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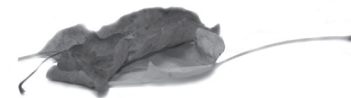
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S.P.A.N. organizers change course

After three week struggle with SG, students gain club status

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

Beacon News Editor

After a three-week battle and a push online to get students to come to a Student Government meeting in support of their cause, the group of students who were seeking to create a Wilkes' chapter of the Student Peace Action Network (S.P.A.N.) decided instead to seek club status as an independent body, free from any national organization, under the title of Wilkes in the World.

The club recognition comes after three weeks of discussion, a split vote in the general board and a presidential veto that set SG members to the task of trying to overturn the veto.

The division in SG centered on the question of whether S.P.A.N. would be any different from the current Student Political Action Forum (S.P.A.F.).

The group of students, who insisted their main concern was raising money for humanitarian aid across the globe decided to change their affiliation.



About 10 people representing the group of students wanting to create a Wilkes chapter of the Student Peace Action Network spoke in front of SG on Wednesday. The group later decided to disassociate themselves from the national organization and create a new club, Wilkes in the World.

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New interim Interfaith Coordinator named

Diocese of Scranton sends temporary replacement

BY AMY FUSCO

Beacon Correspondent

The Wilkes Interfaith office is currently in need of a permanent coordinator, and the Diocese of Scranton, the local governing body for the Catholic church, is leading that search. In fact, the Wilkes position is funded by the Diocese, despite the fact that the university is technically independent of specific religious affiliation. The position is designed to lead students of all faiths.

Angela Hermes, vacated the Interfaith Coordinator position last academic year. The process of hiring someone involves the Diocese selecting a few finalists out of the applicants. After this selection process, the finalists are interviewed by Wilkes University to decide which one best fits the position.

Temporarily, Wilkes has hired Cheryl Cavalari, the Director of Northeast Campus Ministries, to fill in the position. According to Philip Ruthkosky, Director of Student Development, Cavalari will "meet and discuss matters of faith," such as morals and values, with anyone who would like to participate. Every Tuesday at 5:30 PM, Cavalari will offer a session called the "Feast of Faith" where students, faculty, or staff, are invited to come and converse about faiths and enjoy a meal cooked by volunteer students.



The Beacon/James Rosato

Cheryl Cavalari, the new interim Interfaith Coordinator, was introduced to the university at Wednesday's SG meeting.

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New Dean of Library Sciences announced

BY YOHANNA DE LOS SANTOS MARIA

Beacon Correspondent

After a long search, the Farley Library will finally welcome a new Dean of Library Sciences later this semester.

Dr. Robert A. Shaddy was selected by the library search committee to occupy this new position. "It was a highly selective process that lasted from February to July of 2007," said Dr. Frederick Sullivan, who was the chairperson of the search committee.

Linda Chishlom from CEO Resources worked with a committee of Wilkes University members to research candidates who were pre-qualified for the position. Interviews were then conducted among more than five candidates to determine who was "the best leader," according to Sullivan. This job requires great leadership skills because it will take the library to new heights.

Shaddy is a professional in this area. He possesses a Master of Arts in Library Sciences from the University of Missouri-Columbia, May 1986; Doctor of Philosophy, History from the University of Missouri-Columbia, December 1990; and also completed graduate study in English from the University of Toledo, 1996-1998.

In addition, Shaddy also has plenty of experience in library leadership. Some of his previous jobs include Associate Professor of library administration and Director of The Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections at the Library of the University of Toledo, Associate Professor and Chair, Interdisciplinary and Special Programs at University College of University of Toledo, and University Librarian and Chair at the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections, George

A. Smathers Libraries of the University of Florida. He is currently Professor of Library and Chief Librarian at Queens College Libraries.

The Dean's role at the Farley Library will include ensuring that the library is up to date in every aspect. "We want a new direction for the library. We want to modernize and keep on with technology so that we can teach students to become more involved," said Dr. Reynold C. Verret, Provost.

Shaddy will present a plan to the Provost's office after studying the library and later will work to develop proper funding for changes. Some of the changes expected are: new ways of accessing information and more print sources becoming online sources.

Sullivan said that the importance of the new Dean of the Library is clear, "The library has been neglected and we want to revitalize

it; that is the purpose [of this role]."

Verret described Shaddy as an "Excellent choice, we believe he has the qualification for this job."

Shaddy will assume his role at the Farley Library in November.

(RIGHT) Dr. Robert A. Shaddy will fill the role of Wilkes' Dean of Library Sciences.



Courtesy Dr. Robert Shaddy



The Beacon/Andrew Seaman

For the past few weeks, the basement of Stark has been plagued by numerous leaks that are capable of filling garbage cans to the brim with water in a day. Some of these leaks come from the hot water and have caused the ceiling tiles to disintegrate. At one point during the week, there were at least three receptacle being used to collect the water. Chris Bailey, Director of Campus Support Services, was unavailable for comment.

For a video of the leaks in Stark, please visit www.wilkesbeacon.com

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Capital campaign moving ahead despite absence of Williams

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

Beacon News Editor

Despite the absence of the Vice President of Development, Marty Williams, Wilkes University is moving forward with its planned capital campaign.

Williams suffered a stroke on Easter Sunday last spring, and there is no comment as to if, when, or in what capacity he may return.

Dr. Tim Gilmour, Wilkes University's president said, "Although Mr. Williams' leadership is very much missed, the development and alumni offices are doing as well as can be expected under the able leadership of Sandra Carroll, [Director of Alumni Relations], who also serves as the interim VP, and Mike Wood, the Executive Director of Development."

Williams has been recovering since the stroke and Dr. Paul Adams, VP of Student Affairs, said, "Whenever I see Marty, he seems to be improving. He's come so far."

Gilmour agreed, "[His] recovery to date from his stroke is nothing short of remarkable and a true blessing."

Sandra Carroll explained how her position has transitioned. "Mr. Williams hired me in 2005. As staff transitions took place in the division, my position transitioned from strictly Alumni Relations to include Annual Giving Programs. Through this transition, Marty and I worked very closely to find new ways to meet the challenge to raise more funds to grow [the] endowment, fund scholarships and other institutional priorities.

"Our team began the planning for the campaign, Leading to Greatness. As our leader, Marty shared his thought process and strategic vision, which probably prepared us better to continue the work before us than anything else might have. Our collective experience, pockets of institutional memory and excitement for what is Wilkes keeps us moving forward," Carroll added.

Adams echoed Carroll and suggested that the smooth transition can be attributed to Williams, "I think because of Marty's leadership, they've been able to really carry on without missing a beat. Marty created a staff of people who were professional, capable, and have the will to carry on."

Also, both Carroll and Adams said that the Development staff would be expanding to meet the needs of the new campaign. "When you do a capitol campaign, you always ramp up your staff because it's such an intensive effort... Certainly the leadership, Sandra Carroll and Mike Wood were here prior to Marty's absence, but since that time it was always planned that new folks would be coming on board and would be added to the staff to do all of the work that needs to be done in a campaign. There's so much that has to be done," said Adams.

"The addition of two new staff members, soon a third, assures that we will continue to meet the challenges of doing a good job for Wilkes," said Carroll.



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Wilkes' VP for Development, Marty Williams is still recovering from the stroke he suffered on Easter Sunday. The Wilkes community is moving on with a new capital campaign.

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Andy Julian, junior class representative, talks about how the Wilkes based group's goals and the national organization's contradict each other.

SG members confronted them with the fact that the national organization's website took a strong political stance with comments like, "...Peace Action has been dedicated to the principles that every human being has the right to live without the threat of nuclear weapons; that war is not a suitable response to conflict; and that because America has the resources to both provide for and protect its citizens, our economy must focus on priorities like education and health care rather than excessive Pentagon budgets."

Throughout the meeting, SG members tried to convey that they felt that the goals of S.P.A.N. did not coincide with the goals of the students seeking to form the club. Ellie Galiatsatos, SG Corresponding Secretary, told the students, "I love your idea, and I love what you guys stand for, and I love what you guys are going after, but personally I don't see the correlation with the national organization that you guys are trying to become affiliated with."

Andy Julian, junior class representative, echoed Galiatsatos's comments, "Everyone respects the fact that you want to do humanitarian [aid] and bring it all in. But what we got from the website was a lot different... I got on, read what they want to do and then we got on, me and another member, got on to the events. Every single

one of them was political protest, every one," Julian added.

Galiatsatos read a mission statement from S.P.A.N.'s website and then noted, "I don't know about anybody else, but from what I got from that, S.P.A.N., the national organization, just seems very United States based... It is very political."

Elizabeth Clark, a junior english/education major, was one of the main spokespeople for the students speaking to form the group. She explained to SG, "We discussed the idea of Wilkes in the World, making it into a different group... and it wouldn't be national... but it would be that central idea of humanitarianism."

Galiatsatos immediately replied with a smile, "I don't know whether to clap or not."

After, a short discussion, SG decided to grant Wilkes in the World club status, with a vote of 29 in favor, 9 opposed and 2 abstaining from the vote. The club status was granted under the condition that the club comes before SG before they join any national organization.

For **SG NOTES**, check online at www.wilkesbeacon.com.

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President Gilmour told *The Beacon* that the campaign is on schedule and added, "We began work on the capital campaign this summer. Because we are in the early stages, however, we cannot provide information on funds raised to date. Early indications are that the campaign will go well."

As for when or if Williams will be returning to his position, Carroll, Adams and Gilmour couldn't say.

"Everybody would love to have Marty here and engaged in the work that he had been doing," said Adams.

Gilmour also declined comment saying, "These are questions that, because they are personnel matters, I really can't speak specifically to."

Carroll also couldn't comment on when or if Williams would return, but added that they will continue to work towards the vision of the university. "As for when Mr. Williams returns-that is something I really can't answer. I don't know-all I know is that each day, we set out to make a difference for Wilkes, try to honor the high standards Marty set for us as he hired us onto the team and set our sights on the vision for the University and how we will travel from where we are now, to where we plan to be in 2010," said Carroll.

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Beacon News Briefs

Local, National, and International Snippets

Local

(Wilkes University) The winner of the James Jones First Novel Fellowship will be awarded in early November to Robin Oliveira, who beat out over 600 other entrants with her novel, *The Last Beautiful Day*. Oliveira will be award \$10,000 at the 2007 James Jones Literary Society (JJLS) Symposium. The winning novel introduces readers to Mary Sutter, a midwife at the time of the Civil War, who, thanks to a variety of social and personal issues, is prevented from becoming a physician. The award is co-sponsored by the Graduate Creative Writing Department at Wilkes University and the JJLS.

(Wilkes-Barre) As of late Friday, October 5, Melvin Stuart, the suspect in a stabbing at 375 South Franklin Street was still at large. The victim, Albert DeHaven, 43, was stabbed multiple times and was robbed of \$32. There is no word on DeHaven's condition.

(Wyoming Valley) U.S. Rep. Paul E. Kanjorski, D-Nanticoke, announced that \$20 million will find its way to the Wyoming Valley to help cleanup the polluted Susquehanna River. Most pollutants enter the water during heavy rains and snow falls when these pollutants overflow and find their way to the river.

National

(Richmond, Va.) U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Da-

vis died Saturday morning, October 6, after long battle with breast cancer. Davis, who was a Republican, was diagnosed with



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breast cancer in 2005. Her cancer then reappeared again this year, and she was receiving treatment at Duke University. Despite positive and encouraging reports, this week Davis' health became worse and the 57 year-old congresswoman died at her home in Gloucester.

(Bullitt County, Ky.) A jury awarded Lou-

ise Ogborn \$6.1 million in punitive and compensatory damages and expenses on Friday, October 5. Ogborn, was forced to

strip and was then sexually assaulted in the back office of a McDonald's restaurant in 2004.

(Philadelphia, Pa.) On Saturday, police in Philadelphia arrested and charged Mustafa Ali with the execution style killings of two armored car security guards on Thursday. Ali, who lives in Philadelphia, has been charged with two counts of murder, ag-

gravated assault, robbery and firearms offenses. The victims, William Widmaier and Joseph Alullo, were retired police officers and friends.

International

(Islamabad, Pakistan) State run television in Pakistan reported on Saturday, October 6, that President Pervez Musharraf was elected for a third term. However, there are currently challenges against the election in Pakistan's Supreme Court, and the court can still overturn the decision plunging the country into a political quagmire.

(London) After many brushes with death crossing the globe, Jason Lewis, a British adventurer, crossed the Meridian Line completing his expedition that began in 1994. Along the way the 40 year-old was hit by a car, attacked by a crocodile, captured, and capsized in the Atlantic Ocean.

(Yangon, Myanmar) Houses and temples in Myanmar are being searched for monks suspected of leading the largest anti-government protest since 1988. So far, "truckloads" of people have been detained and monks have fled to the Thai border. There are also reports of monasteries being abandoned and monks being forcibly disrobed.

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The Beacon/Jenna Stephens

Career Services offered an informational session on graduate schools during club hours on Thursday. They will also be offering a practice GMAT, GRE or LSAT to those interested on October 20th. Those interested should register with Career Services by Oct. 14, careers@wilkes.edu.

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Go Green campaign admirable, but needs consistency

BY THE BEACON
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Wilkes University has made a commitment to further improve its environmental friendliness, and for the most part, many parts of the campus are making significant gains in the right direction.

Despite the positive strides Wilkes is taking to ensure a greener campus, there are a few black and blue splotches.

For example, in the newly developed green areas, hiding among the flowers are “bug bags.” At a first glance, the bags look like they’re filled with chemicals, or possibly water. In reality, the bags are filled with hundreds of dead wasps and bees.

Understandably, this is eliminating a number of pests, but there

are also hundreds of dead black-eyed susans and other flowers around the bags. Several studies reported recently by National Public Radio and *National Geographic* acknowledge that honeybee populations are dwindling due to mites and parasites. While we do not know if the dead bugs in the bags include honeybees, even the chance that we are contributing to the problem is worrisome. We also wonder whether there is a chemical that draws the bugs that is simultaneously bad for the plants around it. We’re just not sure what the bug bags are really supposed to do.

Another problem with the landscape is the new sidewalks. Yes, they are quite interesting to look at, but they’re sprayed with a form of lacquer. Not only does the lac-

quer seem to not fit the mold of “environmentally friendly,” but the sidewalks are constantly slippery because of it. Taking careful notice, many students walk around the outside of the serpentine sidewalks for traction. As a result, the grass runs the risk of being trampled and damaged.

Moving inside to the Rifkin Café, staff is still giving students the options of “for here” or “to go.” That wouldn’t be a problem, except that the “to go” option yields receiving lunch in a biodegradable container. The “for here” option gives you a styrofoam plate. If we’re going to commit, really commit, to using environmentally friendly materials that can be recycled, we really need to do so 100%. We encourage getting rid of all styrofoam on campus and especially at Rifkin.

Many of the residence halls still lack recycling bins. This can prove to be quite a problem, as most beverages in plastic bottles or aluminum cans are consumed there. Each building needs the recycling bins placed in prominent places and we need to be vigilant about making sure that the recycling goes to recycling centers.

We support the university’s efforts to make this a greener campus, but it is important to notice the minute details that undermine the course of action. Wilkes students, faculty, and staff need to pay attention to things like bug bags, sidewalks, and consistent application of new greener practices. The responsibility lies with everyone to pay attention and ask questions when things don’t add up.

Slippery sidewalks make walking hazardous

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon News Editor

Walking to *The Beacon* office has now become the most dangerous part of my day. This is in no way due to the countless people that may want to put a hit out on me, because of the articles I write. Instead, it’s because of the new sidewalks that have been installed around the newly renovated part of the greenway.

A quick show of hands in any classroom around this university can attest to what a safety hazard these sidewalks are. I personally can’t say how many times I have fallen on these new, shiny, troublesome walkways. I admit that part of the problem rests with the students. If they fall and choose not to report it, administrators do not know that there’s a problem.

But there are many reasons as to why these new sidewalks should be done away with.

First, safety. I say this is first, because if you were

to ask most administrators at this university what their primary concerns are, I am sure they will say their students. That is why these sidewalks should be done away with. There is a good possibility that students could be injured while walking on these sidewalks after a rain or the sprinklers have just gone off, because walking on the sidewalks after a drizzle is like walking a sheet of ice.

The danger of the wet walkways is only magnified after someone looks at the design of the sidewalks. The design clearly has small depressions in the concrete that inadvertently trap water and

cause slippery little pockets on the concrete.

Adding to that, the water trapped in these small depressions easily freezes and traps the ice to create small ponds of ice all over the new sidewalks. This trapped ice, may also be the cause for the cracks we are seeing in the new sidewalks by Conyngham Hall and elsewhere.

How do we remedy this situation? The first step is admitting there’s a problem. The second step in the process is to replace the troublesome sidewalks with new ones, which allow students to get traction and will not end in broken bones and torn ligaments.



A Sight for Sore Eyes by: Aleksander Lapinski

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Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 50 responses.

The Beacon asked:

Who is your favorite celebrity criminal?

- Paris Hilton-16%
- Robert Downey Jr.-8%
- Lindsay Lohan-3%
- 50cent-8%
- Hugh Grant-4%
- Paul Reubens (Pee-Wee Herman)-16%
- Lil Kim-0%
- Johnny Cash-32%
- Nicole Richie-0%
- Mike Tyson-3%

Next Week's Question:

Which of the seven deadly sin do you commit the most?

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- Envy
- Sloth
- Gluttony
- Wrath
- Anger
- I don't commit any of the sins
- I commit multiple or all of the deadly sins

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

YouTube: From Romania to Wilkes

Internet celebs redefining the mainstream

BY STEPHANIE GERCHMAN

Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

Over the years the internet has become a huge part of the lives of Americans and people all over the world. I, for one, could absolutely not live without it.

We use it for research, banking, e-mailing, blogging, and endless other tasks. My personal favorite is for the videos. Amateur directors, actors, singers, dancers etc. are making a name for themselves by posting their videos on the World Wide Web.

Honestly, what could be an easier way to get your talents seen or heard than just posting on a website such as YouTube? People everywhere have access to such websites, people from all different networks and industries. If they see something they like, they can message the user who posted it and from there anything could happen.

The band OK Go started by shooting a video for their song "Here it Goes Again" and posting it on YouTube. Their video showed the band members doing a choreographed dance on treadmills to their

song. They soon got recognition and had a hit single and a live performance of their treadmill act on the MTV Video Music Awards. They also won a Grammy for Best Short-form Music Video.

With over 59,903,928 views on just one copy of the video The Evolution of Dance is the most viewed video on YouTube. I am a contributor to that huge number and I have to say that it is impressive. Judson Laipply, the dancer in the video, danced for six minutes going through over 30 styles of dance with a different song to accompany each style ranging from Elvis Presley's "Hound Dog" to *NSync's "Bye Bye Bye."

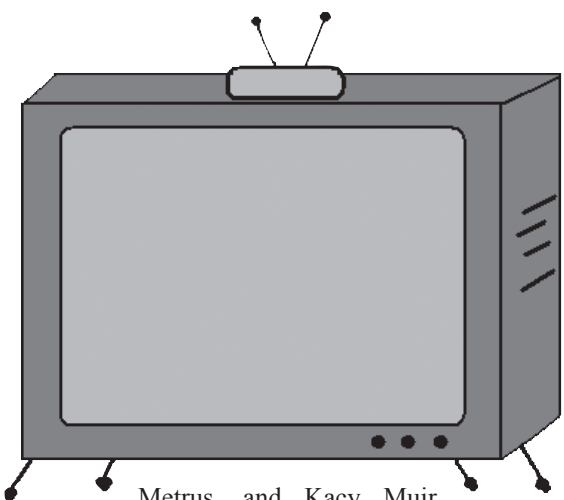
Since the video surfaced on the web, Laipply has appeared on CNN, MSN, E!, *USA Today*, Good Morning America, The Today Show, and AOL and has spoken at schools performing his Evolution of Dance.

There are also the not-so-talented, but still entertaining internet celebrities. One of the first online videos I ever saw was "The Numa Numa Dance" starring Gary Brolsma dancing to "Dragostea din tei" by O-Zone.

It's a love song in the Romanian language and I personally don't find it amusing, I think it's irritating, but too many people like it and talk about it for me to not mention it.

Video bloggers are also becoming a huge phenomenon. Anyone with a webcam can do it and so many people do. I'm sure everyone remembers seeing or hearing about Britney Spears' atrocious performance on the MTV VMAs. Soon after the performance, a video was posted depicting a boy with long blonde hair and wearing make-up hysterically crying and ranting about how Britney is going through so much and "ALL YOU PEOPLE WANT IS MORE MORE MORE MORE MORE!" I was in shock to find out that the young man, Crocker, has since signed a deal for his own reality show.

Last year I came across a video series on YouTube that follows the lives and adventures of "The Dormies." The videos star Joe Castiglia, Kyle Cortright, Todd Culbertson, Zack Depew, Lori Kratz, Nick



Metrus, and Kacy Muir who are all Wilkes University students. The videos take place on campus and cover issues ranging from trying to learn chemistry to a "cure for the itch." You can find the videos online at www.youtube.com/user/Dormies.

With the number of talented people who become famous through the internet as well as the number of untalented but amusing people who become famous online, it's safe to say that anyone could do it. The internet has not only become a social, educational tool but it's become a center of all types of entertainment and its overnight, everyday sorts of 'celebrities' are redefining the mainstream.

The Angry Rant: Irresponsible Parents

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Note to parents: This is directed at you. Specifically, those of you who aren't good ones.

If you're like me, you tend to notice when a parent isn't using common sense when dealing with a child. I'm not trying to be holier than thou, but nothing bothers me more than when I'm out somewhere and I witness a parent doing something that just makes me wonder if the government shouldn't impose some sort of screening process for people interested in taking on the job.

Some of my favorite poor parenting moments:

The Midnight Shopper: You know the type: the parent who takes his or her children to Wal-Mart at two in the morning (I've had someone try to defend that, but guess what: It's 2a.m., and your kid should be sleeping...at home).

The Ignorer: This is the parent who ignores the children when they are screaming and crying in a public place. I understand that sometimes you need to let them cry, but when you're in a crowded restaurant or a movie theatre, you need to take them outside.

The Yeller: We've all seen them: the parents who constantly yell at their kids (again in public places), regardless of whether or not it's warranted ("Hurry up! Stop chewing so loud! Eat your bananas!") Someone should let them know that yelling is annoying to everyone else and that their children will eventually ignore them.

But then there are some parents who seem to transcend all of the others in terms of sheer common-sense-less-ness.

Case in point: I observed a young mother (mid 20s) with her young child (an infant) in downtown Wilkes-Barre. She was pushing him (or her) around in a stroller that looked like it was meant to be a toy that a child would use to push around their dolls. It was literally shaking as she was pushing it across the street, much like a rickety car would shake moments before it broke into a thousand pieces.

Aside from the fact that the stroller was terribly unsafe, the infant wasn't wearing socks or shoes, not to mention that he wasn't wearing a hat for protection from the sun, which is kind of a big deal, considering it was a sunny, 80 degree day.

So let's recap: Infant child in a poorly made, ten dollar stroller, with no socks, shoes or a hat. Did I mention it was a hot day?

But wait, there's more!

After crossing the street in what may as well have been a rickshaw made of balsa wood, the genius of a mother thought it was wise to light up a cigarette, and began to puff away, **right next** to her infant child.

I'll pause so you can think about that for a moment.

Endangering her child in her poorly made stroller wasn't enough, so she was going for broke with the cigarette, I guess.

I'm not here to stump against smoking, but I think that a common sense approach needs to be applied to the issue of smoking laws.

Say what you want about smoking in public places; those are certainly murky waters, but we can all agree that the issue of smoking around children, especially infants, needs to be addressed.

Wouldn't it make sense to enact some sort of law that could protect infants and young children from the dangers of second hand smoke?

For instance, you can't smoke in a residence, restaurant, or in any public place within 10 feet of a child, 12 years or younger, or in the presence of pregnant women. Naturally, it should be illegal for pregnant women to smoke or drink, too.

Think about it, an adult can make the conscious decision to smoke a tobacco product, just like they can ask someone to

stop smoking if it's bothering them, or if they so choose, they can leave the room.

A six-month-old child doesn't know about tobacco, nor does it have the reasoning abilities to recognize that their health is in danger when someone is smoking around them. Just like they can't say: "Excuse me, but can you please stop smoking around me? I have a feeling that the chemicals that you're exhaling aren't good for my still-developing lungs."

Yes, that sounds ridiculous. An infant couldn't possibly form complex sentences.

But is that any more ridiculous than having a law that protects children from the dangers of secondhand smoke?

There are lots of ways in which irresponsibility rears its ugly head in the area of parenting, and I'm sure at some point or another almost any new parent screws up. Children don't come with a manual, after all. But there's something to be said for applying some common sense and general courtesy to the child and everyone else. Consider that the decisions parents make today--whether it's attending a child's baseball game, teaching them to be kind to others, berating them for not having legs as long as the parents so they can keep up in the grocery store, or lighting a cigarette and giving the gift of second-hand smoke--have repercussions tomorrow.

Tobacco companies may need to think of new audience

BY LAUREN SALEM

Beacon Correspondent

The feud between tobacco companies and the law continues to prosper as the House and the Senate passed a bill that will raise the federal tax on cigarettes to over 100 percent directly targeting low-income people, which are currently tobacco companies' largest group of consumers.

By targeting low-income people, tobacco companies may need to find a new demographic of consumers.

According to government statistics, nearly one-third of all U.S. adults living in poverty are smokers and 35 percent of people with less than 11 years of schooling are also smokers, which creates a problem for tobacco companies unless President Bush vetoes the bill.

In the past, tobacco companies have managed to respond successfully to the challenges presented by the government by marketing to a new demographic of consumers and by creating a new product.

Since it is illegal to smoke before 18 years of age, tobacco companies came out with candy and toys that were shaped to resemble tobacco products to market to kids, because kids who play with candy cigarettes are more likely to become smokers when they get older. Products such as candy cigarettes, chocolate cigars, and bubble gum

shredded to resemble chewing tobacco was banned by North Dakota in 1953, but the ban was lifted in 1967, and reconsidered again in 1990.



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Woodbridge, a central New Jersey township, barred vendors it licenses for public events from selling candy and toy tobacco products for the first time in September 2007. Even though these products do not contain any tobacco, an article posted by the Associated Press indicates that the township might ban all shops from selling them just to make it harder for children to obtain them.

Recently many states including: California, Delaware, New York, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, South Carolina, and Washington, have banned smoking in restaurants, bars, and in some cases workplaces. Business owners like Anne-Marie Adams, executive director of the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce and Hilton Head Area Hospitality Association, predicted a loss in business, but said in an article posted by the Associated Press, that months after workplace smoking bans were passed, little has changed.

In southern Beaufort County, the Island Packet newspaper surveyed 13 bars and restaurants and reported that nine of them said that business was good or even better than before the smoking bans went into effect. In addition, this ban made workers' jobs slightly easier, because they no longer had to scrub the walls to get rid of the yellow tobacco stains. On the other hand, restaurants that could not provide an outdoor

space to accommodate smokers suffered a 30 percent drop in business. In response, tobacco companies created a new smokeless tobacco product called snus to give smokers an alternative to cigarettes, so they can still smoke where smoking is banned. Snus is nearly undetectable, because it is a refrigerated packet of tobacco that is stuck inside the mouth and requires no spitting.

By passing a bill to increase federal tax on cigarettes, tobacco companies' current largest group of consumers will no longer be able to afford to smoke, so it is likely that tobacco companies will lose money, because people will smoke less than they did before due to the cost of cigarettes. So how will tobacco companies respond to this new bill? It is possible that they will come out with a new tobacco product that is more appealing to people with high-incomes. The increase in tax on cigarettes will not have as much of an effect on people with high-incomes like it would on people with low-incomes, which is why this may be a possible group of consumers that tobacco companies might want to market to next.

“R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Find out what it means...”

Judgements you make on others could have consequences

BY MARK CONGDON JR.

Beacon Opinion Editor

Since we were small, most have been taught to treat others as you want to be treated. Be respectful. Try not to judge others based on their physical appearance. Don't stare because it is rude and ill-mannered.

Recently, though, I was surprised to witness this impolite behavior by three Wilkes upperclassmen.

The other day when I was eating in the cafeteria with my friends, I noticed three upperclassmen who were gawking at a freshman because this individual was wearing unconventional clothing and had a hair style that is different than most.

Even more astonishing was that when I sat down, which incidentally was behind

them, they were smirking and snickering about this individual. One said, “Oh my God, look at that kid! Can you believe what they're wearing? Gross!”

The freshman could have been making some type of statement for whatever reason. Fortunately, this person didn't notice how

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rude and disrespectful the upperclassmen, who are supposedly “role-models and mentors” to the new students, were being.

Personally, I thought the freshman's choice of attire was nicely done. The fact that someone wasn't afraid to be themselves and not conform to traditional styles of clothing, in a way that was different, unique, and eye-

catching, should be applauded. Considering our university isn't in a huge metropolitan city, it potentially could be harder and take much strength and courage to comfortably express yourself, especially if it's obvious that you will stand out.

Though I should have said something to those students about their childish behavior, I thought the more appropriate response was to write an article.

Imagine for a moment if we thought about the potential consequences of our thoughts and actions we have on others before we put them into motion. Imagine if we changed our attitudes about those who are different, and truly realize that we are not all the same. Imagine if we just limited or made an effort to stop judging others based on their physical characteristics.

What do you think?



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Student of the Week: Ellie Galiatsatos

BY ALISON WOODY
Beacon Lifestyles Editor

Ellie Galiatsatos, junior pharmacy major, recently completed planning and executing Wilkes' annual Homecoming events. However, this year Galiatsatos wanted to make it more meaningful and exciting. Therefore she turned Homecoming into a week-long event for the first time.

There was a Pumpkin Carving contest, Trivia Night that focused on facts only about Wilkes, a carnival-like pep rally with a lot of entertainment, and lastly the initiation of a Spirit Squad that attended all sports events this past Saturday.

Galiatsatos is very involved in extracurricular activities and is passionate about giving back to Wilkes. She is an active member of Student Government, serves as a biology and chemistry teaching assistant, and is the Resident Assistant at Chesapeake and Delaware. Galiatsatos has been named this week's *Beacon* Student of the Week.

The Beacon: How did you get to plan Homecoming?

Galiatsatos: I was given the opportunity to plan Homecoming because I was chosen as Corresponding Secretary of Student Government. My responsibilities include planning Homecoming and, also, Spring Fling which will happen next semester.

The Beacon: What has planning Homecoming meant for you?

Galiatsatos: When I first found out that I was going to be Corresponding Secretary, I was really excited because I knew that planning Homecoming was very important and that they were going to be my responsibility. The best thing that I have gotten out of this is that my goal was to make it a full week of events and that was completed.

The Beacon: What was your biggest obstacle in planning Homecoming?

Galiatsatos: I think the biggest obstacle for planning any large event is having thirty minds come together and put in their input. Also, to be able to weed out the successful ideas from those that maybe won't go over as well... sometimes it's counterproductive. By having a Homecoming committee for just this reason, I was able to cover the challenge.

The Beacon: How did you get to enjoy Homecoming with all of the stress?

Galiatsatos: My favorite part of Homecoming was actually getting to see the fruits of my labor. Although it was very stressful and there was a lot going on, I think that my final relaxation point was at the game when I realized that everything was over.

The Beacon: Why do you think current students should want to connect with alumni?

Galiatsatos: Obviously there is a big benefit because our alumni are very successful and I don't think our students know this. I think that students don't realize that there are alumni now that are heads of large corporations or working in the pharmaceutical industry... they are in every single career path that our students want to embark upon. They don't realize that a lot of times it's who you know that will get you that in or that opportunity that you may have missed otherwise. Our alumni are very willing to support Wilkes students. They would do anything for us...

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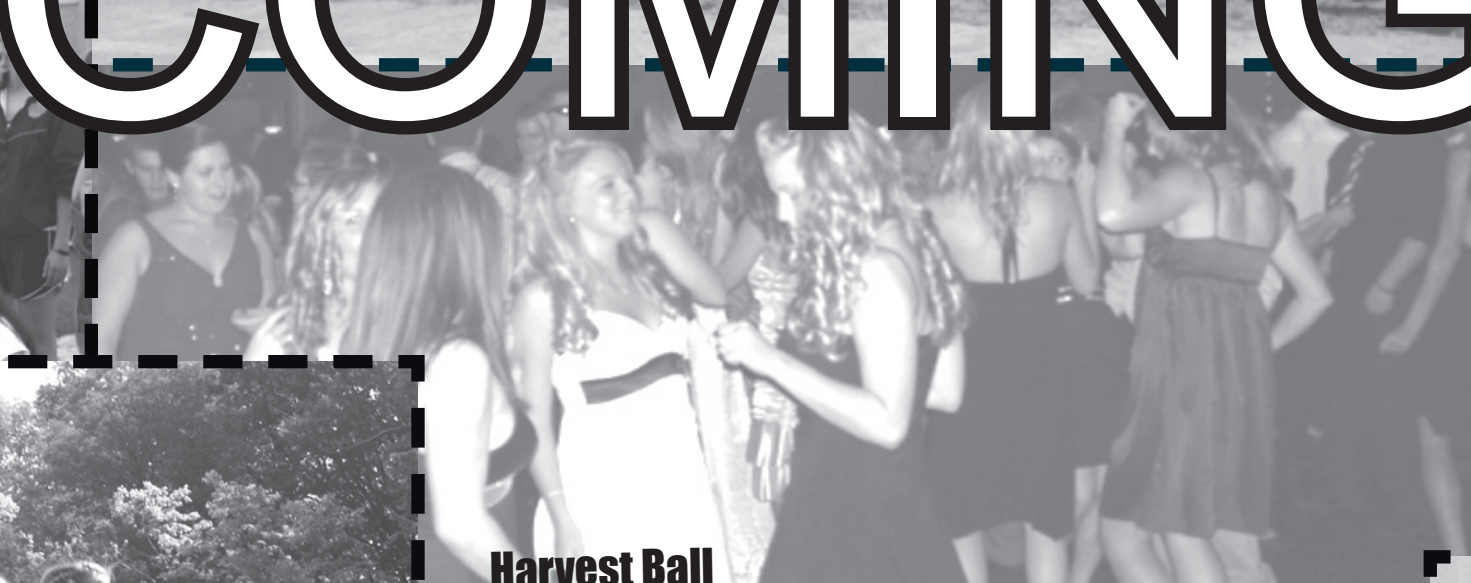
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**Fly Boys Reunion**

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Area roller derby teams offer brutal entertainment

BY MARISSA PHILLIPS

Beacon A&E Editor

The names of their events say it all: "Red, White, and Bruised," "Give 'Em Hell," "Shock and Scream Fright Fight."

Simply put, roller derby can be a brutal event, for both the participants and the crowd.

"I've seen girls get thrown off the track completely when trying to get blocked. And people get their fingers run over. Roller derby competitions are a lot like watching a UFC fight or a wrestling match, except you're dealing with people on skates," said roller derby fan and former King's student, Alisha Turull.

A lot of people have heard about roller derby, but really have no idea what the sport entails. There are national leagues, and countless male and female teams. In this area alone there are at least three active teams. There are the Coal City Rollers, Diamond City Scream Queens, both of which are entirely female, and the Death Kings, which is entirely male. If anything, the sport has become notorious for its brutality. And while there is a high level of physicality involved in the game, it's far from an all

out brawl on skates.

The basic mechanics of the game are simple. There are three positions: jammers, pivots and blockers. The pivots set the skate pace and the blockers prevent the jammers from scoring. Then there is one jammer whose goal is to skate around the track and keep passing as many members of the opposite team as possible during the "jam session." Every member of the opposite team passed is worth a point, and the team with the most points after the set time wins.

The blocker is in charge of preventing jammers to score, and they use their bodies as their weapon, but their methods of defense do have restrictions. They can use their shoulders or push off with their whole bodies, but no fists are allowed. Also, they aren't allowed to hit about the shoulders. However, even with these restrictions, there's room for injury.

Tia Adams, a former Wilkes student, who used to skate for the Diamond City Scream Queens under the name "xMoshensteinx" explained that she's witnessed bruising, broken legs, and a broken nose, among

other injuries. In fact, she had to stop competing recently after she fractured her foot due to a bad fall.

Despite the physicality involved, once a competition is complete, the in-game battle rarely carries over. Adams explained that everyone knows the nature of the sport, and so everyone is understanding of what goes on, and puts it behind them afterwards. If anything, people might get mad about referee calls, but afterwards everything is fine.

In order to keep competitions more orderly, and prevent the possibility of any fight escalation, certain aspects of the game



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The Diamond City Scream Queens are one the all-girl roller derby teams in the area. The practice with the Death Kings at Skateaway every Monday and Wednesday and invite anyone over 18 to become a part of the team.

are discussed and pre-planned. Although, by no means is it one big farce.

Adams explained, "It's actually not staged, but we know what's going to happen because we don't want a full-on fist fight during it. Basically, the overall outcome of the game is unknown, but sometimes there's discussion as to who will be pitted against who, just so that they all have a heads up. It makes things a little less chaotic for the players and generates more crowd interest.

Even though the sport can prove dangerous, Adams explained how much fun she had when she was involved. When she first joined the team she said she "couldn't stay on skates for five minutes," but through the weekly practices she improved. Aside from the drills and mock bouts that take place during the weekly practices, members of her roller derby team would work at Skateaway on weekends, which is also where they compete. Adams said that some of her best practice came from skating among the little kids and learning how to dodge.

Adams explained the other enjoyable aspects that came with being involved in the sport. Teams compete once a month and every competition has a specific team. Roller derby organizers and teams put a lot of time planning and promoting each event;

locating venues and campuses around the area. Also, each skater comes up with their own nickname. Take a look at the Coal City Rollers' lineup and you'll find members Lickety Whip, Kill Joy, Zombettie, and Corie Cutthroat, just to name a few.

Though there is a men's roller derby team in the area, the Death Kings, often the sport is perceived to be exclusively female. When Turull explained why she enjoys roller derby she said, "Because it's chicks coming together to throw down, and it's awesome," leaving out a whole other area of the sport. She said she always thought of it as a female sport.

Adams has actually practiced with the Death Kings, and knows about the men's side of the sport. She described it as "more brutal. There are less rules for the guys."

Maybe the sport isn't for everyone, but it goes a step beyond mainstream athletics. While onlookers always seem to be itching for a good hockey fight, at a roller derby game it's basically guaranteed. Many people would be content just staying entertained from the sidelines, but teams in the area are open to new members. However, if you consider getting involved, make sure to equip yourself with some good health insurance...

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, October 9

- Annual Flea Market and Rummage Sale at St. Luke's United Church of Christ from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Masters and Me art exhibition at Marquis Art and Frame from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- King's College presents "The Comedy of Errors" on the King's College Theater at 7:30 p.m.
- David Crosby and Graham Nash performing at the Kirby Center at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 10

- Scott Erickson and DJ Venom X at Old Tyme Charley's at 6 p.m.
- Korn, HELLYEAH, Five Finger Death Punch and Droid performing at the Wachovia Arena at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 11

- Batik art reception at the Tudor Bookshop at 4 p.m.
- "Queen: It's a Kinda Magic" tribute event at the Scranton Cultural Center at 8 p.m.

Friday, October 12

- Spincerd, Reptilian Dream, Krunk Chocula and Arsenal Mayhem performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.
- Mad Agnes performing at St. Stephens Episcopal Church at 8 p.m.
- Fighting Zero performing at the Woodlands at 11 p.m.

Saturday, October 13

- Pumpkin painting at Arts YOUiverse (BYOP)
- New Atlantic, Between the Trees, Liam and Me, Holiday Parade and My Ticket Home performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.
- Young Livers, Blackjaw, Stay Six and Curtis Irie performing at Café Metropolis at 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 14

- Middle Eastern Food Fest at St. Anthony's Maronite Church from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- "Remebering Keith Haring" event at the Wyoming Valley Red Cross center at 3 p.m.
- Eleven/11 performing at the Woodlands at 10 p.m.

Monday, October 15

- DJ Godfather performing at the Woodlands at 10 p.m.

Tuesday October 16

- Academic Majors Fair in the Old Bookstore from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Renaissance Club aims to educate on historic period

BY ALISSA LINDNER
Beacon Correspondent

Student Government recently granted club status to the Wilkes University Medieval Renaissance Club. Although still in the building stages, the club hopes to eventually hold a Renaissance fair and dinner on campus.

According to its constitution, the Renaissance Club's purpose is to "foster an understanding and appreciation of the historical significance of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance and to further the education of its members, the University and the public at large in these periods of history."

Heather Chulick, a junior communication studies major and the president of

club, explained the purpose of the club is achieved through its meetings where various Renaissance ideas are brought up by members and a Renaissance Fair and Renaissance dinner which will be eventually held on campus.

"The Renaissance Club is basically training in a way to have our own fair on campus," explained Chulick.

Matt Gogas, a junior communication studies major and the herald of Renaissance Club added many members are not necessarily historically accurate or informed about the Renaissance time period but the club encourages learning.

"What we plan to do is have "university weekends" where we have classes on building a Renaissance persona, making your own clothes, and making your own weap-

ons," Gogas said.

The Renaissance Club does not feel like work for its members, because everyone is passionate and loves the Renaissance time period itself, according to Gogas.

Chulick explained, "The things that really set it apart from, well, any other time period is it is the period of Enlightenment... This club can encompass anything from art to music to dancing."

The Renaissance Club, currently in the early stages of development, is approximately fifteen students strong. At the weekly meetings, all the members bounce ideas off each other for the eventual Renaissance Fair. According to Gogas, some of the ideas for the Renaissance Fair include a log fight, tarot card readings, a rope ladder and a human chess game.

Chulick explained Renaissance Fairs are very much about interacting with the audience versus a performance from the stage. The interaction occurs while dressed in historically accurate Renaissance "garb"

through speeches and direct talking with audience members.

To make the public better aware of the Medieval Renaissance period, the Renaissance Club hopes to perform mini Renaissance Fairs in public schools, Gogas said.

For the Wilkes students who know little or nothing about the Medieval Renaissance, both Chulick and Gogas encourage checking the group out. "I think they [Wilkes students] should take an interest in it [the Renaissance] because it can encompass anything you enjoy, anything in the humanities or the arts," Chulick said.

The Renaissance Club is planning a field trip to the Pennsylvania Medieval Renaissance Fair on October 27. The club meets Wednesdays in Kirby 108 at 5:00p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring new ideas.

"If one day you want to build a catapult, we would gladly welcome it," Chulick said.

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Movie Review: *Resident Evil: Extinction*

BY MIKE WILLIAMS
Beacon Staff Writer

Five years ago, horror fans and video gamers alike rushed to the theater to see *Resident Evil*, expecting the classic survival horror video game to burst onto the big screen in a magnificent explosion of gore, guts and ghouls.

Unfortunately, what they found was a sci-fi movie that shared little more than the title with the beloved game and had more action coming from laser beams and guys in white bio-hazard suites than from the living dead.

Two years later, *Resident Evil* returned to the theater with *Resident Evil: Apocalypse*, and thankfully, someone remembered to bring along the zombies. Chock full of blood and bullets, the second installment of the series was a major step up from the original, packed with over the top action and several characters and plot lines stemming from the game series; and even though it is far from Oscar worthy, *Apocalypse* was everything that the first should have been, leaving disillusioned fans with a spark of hope for the franchise. So now here we are, two years later and the spark has gone out...

The film begins roughly five years after the conclusion of *Apocalypse*, which ended with Alice, the main character of the series who has no tie to the game, escaping a high security building owned by the evil Umbrella Corporation, creators of the horrible

T Virus, capable of reanimating dead tissue and causing grotesque mutations in the living, apparently infected with the virus and gifted with strange new psychic powers. The sequel was immanent. Now, after the virus has apparently destroyed the world (this is explained in two sentences), and we find Alice (Milla Jovovich, *The Fifth Element*) traveling by motorcycle through the Nevada desert, slowly discovering her newly found powers, which are, unfortunately, never explained in any way.

After a few minutes of random, senseless violence she eventually comes across a convoy of vehicles led by video game alumni Claire Redfield (Ali Larter, *Final Destination*), and wouldn't you know it, her pals Carlos (Oded Fehr, *The Mummy*) and L.J. (Mike Epps, *Next Friday*) are along for the ride. So, as Alice attempts to help the wayward travelers concoct a plan for survival in a world crawling with the living dead. The Umbrella Corporation, remaining active even after the zombie apocalypse, is watching her from a series of highly sophisticated series of underground facilities. Apparently, they are aware of her new powers and have plans to use her blood in a diabolical plot to blah, blah, blah... *Who cares!!!*

Now, we here at *The Beacon* typically try to be fair and balanced when reviewing motion pictures, especially ones dealing with the living dead; however, there are exceptions to every rule. *Resident Evil: Extinction* is that exception.

First off, this film serves up dozens of questions essential to understanding the

plot, and offers almost no answers, leaving the viewers scratching their heads through most of the film's 94 minute run time. One example of this is the Umbrella Corporation, which is obviously up to something to do with the zombie plague; unfortunately everyone spends so much time trying to seem sneaky and devious that they forget to clue the viewer in on what exactly their evil scheme is.

Another major problem with this film is that there is absolutely no character development. With both returning and new characters to the series, back story and dialogue is kept the absolute minimum. Even the most intriguing and interesting characters are limited to basically a simple introduction before falling victim to the living dead.

Even the action, which is always a high-point in this series, is a let down in this film. The universally accepted method of dispatching a zombie, a bullet to the brain, has been toned down, replaced in part by broken necks and slit throats (since when does that work on walking corpses?). The gore is also horribly lacking when it comes to attacks from the living dead, leaving splatter fans with little more than a quick spray of blood in situations that could have desperately benefited from a nice dismemberment or evisceration.

Rated R for violence, gore and language, *Resident Evil: Extinction* is technically a horror movie; although some parts come off more like a sci-fi flick crossed with a

half-hearted rip off of a real zombie movie. It is disappointing when a film like this comes out, full of promise and good ideas, that goes absolutely nowhere, taking unsuspecting fans along for the ride.

Had they spent as much time on the plot as they do on the special effects, *Resident Evil: Extinction* could have been an above average action/horror film. Regrettably for the movie going public, this is little more than another in a long line of special effects driven snooze fests, designed to do little more than set up for another sequel. Unless those in charge of this series shape up their act, let's hope that the franchise takes a tip from its latest installments subtitle, and goes they way of the dinosaur.

Grade: A very generous D

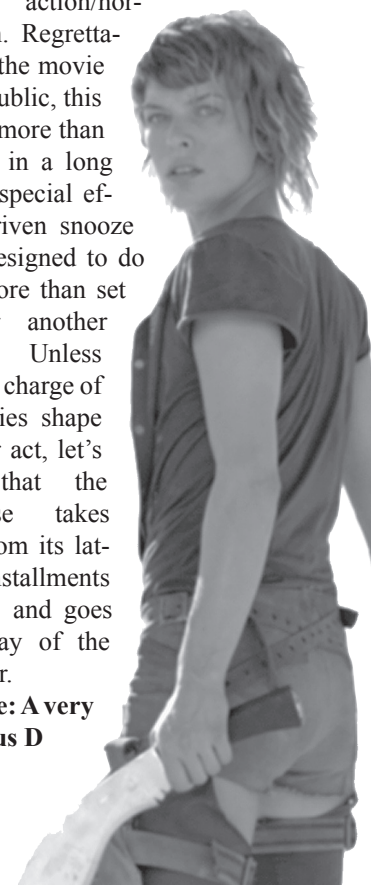


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Book Review: Nicholas Sparks' *The Choice*

How far should you go to keep the hope of love alive?

BY NICOLE FRAIL

Beacon Staff Writer

Warning: some spoilers in this review

I believe that *New York Times* best selling author Nicholas Sparks is one of the only men in the world who could make cheating in a relationship sound like a romantically fantastic idea. Unless, of course, the act of infidelity inevitably resulted in a nine month long coma.

From the very beginning, Sparks' latest novel, *The Choice*, seemed vaguely familiar and a couple of chapters in, I immediately felt as if I'd read it all before.

The new book follows a young man and woman living next door to each other in the only state Sparks' novels ever take place: North Carolina. Main character Travis Parker (not Barker) is similar to all other Sparks' protagonists simply by being perfect in every way. He's attractive and quick-witted, strong and great with kids, and is even wealthy enough at the age of thirty-two to have traveled the world, own two boats, his own house on the water, and a small-town veterinary business. He's dat-

ed many women in the past, but now he's realized that he wants what all of his other friends have: a wife.

That very night, his new neighbor, Gabby Holland, happens to burst through the bushes, ranting about his dog getting her dog pregnant and from that moment on, Travis's sights are set. I had some hope for the character of Gabby when he described her eyes as being "a little too wide set" and her nose as "just a bit too big," but as with all of Sparks' stories, the next hundred pages or so were spent with the thoughts of how beautiful or attractive each person realized the other was every time they merely glanced in their direction.

Despite being in a four year relationship that's about to turn into an engagement, Gabby spends ample time with Travis over the course of one weekend and true to Sparks' form, they're in love within seventy two hours. Predictable? I would say so, especially since that's the way his previous efforts *Message in the Bottle* and *Nights in Rodanthe* turned out, too.

Even though I am not a fan of affairs, I

found myself cheering for Travis and Gabby's relationship. He's (almost too) sweet and understanding, and she's suddenly realizing that she's not as happy as she thought she was with her boyfriend. So why shouldn't the two of them be together?

Eleven years later, Gabby's choice to stay with Travis, get married, and have kids comes back to haunt her when he crashes their car during a thunderstorm. He wakes up after the accident, but she doesn't stir for a couple of months. The days go by and Travis is now faced with his choice: does he honor the promise he made to her so many years ago and order the feeding tube to be removed or does he disregard their written agreement and keep the hope of love alive?

There is some slight suspense and a sarcastic undertone to *The Choice*, but aside from that, the book didn't grab or hold my attention for too long. It's not one of those books that you don't want to put down. Don't get me wrong, it wasn't horrible or boring. It was simply unoriginal. I understand that it's difficult to write something totally original today, but *The Choice* wasn't original in

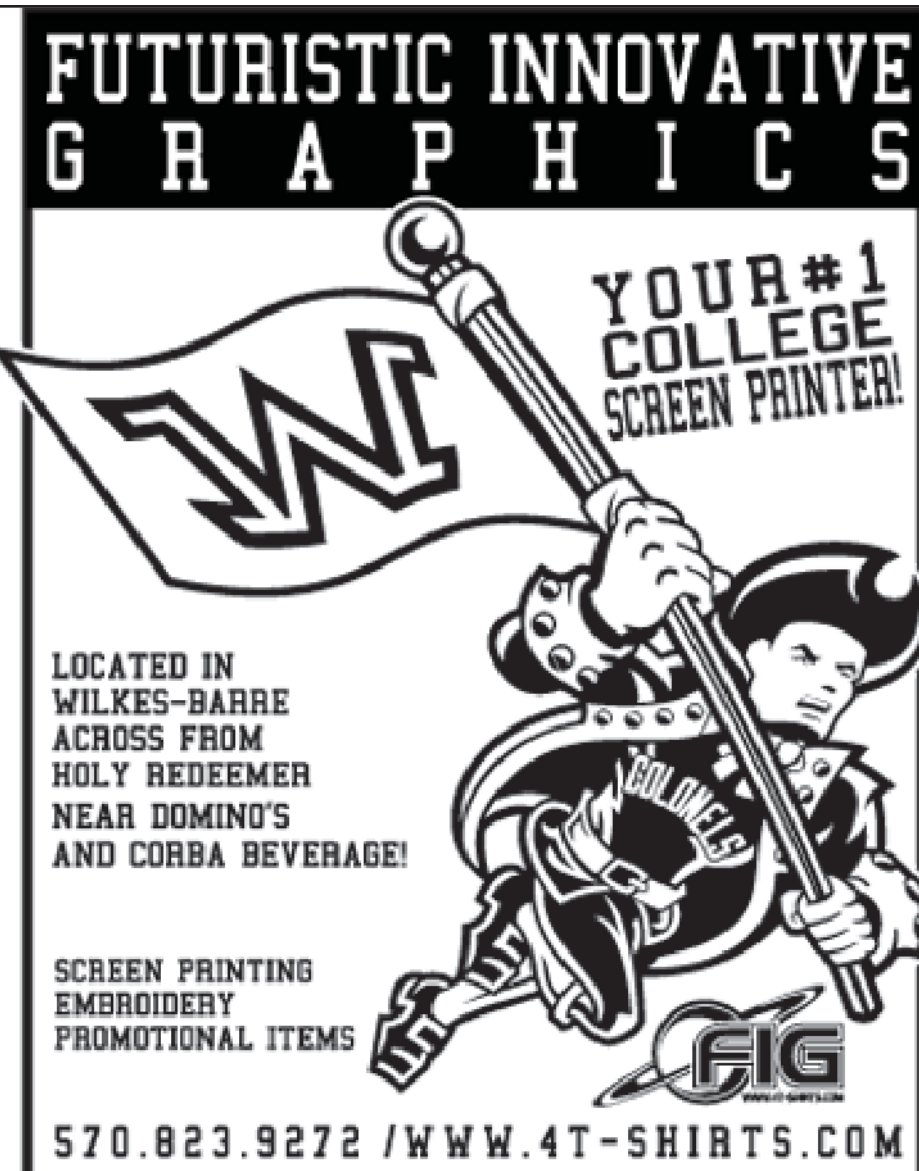
that someone else had already written it. Sparks, himself, has already conjured these same characters and plot lines.

Too many times, I picked up on things that happened almost the same way in his other books. The pigeon on the window sill in the hospital reminded me of the swan in *The Wedding*. Gabby ending up as more a damsel in distress than anything else (her life and her happiness was in his hands) made me flashback to *A Walk to Remember* and possibly even *The Rescue*. And leaving Travis alone to care for their children, heartbroken and afraid, was *At First Sight*-ish. The ending, though, was exactly what the rest of the story needed. If you haven't read anything else by Sparks, all of this won't bother you and I believe that you'll definitely enjoy it. If you have, you may just want to keep your reading shallow and not dive as deep as I did.

Grade: C+



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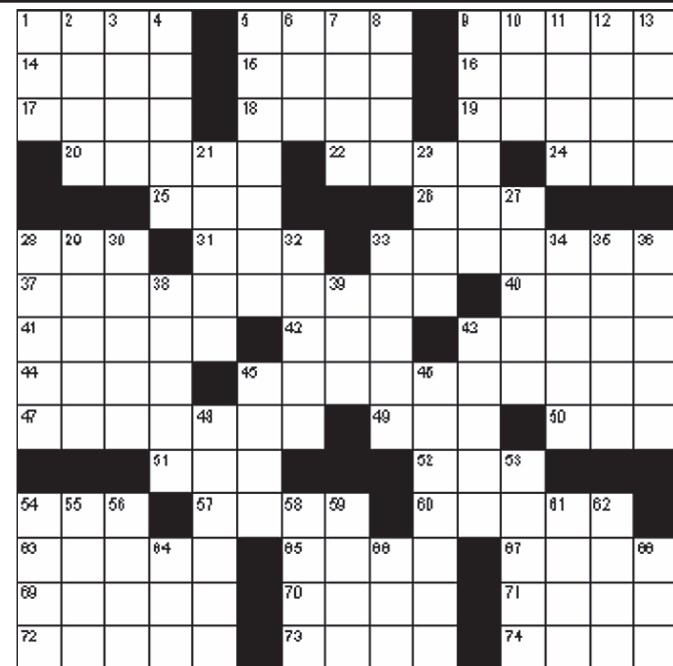
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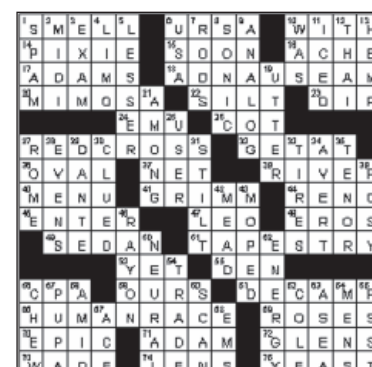
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- 3 Child building block
- 4 "Iron Mike"
- 5 Largest city in Scotland
- 6 "____ are my sunshine"
- 7 Babble on and on
- 8 Not fooled by
- 9 Star trek distance
- 10 Be in the red
- 11 Bring home the bacon
- 12 Factual
- 13 Conveyed
- 21 Not now
- 23 Skirmish
- 27 Dehydrate
- 28 Proprietor
- 29 Reporter's query
- 30 Filled with anger
- 32 Mexican food items
- 33 I as well
- 34 Dissuade
- 35 Idolize
- 36 French painter Claude "____"
- 38 Adolescence
- 39 Sin, Cos, _____
- 43 Barbecuer's need
- 45 Archipelago member
- 46 Doctor type
- 48 Done without much effort
- 53 Arthur's was round
- 54 Performs
- 55 "If the _____ fits wear it"
- 56 Franklin flier



- 58 Clump of dirt
- 59 Weight of a vehicle without cargo
- 61 Abbey ____, Beatles album
- 62 Daddy ____ Legs
- 64 Young man
- 66 Crumpet's accompaniment
- 68 Ball rest

Answers 10/2



XXXChurch.com

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Noelle is a "pastor's kid." She grew up in a good Christian family. She went to a good Christian school. She remembers the first time she saw porn. Actually, she remembers it in great detail, and repeatedly said she will "never forget it" in her confession on XXXChurch.com. Naturally, Noelle did not describe the image she saw on the porn site. That disappointed me. I was looking for something other than Jesus on a Saturday night.

I don't know what to make of the site XXXChurch.com. Clearly, its creators fundamentalist Christians who dislike porn. The entire site is about sex and porn, but then again, every website I review includes sex in some way. I think you're all beginning to expect it.

This site is not trying to teach you how to kick it with Jesus. No, they're just telling you not to watch porn or masturbate.

They do it in odd ways, though. They sell T-shirts that say "Jesus Loves Porn Stars," but contrarily, really condemn masturbation. The site also offers blogs, places to give and receive advice, and various other venues to help people stop watching porn. They don't teach Christian

doctrine. They just want visuals of fornicating people to disappear completely.

The contributors also go around the country, doing various features and making videos to place on the site. One feature was called "porn and pancakes," in which people would go, eat pancakes, and hear issues about pornography.

There was even a little FAQ about "porn and pancakes."

Is Porn and Pancakes R rated? **No.**

Should I bring my son? **Yes.**

Should my son be 11 years or older? **Yes.**

Can I bring my dad? **Yes.**

Should my dad be ready to talk afterwards? **Yes.**

Why just men? **That's how we started.**

Will there be nudity? **Ahhh, no.**

Will we have to wear name tags? **No.**

Do you use Grade A or Grade B syrup? **Whatever is cheapest.**

Will you talk about masturbation? **Yes.**

Can I bring my men's group, youth pastors, lead pastors? **Yes.**

Will we learn about personal accountability? **Yes.**

Is porn a \$57 billion a year business worldwide? **Yes.**

May I remind everyone that, according to Murphy's Law, celibacy is not hereditary? Porn is just images of people having sex. That's how we all got here. I'd feel *so* inappropriate talking about porn with my dad and a religious leader. And, I really don't like pancakes.

What's wrong with porn? If you are really Christian and hate it, just ignore it. I personally have no problem with porn. If you can't avoid it, use it as a guide for what to do when you want to reproduce the good old fashioned Christian way.

As for porn being a \$57 billion a year business, more power to the film makers. Clearly they're doing something right.

I give this site an "A" for "Agnostic Andee is Annoyed!"

Colonels move to 2-0 with homecoming pounding

BY GERARD HETMAN

Beacon Staff Writer

Since the start of the 2007 season, Wilkes head coach Frank Sheptock was looking for a game in which his team would come together as one cohesive unit and prove to fans and opponents that they could defend their 2006 MAC championship with pride and enthusiasm. This weekend, after three non-conference losses and an overtime win last week, Sheptock and his Colonels have apparently found their missing swagger.

Kyle Follweiler collected 10 total tackles, Jason Prushinski and Gil Flores each hauled in touchdown passes and the Wilkes offense racked up a season-high 468 yards in total offense as the Colonels posted a 47-0 shutout victory over the Devils of FDU-Florham on homecoming Saturday afternoon at Ralston Field. The win improves Wilkes to 2-3 overall, while allowing the Colonels to remain undefeated in MAC conference play with a 2-0 league record.

After struggling on offense in previous games this season, Sheptock and the coaching staff changed things up a bit coming into the week. "We've worked to put everyone on offense on the same page this week," Sheptock said after the victory.

"We've simplified things so that we're doing less with our playbook, but it ends up with more production in the end. It makes us a much more balanced, yet proficient offensive unit."

On defense, the Colonels came into the game wanting to get more opportunities out of their standard defensive scheme, and the results paid dividends for the team on Saturday. "As we get to the midpoint of the season, we've started to really grasp what all of our kids can do best, and that allows us to put them in the best positions to make plays on defense" Sheptock said of his defensive effort against the Devils. "We wanted to get the players thinking less, and reacting more in what they do out there on the field."

Senior quarterback Al Karaffa reaped the benefits of Sheptock's trimmed-down, more aggressive approach Saturday. On the second play from scrimmage in the third quarter, Karaffa handed the ball off to running back Alex Pearson on what appeared to be the same exact play twice in a row. Except this time, Pearson pitched the ball back to Karaffa, who then found Jason Prushinski downfield for a 60-yard touchdown strike. The ensuing extra point pushed the lead to 27-0, and helped to slam the lid shut on any comeback the Devils may have attempted to muster.

"We could see things starting to come together last week," Karaffa said.



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Quarterback Al Karaffa fires a pass down field during the Colonels 47-0 blow-out against FDU-Florham Park (NJ) on Saturday. The Colonels take on Lycoming College on the road next Saturday at 1:30pm.

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game past FDU goalie Danya Morales who collected eight saves throughout the duration of the game. The Lady Colonels defense gave up just two attempted goal shots during the second half. Freshman Melissa Polchinski native of Yorkstown, NY and Taryn Hallowell from Belvidere, NJ scored the final two goals for the Lady Colonels.

The Lady Colonels homecoming defeat over FDU proved to be the team's third consecutive win.

"We dominated the game," said Sumoski.

"We showed a lot of really good soccer (Saturday) and it's just gotten better the last three games."

"I think it sends a message to the rest of the conference that we are for real and we've taken our lumps in the schedule in the beginning and this is now when it's paying off."

The Lady Colonels are currently 6-6 overall and each of the teams' wins have come by way of shutout including their 2-0 road victory over Susquehanna University (PA) last Wednesday.

This afternoon at 3:30pm the Lady Colonels will go on the road to face DeSales University (PA) for their second conference game of the season. The Lady Bulldogs are currently 3-8-1 overall and 0-1 in the Freedom Conference.

Last season the Lady Colonels defeated DeSales on the road 2-1 and will be looking to mirror that performance. The Lady Colonels opened the first half with two goals and held DeSales in check giving up only one goal in the second half.

The Lady Colonels continue conference play on Saturday on the road against the 5-7-1 Delaware Valley (PA) Lady Aggies.

Candice Halliday contributed to this report.



Lady Colonels Remaining Schedule:

10/9 @ DeSales

10/13 @Delaware Valley

10/18 vs. King's

10/21 @ Rochester

10/24 @ Mahattanville

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Wilkes' mens basketball names new assistant coach

BY ALISON WOODY
Beacon Lifestyles Editor

Assistant coaches may come and go, but this one hopes he is here to stay.

Neal Biscaldi, a New Jersey native, has been named new men's basketball assistant coach. He has over 13 years experience at all three division levels.

Prior to coming to Wilkes, Biscaldi has coached at Rowan University (NJ), St. Francis University (PA), Bloomfield College (NJ) and Gettysburg College (PA).

While Biscaldi has been numerous places, he explains that it is common practice for assistant coaches.

"Usually with assistant coaching positions a lot of times to get in the business... most of the time you do like a two year stint. It just seems to be the nature of the business," he said.

Biscaldi said that this new position is the best one he has been in for a long time. "Coach [Rickrode] is a good person and a good guy, and is with a program that is known and respected."

Biscaldi, who has previously worked at a Division-I school [St. Francis University]

prior to Wilkes, said that his biggest challenge is getting used to the level of play again.

He said, "Not to say that this level is not good--it is. We have great guys on the team, personally and play-wise. It's just that the level is different."

Biscaldi said that the main reason he chose Wilkes is because of "the tradition from the kids [Rickrode] has brought in to the basketball on the court."

Jerry Rickrode, head men's basketball coach, explained what he looks for in his assistants.

"You try to hire an assistant who has passion for the game, has a good knowledge base, and has some experience at the college level," he said.

Rickrode said that his main goal when a new assistant enters the program is to get him involved in every aspect of the game so that "they are prepared when they leave to be able to run a program."

He said, "You try and hire people you feel will be able to move on from this and do well in a head coaching position or another assistant position at a high level."

In his past five years, he has helped assistants prepare for jobs such as the Director of the Hoop Group Company, an assistant coach at Rider University, and a head coaching job at St. Peter's College.

Biscaldi added, "One of the things that attracted me to Wilkes is that [Rickrode] has placed people at all different levels. He always says that it has nothing to do with him, but it has to have all these guys out there."

Biscaldi is now Rickrode's fourth assistant in five years.

While it may seem challenging for a team to go through so many different coaches in such a short period of time, Rickrode explained that he likes his players to be involved in the hiring process.

He said, "This job is a full-time position where the assistant must develop a good relationship with the players and can act as sort of a buffer between me and the guys."

The men's basketball season begins on November 19 against Baptist Bible College.



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Commentary

MARCH OF THE PENGUINS

The puck drops here!

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI
Beacon Correspondent

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins opened their ninth season in the American Hockey League with a thrilling 5-4 victory over the Hershey Bears last Wednesday.

If the game was any indication of what's to come this season, fasten your seatbelts Penguins fans, it's going to be a remarkable ride.

The Penguins were in an interesting situation this summer. Last year, they had a roster filled with prospects from both the Edmonton Oilers and Pittsburgh Penguins. However, as a result of an affiliation swap, the Oilers prospects will not be returning to Northeast Pennsylvania. A number of other players left the Penguins via free agency. Only ten players from last season's team, which put up a league-best 51 wins and franchise record 108 points are returning. The rest of the roster is composed of rookies and the Penguins' own free agent signings.

Up front, the Penguins have more talent than they could possibly ask for.

Tyler Kennedy (TK) is back in black and gold for another season. As a rookie, TK tied the franchise record for points in a single game when he put up five against the Hershey Bears in January. Look for him to add to the 37 points he scored last year during an injury-shortened season.

Jonathan Filewich is

coming off a 30 goal season, and could score more than that if he's not called up to the NHL for an extended period of time.

The speedy duo of Connor James and

Joe Jensen are also back and they played well together during preseason games. Tim Wallace, Kurtis McLean, and Mark Letestu add much needed grit to the Penguins shut down lines to keep their opponents' top players in check.

Newcomers Nathan Smith, Tim Brent, Jeff Taffe, and Chris Minard are also expected to score goals and provide some words of wisdom to the team's younger players. The quartet scored a combined 87 goals last



season while playing for Manitoba, Portland, San Antonio, and Lowell respectively. Leading by example, Minard scored a natural hat trick in his first game in a Pens uniform and Taffe added a goal later in the game.

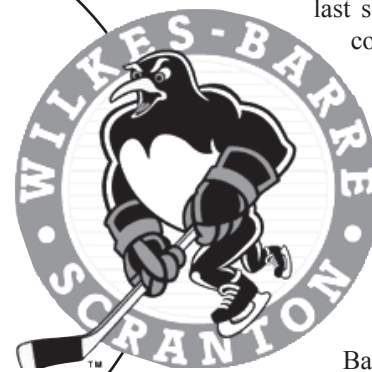
In what will be his 15th and final pro season, Dennis Bonvie is expected to stick up for his teammates the way he has so well in his multi-decade career. Watch for him to teach rookie heavyweight Aaron Boogaard a thing or two about dropping the gloves throughout the season.

The Penguins' lone returning defenseman is Ryan Lannon. He'll be joined by two defensemen with extended AHL experience, Mark Ardelan and Deryk Engelland. Ardelan ranked 14th amongst AHL blueliners with 38 points last season and was brought in to fill the void left by captain Micki DuPont's departure. Look for him to quarterback the powerplay while Engelland plays a physical defensive-minded game.

Rounding out the Penguins' defense is a solid crop of rookies who paced Pittsburgh's prospects to a first place finish in the Kitchener (Ontario) Rookie Tournament this summer.

Kris Letang, one of the final cuts from Pittsburgh's roster, has the potential to be one of the best defensemen in the league if he keeps up his solid play. Jon D'Aversa recorded 60 points with Sudbury of the Ontario Hockey League last season. While he might not get to 60 points with the Penguins, he and University of Minnesota standout Alex Goligoski should make an immediate impact on both defense and the scoresheet. Dartmouth product Ben Lovejoy looked solid during preseason contests.

The biggest question mark plaguing the



Penguins this season is in goal. Ty Conklin, who won only three games for Syracuse last season, will have to overcome inconsistent play. Backing him up will be either journeyman goalie Karl Goehring, currently with the team on a try-out basis, David Brown, or John Curry. Brown and Curry are coming off stellar college careers, but will their skills translate to the pro ranks?

Fans can watch the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins in their quest for the Calder Cup on television if they can't make it to the Wachovia Arena. Every Saturday night home game will be broadcast on WQMY, including this week's battle against the Philadelphia Phantoms.



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Athlete of the Week

Kyle Follweiler

BY GERARD HETMAN

Beacon Staff Writer

When Kyle Follweiler looked ahead to his senior season of football at Wilkes University, the all-American linebacker knew he would need to show leadership by example for a defensive unit that lost eight of eleven starters to graduation. After stellar campaigns in each of his first three seasons, Wilkes coaches and fans expected him to rise to the occasion.

Now, at the midpoint of the season, Follweiler has fans at Ralston Field- and across the country- sitting up and taking notice. In this weekend's Homecoming rout of FDU-Florham, Follweiler led the Wilkes defensive efforts with 10 tackles, eight of which were solo efforts and one sack.

A business administration major from Slatington, PA, Follweiler has been turning in a performance on the gridiron that is nothing short of phenomenal. In the first five games of the 2007 season, he has collected 73 total tackles- including 50 solo stops- as well as three sacks and two interceptions. While the four-year starter and 2007 team captain has been on the radar screens of opposing offenses for several years, Follweiler has certainly found his most productive gear at a time when his team can most use the veteran leadership he provides.

Follweiler credits his intense preparation and attention to detail as major factors in his accomplishments on the football field. "It's very important to know what your opponent is going to throw at you. The coaches do their best to get us all ready, and we each need to follow through on our end for everything to come together on Saturdays," said Follweiler about the approach he takes to getting ready for each week's opponent.

"Kyle is a player who brings a great deal of passion to the program," said Wilkes head coach Frank Sheptock about Follweiler's impact this season. "Even with all of

the individual success he has had, he remains a dedicated student of the game. He brings vocal leadership to his teammates, but also goes out and backs it up in practice and on game day. It is invaluable to our program to have a player and leader of that caliber."

Looking ahead to the rest of the season, Follweiler continues to put the success of his team above himself, while also taking each game as one more step towards the goal of a second straight MAC title. "We need to stay focused and take it game-by-game. Every opponent is tough and you can't afford to overlook anyone." Follweiler said of the outlook for the remainder of the 2007 campaign. "We've seen a lot of progress each game, and now we're really starting to turn it on."

Congratulations to Kyle Follweiler on being named this week's Beacon athlete of the week.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani



The Beacon/Gino Troiani

Freshman Kiara Midkiff tossed the ball in-play while performing a front-flip during the Lady Colonels homecoming win against FDU-Florham (NJ). Midkiff and the Lady Colonels will be traveling to DeSales University (PA) today for their second conference match of the season. The team will wrap up this week's conference schedule on the road Saturday against Delaware Valley (PA) before hosting King's College on October 18.

WEEKLY RECAPS

Wilkes Hall of Fame

The 15th class was inducted into the Wilkes University Athletics Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Sunday, October 7th on campus. Members of the Class of 2007 include Mike Gundersdorf '97, who was football standout; wrestling star Alan Zellner '75; three-sport standout Ellen Van Riper '83, who played volleyball, basketball and softball; field hockey star Angela (Polny) Vivian '95; and the Middle Atlantic Conference champion 1975 men's lacrosse team.

Women's Tennis

Wilkes University extended their women's tennis winning streak to nine straight matches with a 9-0 Freedom Conference win over Arcadia University on Saturday afternoon.

Volleyball

DeSales University remained unbeaten in Freedom Conference volleyball action by netting a 30-17, 30-23, 30-22 win over Wilkes University on Tuesday night in the Marts Center. The Bulldogs ran their overall record to 13-4 and moved to 4-0 in the conference. The Lady Colonels are now 8-12 overall and 1-2 in conference play. The team will march down the street to King's College on Wednesday for their fourth conference game.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

6

Number of saves collected by Lady Colonels field hockey goalie Julia Smith. The team moved to 6-6, 1-0 in the conference with their win over Mahattanville (NY) on Sat.

276

Total number of passing yards by senior quarterback Al Karaffa during the homecoming game against FDU on Saturday.

17

Total number of goal attempts by the Colonels soccer team during their 2-0 win over FDU on Saturday. Sean Switt and Todd Helwig scored goals for the team.

11

Number of wins by the Lady Colonels tennis team. Their only loss was against Bloomsburg University on September 13. They are currently 5-0 in the Freedom conference.



Not In Our House

The Beacon/Gino Troiani

Second half performance stumps FDU in homecoming game

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Sports Editor

Ever since the beginning of the season, he knew a huge part of his teams' success rested on his shoulders.

Aside from losing graduating seniors from last years' Lady Colonels roster, at the beginning of this season, head coach John Sumoski unexpectedly lost veterans forcing him to design another successful season by integrating the freshman with the veterans who still remained. At this point, Sumoski knew in order for his team to win games, he had to put the right team on the soccer field by mixing play-

ers that would produce as a whole. In attempting to do so, developing team chemistry was a problem for the Lady Colonels.

After battling against nationally and regionally ranked teams during the initial 11 games while dealing with unexpected issues, Sumoski and the Lady Colonels seem to have found their mojo.

"The last couple games we've started to gel as a team," said Sumoski. "We've found our niche formation wise and player wise. We've eliminated problems with the team early on and the team chemistry has gotten much better in the past week. I think we're

really starting to play for each other."

After winning five of their initial 11 games (all were non-conference contests), the Lady Colonels put together a 5-0 shutout against FDU-Florham Park (NJ) during their homecoming game on Saturday. That game was the first Freedom conference contest of the season for the Lady Colonels.

Senior defender Bethany Head scored the first goal of the game for the Lady Colonels at the 10:11 mark in the first half off an assist from teammate Rebecca Duttry. That goal proved to be the only goal for the Lady Colonels during

the first half after nine attempts.

FDU took a shot at three goals but none of them would even reach any of the three goalies that played for the Lady Colonels. Senior Liz Pauly, junior Jessica Berkey and freshman Anne Miller all played the goalkeeper position for the Lady Colonels but none walked away with any saves due to their stifling defense.

"I have a hundred percent confidence in our defense," said senior defender Briana Bertoni.

"We're all working together and willing to back each other up. It's not just about the defense, it's our whole team because we defend as

a team."

In the second half of play, the Lady Colonels continued to apply defensive pressure while lighting up the scoreboard.

Only two minutes passed following the 45:00 halftime break and freshman Casandra Valentin from Haskel, NJ was set to score the second goal of the game for the Lady Colonels. Senior Georgina Robinson would dish out the assist to Valentin.

Eight minutes later, with 55:11 on the clock, Head scored an unassisted goal, her second of the

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