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Democratic vice presidential candidate stops by WB

BY NICOLE FRAIL
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On Thursday, September 24, approximately 500 people gathered in Nesbitt Park, Wilkes-Barre, to welcome Democratic vice presidential nominee Joe Biden.

In attendance were numerous elected city officials, war veterans and parents with young children in strollers or peering over the top of the crowd on their fathers' shoulders. Children and adults alike held signs supporting Barack Obama and Biden and expressing their hope for change throughout the nation.

Members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) also represented their groups and came with signs and shirts to show their support for the Democratic ticket.

"It's very important that we get the vote out here in November. Senator McCain's plan does not affect Wilkes-Barre in a positive way, it affects it in a negative way. We need people in Washington who are going to fight for cities like Wilkes-Barre..." said Leighton, who addressed the crowd and officially began the rally. "We saw what happened in the city of Wilkes-Barre with



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Senator Joe Biden (D-Del.) addresses a crowd of approximately 500 Obama supporters and volunteers at Nesbitt Park in Wilkes-Barre last Thursday.

a Republican leading this country, nothing got done. Nothing came out of Washington to help small cities like Wilkes-Barre and Scranton... We need leadership that will

not forget about Main Streets and cities like Wilkes-Barre and Scranton. We need lead-

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Business faculty strengthen ties to Punjabi University

BY CATHRYN FREAR
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Wilkes University's Sidhu School of Business recently established an exchange relationship with Punjabi University in Patiala, Punjab, India, that requires Indian students enrolled in the program to eventually attend and graduate from Wilkes University's

Master's of Business Administration program.

In an effort to encourage cross-cultural awareness among the students and faculty alike, business department faculty members are heading across the world to gain insight into Indian customs and learning styles as well as to offer helpful insights to the Indian students who will eventually

come to Wilkes.

Assistant professor of business Dr. Jennifer Edmonds explained, "Last year we went to have face-to-face contact with the faculty to be sure that [the students] would be taught similarly to how we would conduct a classroom... It's like a long-distance

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Texting dangers lead to nationwide bans

BY NICOLE FRAIL
Beacon News Editor

On Monday, September 15, the Westchester County Board of Legislature voted unanimously to ban reading and sending text messages while driving the streets of Westchester, New York. The law will be in effect in March 2009 and any driver caught texting will be fined \$150.

From New York to California, many municipalities and even states across the nation are taking steps to ban the use of handheld devices while driving cars, trucks and trains. The act of making a phone call, or trying to type a text message while paying attention to the road or tracks, is creating many dangerous and even fatal situations across the nation.

According to Jennifer Steinhauer and Laura M. Holson, authors of "As Text Messages Fly, Danger Lurks," in response to the investigation into a deadly crash between a commuter-train and a freight-train in Los Angeles earlier in the month, "The California Public Utilities Commission announced an emergency measure... temporarily banning the use of all mobile devices by anyone at the controls of a moving train."

It is alleged that the engineer of the commuter-train was sending and receiving text messages moments before the commuter-train collided with the freight-train, resulting in 25 deaths and over 100 injuries.

Passengers and drivers are not the only ones at risk when they are texting. According to Local6.com, 14-year-old Christopher Cepeda died Monday, September 22, after stepping into the path of a 1998 Buick in Davenport, Fla. Cepeda had his head down

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ership that will help us grow and continue to grow.”

“With chants of “You fired up?” “Ready to go!” Mark Murphy, a field organizer with the Campaign for Change, reminded the crowd that Pa. is the most important state in this election and told them that “the keys to victory are in your hands right here today.”

Community member and grassroots Obama volunteer JoAnne McDade introduced Biden after speaking to the crowd about the hardships she has witnessed her neighborhood endure over the past eight years. She spoke about looking forward to tax cuts, universal health care and help with her children’s college tuition if Obama and Biden are elected.

“I look forward to unity... My work with this campaign has been a gift to me. It’s opened my eyes to all members of my community. No one’s an age, no one’s a gender, no one’s a race and no one’s a skin color. We’re all Americans with hopes, dreams and a hunger for change,” said McDade.

Biden, who was raised in Scranton, thanked Wilkes-Barre for welcoming him and began to speak of the many changes he and Obama have promised to bring to the nation.

While construction vehicles and city workers continued work on

the riverfront project on the opposite side of the Susquehanna River, Biden spoke of ending the war, earning back the respect of foreign countries, and Obama’s ideas for the Wall St. bailout.

“If Wall St. investors are going to get help, then Main Street has to get help,” Biden said Obama had planned to say to the president on Thursday afternoon. According to Biden, McCain’s plans for bailing out Wall St. last Wednesday did not address or include any positive changes for middle class

how to define the middle class.

On energy, Biden told the crowd that he and Obama will create 5 million “green” jobs at home and

nurses because the demand for them is so high due to the number of veterans with brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder re-

30 years and has worked closely with him in the past, but “we need more than a good soldier. We need a wise leader to take us through these times.”

“A lot of politicians talk about reaching across the aisle, but yesterday [Wednesday] Barack Obama... picked up the phone and called John McCain. He said... John we’ve got to work together on this. Let’s get this thing fixed now and we could argue later about what caused this crisis.” He actually, unlike all the rest of the people talking, has demonstrated and has changed the tone.



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turning home from the war.

Obama and Biden also want to help students who volunteer frequently pay for college tuition.

“Imagine a country where everyone who qualifies to go to college, can afford to go to college,” said Biden. “The hallmark of the Northeast has been that we have

He will prepare the change the tone in Washington. Ladies and gentlemen, this is what we mean by leadership,” said Biden.

Aaron McCurdy, a sociology major at Luzerne County Community College in Nanticoke, attended the rally on Thursday and is satisfied with Obama’s choice of Biden as his running mate. “Obama will bring common sense change that transcends the average politics of Washington and the White House... If there’s any absence of experience Obama has, Joe Biden makes up for that, especially with foreign policies.”

“I would not have joined this ticket unless I believed that Barack Obama would be the bridge between what we imagined and what we can do,” said Biden.

always volunteered. Ladies and gentlemen, imagine a nation where public service is really rewarded.”

Biden mentioned he has been friends with John McCain for over

families.

Biden also told the crowd that they need to elect Obama because America needs a president who understands smaller cities and

eventually “breathe clean air and drink clean water” again. Besides new green factory and construction jobs, Biden also said that he wants to see more psychiatric

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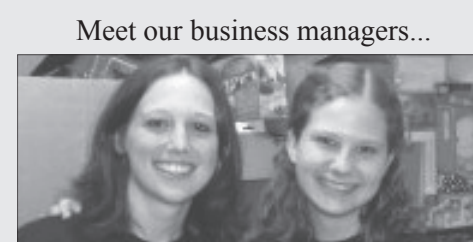
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Kennedy visits area and weighs in on presidential race

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
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No other family is more closely linked to politics in the United States than the Kennedys.

On Saturday, September 27, Kerry Kennedy, daughter of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy was in Lackawanna County to articulate her support for Senator Barack Obama at a canvass kickoff event at the Scranton Obama headquarters. Kennedy took some time to talk to *The Beacon* about the election and her candidate of choice.

The Beacon: What brings you to northeastern Pennsylvania today?

Kerry Kennedy: Well, I was here to campaign for Barack Obama and Joe Biden for the next president of the United States. You know, Pennsylvania is key to this election and Lackawanna County, in particular, is key to Pennsylvania. The Obama campaign has put enormous effort into Pennsylvania. It's the biggest grassroots effort in Pennsylvania's history. We've opened up 78 offices across the state and held over 4,500 events organized by MyBarackObama.com since June 1. As a result, Democrat voter registrations lead Republican registrations by over 1.1 million. That's twice as much as we had in 2004."

The Beacon: How much time have you and your family spent on the road for Senator Obama?

Kennedy: Well, I am thrilled about this because I was in Lackawanna County in Scranton and Dunmore today. In the last few weeks, my brother Max Kennedy has been here, my mother Ethel Kennedy has been here, my sister Kathleen Kennedy Townsend has been here, my brother Bobby Kennedy has been here. So this is sort of our home away from home. Of course Lackawanna County has always been important to my family. President Kennedy spoke here at the Sons of St. Patrick in 1960. My father, Robert Kennedy, spoke at the Sons of St. Patrick in 1964. It is sort of our home away from home.

The Beacon: Do you know if the Obama campaign is worried about losing the Irish Catholic vote at all?

Kennedy: Well, I think that the campaign is making an enormous effort in Scranton and their response has been very strong. I think it is very strong because people see that Obama and Biden will deliver real change by ending the politics and policies that are rigged against everyday people. They will end the Bush policy of showering the big corporations with tax giveaways and

instead they will cut taxes for 95 percent of working families and penalize companies that ship American jobs overseas.

The Beacon: For your purposes and your fight [as a human rights advocate], what do you believe Senator Obama brings to the fight for human rights over Senator McCain?

Kennedy: The two biggest disasters facing the United States at the moment are wholly made and constructed by George Bush and people like John McCain, who have supported him 90 percent of the time. And those are the war in Iraq and the economic disaster. We would not be facing problems with either of those if Barack Obama were president. Why? Because Obama was always against the war in Iraq, McCain/Bush were for it. We have now lost over 4,000 American lives, countless Iraqi lives. We have diverted attention from the real terrorism threat, which is the al-Qaeda, which has been able to rebuild in Afghanistan. And it has cost billions of dollars.

Meanwhile on the home front, on the economic front, why do we have this disaster? It is quite simple. We have this disaster because of the failure of the federal government to do its job of regulating the banking industry. Why? Because the Republicans, George Bush, and John McCain's entire life has been against government regulation, and because the SEC [Security and Exchange Commission] failed to regulate the banking industry. They were allowed to go off and package these insecure loans and mortgages and that is why we have this disaster today that threatens peoples ability to pay for their houses, the capacity to secure new loans for new cars and to secure new loans for small businesses. And we and our grandchildren are going to be paying for this. I think people understand what the stakes are in this election and they want to have a change.

The Beacon: You are pleased with Senator Joe Biden as Senator Obama's running mate then?

Kennedy: Yes, exactly, and I think it's interesting you asked about the Catholic issue. We have, for the first time, two vice presidential candidates, both of whom were baptized Catholics. Both say their faith is important to their outlook and their public service. In Barack Obama we have a presidential candidate who in his stump speech calls on us to look to our 'better angels.' So there is a lot of faith in this campaign. On the other end, Sarah Palin, I think raises eyebrows and questions when she asks that people pray that the war in Iraq and the Alaska oil pipeline are 'missions from

God'.

The Beacon: If you had a chance to talk to the people who supported Senator Hillary Clinton and now support Senator McCain because of the outcome of the primaries, what would you say?

Kennedy: What I would say to them is just what Hillary Clinton said to everybody at the convention, which is, 'You weren't supporting me because of me. You were supporting me because of the issues that I stand for: economic justice in this country, ensuring that we have a strong economy and that people can keep their houses and that their small businesses can expand and that there is health care for everyone. And if those are the issues that you care about, then you need to vote for Barack Obama. Don't take this personally, there is too much at stake. We are talking about our future and our children's future and our grandchildren's future.' I think that is what I would say, and I think it is just so apparent that John McCain is so completely out of touch with the reality of working Americans. This is a man who owns eight houses, owns eleven cars, his wife owns her own private jet. This guy has no clue what it means to be a working American and to be struggling with these issues. Literally, when they asked his wife, 'How many houses do you have,' she couldn't answer the question. When they

asked him, 'How many cars do you have,' he couldn't answer the question. This is not your typical American family and it's clear that they don't know what it means to be struggling in this country."

The Beacon: So you think that Senators Obama and Biden are in tune to the American public then?

Kennedy: Senator Obama has one house and one car. Sen. Biden grew up partly in Pennsylvania and then in Delaware and has working class roots, and that is who he is and that is who he is all about. But more importantly than where they came from is what they stand for and what they are working on today and their vision for what America will be under their administration.

The Beacon: Is there anything else that you would like to add?

Kennedy: I think we're blessed to be living in a country born of revolution where institutions are capable of change because of citizen activism...We fail to participate in its political process at our peril and everyone needs to register and vote.

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ELECTION 2008

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Election Update

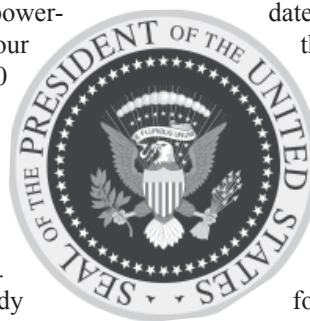
On Friday, September 26, Sen. Barack Obama, D-IL, and Sen. John McCain, R-AZ, met for the first time to debate their much talked-about policies. The event was held at Ole Miss, the University of Mississippi, and was moderated by Jim Lehrer, the host of PBS's NewsHour. Throughout the night the candidates sparred over several topics including the economy and their foreign policies.

Overall, there was no clear winner of the debate. Each candidate played it safe by promoting their policies and platforms; however, there were some winners in individual categories.

In theatrics Obama won with a few points. He looked at the camera, not Jim Lehrer or the audience. Obama attempted to speak to McCain, even though McCain did not acknowledge Obama throughout the debate. McCain

also seemed to have picked the wrong tie for television. The lines caused a moire effect, meaning that his tie had a blur on it when the camera was on him.

Theatrics may seem like an odd and unimportant category to start with, but it is actually an incredibly powerful factor. In the first of four presidential debates in 1960 those people who had television sets pronounced John F. Kennedy the winner, for those who listened to the debate on radio Richard Nixon was their choice for victor. Why? On television Kennedy just looked better. Kennedy was tan from campaigning in California while Nixon was pale from an injury that he has suffered. Nixon was also wearing an ill-fitting shirt, which caused him to sweat, and on top of that, Nixon refused to wear makeup.



So, theatrics and presentation makes a huge difference in the outcome.

For overall content I would have to say it was a draw. Neither candidate came out and blew away the other with information and facts. It would be surprising if either candidate saw any boosts in the polls from the actual debate.

Argumentation is another area that would be almost impossible to call. Obama was more forceful at directing his comments to McCain and when Obama saw that McCain and him were just going back and forth he would notion to Lehrer to move ahead. However, McCain was the person who brought up the most emotional appeals. Even though these appeals lack substance they always seem effective. McCain does have one area to work on, during one part of the debate when he was vis-

ibly annoyed he began to stutter. The Obama campaign could possibly try and use this in the upcoming debate to get McCain to 'trip up.'

Overall there really could not be a winner declared in this debate. This is unfortunate because unlike past debates these are not as regulated, meaning the candidate's lists of demands are not as long.

However, it should be mentioned that Jim Lehrer was an excellent moderator. He attempted to get the candidates to talk to one another and would try to put all of their answers into perspective with relevant follow-ups.

On Tuesday, October 2, the vice presidential candidates for both tickets will debate at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. There are also two additional presidential debates scheduled for next month.

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relationship. Sometimes you just have to go see them."

And they did. Several Wilkes professors even teach classes for the duration of the stay to become more in touch with the students and to prepare them for what it would be like in an American classroom.

The Punjabi students will be heading to Wilkes and taking two intensive business classes over spring break. Edmonds said, "Since they're coming, you need to meet them [beforehand]...and that helps with any nerves about teaching an all-foreign class."

The Sidhu school faculty and administration helped to design the program based on the value of mentoring at all levels. For example, each Wilkes professor is paired with a Punjabi professor. They correspond through e-mail and discuss class criteria - such as syllabi, student progress, etc. - and are even starting to get to know each other on a more personal level. "Now when we e-mail it's less [just professional]. You now start to say things like 'Oh, how is your son doing?' So it becomes more comfortable now that you've met them," said Edmonds.

Nicole Redmond, who is the recruitment retention coordinator for the business school, was sent for the purpose of implementing some of our business school's administration. She said, "I went to be more involved with accommodations such as the application process, their transition, housing - basically to

make sure everything went smoothly and that they are comfortable."

Dr. Troy Adair helped to set up technology and train the technical personnel. He most recently set up Skype - a telephone-like call program that uses a personal computer, a mic, and a web cam to have visual conversations with the Punjabi counterparts. Eventually, the goal is to have the Wilkes professors classrooms set up so that they can be teaching in a classroom here and be seen in a classroom at Punjabi.

Dr. Anthony Liuzzo, professor of business, who is also working closely with the department on the project, is excited about the impact this will have on Wilkes University as it is viewed by the world. "This broadens our educational reach. Wilkes University's reputation is helped significantly by this extension to an international basis."

According to Liuzzo, it won't be too long before the students are not just taking a couple of quick classes, but will be full-time earning their credits with Wilkes professors and students on the Wilkes-Barre campus. "Thirty-four Indian students...are taking three semesters [at Punjabi] and then coming to Wilkes and will take two semesters here and then they...will graduate with everyone else."

For Wilkes faculty, visiting India has also helped to assure that everything will go according to plan. "I'm usually a worrier, but I'm resting easy that this will go smoothly in their hands," Liuzzo said.



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TEXTING

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and was text messaging when the group he was with stopped at the corner to cross the street. Not realizing his friends had stopped, Cepeda kept walking and was struck by the oncoming car.

“The act of texting automatically removes 10 I.Q. points,” Paul Saffo, a technology trend forecaster in Silicon Valley, told the New York Times. “The truth of the matter is there are hobbies that are incompatible. You don’t want to do mushroom-hunting and bird-watching at the same time, and it is the same with texting and other activities. We have all seen people walk into parking meters or walk into traffic and seem startled by oncoming cars.”

Artin Chaklader, senior psychology major at Wilkes University, is working on a capstone project dealing with claims similar to Saffo’s. “My research right now is showing those same results. If you think about it, while texting you are using your vision and hand motor coordination which is seriously limiting your attention on things around you.”

“I have other studies that are telling me texting while driving is significantly worse than drunk driving. The only argument

against is multi-tasking, but in reality text messaging in itself is a multiple task so it is even harder to do other tasks around you,” added Chaklader.

According to the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), states are slowly beginning to create laws that limit the use of handheld mobile devices for making phone calls and text messaging. California, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Washington, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands have enacted laws that prohibit drivers from using cell phones to make calls. Alaska, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Jersey and Washington have banned text messaging for all drivers operating motor vehicles.

GHSA states that Pennsylvania has collected crash data pertaining to the idea of banning the use of mobile devices while driving, but the state has yet to pass an official bill. Instead, Pa jurisdictions and municipalities can create their own ordinances. As of September 2007, Carbondale drivers caught talking on the phone have been handed \$75 fines by local police.

“In June, 75 billion text messages were sent in the United States, compared with 7.2 billion in June 2005, according to CTIA - the Wireless Association, the leading industry trade group,” said Steinhauer.



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A Wilkes student texts while crossing South Street outside of the Student Center.

As text messaging popularity continues to grow across generations and around the world, the dangers connected to it are expected to also increase. Wilkes-Barre does not currently have a ban against text messaging while driving, but the state is working to create one that will affect all Pa communities.

“Certainly the issue of text messaging has come to center stage in recent weeks, with lots of national interest and concern... Right now, the PA State Legislature is considering a bill that would ban 16 and 17 year olds from using handheld cell phones, Blackberries, or using text messaging,” said Dr. Robert Bohlander, professor of psychology at Wilkes University. “The ongoing list of automobile and other accidents related

to text messaging, cell phone use, or other distracting activities reminds us that our technological advances can easily outstrip human information processing capabilities. Where we cannot discipline ourselves in the potentially dangerous use of available technology, the government feels compelled to step in and put restrictions on our behavior, for our own safety.”

According to the Pennsylvania General Assembly’s website, House Bill 1827 was submitted stating “...no driver shall operate any moving vehicle on a highway of this Commonwealth, which shall include Federal, State and municipal highways, while using a handheld mobile telephone.” The bill was referred to Transportation on September 11, 2007, where it remains today.



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Obesity now a taxable offense in Alabama

BY THE BEACON
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The state of Alabama has announced a new plan, which requires all employees to be annually screened for obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and high glucose levels.

Employees found in violation of any of specified size and levels will be forced to pay an additional \$25 a month (\$300 per year) for health insurance beginning in 2011. Currently, single workers pay nothing; family plans run \$180 a month.

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, the new requirements will affect "...more than 37,000 people employed by the state."

Recently, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that Alabama is the second heaviest state in the nation with a 30% obesity rate, just behind Mississippi.

After paying around 1.2 billion in medical charges last year, the state is trying to kill two birds with one stone. Obesity, and medical fees.

Webster's Dictionary definition

'obese' as: "Grossly fat or overweight," but who is to decide what 'grossly fat' actually is?

Employees will be given a Body Mass Index (BMI) tests to determine if they are obese. The BMI examines height in relation to weight on both males and females to calculate the amount of body fat on an individual.

In addition, Alabama state officials are offering employees discounts to specific health facilities such as the YMCA and Weight Watchers, as encouragement to adopt a wellness program. If they do not provide evidence that they are making an effort to loose weight, they will be taxed.

The Beacon contends that if a state taxes employees who are obese, shouldn't it also tax employees who appear excessively underweight?

Vegetarian Diet Info states that individuals who are underweight have a higher risk of anemia, bone loss, nutrient deficiency, heart irregularities, amenorrhea (loss of periods in women) and osteoporosis in later life.

It would be unfair to charge one group and not the other. But why stop there? What about taxing those folks who have previously battled cancer? Better yet, how about those who are simply genetically predisposed to cancer based on family history? Obviously, those folks pose a possible drain on health funds.

Another factor to consider are the effects that prescription drugs and medications may cause.

Charlene Laino, former editor of the *New York Times* Syndicate Health News Service, stated that experts estimate that at least 50 common medications possess the potential to cause weight gain. Some of which include, Paxil, Zoloft, Nexium, and Diabinese.

And what is to become of money that Alabama has the potential to generate?

If 30% of 37,000 employees are charged a fee of \$25 a month, the state will collect roughly \$333,000 each year in

generated revenue.

That money can easily be applied to the rising costs of health insurance.

So far Alabama is the only state to impose such a fee on state employees, but each state does have the power to enact the tax.

While we encourage healthy and active lifestyles, when it comes to charging people who are obese more for health insurance--which the state has agreed to provide--we feel that it is both excessive and discriminatory. If the states are going to reconsider their health insurance regulations and guidelines, then they should take into consideration all aspects of physical and mental health, not just the obvious ones that seem to be costing them additional money. To pick and choose with respect to health risks unfairly singles people out.

Point 1



- More than 37,000 employees in Alabama

will pay an additional \$25 a month (\$300 a year) for health insurance in 2011.

Point 2



- If a state taxes employees who are obese,

should it also tax employees who appear excessively underweight?

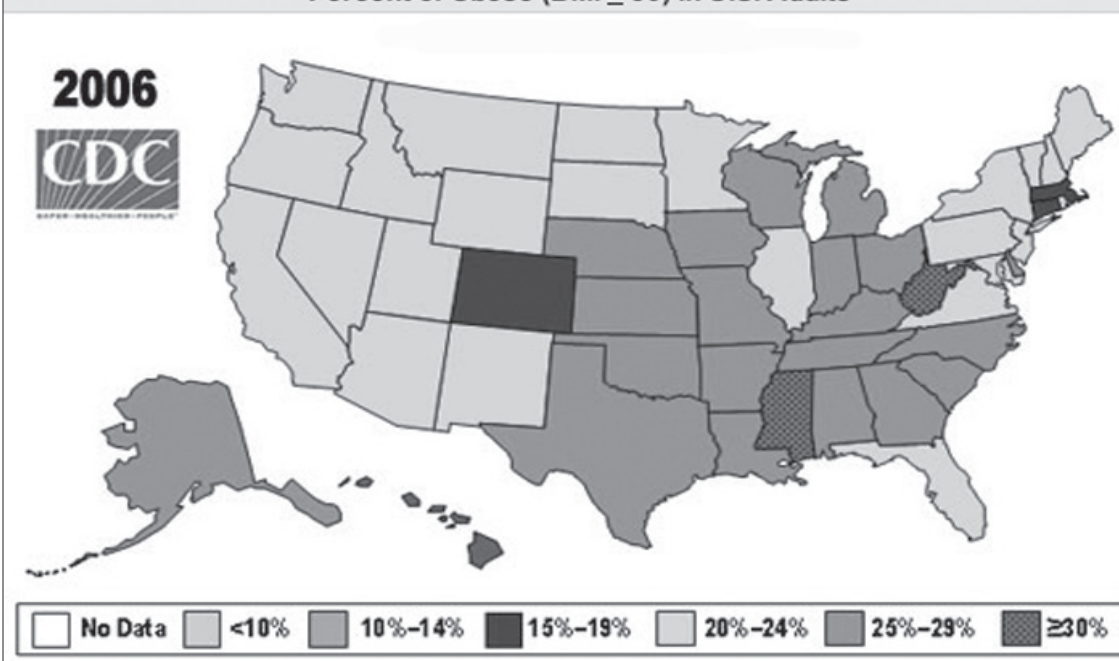
Point 3



- The state should take all aspects of physical and

mental health into consideration when changing their health insurance regulations and not just the obvious ones that seem to be costing them additional money.

Percent of Obese (BMI $\geq$ 30) in U.S. Adults



The Angry Rant: The Bloomsburg Fair

(...and why it's awful)

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Staff writer

Well, it's September again. In this area, that means one thing: the Bloomsburg Fair.

Of course, it also means football season, baseball playoff fever, the start of the new seasons for television shows, and perhaps, above all others, the birthday of Keanu Reeves.

To me, the above are all far more important than the Bloomsburg Fair. Especially Keanu Reeves' birthday. For the uninformed out there, do yourself a favor and rent Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure. You'd swear you were watching the second-coming of Marlon Brando. (Maybe only if you're high. Which is recommended.)

The Bloomsburg Fair, which has been a tradition in the area for over 150 years, is essentially Mardi Gras for fat people. You don't get beads for showing your goods; you get funnel cakes and meat on a stick.

The fair isn't anything to scoff at, however, as it boasts some of the white-trashiest attractions this side of Tennessee. (Was that a dig at Tennessee? You bet.)

The attractions include, but are not limited

to: a demolition derby, livestock displays, and gigantic pumpkins that are probably nothing more than the lead singer of Blues Traveler covered in orange felt.

But the biggest attraction (besides the world's smallest horse) has got to be the fair's grandstand concert series, which boasts such high-profile acts like Bucky Covington (who I assume is a rabbit or something), Kellie Pickler and Lady Antebellum (who sound like a comedy duo from the 40s), and Three Days Grace (No joke here. Except for their music - Hi-yo.)

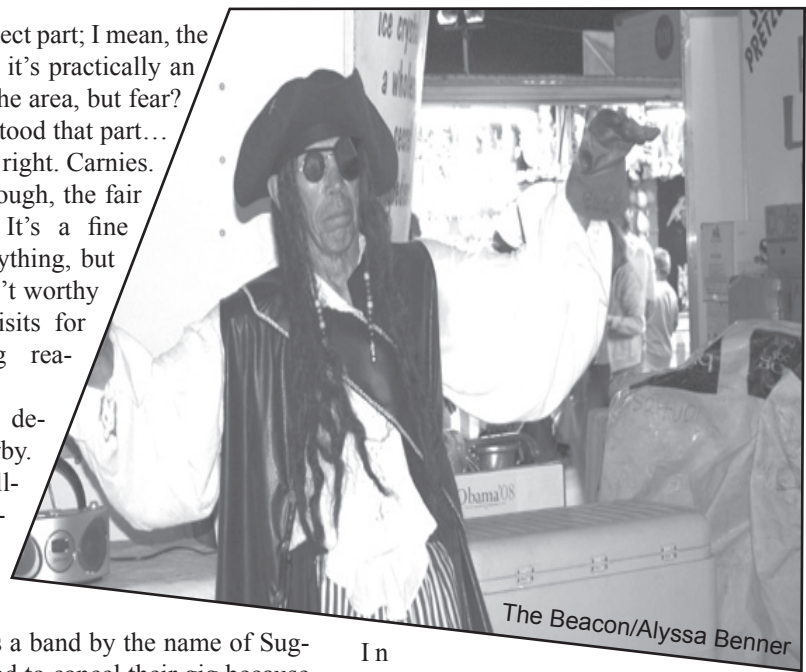
When I was in high school, I had friends that would miss two or three days so they could go to the fair, and some schools would even have days off so the students had the option to go to the fair, which is ridiculous. A day off so you can go to the fair? Really? Why don't we start dishing out days off so everybody can walk in a cloud of stink all day? Because that is essentially what you're doing.

In other words, I don't care for the Bloomsburg Fair. Quite frankly, I never have. I'm from the area, so very early in my life I was taught to both respect and fear the fair.

I get the respect part; I mean, the fair is old and it's practically an institution in the area, but fear? I never understood that part... oh wait, that's right. Carnies.

Honestly, though, the fair is overrated. It's a fine time and everything, but it certainly isn't worthy of multiple visits for the following reasons:

1. It has a demolition derby. Which is a spelling bee for stupid people.
2. The biggest musical act this year is a band by the name of Sugarland, who had to cancel their gig because the lead singer got sick. Or they realized it was a state fair, and they are a professional musical act. One of the two.
- And finally...
3. You can't walk 10 feet without stepping in feces. Most of it human.



In addition, this past week, the great Paul Newman left us at the age of 83. He was truly one of the greats, and he will be missed. Do yourself a favor and celebrate his life by watching Cool Hand Luke with a salad topped in some delicious Newman's Own Salad Dressing.

Ciao.



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YOUR VOICES RE: to 'Escalator Madness'

I am writing in response to the editorial "The Angry Rant: Escalator Madness," written by Tim Seigfried.

I was very disturbed and quite offended actually about this "Rant." The whole idea of this article just seems a bit ridiculous to me. People take the escalator because they don't/can't take the stairs. I rather enjoy riding up the escalator and tend to stay to one side for those like *you* who are too impatient to ride along with the rest of us and feel the need to walk up.

Furthermore, your "ageist" comments about elderly people taking the escalator was shocking, to say the least. I, as well as I'm sure many of us, have grandparents who are a little slow moving, or even use a cane to walk. My grandmother enjoys her trips to the mall and sometimes takes the

escalator because the elevators are very far out her way. The fact that their "shuffling" off of the escalator is apparently too much for you to deal with shows how much patience you have which is about zero, I would say. Why don't you just knock them over and break their hip (again) so you won't have to wait the extra minute to get where you are going?

Here's a thought: *Tim, use the stairs!*

Diana Wright
senior biology major



Cartoon by: Jenna Stephens

Deception and greed: the Federal Reserve

Part 1 of a 2-part series

BY GINO TROIANI

Beacon Op-Ed Editor

This is the first in a two part series on the Federal Reserve.

Keep in mind that if no one ever spoke up or questioned the affairs of the government, we would still be under British rule.

In 1816 Thomas Jefferson said, "If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

In order to understand Jefferson's warning, it is important to first understand the past of the United States banking systems.

A brief history of the United States banking system.

U.S. History.org states that Alexander Hamilton and George Washington created the first central bank in 1791 with a goal to unify the nation's currency to pay off the debt from the Revolutionary War. The result was known as "The First Bank of the United States." However, just twenty years after its construction, Congress, which feared the power of the central bank, voted to abandon the bank and its charter.

The second national bank was formed just a few years later in 1816, after Congress and President James Madison realized that it would be far too difficult to fund another war without the help of a strong central bank. This second effort was very similar to the first national bank, but much larger.

However, many citizens, politicians and businessmen criticized the bank calling it 'unconstitutional.' According to Andrew Glass in an article published in *Politico*, by the time he reached office, President Andrew Jackson strongly opposed the concept of a national bank arguing it was an, "elitist institution tied to Eastern commercial interests." He successfully dismantled the bank by not renewing its charter after it expired in 1836.

What is the Federal Reserve (Fed)?

According to the Federal Reserve's website, the Fed is an "independent entity...composed basically of a central, governmental agency--the Board of Governors--in Washington, D.C., and twelve regional Federal Reserve Banks, located in major cities throughout the nation."

However, it is about as federal as Fed-Ex, meaning that the government has no control or regulation over its affairs. If we look closely, it is clear this directly violates article 1 Section 8, clause 5 of the U.S. Constitution, which reads, "**Congress** shall have the power to... coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures..."

The Federal Reserve's main obligations include, conducting monetary policy, setting reserve requirements (the amount of money that banks must hold in reserve against deposits made), setting margin requirements which limit the amount of money an investor can borrow to purchase securities, and setting the borrowing rate, or interest rate at which money is lent. The Federal Reserve is considered to be the bank for all banks.

The Federal Reserve's web site outlines that its seven members of the Board of Governors are appointed to 14-year terms by the U.S. President and confirmed by the Senate. There is also a Chairman and Vice Chairman who are appointed by the President for a term of four years, with the possibility of re-appointment.

How and why the Fed was formed.

After the financial panic of 1907, which involved runs on many banks across the nation, J.P. Morgan received direct governmental funding which he used to act as a central bank to help bail out failing institutions. He literally had the power to pick and choose which banks remained and which were allowed to collapse. As a result, in 1908, Congress created the National Monetary Commis-

sion in an effort to stabilize and strengthen the banking industry, headed by Senator Nelson W. Aldrich from Rhode Island.

In November 1910, Senator Aldrich invited an elite group of bankers and financial scholars to attend a meeting on Jekyll Island just off the coast of Georgia. In the book entitled "The Creature from Jekyll Island," author G. Edward Griffin explains that the committee included:

"1. Nelson W. Aldrich, Republican "Whip" in the Senate, Chairman of the National Monetary Commission, business associate of J.P. Morgan, father-in-law to John D. Rockefeller, Jr.;

2. Abraham Piatt Andrew, Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury;

3. Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the National City Bank of New York, the most powerful of the banks at that time, representing William Rockefeller and the international investment banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Company;

4. Henry P. Davison, senior partner of the J.P. Morgan Company;

5. Charles D. Norton, president of J.P. Morgan's First National Bank of New York;

6. Benjamin Strong, head of J.P. Morgan's Bankers Trust Company;

7. Paul M. Warburg, a partner in Kuhn, Loeb & Company, a representative of the Rothschild banking dynasty in England and France, and brother to Max Warburg who was head of the Warburg banking consortium in Germany and the Netherlands."

(Griffin, Chapter 1)

The goal of those in attendance at the meeting was to construct a piece of legislation that would create a third national banking system. Keep in mind that both J.P. Morgan and Co. and Paul M. Warburg and associates had close ties with the Rothschild's Bank of England.

Morgan, Rockefeller, and Warburg favored a central banking system, because they wanted cheap credit, and an inflated money supply to expand their empires.

The final version of what they created was a piece of legislation named "The Aldrich Plan." According to Bernard Shull, author of *The Fourth Branch*, the plan outlined a regionally partitioned central banking organization owned by member banks. Complete with fifteen districts where branches would be established. They would be run by regional associations through boards of directors elected by the member banks in each district. Its authorities included providing emergency loans to member banks, the power to create money to provide as elastic currency, and the power to act as the "fiscal agency of the United States." In essence, the Federal Reserve could create money and loan it to the government with interest. Using tax revenue, the government would then pay off the debt and its interest.

In response, many Democrats and progressive Republicans saw the organization as a private monopoly, and an unfair way to manipulate the market.

In an effort to pass legislation that allowed the use of "elastic currency," President Wilson strongly encouraged Virginia Senator Carter Glass and Professor H. Parker Willis to analyze and redraft the Aldrich Plan. It was completed by the beginning of May 1913. After a few minor changes, the legislation was pushed through the two houses during the winter holidays when many representatives were home with their families.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York's web page states that the act, "Provided for the establishment of Federal Reserve Banks, to furnish an elastic currency, to afford means of rediscounting commercial paper, to establish a more effective supervision of banking in the United States, and for other purposes." On December 23, 1913, President Woodrow Wilson signed what is known as the Federal Reserve Act.

Next Week: The role of the Federal Reserve in the current economic crisis.

Beacon Poll Results:

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

The Beacon asked:

Should scientists continue to experiment with the LHC device?

- Yes - **30%**
- No - **60%**
- Depends - **10%**

Next Week's question:

Should Alabama have the right to tax state workers for being obese?

- Yes
- No
- Depends

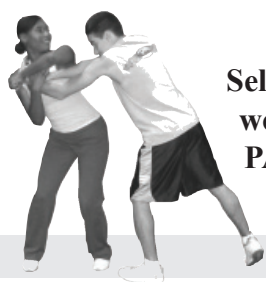
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Library's Polish Room bids all: Witamy w Polsce

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Tucked into a corner of the Farley Library is a place so removed from the harsh fluorescent lighting and stiff-backed chairs of the rest of the building that it feels like a different world.

While that little room may not take you out of this world, a glance inside it will transport you halfway around it.

Located on the second floor of the library is a room that evokes the history and culture of Poland. Called the Polish Room, it contains a reading and reference space filled with Polish books, paintings, sculptures, maps, and traditional clothing. Formed in 1950 by the Wilkes College Polish Room Committee, the room offers students a way to experience a different culture or to learn more about their own heritage.

Brian Sacolic, reference librarian at the Farley Library, believes that the Polish Room offers students an educational tool that transcends the classroom experience.

"I think with the current emphasis on globalization, it gives details and information that you just may not get in a classroom," he said. "You can see costumes, original paintings. A room like that just gives you a real feel for Polish culture."

While Sacolic added that the library also houses other collection rooms, such as the Norman Mailer Room, the Eleanor Farley Room, and Wilkes University Archives, he admits that the Polish Room is "one of the more interesting ones." In particular, he

noted that one piece of art from the room, "The Mask of Jesus," which was created by Polish artist W.T. Benda, has attracted interest from scholars from around the world.

Entering the Polish Room invokes the feel of traditional Poland. A large, rectangular rug of brightly woven red and gold covers the gray slate floor. The room contains custom-made, wooden furniture in the style of Zakopane, a city in the Tatra Mountains of Poland. Oil paintings of famous Poles accent the walls, which are also brightened by richly-colored tapestries.

"All of the furniture has been hand-carved in pine," said Jule Wnorowski, the treasurer of the Polish Room Committee. "The room itself brings an authentic air of old Poland here."

The concept for such a room began in the late 1940s, when Dr. Eugene S. Farley, the president of then Wilkes College, invited all of the ethnic groups in the valley to establish nationality rooms in the library. The Polish-Americans in the area were the only group to take advantage of the offer.

Over the years, the committee has emphasized community involvement to spread Polish culture. It sponsored Polish lectures, held folk art displays, and participated in choral concerts. It established a scholarship foundation, and continues to award one scholarship each year to a Wilkes student of Polish descent.

One of the main goals of the Polish Room is to preserve Polish culture and promote a greater understanding of it to a younger generation.

Wnorowski. "It's something about culture and tradition, and you lose that over time."

Growing up Polish for Wnorowski was more than just an ethnicity, it was a way of life. From a very young age, she was exposed to Polish tradition by her mother, Jule Znaniecki, a charter member of the Wilkes College Polish Room Committee. She counts her exposure to Polish music as a defining point of growing up Polish.

"Music was part of my life from a very, very early age. The Poles love music, and we had a piano. Ready or not, we all had to learn how to play, whether we were good at it or not," she said. "But later on, it was wonderful, because I so much learned to enjoy all sorts of music, particularly classical, and appreciate the Polish artists and musicians."

Committee president Bernadine Tarasek echoes the belief that growing up Polish was a way of life. Raised mainly by her grandparents, who emigrated from Poland in the 1880s, Tarasek grew up practicing every part of her culture.

"I went through the hard times, Polish school, Polish church, everything was Polish for me," she said. "I still lean towards it. You kept your Polish descent then; you just didn't rebel against it. And we were proud."

Tarasek recalls sitting on her grandparents' porch as a young girl, and hearing them tell her stories about her family in Polish.

"Now that I remember, they were interesting, and I wish I could do it again," she said. "But the days are gone. I really didn't appreciate it too much then, but now I do."

In order to keep the Polish traditions alive in the younger generation, Committee member Helen Grebski believes they should expose themselves to the culture of their heritage.

"It's a discovery thing, it's wanting to find more," she said. "In today's society, we're looking for family, we're looking for roots, and we're looking for something that gives



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The Polish Room contains Polish artwork, including paintings, tapestries, carvings, and handmade dolls.

us meaning in life. And family traditions and our own personal history do that for us."

According to Sacolic, Wilkes students may not be able to reap the full benefits of the Polish Room because they may not be aware of it. Occasionally, curious students have stumbled across the room, and interested in what they saw, have asked him to unlock it for them so they can have a thorough look around.

"I don't think too many students are aware of it right now," he said. "But hopefully, the word will get out."

In order to familiarize more students with the room, the Committee will be on hand at the Open House, which will be held on October 4. Members of the Polish Room Committee will be available in the Polish Room from 11:00 to 3:00 to answer any questions or give further information.



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"One of the things we really tried to do is to have people take pride in their background. And they have to learn enough about it first of all—who the great musicians were, the great scientists," said

Campus meditation options aim to relieve student stress

BY RACHEL CANNULI
Beacon Correspondent

As students try to become comfortable in their classes, get to know their peers, and to cope with the pressures of bill paying, apartment or dorm living, time management, and academics, some sort of release from stress is necessary.

Wilkes University's answer to the challenge of stress is meditation.

Not many students or faculty members know that the campus offers two forms of meditation. Last spring, the labyrinth circle located behind Evans and Conyngham Halls was finished to encourage Wilkes community members to walk and simultaneously unwind.

The other alternative is a weekly meditation class led by two faculty members, Philosophy professor Dr. Linda Paul and English professor Mischelle Anthony. The meditation sessions take place every Wednesday at 5 p.m. on the first floor of Kirby.

But what exactly is meditation and why do people do it? According to WebMD.com, "Meditation is the practice of focusing your

attention to help you feel calm and give you a clear awareness about your life."

Meditation can also alleviate an ample range of mental and physical problems. Paul explained that meditation can aid an individual by "reducing the stress response in the body, lowering blood pressure, and many more, including changing the structure of the brain if one practices long enough."

Both Paul and Anthony are long-time practitioners of meditation. While there are numerous methods of meditation, Anthony and Paul teach mindful meditation.

"Mindfulness is a non-religious meditation that focuses on the breath and makes you aware of what is in front of you," said Anthony. She continued to explain that this type of meditation is very relaxing and releases stress.

The meditation session is held on the first floor of Kirby Hall. Each session draws about 16 people who sit in two rows that are 10 seats long. They sit back to back so participants don't feel as though other people are watching them.

For 25 minutes, in silence, students and faculty sit focused on their breath.

"In and out," Anthony repeated every so often so that participants would not lose their focus.

The goal of staying focused on your breath is to make you feel as though you have control over your life and to feel at peace with yourself. Once the time is up, you should feel refreshed and level headed.

Freshman Carolyn Ryan attended the session and enjoys the relaxing feeling meditation brings with it. "Meditation is something new [for me] that expands the mind and relieves stress," she said.

Ryan also finds the people who attend the sessions to be very welcoming. She encouraged anyone interested in meditation to try it out.

The labyrinth, which is the circle of stones in the green way on the north side of Breiseth Hall, serves as a center for meditation.

On September 22, 2008, Wilkes Univer-



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Walking through the labyrinth can be a meditation aid.

sity held a fall equinox labyrinth walk that celebrated the fall equinox and focused on peace in the world. The walk also brought attention to labyrinth for meditation.

Patty Gilmour, who arranged the walk explained, "The winding towards the center and out again [of the labyrinth] is an aid to meditation and losing oneself in walking the winding path with no agenda is quieting and brings a sense of peace."

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Martial arts veteran shows students basics of self-defense

BY BETHANY YAMRICK
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While most aspects of living on your own for the first time are exhilarating, anxiety for personal security and safety does occasionally creep in for some college students.

In order to partially alleviate that fear, Dr. Ed Schicatanano, associate professor of psychology, offered a self defense seminar to teach basic skills to students so they could learn how to defend themselves in high-risk situations.

"In dangerous situations you have to injure the person. Some people don't know they can," Schicatanano said. "What they need to realize is anyone can hurt anyone if they hit the right target."

The September 25 class was a 90-minute workshop held as part of the "Into the Streets" program focused mainly on prevention and what is known as target focus training. Schicatanano offers the classes once a semester and is sponsored by the psychology club and women's studies program.

Schicatanano's class teaches only the basics of self defense,

but the concepts taught are enough for anyone to be able to apply. Mainly women showed up for class, which is normal for self defense basic level classes. However, according to Schicatanano, workshops such as these may be useful to everyone and can teach solid principles to apply in case of a violent assault.

The focus of the workshop was less about teaching techniques but more philosophy. The idea is to strike the attacker in a vulnerable area. It is easier to re-

member the concept and make it instinctual to strike these areas than it is to recall specific moves

when under high-pressure situations. At the beginning of the seminar, Schicatanano handed out safety tips and a list of prevention skills. The program first teaches confidence and knowledge, but then moves onto memorable effective philosophies.

He noted that with simple techniques such as aiming for the eyes, any person of any gender, age, or body type, can accomplish this.

Schicatanano has been doing martial arts for eight years and is now a second-degree black belt. He has been teaching it for three years on the Wilkes campus, as well as the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus and the local YMCA.

"I would do it more often if I knew more people would come," said Schicatanano.

Student Garrett Scharder, who has taken martial arts and self-defense classes for 13 years, says the basis of any self-defense class is to nullify the situation before it elevates.

"The greatest form of self defense is not having to defend yourself," said Scharder.

"With all I have learned, I haven't had to use it ever."

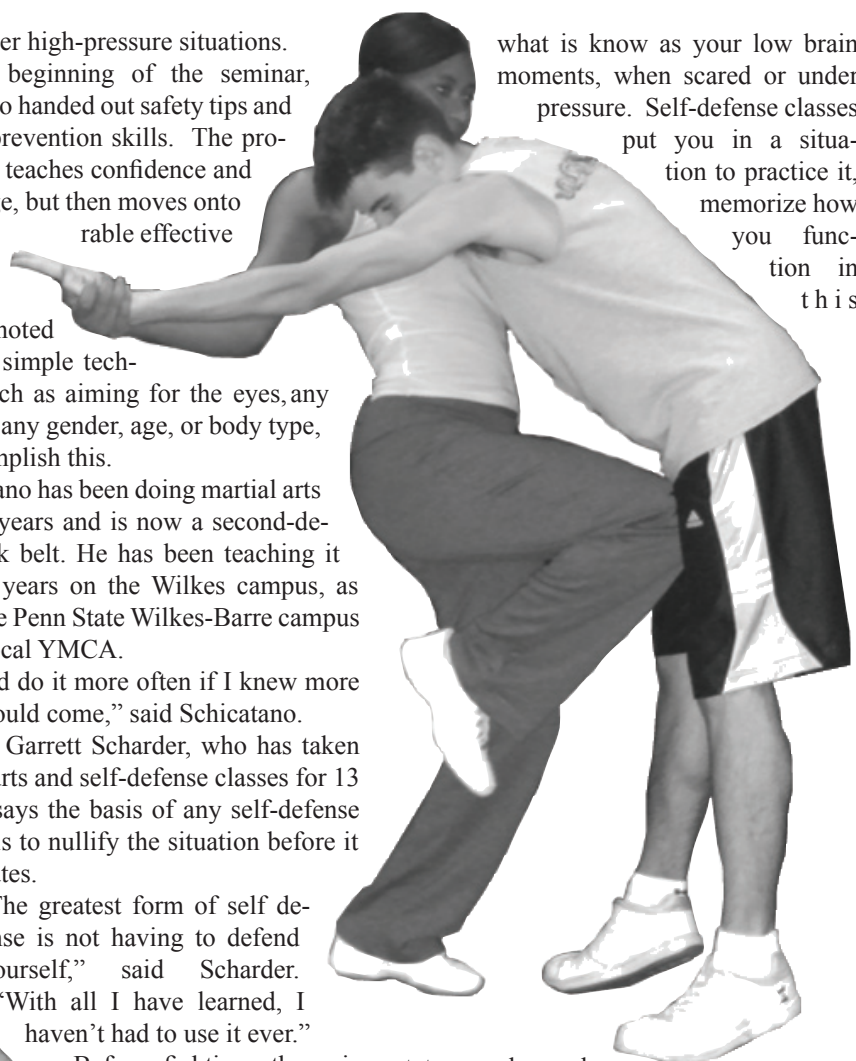
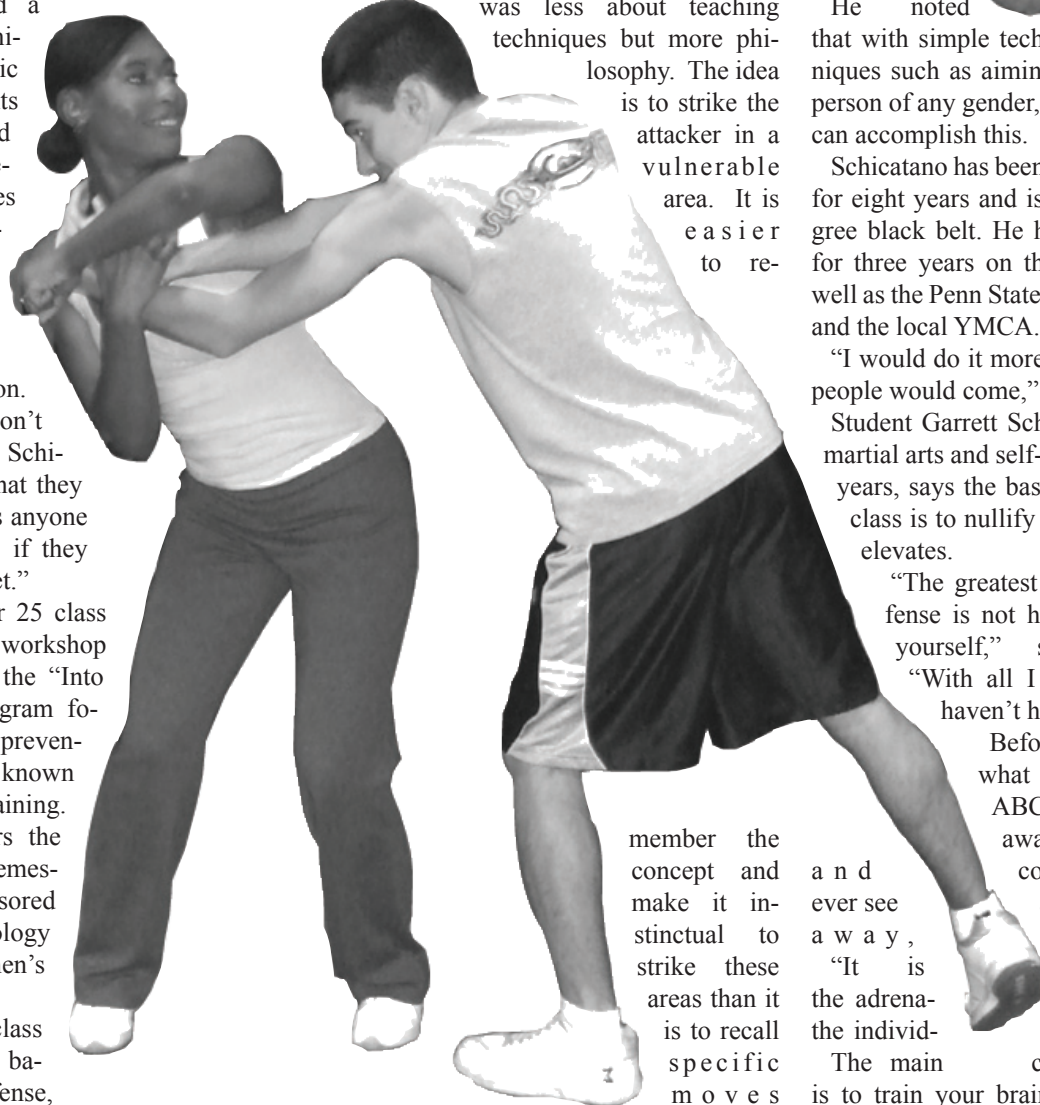
Before fighting, there is what is referred to as the ABC's of self-defense: awareness, boundaries, combat. If students have an opportunity to run, they should take it.

"It is about harnessing the adrenaline and fear within you," said Scharder.

The main concept of self defense is to train your brain how to function in

what is known as your low brain moments, when scared or under pressure. Self-defense classes put you in a situation to practice it.

memorize how you function in this



state, and apply what you were taught.

"People react, they become serious only after a tragedy happens," Schicatanano said. "I wish they would be serious about these things before they occur."

The class also builds confidence with easy but effective, commonsense skills.

"You shouldn't have to be scared to walk somewhere," said Scharder.

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Students of the Week

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education major

David Lewis
English & communications major

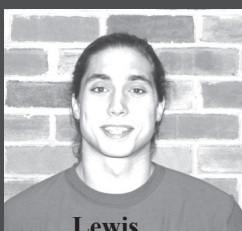
Jason Woloski
biochemistry major

BY LEANN SEARFOSS
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Several Wilkes students competed to become the school's very first mascot-the Colonel. Only three were chosen.

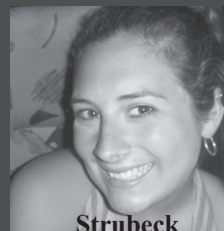
Junior English and communications major David Lewis, junior biochemistry major Jason Woloski, and junior education major Emilee Strubeck are all the new Colonel.

Each worked through tiring auditions to be chosen as the new face of Wilkes University. Because of their active school spirit, The Beacon sat down with each student to ask them some questions as our Students of the Week.



Lewis

The Beacon:



Strubeck

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

Strubeck: enthusi-

astic, compassionate, fun

Lewis: purple, itinerant, love-doctor

Woloski: ambitious, entertaining, and caring

The Beacon: Finish this sentence: My friends would be surprised to know I...

Strubeck: finished a paper on Tuesday when it wasn't due until Thursday.

Lewis: I once saved an elderly woman from certain death.

Woloski: did a toe-touch and cartwheel in my Colonel audition.



Woloski



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Bloomensburg Fair celebrates 154 years of frivolity

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"Just plain fun" for four dollars? It's no wonder the Bloomensburg Fair is celebrating its 154th year.

From a distance the Bloomensburg Fair could be a snapshot of the original

"agricultural" fair it began as in 1855. The illuminated Ferris wheel, candy-striped food stands, and thousands of excited fair-goers conjure images of days gone by.

David Millard, director of arts and crafts and the historic area at the Bloomensburg Fair, has been exceptionally busy this year. He has also served on a board composed of 13 members since 1995. Growing up two doors from the fair entrance, Millard began attending at 10-years old.

"We still maintain our mission. It [the Bloomensburg Fair] is a display venue. Livestock, arts and crafts, flower displays, all those types of things," Millard said.

Bill Laubach, of Mifflinville, PA, has been coming to the fair for 60 years. Though the modern fair offers a lot, he's still a little wistful for a few of the old attractions. "There used to be car races on the midway when I was younger," Laubach said, "I loved that."

The midway car races may have faded out of the Bloomensburg Fair, but the current entertainment leaves no one out. Familiar fair staples such as petting zoos featuring over-sized elk and a live musician singing in an overlapping, intertwining Willie Nelson-Johnny Cash voice attracted many. A 12-act "freak show" and SHAM-WOW demonstration also drew large crowds.



stock and a horse and pony pull.

According to Millard, "Exhibits of needlecraft, paintings, photography, hobby displays, anything you collect you can submit those items for display. In arts and crafts we have around 3,000 items that are displayed by about 1,000 different individuals."

Yet, without a doubt, food is the biggest people pleaser at the Bloomensburg Fair. Diane Snyder from Fernville has worked at Hewlett's sausage stand for

52 years. Her father worked for the original owner when it was just one modest stand. When the owner decided to expand and incorporate another stand Snyder's father had his doubts. Fifty-two years later Hewlett's offers five stands across the length of the fair. Snyder said, "...The people and the atmosphere [make it my favorite]. People even

come here from New Jersey and every year they claim my sausages are why they keep coming back."

Mary Grega of Berwick, PA says of her favorite food, "Have you ever tried Berrigan's hoagies? I will give up, and did give up today, bonus pay for a Berrigan's hoagie." Grega has been a regular at the Bloomensburg Fair for 36 years.

Entrance to the fair was ten cents in 1855 when Franklin Pierce was the fourteenth President of the United States. Now, in its 154th year, the Bloomensburg Fair has succeeded in maintaining its original mission.

At the 230-acre fair the various exhibits include but are not limited to a demolition derby, figure 8 racing, free style motocross, horse racing, tractor and truck pulls, live-

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VPA offers William Inge's Pulitzer winner "Picnic"

BY YOHANNA DE LOS SANTOS M.
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

The play "Picnic" by William Inge came to life on the stage of the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center for the Visual and Performing Arts last week with four performances from September 25-28 and was directed by assistant professor of visual and performing arts Naomi Baker. "Picnic" was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1953 is set in a small Kansas town as community members converge for the annual Labor Day picnic.

The script is an example of early American realism, and was a little controversial for its time because women were less given to leave assured wealth to be with someone who couldn't offer them as much, a social question posed in the plot when a stranger arrives in town just in time to turn the heads of local women at the community outing.

"I think every character in the show finds out something about themselves that they never realized before, and that is always fun to discover," said junior theater major Jessica Lech, who played the character of Millie.

Junior theater major Lou Gerstle added, "It's different because it's realism. [With] most other things you are allowed to detach [and] things are accepted for what they are.

But with ['Picnic'] you are trying to be as representative to true life as possible."

Baker found what she was looking to offer both Wilkes students and audiences in "Picnic." "I was looking for a show that had more women than men. I wasn't looking for a feminist play; it's certainly not a feminist play. It was written by a man, and it definitely does not break any of the social norms as far as a women's plays in society from the 1950s. The second thing is that I was looking for a play in the realistic style so that our students would have the opportunity to work in that style," she said. The fact that the play is a Pulitzer Prize winner was not among the criteria for the selection of the play; however, it affirmed the play's quality and social significance.

Because the play is based in realism, the actors had to learn how to communicate differently in order to catch the attention of the audience, and put extra effort into showing their emotions. "We really... try every year do different styles...so our students learn how to act and create different styles of theater. I like the play a whole lot, which is also important when you chose a play," said Baker.

"I discovered that I have the ability to act in musicals and in straight shows, so it was a big confidence booster," said Lech.

The cast included David J. Pascoe (Hal); Ashley Firestone (Mrs. Potts); Jessica Lech (Millie); John Layton (Bomber); Katrina Zbegner (Madge); MaryCate Morrison (Flo Owens); Greta Kleckner (Rosemary Sidney); Lou Gerstle (Alan Seymour); Tara Contrera (Irma Kronkite); Cassandra Colwell (Christine Schoenwalder); and Casey Thomas (Howard Bevans).

But at Wilkes, learning lines and staging isn't the only responsibility cast members have to produce a show. "They help also to build the set, or make the costumes, to manage props; they all do all of it," said Baker.

The set was designed by Theresa Fallon and offered a very realistic tone to the play. "The scenery was very well done and it enhanced that show," said Hadden Height, NJ resident and audience member Steve Dagrosa.

Royalties are also to be paid, "We pay a certain amount of money per night for the privilege of performing the play, unless we write it ourselves" said Baker.

Students received scripts in the sum-

mer and auditioned for roles as soon as school began this fall. "[Students] had three months to read the play, but about a day, maybe a little longer than a day, to read through the parts of the play that we were going to do for the auditions. The auditions took about three hours... and then I posted my cast list...and we started rehearsals the next day," said Baker. The students had to adjust to an intensive rehearsal schedule of at least three hours a day, five or six days a week for about a total of four weeks.

The second night of the show was better attended than the first, and the audience seemed to enjoy the show. "It was good and it was also funny," said Michael DeStefano, a 19-year old resident of Sullivan County, NY, who was there to see his girlfriend perform.

Some of Baker's previous directorial efforts include: "As you Like It"; "Sweet Charity"; "Bad Boy" (the musical) and next semester she will direct "Pride and Prejudice" at the end of the year. The plays are chosen by Baker, Fallon, and Joe Dawson.



Photo courtesy of Naomi Baker

Sets and costumes for "Picnic" were purposefully designed to offer a sense of realism and reflect a small Knasas town in the 1950's.

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Meet the Author: Kerry Kennedy

Being Catholic Now

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

Beacon Managing Editor

In an ever-changing world where does faith fit in?

Perhaps you are Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or Catholic and have begun to question what it means to be faithful.

Kerry Kennedy, daughter of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, grew up in a devout Irish Catholic household, and her upbringing amidst both church and a high-profile political family later spurred her to consider the issue of faith and its role in modern society. Thus, for her new book, *Being Catholic Now: Prominent Americans Talk about Change in the Church and the Quest for Meaning*, the author spoke with 37 Americans to offer various views on Catholicism today. Some of her interviews include Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, blogger Andrew Sullivan, journalist Cokie Roberts, Cardinal Theodore Edgar and actor Martin Sheen.

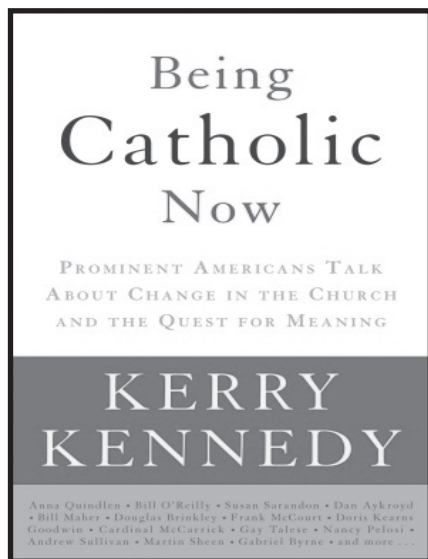


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Kennedy was in Wilkes-Barre this weekend to campaign for Senator Barack Obama, and took a few minutes to discuss her book with *The Beacon*.

"What I found through writing the book and talking to people from a wide range of political perspectives and wide range of perspectives...is that everybody has an argument with the church--everyone," said Kennedy.

Kennedy says that she is proud of her Catholic faith. "I've been blessed to see Catholic activists on the cutting edge of social change in countries across the world...So my sense of justice, my sense of public service, of commitment to economic, social and racial justice, are all part of my Catholic faith."

"On the other hand, all too often I would pick up the newspaper and read about the bishops' failure in the pedophile scandals to hold themselves accountable for their failure to protect innocent children...I was for eight years in a northern Virginia parish where they did not allow girls to be altar servers, and this was very disturbing to me. I found in talking to many of my friends and colleagues that they have

issues with the church's conduct or some of the things that seem to be at odds with their own personal moral compass," she said.

Kennedy said that author Peggy Noonan said it best, "God does not want us to be intellectual slaves." Kennedy added that Jesus Christ even disagreed with the Jewish elders as to what it means to believe in God.

Kennedy noted that one important thing she found during her interviews for her book is how much she laughed.

Kennedy related several of the funniest stories that struck her during the research process for the book. "Nancy Pelosi...said that her mother always wanted her to be a nun, and I said, 'Did you want to be a nun?' She said, 'No I wanted to be a priest, because priests have all the power.' And [actress] Susan Sarandon tells a very funny story of being seven-years-old...her aunt gave her glow-in-the-dark rosary beads, which she did not know were glow-in-the-dark. So when she went to bed that night, she turned off the lights, got under her covers and pulled them out to say the rosary. They start to glow, and she thought, 'Oh my God, I'm going to see visions.'"

Kennedy is also the author of *Speak Truth to Power: Human Rights Defenders Who Are Changing Our World* and established the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights in 1988.

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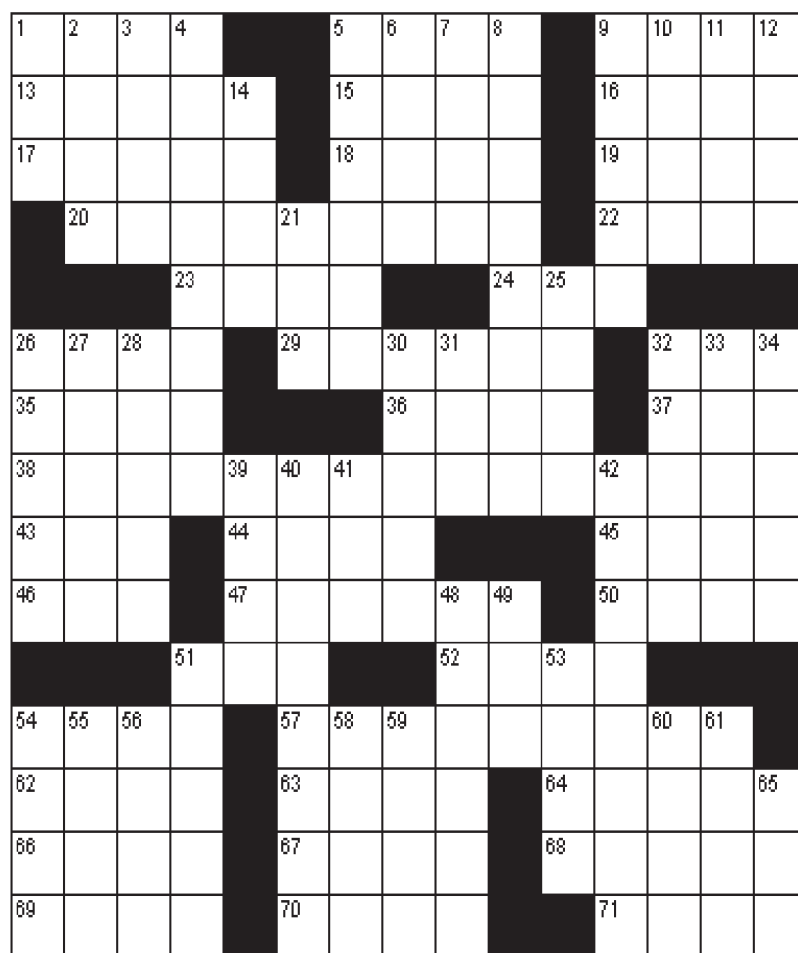
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BY CHRIS KUDRAK AND DEVIN KING

Beacon Correspondents



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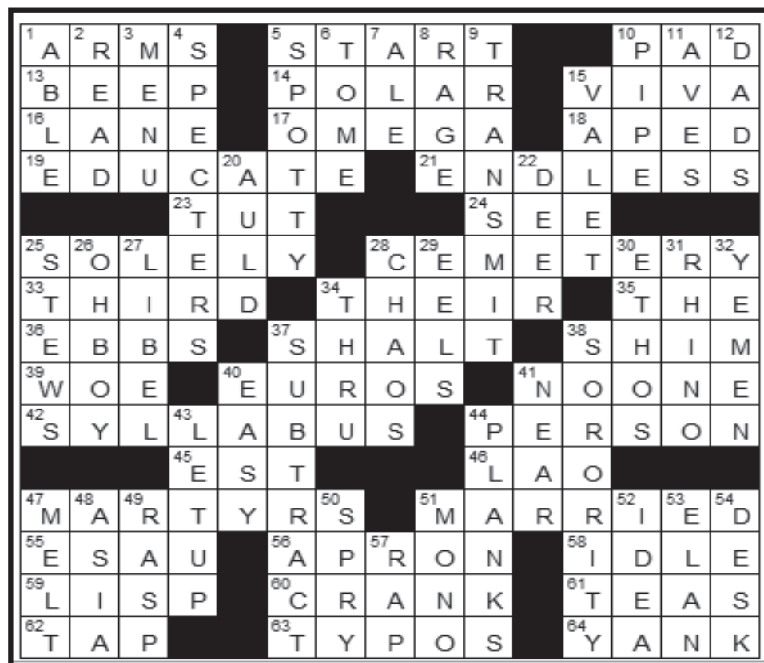
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Answers from last week's puzzle



Wilkes students participate on local rugby team

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA

Beacon Staff Writer

Long before the football that we know today, the game with the colossal, fast athletes jacked out of their mind that bend and bang their bodies in ways that should not be legal, there was rugby. Or as what Wilkes-Barre Scranton's team President Tim Pearage calls it, "The game they play in heaven."

The men that played the sport were just that, men. Running full speed directly at one another just like in football except for one little difference: they didn't wear pads. They ran around helter-skelter roughhousing each other for 80 minutes with no mercy, and then would make friends with them over a few drinks afterwards.

Without knowing the game, the average spectator might liken it to a more organized version of kill the man with the ball than an actual structured sport.

The object is much like that of football; you must cross the other team's goal line to score points. You can also perform a drop-kick (think Doug Flutie for the Patriots) which is when a player drops the ball on the ground and kicks it through the goalposts on the first bounce, for three points.

And that's about where the similarities end.

First off, there are no breaks or injury time-outs; actually there are no timeouts period. If you get hurt, you have one min-

ute to decide whether or not you want play through the pain, or go out and have someone come in for you. It's forty minutes of constant sprinting up, down, and diagonally across the field, much like soccer just carrying a ball.

Each team has 15 players which consists of 8 forwards (they do all the dirty work and try to gain possession of the ball), six backs and one halfback, who is the middle man. His job is to get the ball from the forwards to the backs and let them earn their lunch money.

Getting the ball downfield is a little bit unusual compared to what casual football fans are used to. One way is to continually kick the ball downfield and try falling on it to get better position. A little unorthodox but that's what the game is. The more conventional way is to repeatedly toss the ball either laterally or backwards to a teammate all the way down the field and keep running around to try and avoid being tackled until you score.

It sort of looks like the infamous California-Stanford play. The one where the band stormed the field causing a ruckus that allowed California to score the game-winning touchdown? That's much of what this is, without the tuba player. It's a constant barrage of laterals and tosses with players scrambling all over the field trying to score. It's chaos, but it's beautiful chaos.

In a nutshell, that's Rugby. There are also different formations for after you score.



Photo Courtesy of Matthew Crouse

The rugby team battles on the field during a previous game. Wilkes University students play for the local Scranton Wilkes-Barre Breakers.

The Wilkes-Barre area has planted its seed in the sport with a team of their own, the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Breakers. The team has been dominating the field and upheld a strong tradition for 35 years, participating in the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union, where they play teams from Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Bethlehem to name a few. They have also traveled to places such as New Orleans, Florida, Savannah, Georgia, and Toronto.

Some Wilkes students are active members of the team. One of these is Pharmacy P4 student Matthew Crouse. Crouse has been playing for the Breakers for four years.

"I was looking for something to stay competitive and active while in school," Crouse said. "A friend of mine was playing and got me to go to practice and I immediately knew it was something I was going to like."

Being a Pharmacy P4 student, Crouse doesn't have a whole bunch of time to mess around, so only having practice twice a week really helps out.

"It's a little difficult because I'm on my clerkship rotations so I drive up once a week and then drive back down to my rotation site that night," Crouse said.

You would think it might take a toll,

but Crouse believes it's worth it because he "loves playing the game."

But flying around the field looking to take somebody's head off is not all the game is about. As Crouse says, the best part is "going to the after party at their sponsor's Riverside Cafe. We get together and hang out with our teammates and have a drink with the team we were trying to crush earlier." That's probably not something you would hear after a football game.

This weekend, the team was off to a 1-1 start, and continuing to improve. For the rest of the season, Pearage had this to offer, "Our team will finish either first or second this year in our division. The last time we finished first was in '95 and '96."

Confidence is key, as well as numbers. The team is always looking for students who want to get involved in the game and learn how to play some rugby. No experience whatsoever is needed so if you're interested, the time to come watch is definitely this Saturday, October 4. The team is celebrating its 35th Anniversary and players from the past are all coming in to play a "friendly" match.

New players are always welcome, and just think of it this way: Rugby is a sport in which players can physically hit somebody; it's perfectly legal.



Photo Courtesy of Matthew Crouse

The Scranton Wilkes-Barre Breakers line up for a team shot. The team practices in Kirby Park behind the pavillion.

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-ing Newport's three yard line, Harry Reese punched in Wilkes' second touchdown on a rush which gave the Colonels a comfortable 17-3 lead.

The Captains responded with an effective two minute drill. Running back Tunde Ogun capped off a 95-yard drive with a rushing touchdown making the score 17-10.

Both teams opened the second half with three-and-out drives. On Newport's second drive, Wilkes was called for roughing the passer after forcing the Captains to punt. The penalty gave Newport a fresh set of downs. Moments later, Ogun fumbled in the endzone but saw the ball recovered by Newport's Mario Barnes for a touchdown. Quarterback Matt Long ran around the right side of the Newport offensive line after a fake field goal and dove over the pylon for a successful two-point conversion. The score capped off an impressive drive that consumed eight minutes of clock.

Wilkes' next possession was perhaps the most pivotal of the game. Johnson completed a 40-yard touchdown pass that was called back on an offensive interference penalty. The Colonels were penalized 15 yards, and both their drive and great scoring



The Beacon / Gino Troiani

Jamar Beverly breaks a tackle for the Colonels in the third quarter. Wilkes opens MAC play next weekend in their homecoming match against Lebanon Valley.

chance were over. The drive ended in a punt as the game entered the fourth quarter.

After a series of failed drives from both sides, the Colonels had possession with about seven minutes remaining. The offense began to roll off a couple solid runs by Reese. Wilkes would drive 67 yards over

five and a half minutes, resulting in a dramatic field goal from Chris Horn that gave the Colonels a 20-18 edge with under two minutes remaining.

When asked what was going through his head while leading the Colonels on their last drive of the game, quarterback Rob Johnson

responded that he "tried to handle the ball intelligently. The important thing in that situation is to not panic."

Newport showed no signs of panic as they responded with what would turn out to be the game winning field goal. Ogun and Long directed a drive that would stretch 42 yards and last a little over a minute, and Jay Graham connected on his 31 yard attempt with ten seconds remaining.

The Colonels were unable to score with such little time remaining, and ended up losing 21-20. Newport and Wilkes both had over 350 total yards of offense, with Newport rushing for 240 and Wilkes passing for 263.

When asked how their tough non-conference schedule has prepared them for MAC conference play beginning next weekend, the coach responded that they were "very well prepared." He continued, saying that "We're very close to being very good [...]. Our team has shown great character, but we need to learn how to close out some games."

The Colonels' next game is this Saturday, October 4, 2008 for their homecoming match against Lebanon Valley College.

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Wright's goal would prove to be all Wilkes would need to defeat DeSales; however Koncelik scored her ninth goal of season with under a minute left in the game. Davenport stopped all three shots she faced to record the team's sixth shutout of the season. Davenport has started for the Lady Colonels in all six shutouts.

The Lady Colonels have shut out six of their nine opponents. Team defense has been clicking on all cylinders this year with Saturday being no exception.

"The defense played really well together [Saturday]. Kerry Battersby had an amazing game, she stopped a lot of dangerous offensive breakaways in the center of the field. DeSales had a few scoring opportunities that were all denied by Lindsay Davenport, she has been playing really well in the cage. I am really happy with the way our defense has been playing," Myers said.

Despite a perfect record thus far, Myers explained number in the win column is not the most important aspect of the season.

"I am very happy with our team's record; however, it is not our focus. We need to take every day and work to prepare for our next opponent. Every game is crucial, every practice is important. We need to focus on what we need to change to get better for the next game. We still have a lot of work to do," Myers explained.

Koncelik's offensive presence has been

one of the key factors to the Lady Colonels success this season. Four of her goals have proven to be the game winning and Koncelik's nine goals ties her combined total from her first three years of play with the team.

"In every game this year Alyssa [Koncelik] has been a key component to our scoring opportunities. She has very good ball control and is smart in the circle. She has worked hard to improve her elimination skills and it really shows in her play," Myers said.

Koncelik attributes her success to the skill of her teammates.

"Even though I am credited with the goal, it is often the result of a pass from one of my teammates. We all work well together and just want to score, no matter who it is," Koncelik explained.

The Lady Colonels historic record will be challenged again this week hosting Freedom Conference opponent FDU-Florham Thursday October 2 at 4:00p.m. For Homecoming Weekend on Saturday October 4, the team could face their toughest challenge yet, hosting the 8-1 Elizabethtown College Blue Jays, who are ranked 15th in the region. Their only loss was to King's College.

"To beat teams like FDU and Elizabethtown we need everyone to give 100% for 70 minutes. We need to focus on support around the ball and quick shots in the circle," Myers said. "This is something we are going to stress in practice everyday."

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Pens have a competitor in Sheahan

Defenseman looking to stick with Penguins

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI

Beacon Staff Writer

When Penguins' defenseman Brock Sheahan finished his college career at the University of Notre Dame, he signed a try-out contract with the Albany River Rats.

"I went to Albany just to get experience. It was an opportunity to maybe get some ice time and maybe play," he said.

Although he didn't see any game action, he still got the experience.

Sheahan joined the River Rats in the middle of their first-round playoff series against the Philadelphia Phantoms. In game five, Sheahan's second with the team, he witnessed the longest game in American Hockey League history.

"That was a crazy game to watch," Sheahan said. "It was actually starting to get a little boring there in the fourth or fifth overtime, just hoping someone would score."

Ryan Potulny of the Phantoms was that someone, scoring at the 2:58 mark of quintuple overtime, giving his team a 3-2 vic-

tory. Philadelphia would go on to eliminate the River Rats in seven games, ending Sheahan's tenure in Albany.

Sheahan signed an AHL contract with the Penguins in August and finds himself in a very much open battle for a roster spot on Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's blueline. Injuries to defensemen Ryan Whitney and Sergei Gonchar in Pittsburgh have opened up roster spots in Wilkes-Barre. Players who might have been sent to the AHL if the Gonchar and Whitney weren't injured, like Alex Goligoski, are still in Pittsburgh.

"Reid Cashman, Brock Sheahan, and Elgin Reid all have a greater opportunity because two guys have gone down in our organization," said head coach Dan Bylsma, who also added that Sheahan has shown him a lot in training camp. "[Sheahan] reads the rush well ... he's also shown a competitive level that I really like seeing. College kids, junior kids coming to the next level there's always a question mark. What's going to be their puck toughness? What's going to be

their battle level? He battled tonight hard. He was in the mix in puck battles... he was standing up for his goalie, pushing guys out of there."

Sheahan said that part of his game is to "do everything possible on the ice to help the team win hockey games." So far, he's shown that he can play in all situations. Sheahan appeared in both games against the Binghamton Senators this past weekend, spending time on the penalty kill and power play. On Saturday night, he made a perfect pass to set up Dustin Jeffrey's game-winning goal.

Sheahan knows that the transition from college hockey to the pros is not an easy one, but he wants to stick in the American Hockey League. To do so, he is willing to listen to the advice offered to him by Bylsma and assistant coach Todd Reirden.

"I just have to show that I can learn quickly, adapt from the college game to this level, take in everything the coaching staff says," Sheahan explained.



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Sheahan practices during training camp on Tuesday, September 23.

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Women's Soccer Recap

Lady Colonels win MAC opener

BY CARLTON HOLMES
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

The Lady Colonels opened Freedom conference play with a huge 2-0 shutout over MAC defending champions, the Manhattanville Lady Valiants on September

The win moves the Lady Colonels record to 4-5-1 and the Lady Valiants dropped to 3-7.

"I think (Saturday's) game was a huge confidence booster because of the fact it was our first conference game; especially for the freshman, the win gives them hope for the rest of the season," said junior Ashley Deemie.

Of the 15 players who took the field for the Lady Colonels, six were freshman and all got valuable playing time.

Besides the young players and the solid defense that held the Lady Valiants to just

three unsuccessful goal attempts, Sophomore Taryn Hallowell is the true headline of the game.

Hallowell scored, in less than two minutes, back-to-back goals late in the first half. With 34:51 remaining, she scored off an assist from freshman teammate Allyssa Kelley. After splitting the defense at the 36:07 mark, sophomore Alison Weidman hooked up with Hallowell for another goal to give the Lady Colonels a 2-0 lead entering the half.

"Manhattanville is a good team and I thought in the first half, we were able to get behind them for scoring opportunities," said seventh year head coach John Sumoski. "I think we out-matched them speed wise and tired out there defensive backs in the first half. And our defenders played well."

Saturday's win erases a brutal four-game stretch for the Lady Colonels where the team lost three and ended regulation in a tie with Lebanon Valley on Tuesday September 16.

Sumoski stated that the time spent in practice this week will be devoted to fixing things the Colonels have done wrong previously so they can return to the .500 mark.

The Lady Colonels return to Ralston Field tomorrow to face Susquehanna at 4:30 pm.



The Beacon/ Gino Trolani

Members of the Women's Soccer team congratulate Number 2 Taryn Hallowell after she scored two goals under two minutes apart.

Men's Soccer Recap

BY ALISSA LINDNER
BeaconSports Editor

The following is a recap of Wilkes men's soccer from the past week. The team was in action twice this week taking on Baptist Bible on Thursday, September 25 and then hosting Manhattanville on Sunday, September 28.

The Colonels dominated Baptist Bible as five different players scored and senior TJ Baloga made three saves as the team defeated the Defenders 5-0.

Junior Bret Osswald opened the scoring for Wilkes just over nine minutes into the game. Junior Arthur Jankowski was credited with an assist on Osswald's goal. Sophomore Rusty Helwig scored Wilkes' second goal and sophomore Ryan Phillips scored the next just under 60 minutes into

the game. Freshman Sean Lucey posted an assist on Phillips goal before scoring the fourth goal for the Colonels. Freshman Ed Zulkoski assisted on Lucey's goal and freshman Matt LaRocca rounded out the scoring for Wilkes, scoring with just under six minutes left in the game.

The Colonels then took on Manhattanville in the rain on Sunday afternoon. The first goal of the day was scored by junior Sean Vona on a penalty kick. Helwig scored his second goal of the week and junior Greg Miller finished off the scoring for Wilkes.

The Colonels will be in action this week visiting Susquehanna University on Wednesday October 1 and then hosting Delaware Valley for Homecoming on Saturday October 4 at 11:00a.m.



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Number 17 Patrick McDonald chases after the ball during Sunday's game against Manhattanville. The Colonels won the game 3-0.

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Football loses heartbreaker to Christopher Newport

21-20 home loss drops non-conference record to 0-3 on the season

BY DANIEL KAUTZ
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

The Wilkes University football team lost a heartbreaker to Christopher Newport at Ralston Field on Saturday, September 27, falling 21-20 in its home opener.

The loss dropped Wilkes' record to 0-3 in non-conference play. The mark is a poor indicator of their performance, according to Coach Frank Sheptock.

"We scheduled high-caliber teams to face this year, and in two of the three matches we were leading in the fourth quarter. Our level of play has been high," Sheptock said, "but not high enough to overcome some foolish penalties."

The Colonels elected to receive after winning the coin toss, setting up their first drive that ended in a three-and-out. Newport followed suit, handing Wilkes the ball after their opening drive resulted in a three-

and-out as well. Wilkes' second possession started well until later in the drive, when Johnson hit wide receiver Jason Prushinski for six yards before Newport's defensive back Ryan Wever forced a fumble on a hard

completion, a move which helped to energize their offense. The Captains would rush for 19 additional yards and opt for a field goal after the Wilkes defense stopped them on third and goal.

On their first play, Johnson hit Prushinski with a screen pass for a 64-yard touchdown down the left sideline that brought the Wilkes crowd to life. After stopping Newport's next drive, the Colonels tacked on three

more points on a Chris Horn field goal from 42 yards out.

Newport began a lengthy drive that would run over five minutes off the clock at the start of the second quarter. Using several different runners out of the backfield, the Captains rushed for 43 yards before a 12 yard sack by Harrison caused the drive to stall.

Newport attempted a 38 yard field goal but missed wide left, keeping the score 10-3.

The Colonels would respond on their next drive, with Johnson passing for 72 yards to multiple receivers. After reach-

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Wilkes fans couldn't believe the scoreboard at the end of Saturday's game, which the Colonels lost on a last minute field goal to visiting Christopher Newport.

tackle. Wever recovered the ball a moment later, effectively ending the Colonels drive.

On third and 13 on their own 33 yard line, Newport quarterback Matt Long found Tony Spradlin downfield for a 49-yard

Wilkes wasted no time in responding after Newport took the lead by the score of 3-0. Darrius Harrison returned Newport's kick-off 24 yards to Wilkes' 36 yard line, giving the Colonels decent opening field position.

Field hockey's historic streak continues

Women storm Scranton and DeSales to improve to 9-0

BY ALISSA LINDNER
Beacon Sports Editor

The Lady Colonels field hockey team improved its perfect record over the past week as the women defeated the University of Scranton in overtime on Thursday, September 25, and then posted their first conference win of the season Saturday, September 27, while visiting DeSales University. The Lady Colonels have extended the best streak in the history of the program to nine games.

Senior forward Alyssa Koncelik has maintained a strong offensive presence. In six straight games, she has totaled eight goals including the game-winning goal in

overtime against Scranton.

The Lady Colonels' first game of the week proved to be another battle until the end. At the end of regulation, the game was tied at zero. Although their first two games of the season went into overtime, the Lady Colonels had failed to score in the sudden death periods and instead played 100 minutes before winning both games by penalty strokes.

This time it took the Lady Colonels one minute and 16 seconds into sudden death to secure the win.

Koncelik scored after receiving a cross pass from junior midfielder Brittney Sines. That goal would be Koncelik's eighth goal of the season.

Wilkes almost doubled the number of penalty corners from Scranton 14-8 including the one in overtime in which Koncelik's goal and dominated the Royals in shots 12-5.

Freshman goalkeeper remained strong in net for the Lady Colonels, posting four saves. Kristina Goetz posted seven saves for the Royals.

Despite the win in Scranton, head coach Sara Myers believes the team could have performed better had they played more as a unit.

"In our game against Scranton we needed to play more together, individually we did some nice things but in order to beat a strong team we need to connect more and support

each other better," Myers explained.

Freedom Conference play for the Lady Colonels opened on Saturday, September 27, as the team traveled to DeSales University in Center Valley, PA.

The game would remain scoreless through the first period. Davenport posted two saves for Wilkes in the first period while the Lady Colonel offense took four shots.

Senior midfielder Diana Wright ended the drought of goals in regulation when she scored a goal just over seven minutes into the second half. Sines and junior defender Amanda Tilley were credited with assists on the goal.

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What to see and do this week...

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| <p>30</p> <p>Donate blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. in the ballroom of the Student Union Building.</p> | <p>1</p> <p>Go watch guest speaker Martin Eberhard at the Dorothy Dixon Dart Center at 7:30p.m. Eberhard is the co-founder and CEO of Tesla Motors and is this year's Kirby Lecturer.</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Tune into the Vice Presidential Debate from Washington University. Check your local listings for times and channels.</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Enjoy the musical "Chicago" at the Kirby Center on Public Square. The show starts at 8:00p.m. and tickets range from \$26.50 to \$54.00.</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Attend the Homecoming Games! Men's soccer starts at 11:00 a.m. and field hockey follows at 12:00 p.m. Football kicks off at 1:00 p.m. and Women's Soccer starts at 2:30 p.m.</p> |
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