seminar on Industry-Focused Sustainability, in which students will practice within the context of a specific industry.

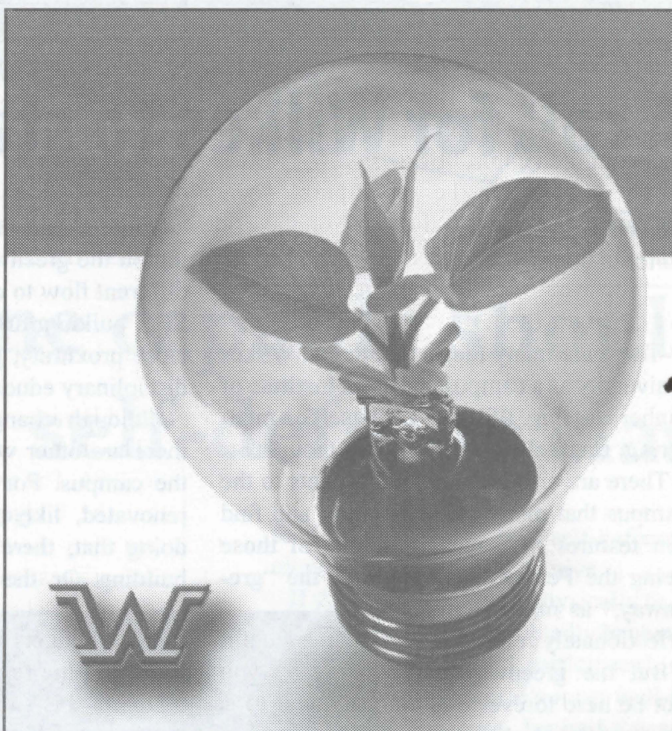
"[Troy] came out with a great course sequence, culminating in the end, where individuals who would take this certificate program [are] able to implement at the site they work. So it's like a real-life situation," said Warnick of the regional office of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Advisory board members for the program were recently announced and the members include: Barry Hendrickson, Benco Dental; Lynn Bachstein, Benco Dental; William McFarland, C.B. Richard Ellis; Ruth Huges, Director Wilkes University Small Business Development Center; and Warnick.

The advisory board was chosen because of the wide range of backgrounds in sustainability from each person. The members of the board give advice to better the program.

Both Hendrickson and Warnick said they have developed a working relationship with Troy through other projects and are now working with Troy on the advisory board.

Hendrickson, from Benco Dental, a dental supply company, said that there is a committee that meets monthly in order to develop new green initiatives for the company. In



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addition to that, Benco is promoting green products to their customers by rating the products on a green scale.

"The year before we started [implementing green initiatives], we used over four million sheets of paper, just at this facility, so just by throwing that number out there and letting people know how many trees that amounts to; it was just an eye-opener for people," said Hendrickson.

Currently, the program is a certificate program, which means that graduates will have ample training in sustainability measures, but this is not a graduate degree, said Troy. In the future, there is a possibility that the program may evolve into something in which a master's degree is awarded.

"If we get enough interest, one of the things to consider is to roll it into a master's program with different tracks, but we're going to just see how it goes," said Troy.

Interested students or persons are also able to attend a Webinar on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. via the Web site www.wilkes.edu/smc, which will last for 30 minutes. Troy and Joanne Thomas, sovereign center coordinator for graduate teacher education, will conduct the Webinar and will give students an overview of the program.

The cost of the certificate program is \$650 per course, with deferred payment available to students.

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A call for Wilkes to stand up for the greenway

BY THE BEACON
Editorial Board

There are many ideals that define Wilkes University as a campus and as an institute of higher learning. Wilkes prides itself on mentoring, small class sizes and free thought.

There are also architectural aspects to the campus that many students enjoy and find fun features of the campus, one of those being the Fenner Quadrangle or the "greenway," as many students affectionately refer to it.

But the greenway may not be here forever due to some planned changes in Wilkes University's Master Plan. The university plans to build a new science, health and engineering building, and one of the options for the location is on the greenway.

The previous plan to renovate Stark Learning Center has been reconsidered due to the fact that the architects from Sasaki and Associates said that renovations of Stark would be about the same price as constructing a new space for the SHE building.

"That's actually changed from where we were even six months ago, in that we thought we were going to be able to renovate the old portion of the building, but the more the architects and the construction representative looked at it, the more they realized that probably in the end it would be just as expensive to do the renovations," President Tim Gilmour said.

Although this is just an option, *The Beacon* is urging students to stand up for what we have always known as a campus.

The greenway is an important part of the Wilkes University campus and the possibility of its elimination or reconstruction is disappointing. It is off-putting that the university's staff would even consider the greenway as a possible location for the new SHE building.

Gilmour said that putting the SHE building on the greenway would give a new and different flow to campus. By doing this, the SHE building and Stark would be in very close proximity, giving the option of interdisciplinary education.

Although change is a vital part of life, there are other ways to go about changing the campus. For example, Stark could be renovated, like the original plan, but, by doing that, there would be no brand new building. Or, the university could renovate

members are also united in clubs and other organizations around campus. If the greenway were to be replaced by a building, where would this event be held? Would it be held in the gym, where it is hot, crowded and not bearing a 'green' mind set?

Movies on the Greenway, Relay for Life and Fall Fest are events that have been held on the Fenner Quadrangle in the past. Where will we hold these events now, if the greenway is replaced by an academic building?

The greenway is also used for studying, practicing leisurely sports such as frisbee, football and lacrosse and just getting some fresh air.

Many would argue that academic buildings are what a campus is structured around, which is true for some campuses. At Wilkes, it is the opposite; the campus is structured around the greenway, one of the most vital parts of our campus.

If Wilkes University were an institution that is based on free thought, why would we get rid of the freest part of our campus?

This is a call for all members of the Wilkes University community to take the survey that is online until Oct. 15. On the survey, questions are asked such as: "What is the #1 outdoor space or landscape element on the Wilkes University campus that, in your opinion, should always remain?" and "What is one thing about Wilkes University's campus landscape that you would change?"

The Beacon is calling attention to this issue because of the defining nature of the greenway on our campus. We cannot let our campus go backward by constructing a building on one of the only green spaces at Wilkes.



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The greenway, pictured above, is one of the few green areas on campus. Activities such as Club Day will need to be relocated to a cramped indoor facility if the SHE building is placed on top of the greenway. Also, students will have nowhere to lounge and enjoy outdoor activities with friends.

another building close to campus with recycled materials to boost our so-called "green initiative."

In addition, Wilkes University is supposed to be beginning green initiatives on campus. Taking away the Quadrangle would be the total opposite of going green.

This space is used in many ways. Club Day, an event in which almost all clubs come out and try to recruit new members, is held on the greenway.

This event brings many of the Wilkes Community together in more ways than one. First, everyone is literally on the greenway together, and secondly, Wilkes community

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 8 responses.

Last week's question:

Do you think more research needs to be done before the Marcellus Shale drilling?

- Yes 88%
- No 13%

This week The Beacon asks:

Should Wilkes scrap the greenway for the SHE building?

- Yes
- No

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Do not abandon common sense and take crosswalks for granted

BY AMANDA LEONARD
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You are late for class and run across the street from the SUB to Stark, not even thinking twice about checking for cars that may not obey the "yield to pedestrians" sign planted right in the middle of the street.

Unfortunately, many of us assume that since there is a brightly colored fluorescent sign, it therefore must be 100 percent effective and you can just walk right out whenever you please.

This, sadly, is not the case. You should never assume a car will stop - or even slow down - while you are crossing the street.

PennDOT's website states Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, which contains the laws that govern the operation of vehicles on Pennsylvania roads. According to the law, "the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk."

The violation of this law is issued as a fine no less than \$50 and no more than \$150.

Conversely, PennDOT also states that pedestrians are not permitted to "suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute a hazard."

This means that no student should just assume that they always have the go-ahead; in fact, it is actually illegal to do so. Violating this law also results in the same fine as noted above.

Empathize with the drivers and imagine if you were driving in the busy streets of Wilkes-Barre and suddenly realize a yield sign

is placed before you. Or, if the driver is late for work, he or she might not even bother yielding, but merely slow down to give the appearance of abiding by the law.

If these crosswalks are permanent, there should be more regulations with drivers who continuously drive through it as if it were a yellow light, which usually means speed up enough to pass the crosswalk before the pack of kids begin to parade before you.

However, because it is nearly impossible to regulate every car that drives through a crosswalk without yielding, pedestrians have to take the initiative of abiding by the law.

If everyone has the attitude to continue driving or walking without letting external factors be considered, simply because they are late, nothing positive will come out of it. The laws need to be enforced and common sense needs to be implemented.

No one should assume that his or her tardiness is of the utmost important to society and he or she needs the right of way. If that were the case, the streets would be littered with chaos and accidents.

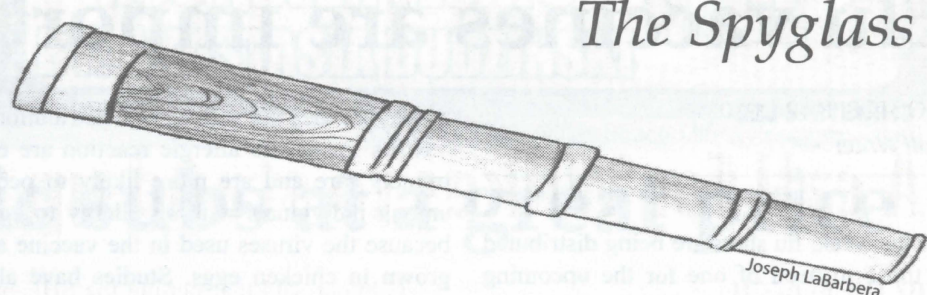
The bottom line is to not trust other drivers or cars or believing they are not only paying attention to the signs, but also obeying them. You do not know a driver's intentions. Use the same logic as you would for crossing any other street.

Next time you are running late for a class, think twice before waltzing out into traffic or you could be hit with an unpleasant fine, or worse, by an oncoming vehicle.

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Students need to be cautious when using crosswalks. Even though there is a state law that cars must yield to pedestrians, one should not assume cars will stop.



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Anyone capable should take a self-defense class

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A majority of our planet's population are law-abiding citizens who would not go out of their way to harm another human being. Unfortunately, though, every town in the world is home to delinquents who will physically harm a person, often for valuables or small amounts of money.

I feel that anyone who is physically capable of taking a self-defense class should not pass up the opportunity. You may end up saving your own life or even someone else's life.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's crime statistics, a violent crime occurs in the United States every 22 seconds. Criminals tend to target people in their teens and 20s; therefore, taking a self-defense class should be strongly considered by young people.

I am not saying that only young people should learn self-defense, but that self-defense skills are more likely to be needed by young people and the skills can be used throughout life.

In an article by Gary Kleck and Susan Sayles entitled "Rape and Resistance," Kleck and Sayles found that a woman who fights back against her attacker has an 86 percent chance of avoiding rape. The victim will also suffer fewer injuries, as most injuries occur before the victim retaliates.

Taking a self-defense class can not only save a person from being attacked, but can also cause crime rates to decrease. If more people begin taking self-defense classes, violent crimes will become much more difficult to commit, now that the criminals are the ones being beaten rather than the intended victims.

Some may believe that one must be physically fit to defend him or her self; however, self-defense tactics are based on technique rather than strength. You do not need to learn Bruce Lee-style flips and flying kicks to de-

fend yourself - the best self-defense techniques are simple yet effective.

If you wish to become physically fit, a self-defense class will undoubtedly have positive effects on your body. I participated in Krav Maga, one of the world's most well-known self-defense programs, for half a year. During that time period, I was in optimal physical shape.

The class not only taught me how to defend myself physically, but improved my endurance and overall physical condition. Much of my body would be sore throughout the following day, which proved to me that I could not only push my body beyond its limit, but that I was getting an excellent workout.

In addition to its physical benefits, a self-defense class can improve one's concentration and increase self-confidence. One will become stronger mentally and will become much more self-aware.

Although most of a self-defense course's time is spent teaching student how to defend themselves physically, instructors stress the idea that physical confrontations should be avoided whenever possible.

Violence is always a last resort and instructors will teach students how to avoid violent encounters and methods for escaping a possible attack without turning to violence.

If you are interested in taking a self-defense class, keep your eyes and ears open for local institutions that provide self-defense training. There are many programs, yet Krav Maga is the most popular course that is offered by many martial arts academies across the country.

If you are interested in learning how to protect yourself from violent criminals, taking a self-defense class is by far your best option.

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Flu vaccines are important to get while available

BY CHRISTINE LEE
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This week, flu shots are being distributed to those in need of one for the upcoming 2010-11 flu season. And although this year's flu season is expected to be more cautiously optimistic than last season's epidemic of 2009 H1N1 strain, some Americans still choose not to get themselves or their children vaccinated against influenza, resulting in the deaths of 24,000 people each year. I feel that people should take advantage of these vaccines while they are offered.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the flu vaccine is the most effective method to prevent the spread of influenza; being 70 to 90 percent effective in healthy individuals younger than 65. Overall, the vaccine is 50 to 60 percent effective at preventing hospitalization and pneumonia and 80 percent effective in preventing death from the flu.

There is no chance of catching the flu itself after you have been vaccinated because the viruses in the flu shot have been killed during the process of manufacturing the flu shot, meaning they cannot cause any harm to the individual receiving the vaccine.

Batches of flu shots are always tested to

make sure they are safe before distribution.

Risks for severe allergic reaction are extremely rare and are more likely to occur among individuals with an allergy to eggs because the viruses used in the vaccine are grown in chicken eggs. Studies have also shown that one out of one million vaccinated will be at risk for developing Guillain-Barré Syndrome, an illness characterized by fever, nerve damage and muscle weakness. Anyone who knows that they have an egg allergy or had a history of GBS is encouraged to speak to a physician prior to receiving a flu vaccine.

The most common side effect of the flu vaccine is soreness at the site of injection, caused by the body's immune system creating protective antibodies to the killed viruses at the injection site. This soreness usually lasts less than two days but rare symptoms include fever, muscle pain and feelings of discomfort or weakness. These symptoms are uncommon and disappear within one to two days after the shot has been delivered.

The CDC recommends that everyone over the age of 6 months old get the flu shot starting this season. This year's vaccine contains three seasonal killed influenza viruses that protect against 2009 H1N1, an H3N2 virus, and an influenza B virus, in addition to three influenza virus that are predicted to be the



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Passan Hall, pictured above, is offering flu shots during office hours. People should take advantage of flu vaccines while they are offered, before the flu season begins.

most common this season. Vaccinations are available through any local health care provider or local pharmacy.

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Poverty is detrimental to a student's personal life and education

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In 2009, about 45 million Americans were living in poverty or living on about \$2 a day, according to The Big Picture, the blog of a Wall Street money manager.

Many elementary, middle and high school students are living off of reduced lunches, if they even qualify, or food stamps. These students are rarely getting any interaction from parents due to their economic status holding their mother or father at work until late hours of the day. This lessens their at-home availability to speak to anyone or to receive help from an adult on homework. This results in a poorly educated student, which will follow the student for many years in life.

Thanks to Mrs. Anne Thomas' education class, the effects of poverty on education have been brought to my attention and the results are not exactly shocking, but are horrendous.

Poverty has a huge effect on many factors

in people's lives. These include homelessness, irregular school attendance, lack of access to health care, lack of safe housing, poor nutrition and an unstable family status.

Eighty-three percent of children have at least one employed parent. Working adults for poor families spend more time working than in their home.

Research shows that poor students hear about 1,200 less words in their homes, which can result in low communication skills and poor reading scores on exams. Low income parents have less access to their child's education or extracurricular activities because of their job, a language barrier or transportation issues.

Poverty not only affects students by their home lives, but if the student is attending a poor school, this can significantly affect their education, also. If schools have less funding, there are many consequences. The school may be in poor condition which can result in health and learning issues for students. The school may be full of poorly educated or unqualified teachers. Also, the school may have fewer resources for the stu-

dents such as the amount of computers available and their condition, books, supplies and even gym equipment.

Poor students are a lot more likely to fail in academic achievement. The issues at a student's home can vary from mental health issues or poor parent-child interactions.

Being stressed at home can cause students to study improperly, or not at all, or to fall asleep at school. It can also result in emotional and social issues.

Higher income families are more likely to have more resources for their children such as computers or even books. Child care for poor families is at a much lower quality than child care for higher income families.

This can ultimately result in students dropping out of school and not attending college. College is extremely expensive, as we all know.

There are many financial aid options, but just because a student is 80 percent covered by financial aid, there is still much pain trying to come up with that 20 percent of that leftover tuition.

There are a few ways to ensure that income

does not become an issue. Saving money is the easiest way. Welfare can be an option, but there are many qualifications that must be considered.

There are ways to help students who have economic troubles. Simply raising the awareness of poverty is a good start. There are programs such as Big Brothers Big Sisters that offer homework help and extracurricular activities to children in need.

Donations can be accepted to fund nutritional food, better resources in schools, reconstruction in schools and supplies for school.

Poverty is a huge issue in society that will affect students in our generation's ability to be fully educated in their older years, but the issues of poverty can be reduced with help.

I am urging all students to raise awareness of poverty and its effects on students so we can come together to fight poverty and provide everyone with the education to which they are entitled.

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Dagwood's serves gigantic subs at a great price

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They don't have a Web site, they don't do radio ads and they don't deliver.

Still, Brian Franklin, owner of Dagwood's Deli and Subs in Kingston, has made the young sub shop a must-try attraction for anyone looking for a swift, affordable and fulfilling meal.

After several years in the auto industry, Franklin felt it was time to move on and start something new. So he opened up Dagwood's Deli and Subs in 2003.

Since then, the place with the "humongous subs," according to Wilkes University student Nick Labarbera, has become a household name in the valley.

"I spent years working in the automotive industry and ate lunch out every single day," Franklin said. "I think the average Joe is looking for a quick sandwich and to be in and out, on the fly, and that's what we wanted to offer."

When you enter the store you're immediately greeted by the 4-foot-tall statue of the "skinny chef," who presents customers with their first glimpse at the massive sandwich and sub menu offered by the deli. The statue, aptly named Dagwood, is flanked on the left by a massive tree of Pepsi products, which leads you to the counter, where, just in case you forgot what you may have wanted, there sits another menu to gawk at.

The right choice, however, varies from person to person. With a menu containing 56 different hot and cold subs and sandwiches, there are options for everyone.

"Buffalo chicken hoagie with extra hot sauce," Wilkes University senior Alex Caicedo said. "It's the only one I've ever gotten."

"Dagwood's is an amazing place to eat, and it's not that expensive," Wilkes University junior Shane Stanek said. "There's so many [choices], but my favorite sub would probably have to be the Fat Daryl."

The Fat Daryl, the brainchild of some Wilkes University football players a few years back, is the ultimate college student repast - a chicken parmesan sub smothered in provolone cheese and stacked with mozzarella sticks and french fries, drenched in marinara sauce.



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Brian and Janine Franklin opened Dagwood's Deli and Subs, located on Market Street in Kingston, in 2003. Today, Dagwood's is widely known for its giant subs.

The sub is a huge hit for those that actually know about it.

"I don't even know where it came from," Franklin laughed. "A Wilkes football player from out of the area came in and asked if we could make this thing called the Fat Daryl. If we're capable of making anything, if we have the products to do it, we'll do it - I don't care what you're piling on there. So when they got into this Fat Daryl, we started making a list of what it was and hung it on the wall. Now we have people coming in and asking for the Fat Daryl all the time."

If you go in looking for the sub called the Fat Daryl, don't even bother scanning the menu, because you won't find it.

"See our menu is all numbers, it's not names," Franklin said. "So now people are coming in and saying 'uh can I get that Fat Daryl?' They're here looking for it and it's not on the menu, so when they ask we just do it. We're going to add it to the menu next time I update it."

It's that kind customer service that has enabled Dagwood's to rise from complete

obscurity - the new kid on the block - to lunchtime destination of voracious citizens in the valley.

"Whenever I'm hungry, no matter the time, the first place that pops into my head is Dagwood's," Labarbera said. "I just know exactly what I'm going to get every time, and I know it's going to be delicious. And nothing beats that buffalo chicken tender sub."

Consistency is what Franklin and his wife and co-owner Janine pride themselves on. In order to get local patrons to keep returning, they strive to be constant and dependable.

"My biggest concern is that the cheese steak you're getting today is the cheese steak your brother is getting tomorrow, and what your mother is getting a few days from now," Franklin said. "It's always the same product, the same bun, the same quality of work."

But what really makes Dagwood's so special?

"Well the price first," Stanek said. "I am a college kid and I don't have money. But

the quality of the food is excellent. They don't try to rip you off and they overload the food; it's their specialty."

"We do use better quality products," Franklin said. "We get two stock orders, two produce orders, and two meat orders a week at least. Anything that you're purchasing hasn't been in this store for more than three days, and that's a big part of it."

Another reason is the gargantuan subs.

Instead of serving the more traditional six and twelve inch options, Dagwood's ups the ante, serving either a half, which is eight inches, or a whole, which is a whopping 16 inches. And as Stanek said, they don't skimp on their ingredients. The cheese steak, for example, is made up of two things: one full pound of steak and a quarter pound of provolone cheese.

"When I was growing up, when we wanted to take out food, we had Burger King, McDonald's and Allen's Subs," Franklin said. "And they had a pretty big sub, I don't know if it was 16 [inches], but it was about 14, in that area. [Janine's] parents started J&J Deli in Dallas and they had giant subs, so we kind of brought it with us."

It's what has made Dagwood's unique, and given it its character, even though sometimes the utter massiveness of the subs has worked against them.

"When we first started, everybody and their brother came through the door and they all bought full subs," Franklin said. "And it backfired because now everybody buys a half."

Whether it be a half or a whole, everyone wants a bite of the massive subs. Word of Dagwood's has spread outside the borders of Wilkes-Barre, to the point where visiting athletic teams are calling ahead to place an order for the entire squad when they arrive in town.

"When we first opened nobody knew who we were, neighbors would be outside checking the place out and come snooping in the windows," Franklin said. "But once it started rolling, it just started rolling. Now I hear the kids coming in, or on the phone saying 'hey, were going to Dag's,' we became a destination, and it's great that it's worked out."

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Chatting with faculty: Dr. Dennis Hupchick

Historian Hupchick tackles Communism, 13 books and other odd jobs

BY RUTH WHISPELL
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How many 6-year-olds know what they want to be when they grow up, then actually grow up to achieve that dream?

There are few and Dr. Dennis Hupchick is among those rare exceptions.

Hupchick is a history professor at Wilkes, but if you've taken one of his classes you probably know him as a historian. He grew up in Monongahela, PA., and after reading the novel, "The Red Badge of Courage," when he was 6-years-old, Hupchick made up his mind: When he grew up he was going to become a historian.

Hupchick continued his dream when he majored in history at the University of Pittsburgh. He also received his master's and doctoral degrees from Pittsburgh.

"The only reason I stayed there was I became involved in East European Bulgarian history and the leading historical expert in the United States was a professor at Pitt. I studied with him. He was my mentor, friend and a sort of surrogate father for awhile," Hupchick said.

After receiving his doctoral degree, Hupchick spent seven years working odd jobs before he landed his job at Wilkes.

The Beacon: How long have you been working at Wilkes?

Hupchick: This is my 21st year.

The Beacon: Your wife is French. How did the two of you meet?

Hupchick: We met in a dark room, a photographic dark room at Pitt. I had a summer job at the university's photo lab and she was working there.

The Beacon: What brought you to Wilkes?

Hupchick: A job. I took the first job that was offered to me. There was a seven-year gap between receiving my Ph.D. and this job offer during which I did anything I could to make money.

The Beacon: What is your greatest accomplishment and why?

Hupchick: Something that only one other person in the world knows that I did at the time that it happened. I predicted the collapse of Soviet Communism in 1987. I made the prediction a few years before it happened, but I knew it was going to happen. I did it during an all night conversation with my closest friend. We sat up all night talking about what was going on with Gorbachev in the Soviet Union. The conversation started at 10 p.m. and ended at 6 a.m.

the next morning and at the end I figured out that the Soviet Union was going to collapse because of Gorbachev.

The Beacon: What is your happiest memory?

Hupchick: Marrying my wife in 1976.

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

Hupchick: I'd like to have my books, my wife and access to good food.

The Beacon: What were you like in college?

Hupchick: Some people may say I was a little bit crazy. Don't forget it was during the hippie era. When I received my master's degree one of my professors announced it in the history class I was in that semester. Most of the students started to laugh, especially since they said I looked like a cowboy with my long hair, buckskin coat, boots and jeans. I guess they thought I was the class freak, but suddenly I had my master's degree, they didn't.

The Beacon: Do you miss college?

Hupchick: No, I'm here all time.

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

Hupchick: I write, I listen to music and my wife and I do assorted projects together.

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

Hupchick: Faithful, husband and historian.

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

Hupchick: Try to be less dependent on technology and start thinking for yourselves; actually, start thinking and talking, not texting.

The Beacon: What is your favorite color and why?

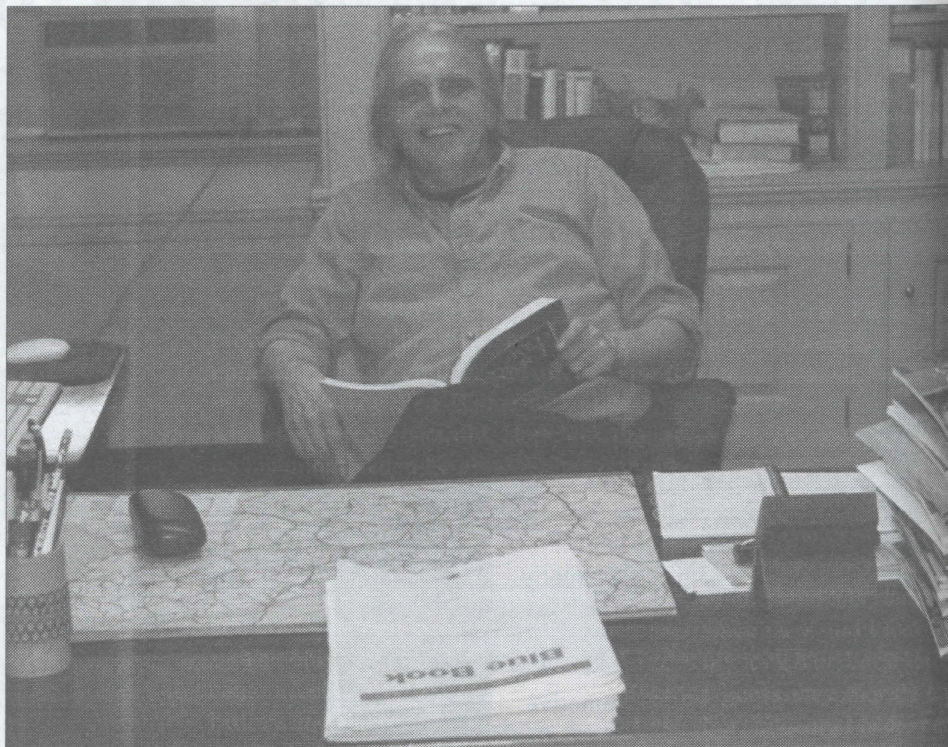
Hupchick: I used to say red, but I think it's blue. When I look at most of my clothes and things that have color in my life the majority is blue and I don't know why.

The Beacon: What is your favorite movie and why?

Hupchick: Lawrence of Arabia directed by David Lean because of the topic, the individual, the complexity of the individual and the techniques of the director. It's the best movie I've ever seen.

The Beacon: What are your future goals?

Hupchick: To finish my next book. I've been writing it now for the past year, to retire in some kind of reasonable comfort and to live in Europe when I'm retired.



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Dr. Hupchick has been teaching history at Wilkes for 21 years. After reading the book "The Red Badge of Courage" when he was 6-years-old, Hupchick wanted to become a historian.

The Beacon: What is the most difficult thing you have ever had to do and why was it difficult?

Hupchick: Just surviving between when I earned my Ph.D. and landing this job at Wilkes. Those seven years were probably the most difficult I faced in my life. During that time my wife and kids frequently asked me why I don't give up trying to be a historian and find some kind of job with a steady income. It finally worked out and everyone was happy after that, but it was seven years of hell.

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

Hupchick: Better health.

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

Hupchick: I would hope so. I do a lot for my friends and I count on my friends, too. I think it works both ways.

The Beacon: What do you enjoy most about studying history and being a historian?

Hupchick: What I enjoy is when I study and read history, it's like movies in my mind. That's what I see. When I lecture often times I'm seeing what I'm talking about, in my mind and I'm trying to describe what I see.

The Beacon: I know you've written a book or books, what are they titled?

Hupchick: I'm working on my 13th book right now. A few of the books that I personally like are, "The Balkans: from Constantinople to Communism," "Culture and History in Eastern Europe" – that's more of a historical philosophy instead of history, "The Historical Atlas of the Balkans" – two years ago this was translated into French, and "The Bulgarians in the Seventh Century." I'm convinced that the book I'm writing now is going to be the best, when it comes out. It's a medieval military history.

The Beacon: How would you define a historian?

Hupchick: Someone who tries to discover the human past and make that discovery available to other people.

The Beacon: Have you gone on any interesting Wilkes history trips?

Hupchick: In the spring semester I'm one of the people leading a trip to Istanbul, Turkey. Over spring break students can register for the three-credit trip and use the three credits towards their history or Comm[unications] 398 course. The trip is open to anyone who would like to come.

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Wilkes University's Health & Wellness Corner

Wilkes University's Health and Wellness Corner is a weekly feature in The Beacon. Students who ask questions will remain anonymous. All questions will be answered by Health Service staff.

Q. Recently, my friend, who is also a college student, died suddenly as a result of a car accident. It is my first experience of death and I find myself feeling sick when I remember her young body in the casket. What can I do to feel better?

A. I am sorry to hear of your loss—you are enduring a very painful change in your life. Know that your feelings/expression of grief are unique and personal, a normal reaction to loss. It is the most powerful of emotions, often misunderstood by our culture, the griever, and those surrounding the griever. Remain open to the grief process as you experience the reactions that can include but are not limited to: reduced concentration, a sense of numbness, disturbed sleep and/or appetite, unstable emotional energy, and the sense that the world should stop.

Realize that our society perpetuates myths regarding the grief process such as "don't cry," which sends a message of don't feel or find a way to grieve alone. Create a plan for your recovery and accept your feelings as you discover and complete what is unfinished in your relationship. Find someone who will grieve with you. This can be a personal relationship or a therapeutic relationship such as a grief counselor. Avoid negative reactions to your pain such as abuse of alcohol, drugs, shopping, sex, etc. Explore your experience of loss. As you eventually say goodbye to the intense emotional pain, be kind to yourself and know that you can recover.

Do you have a question for the Health & Wellness Corner? E-mail your questions to wellness.services@wilkes.edu, and you may see your question in next week's Wellness Corner. Your privacy will be protected. You can reach those working at Health Services at 408-4730 or by visiting their office on the first floor of Passan Hall.

DORM RECIPES

Root beer floats From the kitchen of Anastasia Dudzinski

BY JOHN CARROLL
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Trapped in a box with limited access to an oven, microwave or any other appliance what does the average freshmen do for tasty treats while dorming? The cafeteria is far away, and stale cereal just isn't going to hit the spot. Anastasia Dudzinski, a freshman Evans Hall resident from New Jersey, shared her recipe for root beer floats.

Sharing her secrets for sweet success, Anastasia suggests buying the small servings of ice cream to fit in what little refrigerator space is available to resident students, and switching up the types of soda you use to keep things fresh.

As well as being a food connoisseur, Anastasia has a passion for traveling,

photography, writing, interior decorating and reading older books. She's the fifth of seven children, and is a biology and pre-med major with aspirations to save children after her anticipated graduation from medical school.

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1 can root beer
Vanilla Ice cream
Tall Glass, Straw and Spoon

Directions:

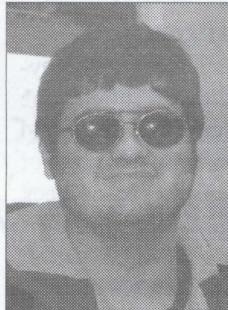
- 1) Ice cream goes in glass first.
- 2) Pour root beer slowly on top until foam reaches the rim.
- 3) Eat, drink, scoop

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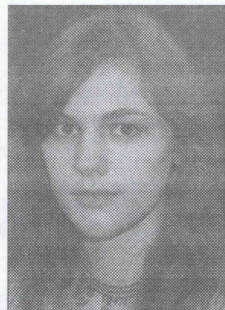
Where do you like to study and why?

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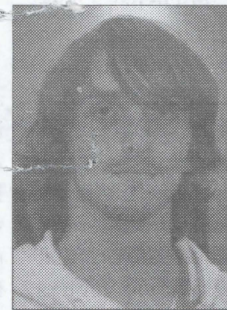
Joe Travis
Sophomore
environmental
science
major

"I study in the game room. Most of my friends are here and if I need help, they help."



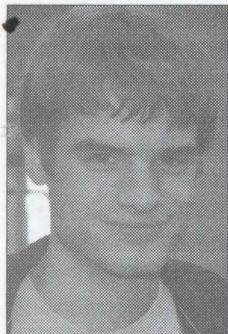
Katrina Toporcer
Freshman
biology
major

"I either study here, in the game room or in my room at my house. I study in the game room because I'm here all the time and at my house because it's quiet."



Ken Stucker
Senior
English and
philosophy
major

"I like to study in my apartment because I have everything I need there. If I get hungry or thirsty I go to the kitchen and I have my entire collection of books there."



Tony Thomas
Junior
English and
political science
major

"I study at home because it's quiet and I like being alone when I study."



Casey Gow
Junior
musical theater
major

"I don't study. I am a theater major."



Yaisa Mosquera
Junior
accounting
major

"The apartment, because it's comfortable and it's bare. I can't do what I want."



Lacey Willis
Junior
theater and
communications
major

"At home. My friends aren't at home so I don't get distracted."

Trick-or-Treat: A collection of must-see Halloween movies

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI
A&E Editor

As Halloween draws near, students will be able to enjoy the various activities offered both on and off campus including haunted hay rides, pumpkin carving and the long task of costume preparation. As it is the month of October, the month of Halloween, I have compiled a list of must-see Halloween movies that are sure to entertain on those nights when you don't want to go out and be frightened.

Hocus Pocus: Rated PG

Starring Kathy Najimy, Bette Midler and Sarah Jessica Parker, this Disney classic is sure to bring most of us down memory lane. The plot revolves around the Salem witches who have been brought back for a Halloween night in order to suck the youth out of the children of Salem so that they can remain young forever. Although the movie doesn't offer the same frights it did as when students were younger, the movie has a nostalgic value. The witches are humorous and the heroes are endearing.

Halloween: Rated PG-13

One of Jamie Lee Curtis' first movies, this Halloween classic is sure to frighten for decades to come. Although director Rob Zombie's take on the movie was quite entertaining, I am sure most will choose the original as the better version. This movie centers around the killing spree of Mike Myers (no, not that one) on an eerie Halloween night. He never dies, which is why there's so many sequels.



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During the month of October, a festive tradition is watching a collection of both scary and entertaining Halloween movies like the ones pictured above.

Nightmare on Elm Street 1-3: Rated R

There are a total of six 'Nightmare' movies and all of them are equally scary and chilling. However, I consider the first three to be the best. The basic concept is that if you fall asleep, the villainous Freddy Krueger will find you and kill you. This was the only movie to scare me as a child. All of the movies from the series were filmed in the 80s which makes them even better. Plus, Johnny Depp's big break was in the first "Nightmare" movie. It doesn't get any better than that!

Halloweentown: Rated PG

Another classic, this Disney original movie is one of the best Halloween movies the station has aired. The plot revolves around witches and enchantments, which makes for a both eerie and charming movie. Check your local listings, this movie is sure to be on Disney at least four times a week.

Casper: Rated PG

One of Christina Ricci's most successful movies, "Casper" is another classic. If the story line doesn't get you, the actual ghosts' humor will. This is by far one of the best

Halloween movies of our time, and if you have a VHS player, break out the old tape and press play. Don't forget to rewind!

Rocky Horror Picture Show: Rated R

This cult classic is sure to have you singing along with their sensual but eerie musical numbers. Starring Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon and Meatloaf, this movie is sure to impress. The story line is a bit confusing, but that won't stop fans of this classic from watching it. We can only hope that the "Glee" cast doesn't butcher the musical when they do their own rendition of "Rocky Horror," which they most likely will.

Saw (the entire series): Rated R

When I first watched the original "Saw" movie, I was amazed at the intricate and entertaining story line. Not only did this movie scare, but it was created with an interesting plot that kept the viewer intrigued and bewildered. I don't even know the number the series is on (I stopped at four), but this sequence of movies will always give you the chills.

Goosebumps: The Haunted Mask: Rated PG

Another movie to remind us of our childhood, Goosebumps aired on Fox back in the day on Saturday mornings. This show often went head to head with Nickelodeon's "Are You Afraid of the Dark" in the chill factor, but "The Haunted Mask" episode still makes my hair stick up. Check it out on youtube.com.

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Music review: Guster's new album is easily wonderful and cheerful

BY KIRSTIN COOK
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If you need something to brighten up your day, Guster's new album is sure to bring a positive note into your life.

On Oct. 5, Guster released its new album, "Easy Wonderful," marking the sixth album to the band's credit. The CD features 12 new songs from the band, including singles "Do You Love Me" and "This Could All Be Yours".

The alternative rock band is made up of singer Ryan Miller, guitarist Adam Gard-

ner, drummer Brian Rosenworcel and newest member Joe Pisapia on multiple instruments. Their most recent releases include "One Man Wrecking Machine," "Satellite" and "Manifest Destiny".

"Easy Wonderful" comes after a four-year-long hiatus in Guster's musical career since the band's last album, "Ganging Up on the Sun," was released in 2006. Any impatient fans will most likely forgive the band once they hear some of the upbeat and infectious songs included in the album.

It is difficult to listen to "Easy Wonderful" and feel anything but happy. From the very first track, "Architects & Engineers",

you feel like chiming along with the catchy lyrics and rhythms. The song is simplistic enough in its joyfulness that you can easily begin to sing along by the second chorus, which makes it difficult to resist. This is the type of song that will have you singing in your head for days.

The songs cover broad topics of love, joy and life, but even the darker tracks have an optimistic viewpoint.

The upbeat, peppy musical qualities continue into the second track, "Do You Love Me". The song has an almost whimsical sound, and makes you want to give up all cares and inhibitions and just start dancing.

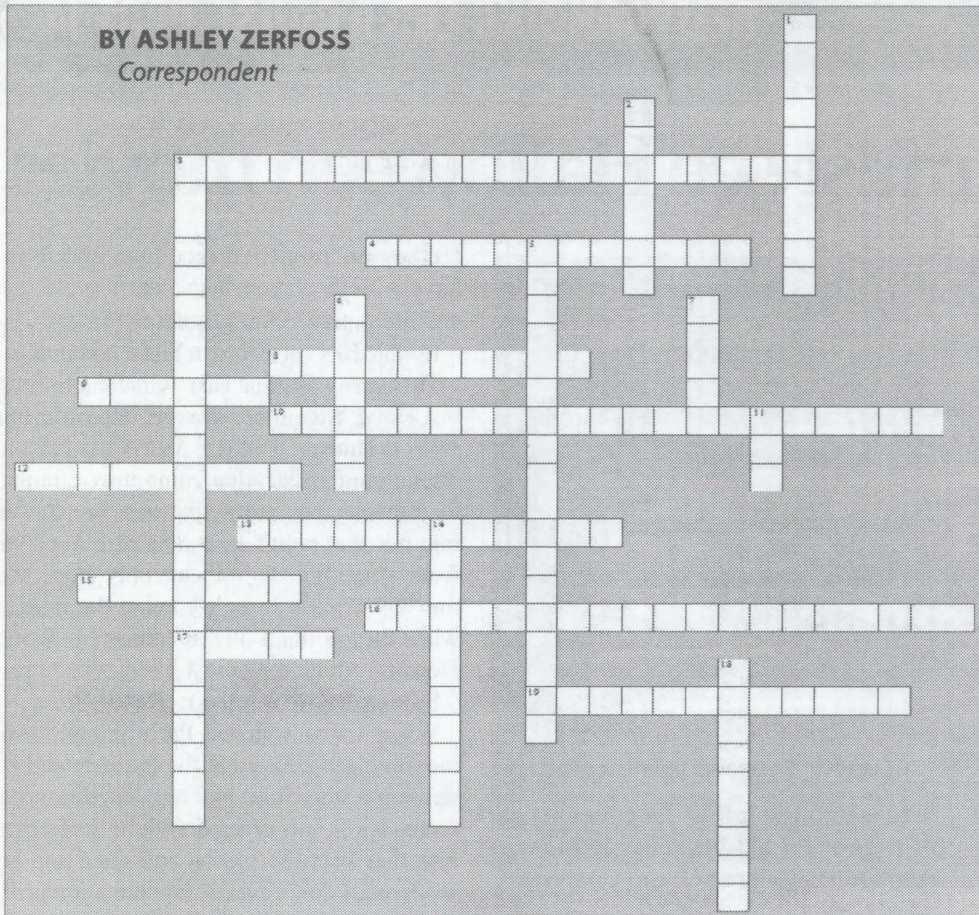
The third song, "On The Ocean", brings a more grounded but still optimistic sound. The use of bongos for the percussion is a defining characteristic of Guster's growth and the application in this specific song gives it a tribal rhythm.

Though Guster is generally classified as alternative rock, this album clearly demonstrates their versatility. Many of the songs incorporate a blend of bouncy pop with synthesized additions, country twang enhanced by banjos and even a touch of Christian rock through some of the themes.

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ZerCross: "Horror Flicks"

BY ASHLEY ZERFOSS
Correspondent



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3. An FBI agent confides in an incarcerated killer in order to catch another killer who skins his victims.

4. A horrific crisis begins when people spontaneously commit suicide, leaving 3 people to try and survive.

8. An 80s horror hit about a family at an isolated hotel where evil spirits posses the father to do their violent bidding.

9. Alfred Hitchcock film about a young woman who runs away to a mysterious motel where she meets her demise.

10. A serial-killer who haunts and kills people in their dreams.

12. A homicidal stalker who comes back to haunt a girl on the night of her prom.

13. A serial killer returns to his hometown to stalk seven children who have the same birthday as the day he was supposedly put to rest.

15. A teacher who opens a time capsule, only to find that a student had predicted every major tragedy that would occur in the future.

16. A haunted house with oozing walls, swarming flies, and doors violently swinging open and shut.

17. A space crew finds a menacing creature bent on having the crew for dinner.

19. A couple's romantic evening in their

vacation home is shattered when a group of masked murderers destroy their peace and solitude.

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1. A young boy getting the doll he always wanted, only to find out it was alive and violent.

2. A videotape that causes people to die a week after they watch it.

3. A deformed killer who massacres people passing through to sustain his family.

5. A young couple moving to a starter home in the suburbs and being disturbed every night by a demonic presence.

6. A fog with strange creatures that wreaks havoc on a small town.

7. A group of strangers trapped in an elevator only to discover that a great evil is among them.

11. A serial killer who traps his victims in booby-trapped shelters leaving them to try and escape his deadly trap.

14. A young girl is possessed by a terrifying entity, and her mother frantically tries to save her by calling upon two priests.

18. An institutionalized maniac breaks loose on a murderous rampage as his doctor chases him down.

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Bellydancing for a cause

Arts YOUNiverse holds cancer benefit

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI
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Solstice Bellydance, a local dance troupe, is coordinating a cancer benefit for Candy's Place: The Center for Cancer Wellness, on Oct. 15. "Cirque du Solstice The Art of Bellydance and the Unique" will showcase "tribal fusion bellydance" as well as side-show oddities including a glass eater and fire breather.

The event will be held at ArtsYOUNiverse, located on 47 N. Franklin St. Wilkes-Barre and begins at 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are available in advance or at the door.

Audrey Marut, one of the members of Solstice Bellydance, was excited about the event.

"It got started because all of us in the group have been affected by cancer in some way, either through a loved one or a friend," Marut said. "We wanted to do something that helped the community."

The cancer center has had a series of events usually ranging from golf tournaments and cancer walks, due to the fact that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. All events are family orientated and offer a way for the

community to come together for a cause.

"[This event] will be lots of fun," Marut said. "There will be lots of good music, fun costumes, and a chance for families to utilize some of the services that 'Candy's Place' has."

All proceeds go to the cancer center and commemorative T-shirts will be given out.

"It's interesting that something like belly dancing is offered around here," said Kristy Ordile, a senior business entrepreneur student at Wilkes. "It's great what they are doing and it sounds like a lot of fun."

Marut also added that she hopes that with the success of the benefit, many people will be aware of the classes offered at ArtsYOUNiverse.

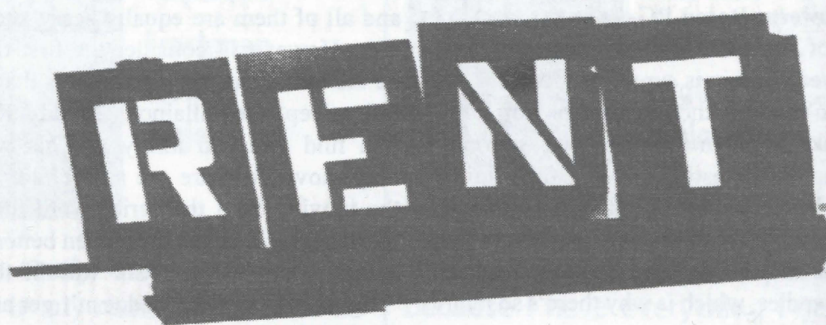
"Once people come to this event, they will have an opportunity to take advantage of these classes we offer," Marut said. "It's women dancing for women, having a good time."

Please email solsticebellydance@yahoo.com or call 570-471-3309 for additional information and/or ticket sales.

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"Stay With Me Jesus" is an example of the religious undertones that give a bit of deepness to the abandon of the music. Its acoustic tone and adds a serious sense to the album while still maintaining the overall uplifting sense of the whole album.

The occasional twang is immediately apparent in "This Could All Be Yours", as it opens with a country-like riff, which is another song with an infectious chorus with a backing joyful and uplifting tune. It also demonstrates the brilliant harmonics of the band.

There is a hidden gem in the final song, "Do What You Want". It takes a surprising electronic angle, which is a refreshing sound after a stretch of slower songs which verges on becoming bland.

The potential for deep, reflective lyrics is not met, which is slightly disappointing. The strange instrumental enhancements that are mixed into some of the songs compensates for the relatively basic lyrical concepts.

Overall, this album is sure to bring happiness to listeners. While the verses and associated meanings of the songs may not be very memorable, the bubbly joy that you felt while hearing them will be.



Rating: 4/5 stars

Courtesy of Facebook/Guster Fan Page

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Pictured on the left is the cover artwork for the recent album, "Easy Wonderful", from alternative rock band Guster.

Celebrity Chatter

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI
A&E Editor

Ghostbusters III: Yesss!

If you haven't heard, Ghostbusters 3 is set to make its theatrical release potentially for 2012. The original cast, which includes Dan Akroyd, Sigourney Weaver, Harold Remis, Ernie Hudson, and Bill Murray, is most likely coming back. Also, rumors are circulating on the net that many new faces will be added to the cast including; Paul Rudd, Anna Faris, and Eliza Dushku. What about Rick Moranis?? We'll just have to wait. But sources are saying that Akroyd himself is working on the film's script. We can only hope it's as amazing as the first two! For more information on this story, check out perezhilton.com.

"Two and a half men" star – highest paid kid on TV???

Wow, and I thought Hannah Montana was bestowed that honor. I mean with her concert deals, platinum albums and multi-million dollar merchandise sales. But the award goes to Angus, T. Jones of the CBS comedy hit starring Charlie Sheen. Jones, 16, makes \$300,000 per episode. Wow! Who would of thought? Who's in second place? Believe it or not, it's Miranda Cosgrove from "iCarly" and "Drake and Josh," who earns a paycheck of \$180,000 per episode. Right after her is sweet Ms. Selena Gomez earning \$25,000 an episode on her show "Wizards of Waverly Place." No wonder Miley wanted to leave Disney. She was reportedly making only \$15,000 an episode!

Osbourne to remove tattoos

Kelly Osbourne is looking is more healthy and fabulous than ever. Now with her slimmed down look, and innocent blonde hair, offers have been pouring in for the rock star. Osbourne, who began losing weight after "Dancing with the Stars," has told sources that she is removing a majority of her 15 tattoos. I don't know about you, but I am loving the new Osbourne! Keep up the good work!

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Inspiration at it's finest through Wilkes tri-match

Briana Edgar organizes event for Lehigh boy with Lymphoma

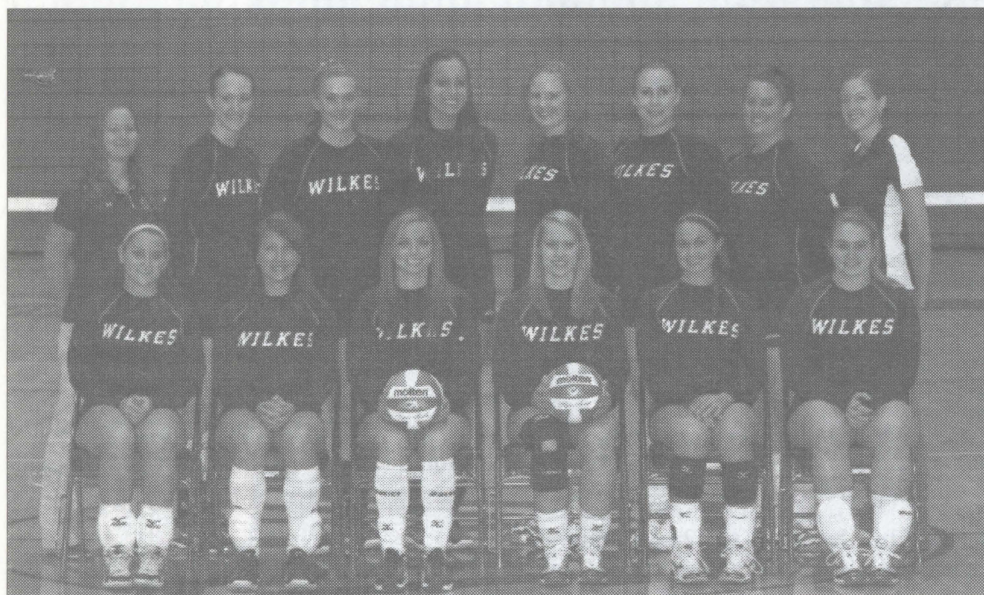


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Edgar, bottom row, second from left, has organized a fundraiser to benefit a boy from her hometown who is suffering from Lymphoma.

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
Sports Editor

Sometimes all it takes is a little inspiration to lend some inspiration of your own.

For Wilkes junior psychology major Brianna Edgar, witnessing firsthand how people were willing to go out of their way to aid in the Haiti relief effort sparked her passion for helping others.

The charitable Edgar is in the process of assisting Arthur, a boy from her hometown of Lehigh, Pa. Arthur's last name isn't important. What is important, however, is that he suffers from a form of Lymphoma.

"I always want to help people that need help," Edgar said. "When I found out he was diagnosed, I knew that with all of my connections up here [at Wilkes], I could do something that a little town of Lehigh couldn't do."

Arthur, who attends Lehigh High School, was diagnosed with a form of Lymphoma - a form of cancer within a person's immune system that occurs when T or B white blood cells become abnormal and continuously divide, spreading like wildfire throughout any part of the body - in April of 2010.

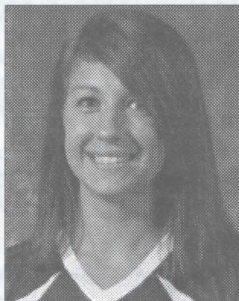
One of three different Lehigh students who were diagnosed with some form of can-

cer during the same month in the past year, it was his case that caught the attention of Edgar, a 2008 graduate of Lehigh.

"[Lehigh] was putting fundraisers together, but couldn't really do a whole lot for all three," said Edgar. "So I picked the boy that was least talked about and gave him something that no one else was able to give him."

What Edgar was able to give Arthur was support; support from outside of the tight-knit community - support from a university over an hour away from who were willing to help a boy they didn't know.

So Edgar came up with a plan. Using her role on campus as secretary of the student athlete advisory committee and varsity athlete on the volleyball team, she decided to organize a fundraiser. She went directly to head volleyball coach Lisa Rizzo and discussed the possibility of organizing a tri-match benefitting Arthur. All the proceeds gained would benefit what her and Arthur had coined "Cured By Fall," a phrase quot-



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ed by Arthur's doctors in April in hopes to have the illness beaten by the time fall came around.

Not only was Rizzo receptive to the idea, but she wanted to expand it.

"I thought it was a great idea," said Rizzo. "Initially she called me over the summer and asked if we could do one game or one weekend tri-match. I said let's try to make it bigger, let's try and do two tri-matches. Let's start with the Wilkes community and try and get more people outside Wilkes involved."

"Coach has been amazing through all of this," Edgar said. "She doesn't know any more about Arthur than I told her, but she has gone out of her way to help out. She got in touch with other coaches and pushed them to get involved and she is going the distance by getting donations from friends of hers - people that don't know me or Arthur, but are donating anyway."

But Edgar didn't stop at just her team, she spread the word on campus, hanging posters encouraging students to attend the tri-matches and pitch in a \$2 donation, which would be exchanged for a turquoise bracelet with the phrase "Cured by Fall" inscribed on it.

So far the support has been overwhelming. "I was very surprised," Edgar said, about the amount of people offering a helping hand. "I didn't think people would be so willing to offer their time. I've had so many people offer their help and end by saying 'If you need anything.' I've had students who can't come to the tri-matches make donations on their own just to help the cause. I was very surprised to see people come together for a boy they don't even know."

Edgar set the bar high last May, when she first decided to offer Arthur her support. Her goal was \$5,000 - and thus far, she's inching closer and closer to it, thanks in part to the support of the Wilkes community, but more so because of her own determination and will to succeed.

This undertaking is a representation of the person Edgar is.

"It Bri's character to a T," Rizzo said about the fundraiser. "She's always looking to help people out, she's always taking on big projects, and she's very good at organizing and being a leader."

And through this whole ordeal, Edgar has

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The Skinny Post

BY ANDREW BOOKIN
Correspondent

This week I'll be taking a look at late round gems. You know, those guys that no one expected to be putting up great numbers in fantasy this year. First, let's take a look into the running backs that have been dark horses so far this 2010 season.

Peyton Hillis has been one of the most consistent backs so far this season. He has contributed a touchdown every week for the Browns and has produced double-digit fantasy points week in, week out in just about every format. I was lucky enough to snatch Hillis from waivers in Week Two. This will most likely prove to be the greatest pickup of the season. Hillis is a must start.

Oakland's Darren McFadden has had an explosive beginning to his season as well. While he hasn't seen the end zone as many times as Hillis has, he's been producing more fantasy points. Right now he's put up top-five running back numbers, and his 392 rushing yards through Week 4 have already eclipsed his entire 2009 season rushing total.

The last running back worth mention would be LaDainian Tomlinson of the New York Jets. Everyone knows LT's premier running back credentials, but there was concern he'd be showing his age this season. His 56 rushes for 396 yards and 3 touchdowns through Week 4 are certainly keeping the Chargers organization up at night.

Aside from these aforementioned highly productive backs, three other typically quiet fantasy players have come alive this season. As for quarterbacks, Kyle Orton has never been a standout, but this year the man has gone off. He is leading the league with 1,419 passing yards through the first four games. Orton has vaulted Brandon Lloyd to a standout wide receiver in the early fantasy weeks too.

The last dark horse I'd like to mention is New York Jets tight end Dustin Keller. Quarterback Mark Sanchez has looked to Keller often, and in return Keller has found the end zone frequently this season. No one expected Keller to be brushing shoulders with perennial superstars Antonio Gates and Dallas Clark at the top of the tight end standings.

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Athlete Spotlight: Kevin Gerhart, humble star

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Last year, Kevin Gerhart graced the pages of The Beacon's sports section as athlete spotlight for his performance on the mat for the Wrestling team.

This year, Gerhart has once again earned the spotlight, but this time it has been garnered by his play on the gridiron. There was no way around awarding football's senior safety with the spotlight after his play against Albright College earned him the MAC Conference Defensive Player of the Week accolade.

"It feels good that other teams in the MAC think highly of my performance," Gerhart said after receiving the prestigious weekly award.

Wilkes itself is the most grateful team for the substantial display of athleticism Gerhart displayed all game in the Colonels' 38-35 comeback victory against Albright on Homecoming weekend. With less than a minute to play and the game tied at 35, it was Gerhart's second interception of the day - and the subsequent 23-yard return - that set up the Colo-

nels for the game-winning field goal.

The victory capped off a terrific game and gave the visiting Alumni something to cheer about during their Homecoming.

"I first thought 'I want to score' but then after I got tackled I wondered how much time was on the clock," Gerhart reflected on the game-changing play that helped Wilkes seal the victory.

However, Gerhart didn't just show up for one play. He was all over the field for four quarters. He notched his fourth straight game with at least nine tackles and had another interception which led to points for the Colonels earlier in the game.

Coming onto the team his freshman year, Gerhart wanted to be a wide-receiver. His ability to pick-off the passes of opposing quarterbacks shows that the position wouldn't be a bad fit, but the senior believes that safety was a better position that works well with his skills. Gerhart goes into each game and just tries "to make as many plays as possible."

Gerhart was modest when replaying what happened on his two interceptions, crediting the mistakes of the Albright quarterback

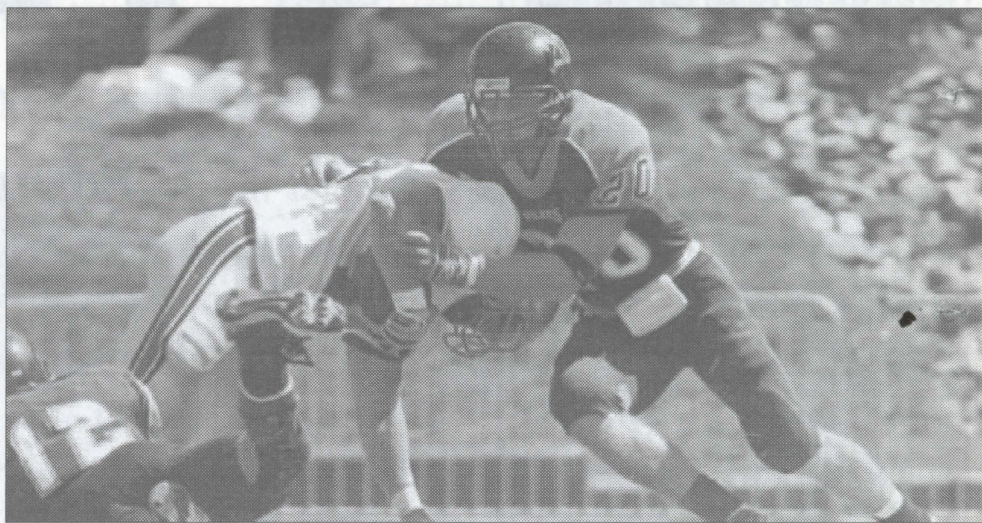


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Gerhart was named MAC Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts against Albright last week.

when Gerhart said, "both were bad throws. One got tipped and went to me and the other the QB kind of flipped it in the air and I cut off the WR."

Bad throws or not, Gerhart showed tremendous awareness and skill to get the ball back to the Wilkes offense where Wilkes quarterback Tyler Berntsen and crew could

gain some points for the team.

While Gerhart's play helped seal the victory on Homecoming weekend, he doesn't want the game against Albright to be his only moment of stellar play. He noted that his love of the game and "just knowing

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FACE OFF



Should sports arenas use Bypass Lane?

Get on this Bypass



Sports Editor
ANTHONY DORUNDA

As I was satisfying my daily indulgences of Facebook this past week, my favorite thing happened...I got a brand new little red notification that popped up in easily the most exciting spot – the inbox.

As my heart raced, I hurriedly clicked it open, only to find my editor's face glaring directly back at me...not quite the inbox I was hoping for. Ironically enough, he posted a link to the Phoenix Coyotes website, inquiring about an interesting face off topic for this week. Intrigued, I read it and voila! We have our topic!

And what a topic it is!

Recently, according to a press release on the Coyotes website, the Coyotes, their food and beverage provider ARAMARK, and Jobing.com Arena have teamed up with Bypass Lane to offer a new technology that

allows fans to order and pay for concessions on their smart phones.

Dude, ordering food, over the phone, without missing the game-tying goal to send their first matchup with heated rival Anaheim into overtime.

This might be the greatest idea since sliced bread. No really, I'm serious. By simply logging onto the Bypass Lane website, fans can just browse the food selections of the concession stand nearest their seats, pick their grub, charge it to their credit card (over a secure payment platform), and then will receive a text message when their food is done. Then they can sprint to the stand, snag their food, and hustle back to their seats - missing only an icing call.

Think about it, when you're hungry, that massive platter of chicken tenders overloaded with those scrumptious fries the teenager in front of you is devouring won't be such a tease. Now, you can whip out your iPhone, touch the screen a few times, and run and get your food after you receive the text message that it's done. Instead of waiting in line

for what seems like an eternity during the intermission, or missing five to six minutes of the third period because your stomach is growling, now it will only take you a few quick steps up to and fro the nearest concession stand.

The only thing missing is the first class service right to your seat (kind of like in some movie theaters, where you can order a personal pizza and give them your seat number, and they'll deliver it right to you - my new favorite thing to do at the movies by the way). But even without the delivery service, there's no way this idea can be a bad one. It's convenient, easy, affordable, and you need not exhaust any effort except for working your fingers along the touch screen of your phone. And that's how the atmosphere of a professional game should be – relaxed and at your service.

I honestly see no loopholes in this new venture, and I can attest to trying it if for some reason I'm ever in Phoenix to watch hockey – which sounds like an oxymoron to me.

Bypass this fad



Assistant Sports Editor
CHRISTOPHER HOPKINS

So it's been brought to my attention that the Phoenix Coyotes are introducing a ground-breaking technology this season in their home arena. Now I'll admit, anything hockey I usually try to avoid. It's never really been a passion of mine, but when I heard this, it really did grab my attention.

The Coyotes and Jobing.com Arena, the Coyotes home, are partnering with the company Bypass lane to create a way to order food directly from your seat while watching the game straight from your phone; you just order what you want using their application Bypass Lane and they will send you a text message when your order is ready.

What's not to love about that, right? Wrong.

This seems like something out of Back to the Future 2, a bad invention that they just threw in to make the film seem futuristic, like Jaws 19 in 3D. Next thing you know the Cubs

are going to be winning a World Series over the Miami Gators.

Come on now, do we really need an application on our phones to make orders for food at hockey games? How hard is it to just run up a few stairs to grab a hot dog or soda?

The way this idea is made out to sound is you place an order on you phone using your credit card, where it is then sent to the concession stand. When your order is ready, you receive a text message back saying your order is ready and you can come pick it up. To me, this doesn't seem all that convenient.

Venues these days have a concession stand almost every ten feet, making the walk shorter and downsizing most lines. You really don't miss such a big part of the game that something like this would be necessary. You still have to get up eventually to get the food and by the time they find your order it could take just as long as if you order there.

Now I'm all for getting to see every minute of the action, but is this really the best way to do it? If you've been to a professional sporting event recently you know that there is really no place you can be

where you do not know what is going on in the game.

Teams already do everything they can to keep you from missing one second of the game. Televisions are around every corner and blind spot, with jumbotrons always within eyesight. Most stadiums even have televisions in the bathrooms now. It's hard to argue that waiting in line makes you miss all the action, when the action is brought to you just about everywhere you are. It's really hard to hide from the game.

This "latest and greatest" innovation just seems like a little overkill by the Coyotes in an attempt to be that much more "fan-friendly." Let's be honest, no one is going to jump on this right away. It's just going to be a waste for the Coyotes for the most part. We've seen all the gimmicks before, where a big idea comes out and only a small percentage latch on before it fails due to lack of popularity. Just give it time before the Coyotes realize it's more of a hassle to place an order on your iPhone then it is to walk a few feet and dump this idea like so many before it. I'm sure this won't be the last to come our way either.

New turf at Ralston Field a big hit with student-athletes

BY CHRISTOPHER HOPKINS
Assistant Sports Editor

It may have cost the University \$1.6 million to complete the renovations to the new Ralston Athletic Complex, but so far it sure seems to be money well spent.

Now, about a month and a half since the first game played on the new turf, Wilkes University athletes are enjoying the new playing field they have been given this year.

Home to the Wilkes football, field hockey, and men's and women's soccer teams, members of these teams have benefitted from winning records at home. The newly renovated Ralston Athletic Complex will also be home to the men's and women's lacrosse teams in the spring. The new field brings another new aspect to what was formally just the football field. It now allows all five of these sports to play in one location, instead of being spread out amongst several locations, like they were the past few years. All of the boundary lines are built into the new turf, eliminating the need to paint and re-paint them.

The new turf, as opposed to the grass, brings a new aspect to games of any sport - speed. The new artificial surface doesn't have the drawbacks that come with real grass. It doesn't take on puddles after days of rain or leave uneven divots after games. With a consistent surface, athletes are able to move much faster on the field than they could have on the old grass.

Senior defender Rachel Cannuli from the field hockey team recognizes that the new

turf removes all of the surprises that can come with playing on grass.

"Turf is generally a faster surface than grass. It eliminates mud, bumps, and holes," Cannuli said. "All of those are problems for field hockey and make the game difficult. When playing on turf, field hockey becomes a faster and cleaner game."

Junior midfielder TJ Brandt from the men's soccer team credits the new turf as a way the Colonels can draw an advantage over the competition by using their speed to enhance their game.

"The turf makes the game a lot faster," Brandt said. "The grass slows down the ball and can cause awkward bounces. We are a better turf team. As a team we are 3-1 on the new field."

The men's soccer team is not the only ones who have reaped the benefits of the new playing surface. The football team has earned two of its three wins so far this year at home. Women's soccer is 4-1. Three of field hockey's four wins have come on the new turf.

The new turf is just the beginning of the planned \$3 million renovation to the Ralston Athletic Complex. Wilkes still plans on adding a building for concession, comfort facilities and meeting rooms, a formal entrance to the complex and new bleachers on both sides of the field.

It's the field though that has been a big asset to the four Colonels teams so far this year. Without the worry of stepping in a hole or divot, Wilkes athletics have taken to the new field very well thus far, so much so that



Courtesy of Sports Information

The brand new multi-purpose field turf has received rave reviews from athletes.

some depend on it as almost part of their game.

"We love the turf," Cannuli said. "For our team have turf is imperative, because it makes our play faster, and it keeps us up

to par with our many competitors who also have turf."

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learned a lot about herself by looking at everyone in a new light, and trying to form relationships with people she wouldn't know otherwise.

"I think it shows that you can have a personal connection with anyone you like," Edgar said. "I knew he existed, but I didn't know what kind of amazing person he was and what I was missing. I'm more motivated to get to know people without a reason to know what their story is - because that's what has happened with Arthur."

"Hopefully in the near future when he can say he's beaten cancer I'll be part of that story - and that's amazing to me."

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that this is my last chance to play football" makes him play harder so that the team can continue to win and more happy memories between himself and his teammates can be created.

What really matters to the superb safety is that he and the rest of the football team continue to make plays.

Because if they do, the Colonels "can win a lot of games and that's what I want us to do," Gerhart said.

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Colonels rally from 22-point deficit in fourth

Sheptock stands alone atop the record books with 91 wins and counting

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI
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A 22-point fourth-quarter comeback allowed Wilkes to force overtime against the Lebanon Valley Dutchmen on Saturday afternoon and a strong goal-line stand made head coach Frank Sheptock the school record holder for most career victories.

Trailing 28-6 at the start of the fourth quarter, the Colonels rallied behind freshman quarterback Alex George to pull off the team's second consecutive come-from-behind victory, 35-28.

The win was Sheptock's 91st career triumph at the helm of the Colonels and vaulted him out of a first-place tie with Rollie Schmidt, whose 90 career victories are now the second-highest total in Wilkes history.

"I respect Rollie Schmidt a great deal," Sheptock said. "He was a legend and to be in his category is very humbling to me. I'm very proud of our players and I guess maybe it shows some longevity on my part, but it's been a lot of hard work from a lot of young men."

With the win, the Colonels improved to 3-2 on the 2010 season and a perfect 2-0 in conference play. Lebanon Valley saw its record drop to 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

George, the third quarterback utilized by Sheptock on the afternoon, finished the day with 3-of-4 passing for 46 yards, 55 rushing yards on 11 carries, four total touchdowns and a quarterback rating of 336.

"Right from day one, we thought Alex was a great leader," Sheptock said. "He's very inspirational... and today in a very, very difficult situation he made some huge plays, both with his feet and his arm."

The freshman kick-started Wilkes' comeback with a 6-yard touchdown run with 14:39 to play in regulation.

He then connected with two different seniors — wide receiver Jordan D'Emilio and tight end Anthony Dorunda — for a pair of 20-yard touchdown passes.

Following Dorunda's grab, junior wide receiver Todd Eagles corralled a pass from George for a two-point conversion that knotted the score at 28 and forced overtime.

"As soon as I got in I wanted to win," George said. "To be honest, I never even looked at the score. I kind of just played."



Photo Courtesy of Warren Ruda
The Colonels huddle up before their game. Saturday Wilkes trailed by 22 points at the start of the fourth quarter, but rallied in time to send the game into overtime. Wilkes would go onto win the game 35-28.

One time I looked up at the score and I was like 'Holy cow, it was to tie the game.' It didn't really hit me until then."

In the bonus round, George gave Wilkes a 35-28 advantage with a 1-yard touchdown scamper. The Dutchmen had a golden opportunity to equalize the game when they had a first-and-goal situation from the Wilkes 4-yard line, but the Wilkes defense rallied to keep Lebanon Valley out of the end zone with four separate key stops.

"It's very rewarding as much as any win to see a group of young men believe in each other and believe that they can come back," Sheptock said. "Now two weeks in a row, we have a never say quit attitude, and we never quit."

Of course, there are plenty of things that the Colonels can improve on. For one, even though they've shown that they can come back if necessary, they'd like to avoid having to score 22 points in the fourth quarter in order to earn a victory.

Ways to do that, of course, are minimizing the amount of mistakes that the team makes in the early parts of games and capitalizing on scoring chances throughout the contests.

"We made some mistakes," Sheptock said. "We're a young football team, so we're just going to try and continue to get better. We're going to do a better job of knowing our responsibilities and we're going to keep doing what we're doing. But I like how our team is playing right now."

The Colonels return to action on Saturday afternoon when they host 12th-ranked Delaware Valley at the Ralston Athletic Complex. Kick-off is set for 1 p.m.

"Del Val is going to be a tremendous task for us, but I'm very much looking forward to it and I think our players are also," Sheptock said.

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BY THE NUMBERS

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Points the Colonels scored after the start of the fourth quarter. Trailing 28-6, Wilkes came back to win in overtime 35-28.

91

Wins Coach Frank Sheptock now has in his career as head coach at Wilkes, the most in school history, passing former coach Rollie Schmidt.

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Touchdowns freshman quarterback Alex George accounted for after he came in for the two injured quarterbacks before him. He finished the day 3-4 for 46 yards.

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National ranking, as of press time, of the Colonels upcoming opponent, the Delaware Valley Aggies. The Aggies, who have beaten the Colonels the past two years, are averaging 32.8 points per game over their first five games, jumping out to a 4-1 record.

