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Two accused of furnishing alcohol to minors *Senior class president and roommate to face charges*

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon News Editor

According to a Wilkes-Barre police report, on Friday, September 7, Kevin J. Homa and Blaine P. Madara Jr. were accused of holding a party at their off campus apartment at 110 West Ross Street, where they allegedly charged \$5 per person in attendance, and served alcohol to underage students.

A representative of the underage drinking deterrence patrol said that many of the people attending were under the age of 21, the legal drinking age in Pennsylvania.

Madara is Student Government (SG) senior class president. "There was a situation," he acknowledged, "And when we asked what we were being cited for, they wouldn't tell us."

Madara also commented on an article that appeared the next day in a local newspaper, "That article is not 100% accurate," he said.

Homa, also a senior, said he did not want to comment any further on the situation.

There is no word yet if there will be any action taken against Madara in SG or if he will retain his seat.

Matt Brown, SG President commented, "As everyone knows, the president does not have a vote on these matters. I do believe Blaine is an incredible SG member, whose positive actions far outweigh his negatives, and that includes this past weekend's incident."

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110 W. Ross St. was the scene of a party where underaged students were charged \$5 for admission. Several Wilkes students were cited.

Freshmen among 38 cited at Ross St. party

BY NICOLE FRAIL
Beacon Asst. News Editor

The Wilkes-Barre Police Department's Underage Drinking Deterrence Patrol broke up a party at 110 West Ross Street, Friday, September 7. Alcohol was indeed present at the party and of the 38 students cited for underage drinking that night, the majority of the group were Wilkes students.

Michelle Taylor, a freshmen nursing student, was at the party. "My original plan for that night was to just stay in someone's room and play Guitar Hero, but then we decided to go out. When we were going to the party I figured I'd stay for a little while then head back to my building. I also figured it was a good way to meet people," she explained.

As the night went on, the number of people in attendance grew as well as did the noise level. When the police showed up around 11:00 p.m., Taylor was startled.

"To be honest, I didn't even realize how many

people were there because there were so many different rooms that I didn't even know where they were..." she said. "When I realized what was happening it was too late for me to try and get out. The police came in and it immediately got quiet."

Freshman Alyssa Andruscavage and roommate Elaine Gennaria admitted to also being taken by surprise.

"Well I didn't know what was actually going on until I got shoved into a bedroom when I was waiting in line to use the bathroom," Andruscavage, who is majoring in elementary education, said. Though she and Gennaria were caught off guard, neither of them were worried about getting into trouble. Both thought that they would be fine since neither of them claimed to have been drinking even though Andruscavage estimated that 85-90% of the people at the party were consuming alcohol.

According to both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania law and Wilkes University reg-

ulations, just being at the party is enough for Gennaria, Andruscavage, and Taylor to receive citations from the city of Wilkes-Barre.

"What upsets me the most about what happened was that I got in trouble not because I was or wasn't drinking, but because I was there. I think the whole guilty by association law is unfair," Taylor said. Gennaria and Andruscavage agreed.

"All you have to do is be accessible to the alcohol and you can be charged with what is called constructive possession," Gerald Rebo, Manager of Public Safety stressed.

"If you're in an uncontrolled environment where alcohol is being furnished to minors or is made available to minors, you can be cited," Chris Bailey, Director of Campus Support Services said. "Individually they may have not been doing anything wrong by being at the party, but they are still guilty by association..."

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Capital projects team leads effort to enhance campus

BY CANDICE HALLIDAY

Beacon Staff Writer

The walls in some classrooms are much brighter and the grass is a little greener thanks to the efforts of the capital projects team this summer.

While many were on vacation, the capital projects team, which consists of Wilkes facilities managers and specialist, was working hard to complete various projects on campus.

The first and most difficult project was the renovation of Chesapeake and Delaware halls.

These two buildings that used to look old, rickety, and out of place now stand as two of Wilkes' most beautiful dormitories. Paul Kaspriskie, capital projects team manager, explained several of the changes that took place in these buildings. He said, "It was gutted from the inside out." This project involved adding a three story addition, which increased the building's occupancy level from 45 to 65.

In addition, capital projects team members reconstructed all of the buildings' electrical and plumbing systems. New carpets, windows, and furniture were also installed. Students can also enjoy the comfort of new heating and air conditioning systems.

"The scope of the project was starting from scratch. Although it ate up a lot of time, it was needed and is something the University can be proud of," said Kapriskie.

In addition to Chesapeake and Delaware, another project that took place this summer was the update and repair of Stark Learning Center. Kaspriskie explained, "The building got run down and with the anticipation of a new science building it is important to maintain what we have." The team performed repairs to the exterior of the building including painting and sealing windows.

Renovations also took place on the inside of the building. The lobby area was refurbished with couches and a new public computer station and all of the hallways and stairwells were painted. The

team opted for a brighter white as opposed to the traditional off white in attempt to liven things up. Tile flooring was placed in some of the chemistry and biology classrooms. Four heavily used doors near the elevator in Stark were also replaced.

In addition to several cosmetic repairs, the campus also underwent a series of technological updates. Kaspriskie explained that 18 classrooms received new IT equipment. These took place in buildings throughout campus including Stark, Breiseth, Capin, Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, Kirby, and the Marts Center -- all of which offer 'smart classrooms' with enhanced technological capability. These classrooms also received new audio visual equipment.

The University Towers also underwent renovations this summer. The report explained that internet wiring was replaced along with new cabling to make the elevators more reliable.

In addition to University Towers the McCole House, a home owned by the university on South River Street, also received upgrades. Jack Chielli, Executive Director of Marketing Communications, explained in a written report that updates were made to the home in preparation of the new Provost moving to campus. Chielli explained, "This facility needed repairs just like any home and it is important to stay on top of these types of routine maintenance issues." The Provost's family now lives in the McCole house.

Another more noticeable change that was made on campus was the renovation of the old bookstore area on the first floor of Henry Student Center into a new student lounge. Student leadership director, Philip Ruthkosky, explained the project, "The middle wall was knocked down so there can be a larger area for students to socialize. We are hoping to have a place where students can meet for projects and other social activities. We are working on ordering combi-

nations of different chairs and tables." He added that the furniture should be in within the next few weeks.

The greenway expansion project also took root this summer. Chielli's report explained that capital projects team members planted new flower beds and shrubs and also made a significant upgrade to the sprinkler system.

"Wilkes is moving to a more environmentally friendly campus and we are trying to grow native plant species that will provide food for birds and other animals while at the same time use less pesticides," wrote Chielli. "Overall this area will be a place where the Wilkes community will be able to go and spend some quiet, contemplative time."

Unlike the internal changes that took place at Wilkes this past summer, the greenway expansion project is something that is more physically noticeable. Junior Wilkes student James Winterbottom noted, "These changes were immediately present. I think it has beautified the campus. Since I started here last spring, I have noticed a lot of what had been started was finished this summer."

Kaspriskie said a few upcoming projects include the installation of a new fire alarm system and generator in the University Towers along with a fire protection sprinkler system.

He also mentioned renovations to the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. Upgrades to the theater will include a new sound system and seating as well as making it handicapped accessible. He explained, "This is a well needed upgrade. The building hasn't been touched since 30 some years ago." He said theater department faculty and staff are already picking out fabrics.

Kaspriskie said, "The best thing to come out of it, is not only our people, but the public will see that Wilkes is at a higher level in the community. They can say, 'Hey this is a great place.'"



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Chesapeake and Delaware stands in the background of the structure outside of Evans Hall.

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New faces in President's cabinet offer individual expertise to team

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Beacon Correspondents

Wilkes recently welcomed four professionals with diverse backgrounds to fill voids in key administrative positions in the President's cabinet.

Dr. C. Reynold Verret, Provost; Petra Carver, Vice President for Finance and Support Operations; Maggie Lund, Vice President for Human Resources; and Dr. Maria Suarez, Special Assistant to the President for Multicultural and Community Affairs stepped into their respective positions this summer, and have spent the early part of the fall getting to know students, faculty, and staff.

"They are a consummate group of fantastic professionals, who are on top of that extraordinary individuals. They each brought to Wilkes tremendous intellect, experience, and insight into how we can make this yet a better institution," said Michael Frantz, Vice President for Enrollment Services.

But what students might not know is how these four came to the University, their goals and views of the student body.

Verret, Wilkes University's Provost, comes to Wilkes from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia where he served as Dean and Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the Misher College of Arts and Sciences since 2002. Coming from a school with a known reputation for success roused the obvious question of "Why Wilkes?"

"I think what attracted me was essentially the ability to help shape the logic programs at Wilkes," explained Verret. "Wilkes University is about to take another major step and to be involved in [its] shaping is very important to me."

This shaping process may have something to do with Verret's goal of national recognition for Wilkes as an academic leader in the northeast area. "It's an important goal to be known in the northeast as a very excellent university; a place or destination that you would want to send your son or daughter," an emphatic Verret noted.

As Verret assumes his post as Provost,

several ambitious plans are already underway. Discussions and investigation into the viability of a Wilkes law school continue, plans for a new health sciences building are emerging, and ongoing development of the graduate programs at Wilkes will be just a few of the challenges to keep Verret focused in the coming academic year.

Maggie Lund, new Vice President for Human Resources and Organizational Development, previously

worked for Mercy Health Partners for the Human Resources office for three different hospitals. Lund joined the Wilkes family because of her love of education and the energy that exists within the educational settings. She believes that Wil-

kes has a "welcoming, friendly atmosphere with plenty of things going on."

Her position as Vice President allows her to "provide the best for staff and faculty," which also plays a role for students. The Human Resources area manages all employment policy and training in areas such as sexual harassment.

Lund noted that the Wilkes University community members she'd met and had conversations with since her arrival were "bright, educated" people.

Petra Carver, Vice President

for Finance and Support Operations, is also new to the University. Her previous position was Vice President for Finance and Administration for Northland College in northern Wisconsin, a small private liberal arts college with specific focus on environment.

Her passion for her position was clear when she described why she chose to interview for the position at Wilkes. "What stuck out to me about Wilkes is its unique location, position and size," said Carver. "I found it very attractive to be located in the middle of Wilkes-Barre, because that lends itself to very close community relationships and partner-

ships." While Carver has spent the bulk of her professional life in the United States, she is a native of Essen, Germany.

Carver's role oversees all financial and budgetary components of the university and manages all support services including Information Technology, Public Safety and Facilities, and the Campus Master Plan. Carver's expertise and passion for environmental protection will likely aid in a number of initiatives including the development of environmentally friendly practices and recycling across campus.

Carver stressed that she wants to hear the opinions of students.

"They [the students] are intelligent and very engaged," said Carver. "I find it extremely important to get student perspectives and input to see how we can improve the learning experience, how we can improve our services and just provide better opportunities and services to the student body."

Dr. Maria Suarez, Special Assistant to the President for Multicultural and Community Affairs, fills a new position on the cabinet. Suarez

previously held the title of Dean of Math and Science at Gloucester County Community College. She switched career paths in order to pursue what she was passionate about: diversity and cultural climate in communities. Despite her academic grounding in the sciences, Suarez has previously led a variety of diversity initiatives and projects at Rutgers University and Gloucester that made her a logical choice for the new role at Wilkes.

Bilingual in both Spanish and English, Suarez notes one of her key goals is to "work towards inclusiveness and empowerment of people and their heritage." Among other initiatives, she plans to program a variety of celebrations in heritage and bring people together to learn from different cultures and to

grow from their experiences.

Suarez encourages students, faculty and staff to use her as a resource for any concerns regarding the Wilkes University climate and openness to diversity, or with ideas to make improvements with cultural diversity. Furthermore, she noted,

"It's a celebration of all heritages," and she highly recommends students or faculty from all backgrounds to bring ideas for diversity programs and to also participate in those programs.

Dr. Paul S. Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs, echoed Frantz's excitement about the summer's additions to the President's cabinet. "I'm delighted with

their enthusiasm, their immediate dedication to Wilkes, and looking very forward to the new ideas that they'll bring to the University, and I can only see them strengthening what I think is an already very forward looking University."

President Tim Gilmour also communicated enthusiasm. "Each [of the four new cabinet members] also brings significant professional experience from their previous roles and thus were able to begin leading their units from the time they arrived here. I truly look forward to working with each of them in the years ahead," said Gilmour.

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Maggie Lund



Dr. Maria Suarez



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“I do believe that Blaine has a great deal to offer this organization and the majority of the students do look up to him and respect him despite this...” Brown added, “From my personal experience working with [Madara], he puts a great deal of his own effort and his own time into everything he does for the organization and the organization benefits from his actions so much that it would be a shame to lose him.”

In this case, the two hosts of the party allegedly charged \$5 for admission which could constitute selling alcohol. Chris Bailey, Direc-

tor of Campus Support Services, said that furnishing alcohol to minors is a more serious charge than underage drinking, but added, that charging for alcohol at parties without a liquor license compounds the trouble for students. “You have to have a liquor license and you actually have to charge special taxes and pay special taxes for that liquor license. It’s a criminal offense and it’s a criminal offense from the tax code standpoint.”

Barbara King, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, said that in a situation where a student serves alcohol to an underage person, it is usually handled on an individual basis. She also added “In a case like that it usu-

ally calls for a disciplinary hearing.

“The Student Affairs cabinet is the first disciplinary board. Student Affairs cabinet is...made up of staff members, but it is also made up of kind of a jury of your peers... Now if the student then goes through that process [and] the student is found not guilty fine. If the student is found guilty of whatever it happens to be, everybody has the right of appeal. And this is true in this case with the sanctions that will go out for this particular incident,” King said.

Gerald Rebo, Manager of Public Safety at Wilkes University, said, “That incident that happened Friday night, the officer stumbled upon it...As I tell students, if you are going

to have a party, we can’t stop you from drinking. We can tell you the pitfalls of drinking but [if] there’s 40 - 50 people at a party, it’s going to draw attention. And that’s exactly what happened. People were outside yelling and screaming. The [undercover officer saw] that, called the other officers up, knocked at the door, went in. That’s history.”

Homa and Madara are said to be charged in District Court 11-1-01 for selling or furnishing liquor or malt or brewed beverages to minors according to the Wilkes-Barre Police Department.

PARTY

from FRONT PAGE

On top of the citations students who were at the party will receive in the mail from the city, Wilkes will also give out its own sanctions.

“The first time offender has to do an AlcoholEdu, which is different from the one everyone has to take. [They will receive a] \$150 fine payable at UCOM, a letter [will be] sent home to their parents, and [the student] is put on disciplinary probation for the remainder of the semester,” Barbara King, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, said.

“The laws of the University are clearly spelled out in the handbook,” she added. The student handbook is available online for all students.

Though many of the students who met with King last Thursday, September 13, confessed to being guilty, some are also pleading innocent. Those who are pleading not guilty will not be sanctioned by Wilkes until they meet with the magistrate who will then decide if they are indeed innocent. If then found guilty, students will face the same sanctions as the others.

Taylor, Andruscavage, and Gennaria are all pleading not guilty.

“The most aggravating thing is there is a chance that I will get charged with the same thing that a person who was completely drunk next to me will get. I know it’s the law, but it just seems completely unfair,” Gennaria, a nursing major, said.

Since the night of the party, each of the fresh-

men have had time to think about the incident and have come away from the situation with new perspectives about partying in college and drinking underage.

Taylor recognized the seriousness of the charges and regrets what happened. “I should have left the party, or better yet, I shouldn’t have even gone. I can’t change what happened though. I don’t plan on going out to anymore college parties for a very long time... I have way too much to lose and I’m not losing anything over something stupid like this.”

Andruscavage also plans on avoiding any parties she may hear about in the near future. “I don’t plan to go out anytime soon, just to keep myself away from any situation. And when I eventually do go out I will be very cautious of where I am, how many people are there and if there is alcohol,” she said.

“If I could go back, I would have left the party when it started to get crowded,” Gennaria added.

While Bailey, Rebo, and King all understand that students want to get together and have fun, each of them stressed that alcohol doesn’t always need to be involved, especially if you’re underage.

“Just because you’re in college doesn’t give you any right to break the law. If you’re in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the law states that you have to be 21 or older to drink,” Bailey said.

SG Notes September 12, 2007

Treasurer’s Report

All College: \$23,620.72
General: \$5,672.59
Special Projects: \$3,500
Spirit: \$2,000
Leadership: \$5,000
Conferences: \$12,500
Start-Up: \$1,500

Club Reports

Programing Board - Representatives commented that they had a very successful Club Day and will be having some comedians and other performers coming to campus in the next few months.

New Business

Alumni Donation - SG agreed to pay \$10 for every student who would like to attend an alumni mixer during Homecoming

Finance Club The Finance Club came to SG seeking club status (this is a two week process)

Frisbee Club - SG heard revisions to the Frisbee Club’s constitution (this is a two week process)

MyWilkes - Mike Salem demonstrated how to use the “Groups” function on MyWilkes

Fall Elections - SG elections will be Spetember 19-21 and signature sheets are due by Monday, September 17.

Homecoming - Tickets and shopping dates were discussed

Party on the Square - Party on the Square will be held on Thursday, September 20 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. [see Arts & Entertainment section for more information.]

Events

Fall Elections - September 19 - 21

Council of Clubs - September 20, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Party on the Square - September 20, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Homecoming - October 4 - 7, 2007

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On page 4 of the September 11 issue of *The Beacon*, the photo of the graduating class that accompanied the story “Wilkes receives approval for MFA in creative writing,” was mislabeled the “second class of the Masters of Fine Arts program.” The photo should have been labeled the *third* graduating class with a Masters in Creative Writing.

The Beacon strives for accuracy and good sourcing in all of its stories and regrets the errors in the past issue. Editors are grateful for readers who take the time to point out inaccuracies.

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Correction

Wilkes goes green: more energy-efficient campus the goal

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Editor-In-Chief

Wilkes University has pronounced this the "Year of the Environment," as President Tim Gilmour has signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment.

With this public declaration, Wilkes University has decided to "Go Green."

The agreement furthers a collaboration of colleges and universities across the nation to actively reduce their emission of greenhouse gases. It recognizes that by mid-century, human beings must actively reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent in order to stabilize the Earth's climate and avoid the worst impacts of global warming.

"It's pretty extensive in what they're asking for, pretty aggressive. Basically, these college presidents are committing to make each of their campuses move toward a level of climate neutrality, so that the operations of the colleges have no impact of CO2 emissions, greenhouse gas emissions," said Chris Bailey, Director of Campus Support Services.

"Until now, the university did not have a centralized effort. What this will really do is force us to think on a campus-wide level about *what is* our environmental impact. I know from an emission inventory approximately how many tons of CO2 this campus produces. That's the main greenhouse gas that everyone's worried about. What greenhouse gas does is, as this UV radiation comes in, it traps it in the environment. This causes... global warming," said Bailey.

The agreement states that Wilkes must "initiate the development of a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality as soon as possible." Within a year of the signing, a complete inventory of Wilkes' greenhouse gas emissions must be calculated, and updated every other year. Within two years, Wilkes must "develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral."

"We already implemented, before the signing of that agreement over the past couple years, some cost-saving measures. Some things that we've done construction wise have helped lead us toward a greener campus and when we say 'green,' we're not necessarily meaning green grass, but saving our natural resources," said Paul Kaspriskie, Project Manager of the Wilkes University Capitol Projects team.

Within the past few years, Wilkes has replaced much of the single-pane glass in the older dormitory buildings to more energy efficient, insulated glass. Secondly, Wilkes switched its use of fluorescent bulbs, from T-12 conventional bulbs, to T-5 bulbs.

"They're thinner, they're smaller in diameter, and yet they give off a lot more light

and use 6 watts less of electricity. They have a longer life," said Kaspriskie. "The manufacturer says they have a five year warranty, where the conventional bulbs, the T12s, have an average life of one to two years, so between cost savings on replacement, savings on electricity, savings on labor to change them; it's a huge benefit to the university."

Kaspriskie added that any buildings or structures being built or modified in the coming years will use as much natural light as possible. Skylights and larger windows are main features of new structures. Wilkes is also recycling older buildings instead of demolishing them. The renovation of Delaware and Chesapeake halls is a prime example of such renovation.

Also, Wilkes University has made commitments to a more natural landscape. Not only have parking lots been eliminated to allow more green space, but university officials decided to stop using many artificial pesticides.

"The university has made the commitment that we will reduce, although we cannot completely eliminate, the use of pesticides, manmade chemicals in the applications... landscaping grasses, as well as landscaping beds," said Bailey.

Mrs. Patty Gilmour is serving as a consultant on environmental initiatives to the university, and has worked closely with the staff at Wilkes to ensure the return of a more natural landscape.

"Mrs. Gilmour brings a certain point of view, and certain energy. She is committed. She is a crusader on environmental issues. The university is very appreciative of what she does, in terms of the input she's had towards natural landscaping and natural landscape management," said Bailey.

Section 2 of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment states that Wilkes must "adopt an energy efficient appliance purchasing policy requiring purchase of ENERGY STAR certified products in all areas for which such ratings exists."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), "ENERGY STAR is a government program that offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions, making it easy to save money while

protecting the environment for future generations."

Also in the agreement, Wilkes must "establish a policy that all new campus construction will be built to at least the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver standard or equivalent."

LEED, or "The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System, is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings," according to the U.S. Green Building Council.

While no Wilkes University buildings are yet LEED certified, improvements are underway to work toward that goal. The Science, Health, Engineering

(SHE) building plans, for example, promise to be LEED certified, according to Petra Carver, Vice President of Finance and Support Operations at Wilkes.

Carver, who is new to the university but comes from a very environmentally conscious campus, is currently overseeing Wilkes' efforts to "Go Green."

Carver said that she is excited about the change to a greener Wilkes, and hopes to get many projects underway soon.

"We definitely need to form a collaborative committee that is made of all constituents here at Wilkes University, students, faculty, staff, and then we will need to talk about the initiatives we will need to undertake for the President's Climate Commitment. There are certain things we have to do in a certain timeline, so we will need this group and then we will need to work on short-term and long-term planning about the specific projects or initiatives that we want to undertake," said Carver.

"Everybody's excited about it. Everybody has an open mind about it. I'm feeling really optimistic about the project," said Carver.



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“It’s in the Blood”

Animal cruelty is wrongly defended by outdated cultural norms

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL BOARD

Americans have a lot to worry about. The ongoing Iraq war, stock market and housing investment instability, drug busts, AIDS, and environmental concerns dominate the nightly news reports. Is it any wonder that with such bold-face headlines other issues fail to capture our attention? Seemingly “less important” social problems like homelessness, poverty, and the growing deficit tend to make inside pages, if that, because of the pressing nature of the other stories.

One of those sidebar issues that only occasionally squeaks onto the public radar is animal cruelty. Recently animal cruelty has become a more mainstream issue with major corporations, football players, and even local people stirring up the issue. Animal cruelty involves anything from dog fighting, and shooting whales, to killing animals for fur and animal testing.

The problem isn’t awareness; it is that more people appear to believe that it’s okay to hurt animals for personal benefit or enjoyment. Worse, there is a small contingent in the country who believe that the practice of animal cruelty can be excused because of age-old cul-

tural practices.

Just two weeks ago the Makah tribe made the wire over the issue of whaling. Years ago the Native American tribe legally killed whales as something of a sport. The tribe suspend its practice because the grey whale was placed on the endangered species list and federal government prohibited whaling. However, in 1994, the grey whale came off of the endangered list.

The tribe obtained a permit in 1999 to kill a whale which outraged animal rights groups. After a court hearing it became necessary for the tribe to receive a waiver in order to hunt whales. Recently, members of the tribe shot a grey whale repeatedly with a rifle before they were due to receive their waiver. The five men involved are all facing fines of up to \$20,000 and possible jail time. The part that is possibly the most disturbing is the fact that one of the men has been quoted as saying “I’m not ashamed, I’m feeling kind of proud. ... I should have done it years ago. I come from a whaling family, on my grandmother’s side and my grandfather’s side. It’s in the blood.”

We are saddened by the fact that he believes just because his ancestors killed animals he should be

able to do the same in 2007.

Celebrities are even making animal cruelty seem acceptable. Anyone who has caught a glimpse of the news lately or happened to be channel surfing past CNN and the other news stations would have an idea of the controversy surrounding Michael Vick. In brief Vick, an NFL player, was charged with illegal dog fighting and the killing of 6-8 dogs by hanging and drowning after they failed to perform to high enough standards.

Vick pleaded guilty and will be sentenced in December. One would believe that the public take on what Vick was involved with would be that dog fighting and killing animals for sport or entertainment is wrong. This has largely been true. Vick’s admission of guilt has ensured some public ridicule and disgust.

But Whoopi Goldberg didn’t seem to agree. On *The View* September 4, Goldberg said, “From his background, this is not an unusual thing for where he comes from. It’s like cock fighting in Puerto Rico. There are certain things that are indicative to certain parts of the country.” Goldberg is speaking about the South, as this is where Vick hails from.

Dog fighting dates back to 1750s but in this country it has been il-

legal to hold dog fights since 1976 and in May of 2007 it became a felony in many states to hold animal fights of any sort. With such a cruel activity considered a felony in 48 states, it is preposterous to think that family history and cultural background are reason enough to excuse such inhumane behavior. After being called out by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and other animal rights groups, Goldberg brought up the subject the next day on *The View* to say that she wasn’t “condoning” what Michael Vick did. However, the damage has been done.

Just because something used to be legal doesn’t mean that it is right. It isn’t so much that certain things used to be legal as they were just overlooked. It took time, but plenty of things became illegal due to higher moral and ethical standards.

The major problem is that people tend to think that because their ancestors did it or because it was part of their culture it’s okay to do these awful things to animals. As the old saying goes, two wrongs don’t make a right. People need to stop trying to use their family history to defer the blame that should be placed on them.

Zero tolerance policy ignores those who aim for safety

BY LAUREN SALEM
Beacon Correspondent

This semester approximately twenty alcohol related citations have been given, which does not include the off campus citations from the WBPd this past weekend.

Although some students are under the impression that the rules concerning alcohol have changed, this may just be a sign that they have not yet cracked the binding of their student handbook.

This semester is no different from last semester, or the one before, because Wilkes University’s

policies on alcohol never changed. According to the student handbook, “Those under twenty-one years of age are not permitted to consume, possess or be in the presence of alcohol under any circumstances on University property or at any University event.”

Since this is true, how was drinking ever a part of the college experience? The real experience is not about drinking, but about the thrill of making choices, taking risks, and dealing with consequences.

If an RA crashes an underage drinking party on campus it wasn’t because they were looking for trouble, but because they

we’re simply doing their job. After paying a fine of \$150, being on disciplinary probation, receiving parental notification, and having to take yet another required alcohol education class, most students may realize that underage drinking is not a risk they want to take. If that is not convincing enough, then keep drinking, because that was only the first offense.

Even if a student took the responsibility to choose not to drink, they receive an offense for just being present in a room that contains alcoholic beverages, which can be damaging for a student’s future. In many situations, people drink

in groups, but there are a few students who attend an underage drinking party not to drink, but to make sure their friends don’t get so drunk that they die the next morning.

With this said, I firmly believe that in order to better protect the students, Wilkes University’s policy on alcohol should be changed so that students are required to be tested before they are given a sanction and should only be given a sanction if the alcohol test shows that they have been drinking. This will allow for better safety of the students and their futures!

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Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 104 responses.

The Beacon asked:

What is your favorite piece of chex mix?

- Wheat chex- **12%**
- Window pane pretzels- **7%**
- Pumpernickel bread slices- **21%**
- Bread stix- **2%**
- Cheez its- **18%**
- Bagel chips- **12%**
- Peanuts- **12%**
- Corn chex- **9%**
- Rye chips- **5%**
- Round pretzels- **2%**

Next Week’s Question:

Following graduation, how much debt will you be in for your college education?

- Nothing--I didn’t take out loans
- I don’t know--my parents took out the loans
- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,001-\$20,000
- \$20,001-\$40,000
- \$40,001-\$60,000
- \$60,001-\$80,000
- \$80,001-\$90,000
- \$90,001-100,000
- More than \$100,000

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

Public square grocery could enhance downtown

BY STEPHANIE GERCHMAN

Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

As a college student living in an apartment, I go through a lot of groceries. On my last trip I easily spent over \$80 on food items alone.

Without a grocery store in walking distance, I tend to stock up on what I need so that I don't have to make too many trips. If there were a closer grocery store, this wouldn't have to be a concern.

I do have a car at Wilkes, but like many other students I must park my car across the bridge at Ralston Field. I'm not complaining about the distance from campus that I have to park, but in terms of a grocery store outing, it is somewhat of a hassle to walk to the Henry Student Center, wait for the shuttle, sit on it for 15 minutes waiting for more people to fill it up then ride over to Ralston. This is easily a 30-45 minute ordeal just to drive to the grocery store of choice. Then, of course, on the return trip, students have to decide whether they can manage all of the bags on the shuttle or if they can risk parking illegally to dump off the purchases before they repark the car at Ralston.

Wouldn't it be easier if there were a grocery store within walking distance? With a grocery store on or near the square both Wilkes and King's community members could take advantage of its convenience. It wouldn't have to be a full grocery store,

maybe a small family type of store with the essentials; milk, bread, eggs, snacks, you get the picture.

Near the Square would be the perfect location for such a business with several empty buildings right on Main Street. The hypothetical store would likely be consistently filled with students and other Wilkes-Barre residents who have to rely on public transit. It would save them money on public transportation and it would allow college students to walk to the store whenever they need something. Walking downtown to grab a few groceries could also benefit other existing businesses with increased traffic.

In addition to college students, the rest of the community would really benefit from a downtown grocery presence. A study published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* in January of 2002 suggests that urban communities that don't have grocery stores but do have several places to consume alcohol tend to be poorer in culture and poorer economically.

The area around the square and the square itself would look better with one less vacant building. A more developed downtown would bring in more people to the area which means more customers for preexisting businesses.

So, if the problem is the lack of a grocery store in downtown Wilkes-Barre and the solution is to fill an empty building with a place for area people and students to



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Students living on campus should be able to stock up on groceries within walking distance while helping the community.

get food and other necessities, the next question becomes: how do we initiate this change? I found an innovative idea upon research. Chestercoop.com is a website that presents the idea of a co-op grocery store which is a food store run by the community that benefits the community. Such a store would create several jobs for area people. Students and residents of Wilkes-Barre would fill the job openings made by the store. Any profit made by the store would

go back into the community to possibly aid in local development instead of going to big corporate hot shots.

With such a proactive, community building solution it would be silly to not look into a community run co-op grocery store or other options for a grocery store in down town Wilkes-Barre. It's our town; if you'd like to see a change you need to help make the change.

A simple plea: vote for SG representatives

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

Beacon News Editor

I come to the students of Wilkes University with a very simple plea: vote during Student Government (SG) elections.

I say this as someone who sits at SG meetings, not as a member of the general board but as a member of the press. The members of SG, every year try to get a lot of attention focused on the elections through flyers and decorating the Henry Student Center, but unfortunately that work is usually in vain.

Last year when I was writing the article and posting results about the winners, I had to say I was shocked at the percentage of students who voted. I recall it being somewhere in the 40% range. What was so shocking was the fact that the election was done online. The only thing the students had to do was logon, click on the circle next to the person's name they wanted to win, and click "submit." Not too tough.

Never in my life, would I think that number would be less than 50%, given the simplicity of the process. I could see if

students had to physically go and vote at the Henry Student Center but they didn't. To vote, students could have been in their dorm, the library, Stark, Breiseth, or in China as long as they had internet access. They could have been munching on Frosted Flakes in their pajamas.

Why didn't Wilkes students vote? Apathy? Ignorance? Distraction? A desire to make a statement that said the system is broken? To be honest, I have no idea. There is bound to be a student or two saying, "I don't care" or "I don't know enough about the people that are running."

Well, the answer to the first claim is that students *should* care. SG handles hundreds of thousands of dollars of student money and by voting, the student's voice *is* heard.

To those students who claim they do not know enough about the person running, go online and look on Facebook and see what they are like, find them and ask questions, or take a walk through the Student Center. There are bound to be fliers or some huge political cliché hanging from a wall.

I don't think the problem lies with SG. Last year the organization did all it could

to get the word out to students to vote and the students still decided not to. There were streamers and banners hanging in the Student Center, a meet and greet was offered with the candidates, and a debate was held between the presidential candidates. The debate, however, yielded only a handful of spectators beyond other SG members.

I know in my heart, students can't be that apathetic about politics or the way government is run to turn their backs on the system completely. The thing that really struck me over the summer was when I learned an equation used to figure out the cost of a vote. The system was literally an equation politicians use to determine how much it cost a person to vote. The elements in the equation include time, cost of casting the vote (traveling expenses), and other outside forces. When I did the calculation pertaining to an average student at Wilkes University there is practically no cost to the student. There is no reason people shouldn't vote.

And the reasons to vote include the fact that the representatives elected to represent us do so on all levels including spending

our money, making decisions about how Wilkes will participate within the Wilkes-Barre community, asking questions of the President's cabinet about policy, and a multitude of other things that do impact our daily lives.

So, when SG elections come up at the beginning of this year and you get the e-mail with the ballot, complete it. Otherwise, I am strong believer in the notion that if you are eligible to vote and you don't, do not bother complaining. A vote is a person's voice and by not voting a person is giving up his or her voice.



Rain, rain go away...come again some sheltered day

Wilkes lacks shelter at Ralston parking lot

BY MARK CONGDON JR.

Beacon Opinion Editor

As many of us know or soon will find out, Wilkes-Barre is notorious for its wacky weather.

This past week's rainstorm reminded me of something. As a commuter, and former resident, I noticed that there is no shelter from the wicked weather at the Ralston parking lot. There is a small shuttle shelter located off South Franklin on the Weckesser grounds and shuttle riders may stand inside the Henry Student Center building for protection from the rain, snow, wind and other weather conditions if they choose pick up there. But Ralston does not offer viable space for commuters who wait for the shuttles after parking their cars.

For those who were here last year, we had many rain and snowstorms over the course of the year, and I am sure this year will be no exception. Having shelter is not only a matter of staying dry and safe, but it's also a matter of health.

While harsh weather conditions may not cause illness, exposure can certainly

exacerbate the symptoms. In addition, how many have suffered wet clothes and shoes, hair dismantled or make-up ruined from standing in the rain or snow at the Ralston parking lot or any other places on campus?

Because more and more of us ride the shuttles, administration and our student leaders should consider adding a shelter at Ralston.

If the university doesn't want the task of doing this, students should voice concerns to our Student Government (SG) members and ask that they provide the shelter that we deserve. Moreover, if SG doesn't provide the funds directly, shelters could be provided by a senior class gift.

The year has just begun, and I am sure we will have many more storms. If you're busy with work, like myself, and can't afford to miss class for catching the flu from getting wet, let's not wait any longer to do this. I encourage you to contact your SG elected officials located on the 1st floor of the SUB or the Deans whose offices are located at Stark and Breiseth. Let those in charge know how you feel, so we can avoid standing in the rain, wind and snow in the future.



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Due to the lack of shelter, students must face poor weather conditions when waiting outside their vehicles for shuttle services to campus.

The Angry Rant: Britney Spears Edition

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Welcome back everybody! After being off for the summer without an appropriate way to vent my anger, I feel relieved to be back ranting in the pages of *The Beacon*.

This year I promised the editors (and myself) that I would spend less time on the celebrity goings-on and spend more time on topics that actually have an impact on ourselves and our society.

But, this being the first rant of the season, I thought I'd go back to the well one more time.

I feel bad for Britney. Really, I do.

She hit the pop scene in the late 90s like a comet dressed in pigtails and a plaid skirt, and looked primed to be at the forefront of the music industry for at least...sixteen months.

Her first three albums went number one, she was ruling the pop world, she made out with Madonna, married Kevin Federline, had two kids, divorced Kevin Federline, and then shaved her head.

Where did it all go wrong?

I don't understand how it didn't work

out for her; Madonna is one of the biggest selling artists of our time, America loves celebrity babies, and shaving your head is like the new pilates!

Britney was stacking the deck in her favor, but like in Vegas, the house always wins, especially when you double down on 12 and the King busts you and you lose your money for the weekend, your first month's deposit, and the downpayment on that ring

you were going to buy your girlfriend, but instead you now need to settle on a pendant with a unicorn on it, even though you hate unicorns but she insists on them, calling them "God's special horses..."

Sorry, I got sidetracked.

Back to Britney.

Long story short: Her career went down the toilet faster than drugs at Lindsay Lohan's apartment.

And last week, her much anticipated return on the MTV VMAs

turned out to be a bigger train wreck than an actual train wreck. Spears, performing her new single "Gimme More," looked stunning...ly bad in black lingerie, and looked as if though she should have been singing "Gimme More Cookie Dough."

Maybe I don't feel so bad for her...but some cookie dough would be delicious right about now.

It's good to be back.



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A Sight for Sore Eyes by: Aleksander Lapinski

Getting by with a little help from your community friends

The 'Clothes Closet' provides free apparel to needy families and college students

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

If you journey to the bottom floor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on South Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre, just a block from campus, you'll probably find Dawn

Seidel and her staff eagerly awaiting and greeting women from the community.

The women Seidel and her staff greet are there on their monthly visit to select clothing for themselves and their families, from the Clothes Closet, an organization that provides new or hardly worn clothing free of cost to people who might otherwise not be able to purchase it.

"What we do is we provide clothing for low-income

families. We try to target women that are going back to work. We get a lot of our donations from women that are in the county that are interested in helping other women out. They provide nice, almost new clothing that's good for a career," said Seidel, Director of the Luzerne County Commission for Women and Director of the Clothes Closet.

In addition to private contributors, the Clothes Closet receives donations from corporate drives, clothing drives, and also from a distributor that provides new clothing in large quantities. The shipments of new clothing typically arrive once or twice a month.

Walking into the small basement room, visitors will see racks of clothing, and shelves with various styles of jeans. There is a room for men's clothing, and a new "career room" that has professional attire.

Among the jeans, you'll see everything, from Abercrombie to Express, to DKNY, to Levis. Much of the clothing is up-to-date with the latest fashion, and the professional clothing is of department store quality, perfect for those struggling to get back on their feet.

how expensive it is. Some of the college students aren't working. We know you're a starving college student and we want to help you out," said Seidel.

On Wednesdays, persons who wish to receive clothing arrive in the morning, and select various articles. They are allowed

one bag per each family member, once a month. Due to lack of volunteers, the Clothes Closet is no longer open on Thursday evenings.

The Clothes Closet is currently staffed with three paid employees, anywhere from 2 to 4 from the Luzerne County Work Force Investment Development Agency Job Experience Program, and one senior citizen from the Area Agency on Aging Senior Aid Program. However, Seidel noted

that the Clothes Closet is constantly needing and seeking volunteers, particularly college students interested in working with the community.

"That would be wonderful if they (college students) would come and volunteer. They can also, while they're here, pick out a couple pair of jeans that they might be interested in. [We] especially [need] Spanish-speaking college students; we could use someone to help us translate. We do have a problem, especially on Wednesdays.... We have a hard time, (with speaking Spanish) because... we don't.... We can also use any students that are good with data entry so we could make a file of our clients. There's a lot of opportunity for volunteers," said Seidel.

The Clothes Closet is located in the basement of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on South Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre across the street from Boscov's. It is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and also takes appointments throughout the week.



Among the many who take advantage in the Clothes Closet is Nicole Wilson of Wilkes-Barre. She visits once a month, and finds the convenience and neatness of the space a great service.

"It's a really great resource, especially in the summer," said Wilson. "I got some brand new T-shirts. Brand new!"

Wilson prefers the Clothes Closet to other discounted and free clothing outlets for the quality of the clothes. "It doesn't smell like mothballs!" she said.

The Clothes Closet is also open to helping out needy college students. With the attractive name brand and designer clothing available, those students pinching pennies may find it a site not to miss.

"We would like to supply clothing for college students because *we understand*, myself being a mother of a college student,



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Two women browse through the racks of free clothing at the Clothes Closet in the basement of the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre. The Clothes Closet is operated by Dawn Seidel, Director of the Luzerne County Commission for Women. The facility is open from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you would like to volunteer please contact Seidel at (570) 970-9248.

Rockin' the campus: new psychology class breaks the mold

BY CHRISTINE ZAVASKAS

Beacon Asst. Lifestyles Editor

On Thursday evenings in the Dorothy Dixon Dart Center, it is likely that passersby will hear the beat of rock and roll music coming from room 325. However, inside there is no concert or rave going on--just an innovative class offered for the first time at Wilkes University.

The three-credit course, "The Psychology of Rock & Roll," was developed and is taught by Dr. Dennis Gold, an adjunct professor at Wilkes University. Gold, who received his Ph.D in clinical psychology at the University of Missouri at Columbia, said about the class, "I'm looking at the loop between the culture affecting the music and the music affecting the culture, and that goes around and around..."

Gold became interested in rock and roll while growing up in the sixties and seventies at a time when many classic rock bands were forming. Since he lived in New York City, he got to see many of them. "I'm passionate about rock and roll and I'm passionate about teaching. So I decided to combine the two," he explained.

Gold first taught this course for two semesters at Misericordia University. Later, he spoke to Dr. Carl Charnetski of the Wilkes psychology department and subsequently brought the class to the university for the first time this semester. "In thinking about a curriculum, it's always nice to have something a little different," said Charnetski about

why he thought the class would make a positive addition to the department's offerings.

The course is broken up into the exploration of a few major themes found in rock music like love and relationships, protest and anti-war, sex, and drugs. For each theme students listen to songs and analyze lyrics that correspond to the subject matter. The lesson plan also delves into both the history of rock music and the economics of the industry.

Stacy Fimmano, a senior psychology major, said, "I think the course is great. Very interesting."

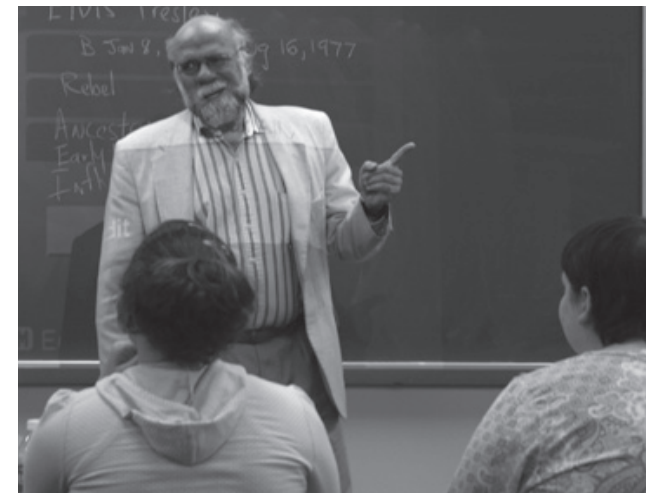
In order to teach this unconventional class, Gold tries to use as many different types of media as possible. In addition to playing music, he employs videos, pictures, and books. A group presentation on a major influence of rock music and a paper about how rock and roll has affected a student's life are the two major projects in the class. "It's amazing what people write, how powerful it is..." commented Gold about the paper.

A midterm and final are also part of each student's grade, and Gold is trying to arrange for at least part of one of these tests to take place on the air. He has been in contact with a local radio station, 102.3 FM The Mountain, and wants the station to broadcast a section of the test where students will hear a song and then have to identify the title and artist. However, the station has not been as receptive to the concept initially as he hoped.

While most teachers are concerned about how much knowledge of an academic topic students take away from

a class, Gold has a somewhat different aspiration in mind for his students. "I would like them to walk away with a greater sense of who they are as a person as a result of the class, and have fun doing it."

Does this class sound intriguing? Then you may be in luck. When asked if he planned to teach the course again Gold replied, "I hope so. My goal is to make the class at least an annual feature, as long as the students respond to it."



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Dr. Dennis Gold teaches the innovative class he designed, "The Psychology of Rock & Roll."

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Student of the Week: Stacie Gogo

BY CHRISTA SCOBBA
Beacon Asst. Lifestyles Editor

Stacie Gogo, a senior musical theater major, spent the summer interning with the Weathervane Repertory Theater, a professional company in Whitefield, New Hampshire.

After auditioning in New York City, Gogo was chosen as one of ten interns from around the country. From June 17-September 2, they performed seven mainstage shows and four children's shows.

Gogo, who has been performing since she was two years old, is actively involved with theatrical productions at Wilkes. She can be seen next as Carmen in the Wilkes production of "Sweet Charity," opening in November. *The Beacon* recently had the opportunity to sit down and learn more about Gogo's experiences and has named her "Student of the Week" as a result.

The Beacon: How were you chosen for the internship?

Gogo: I applied to Strawhat auditions in New York City, where 50 theatre companies watched us audition. We had 90 seconds to sing part of a song and perform part of a monologue. If a specific company liked what they saw, they called you back the next day to dance. I was chosen by the Weathervane Repertory Theatre.

The Beacon: What was a typical day for you during the internship?

Gogo: If we had a children's show that day, we'd get up around 6 a.m. to travel. Then we'd set up for it. We made the props ourselves. The shows were an hour long. Once we finished and returned to Whitefield, we rehearsed for mainstage shows until 6 p.m. Then we had a performance each night. We had 13-hour days. We worked our butts off.

The Beacon: What was the most difficult part of working there?

Gogo: The most stressful part was having five days to put up a full-length show. We have about a month to do that here. You learn a song one day, and the next, you'd have to be off-book.

The Beacon: What was the best part of the internship?

Gogo: The best part was being able to work with professional Equity actors. You got to see how these actors worked in the real world.

The Beacon: How did what you learned affect your future career plans?

Gogo: Being there made me realize this is what I really want to do. People say if you can survive at Weathervane, you can survive anywhere.



Courtesy of Stacie Gogo

Stacie Gogo, as Tinkerbell, with other castmembers of Weathervane's production of "Peter Pan".

**"People say if you
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anywhere."**



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If you would like to nominate someone for Student of the Week, please email beacon.lifestyles@gmail.com.

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BY MARISSA PHILLIPS
Beacon A&E Editor

Downtown Deli Showdown

Tony Thomas Deli and Catering vs. Carol’s Deli and Bakery

In terms of dining, Wilkes-Barre offers plenty of choices and competition. Regardless of what you prefer, you can almost always find at least two businesses with the same offerings.

Two chain sub shops are located right across the street from one another. The city is strewn with pizza places, and surprisingly, you can even find two restaurants offering Middle-eastern cuisine within a few blocks from one another.

So with all of these businesses offering similar options, the question is, which ones fare better in comparison?

Since Wilkes-Barre has more of them than you can keep track of, it seemed fitting to start of with two delis in the area, specifically Tony Thomas Deli and Catering and Carol’s Deli and Bakery. These are both businesses that open in the early morning hours and are closed by early afternoon; therefore, the expectations would be that they both must have something impressive to offer. After all, an eatery can’t be sustained by early-morning coffee drinkers alone.

Tony Thomas Deli and Catering

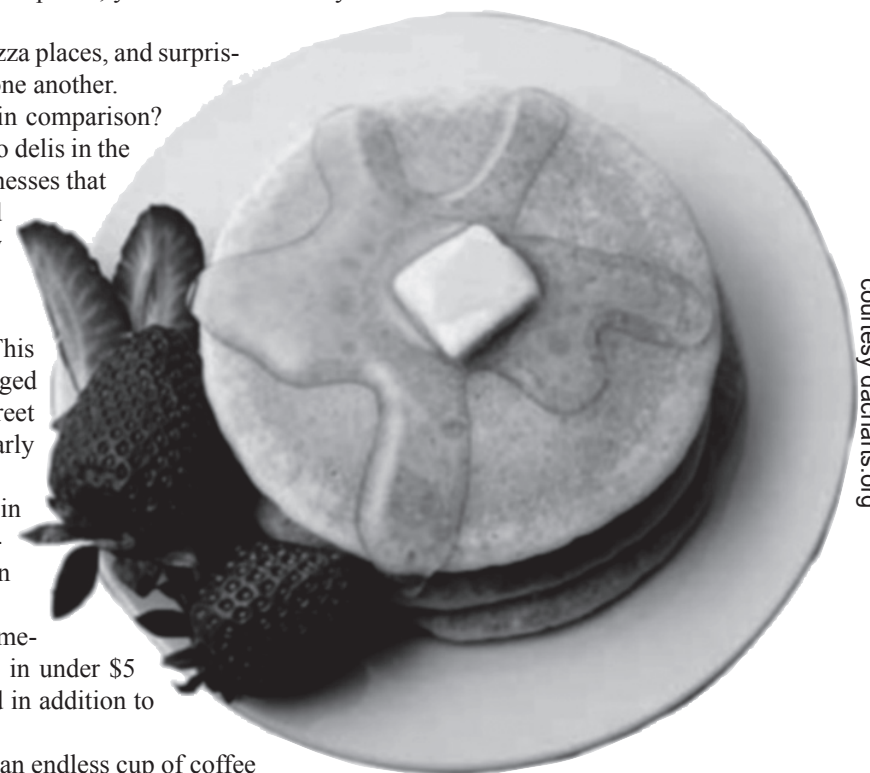
Whether or not it comes as a surprise, a lot of people are unaware that Tony Thomas’ even exists. This could be because it closes at 3 p.m. every day, and the exterior facade looks as though it hasn’t changed since the 1940s, which might lead people to believe that it’s another long-dead business on Main Street left be replaced. Despite the outward appearance, this business stays consistently busy during the early hours of the morning.

While the sign states “deli,” it feels a lot more like a diner. Granted, Tony Thomas’ specializes in sandwiches, but the deli offer things that extend beyond hot and cold subs, for example, pizza (although only on Wednesdays and Fridays), entrée salads, soups, spaghetti, and even Middle-Eastern options, including spinach pie and hummus.

The sandwich list is extensive, and offers them on sliced bread, hoagie rolls, and pita bread, a somewhat unusual option. The good thing is that mostly any sandwich on the menu will likely come in under \$5 - even a steak sandwich is inexpensive. In terms of breakfast, all the meals are in the \$3 range, and in addition to the standard meat and egg combo, Tony Thomas’ also offers pancakes and French toast.

It would have been nice if the quality of the food matched the quality of the menu. Granted, I got an endless cup of coffee for only 95 cents and the bacon was, well, bacon (it’s hard to mess that up). But the second the pancakes were placed in front of me, the issue at hand was hard to ignore. To put it plainly, they smelled like everything else that had been fried on the grill that day and the day before, and they tasted a bit like it, too. When I took the first bite there were definite undertones of either French fries, pork, or fried egg. On the upside, the generous supply of syrup worked to counteract that.

The deli does have a very welcoming atmosphere, though. The waitress was friendly enough that I wish I could overlook the aftertaste of my pancakes. So, in this case, taste took a backseat to everything else the business had to offer.



courtesy dacharts.org

Tony Thomas Deli and Catering

Food Quality = ☆☆☆
Selection = ☆☆☆☆
Atmosphere = ☆☆☆
Service = ☆☆☆☆
Prices = ☆☆☆☆
Overall = ☆☆☆☆

Carol’s Deli and Bakery

Food Quality = ☆☆☆
Selection = ☆☆☆
Atmosphere = ☆☆☆
Service = ☆☆☆☆
Prices = ☆☆☆☆
Overall = ☆☆☆

- ☆ = all around dissappointing
- ☆☆ = decent, but improvement needed
- ☆☆☆ = adequate, but not impressive
- ☆☆☆☆ = good quality - little improvement needed
- ☆☆☆☆☆ = excellent - no complaints

Carol’s Deli and Bakery

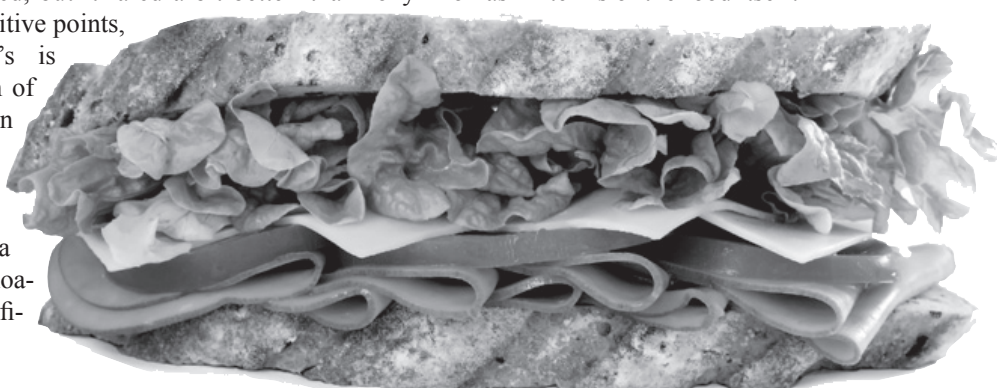
The visit to this deli, located just footsteps away from Tony Thomas’ on Main Street, began with confusion. From the outside, it appeared like it was going to be an upgrade. The facade of Carol’s is bright, new looking, and inviting. Of course, then I stepped inside...

The menu was taped down on the front counter. Looking at the number of choices, I assumed there was a backside to the menu, but I was wrong. While Carol’s offers breakfast, pizza, cold sandwiches, and hoagies, the menu selection is pretty meager. The breakfast selection includes a handful of options, each basically consist of eggs (eggs and bacon, eggs and toast, eggs and a roll...).

The sandwich choices are a bit more extensive. But tuna and bologna sandwiches and vegetable and Italian subs, suggests that Carol’s makes little effort to offer anything beyond the standards. Basically, the deli doesn’t offer much of anything you couldn’t go home and cook up yourself in a matter of minutes.

And then there’s the fact that the sign states “deli and bakery.” It’s worth noting that I went close to closing time, which could be an explanation, but the fact is, Carol’s selection of baked goods was less than impressive. A couple of danishes, one type of muffin, and one kind of cookie was all they offered, but as I said, they may just cater more to the early crowd. So, all in all, this place didn’t offer much that impressed, but it fared a bit better than Tony Thomas’ in terms of the food itself.

The restaurant is not without its positive points, though. Like Tony Thomas’, Carol’s is quite affordable. With the exception of an entire pizza, absolutely nothing on the menu is above the \$4 price range, which is a rarity. And while Carol’s menu selection feels rather meager, the food is well-made and served in a matter of minutes. Their vegetable hoagie was fresh and filling and was definitely worth the few dollars it cost.



courtesy www.recipes4us.co.uk

Jim Warner releases book of poetry

BY SHANNON CURTIN

Beacon Staff Writer

The poetry world owes a lot to an escalator in the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.

Assistant director of the creative writing program, Jim Warner started writing poetry after an escalator-related accident left his arm in a cast when he was twelve. Now, Warner is intensely involved in the local poetry scene, and more importantly, is anticipating the release of his first book of poetry, *Too Bad It's Poetry*.

Too Bad It's Poetry received its intriguing title when Warner was pitching a separate book idea featuring a collection of works relating to autism. "Jack Scovil (an advisory board member) told me, 'It's a great idea. Too bad it's poetry.' Poetry doesn't sell," stated Warner. The remark stuck with Warner and when he recounted the story to publishers Jennifer Hill-Kaucher and Dan Waber they suggested he make it the title for this collection.

The poems featured in Warner's book stem from two different influences, one of which can be observed from the format and cover art of the book. *Too Bad It's Poetry* features a 45 record on the cover and requires the reader to flip the book over to continue to read the other half, or "side"

of the book. "The first part of the book, side A, is influenced by music, especially (the band) The Hold Steady. The second part of the book, side B, is about exploring my personal identity as a Philipino American."

Side B of Warner's book was written with his mentor, Toi Derricotte, during his last semester in the Wilkes MA program. The last poem in the collection, "East/West" is a "must read," according to Derricotte, one in which Warner "fuses references to music, spirituality, psychology, pop culture and literature as he explores themes of exile and identity." A few lines from the poem, "I/tore out the pages of my/ancestry, and chose black ink for blue feelings," express Warner's poetic journey of self exploration beautifully.

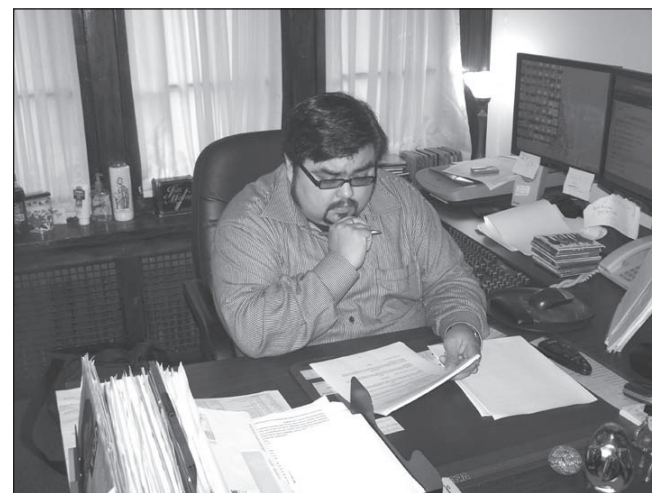
Paper Kite Press, which published *Too Bad It's Poetry*, worked closely with Warner throughout the process. Hill-Kaucher said the "publication of the work depends on the manuscript. We let the work inform the design of the book, and we work from there with various printers to make the final product, one that the author and editors are happy with."

The small, local printing company has released nine books thus far and though small press poetry books "fly well below the radar

of big box bookstores," authors get a voice in the design and form of the manuscript.

Paper Kite Press works primarily with poets and the publication of poetry, "Poetry That Needs to Be Published" is its mission and any profits made from the sales of authors like Warner allow future poets to publish their work. "It's great to know that my book will let others in the genre be published. That's what it's about, poetry and readings. I'm looking forward to being able to read from my own book at and hopefully this will allow me more opportunity to do readings at different venues."

Warner is currently involved in virtually every poetry reading in the Wilkes-Barre area. He will be hosting an open mic series at the downtown Barnes and Noble in the end of September, and is also scheduled to host the AWP Poetry Slam Series at the 2008 Conference in Manhattan. He is currently working on a small chapbook and



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Warner's book of poetry will be released on September 21 at Paper Kite Press & Studio in Kingston.

continuing to revise his thesis.

Too Bad It's Poetry will be released on September 21 at 8:30 p.m. at Paper Kite Press & Studio on 443 Main Street in Kingston and will be followed by an open mic. The book can be purchased from Paper Kite Press studio or online at www.wordpainting.com and at the downtown Barnes and Noble in Wilkes-Barre. Warner will also be participating in a book reading/signing session on October 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble College Bookstore.

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Party on the Square to create Collegetown carnival

BY ALISSA LINDNER

Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

The fourth annual Party on the Square will take place on Wilkes-Barre's Public Square this Thursday, September 20, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. The event offers student discounts and live entertainment to the students of five local colleges.

This year, Party on the Square, offers a

theme of Collegetown Carnival. Various carnival activities such as caricatures, tarot card readings and a fashion show sponsored by the Weekender will be offered for the college students.

Bridget Giunta, Wilkes-Barre city administrator and coordinator for the Party on the Square explained, "The theme of Collegetown Carnival will set the event apart

from previous years. We are offering the traditional favorites but also new events like the Weekender Walk-Off Fashion Show and more participation from area businesses."

Students must present their college ID from one of the five local universities, which include King's Col-

lege, Luzerne County Community College, Misericordia University, Penn State Wilkes-Barre and Wilkes University. All students with a valid college ID will receive a free t-shirt, a student discount card for thirteen local businesses and tickets for food and amusements at Party on the Square. The student discount card can also be shown the night of the event at Movies 14 for a discounted ticket of \$6.

According to Giunta, the event will begin at 5:00 p.m. with all five schools participating in a student walk into Public Square. The idea of a student walk to Party on the Square was created during a joint student government meeting between Wilkes and King's College, according to Giunta. Giunta then proposed the idea to the other three participating colleges, who all agreed to participate. The student walk to Party on the Square is open to as many students as would like to join.

A kickoff ceremony will take place at 5:15 p.m. Present at the ceremony will be Marilyn Santarelli, Chair of Diamond City Partnership, Todd Vonderheid, CEO of Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, JJ Murphy, Wilkes-Barre City Administrator, Tom Leary, Interim President for Student Development at Lu-

zerne County Community College and Matt Brown, Wilkes Student Government President, who will represent the student bodies of the five colleges.

The entertainment begins at 5:30 p.m. with live music from the local band The Five Percent. At 6:30 p.m. the traditional Domino's Pizza eating contest will be held and at 7:15 p.m. Go Go Gadget will take the stage.

New to the Party on the Square this year is the Weekender Walk-Off Fashion Show, which will be held at 8:00 p.m. The fashion show will feature styles from area boutiques, salons and college bookstores. The downtown Barnes & Noble store will stay open late the night of the event for more live music from "Middleport Wednesday" and to raffle off the apparel from Wilkes, King's and Edun Live featured in the fashion show.

Junior criminology major Vashty Vazquez plans to attend this year's Party on the Square. She explained, "Me and a bunch of friends are going [to Party on the Square]. I am really looking forward to going since I haven't been able to go in the past." Vazquez continued, "I'm looking forward to everything from the music to Domino's Pizza."

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Movie Review: *Halloween*

BY MIKE WILLIAMS

Beacon Staff Writer

In 1978, director John Carpenter gave horror fans everywhere a reason to rush to the theater with the release of his classic *Halloween*.

With it's great cast, expert mix of horror and suspense and its incredibly memorable score (thanks to Carpenter), the film set the bar for slasher films, not to mention introducing us to Jamie Lee Curtis, and of course everyone's favorite, white-faced, butcher-knife wielding killer, Michael Myers (the psychopath, not Austin Powers).

Over the course of nearly 30 years, the franchise spawned eight sequels, some good, some bad, but none as magnificent as the first.

Now, we find ourselves in 2007, and the film that started it all is back in theaters, with a new director, a new cast and a veritable army of fans with their fingers crossed, hoping that this remake will do the original justice.

Stepping into Carpenter's large, bloody shoes to retell this classic is rocker/director/horror fanatic Rob Zombie, creator of *House of a Thousand Corpses*, *The Devil's Rejects*. As soon as fans heard about plans

for the remake, the rumblings and questions began. "What if Zombie changes the story?" "What if he changes the characters?" "What if he turns a suspense-fest like *Halloween* into a bloodbath?" But as is with all remakes, the only way to see if it does the original justice/injustice is to see it yourself. But in case you still have some doubts and trepidations, here's a quick overview of what Rob Zombie's *Halloween* has to offer.

Opening in similar fashion to the 1978 version, Zombie's begins in the early 1960s, where we find a young Michael Myers, prepping for another year of trick-or-treating in Haddonfield, IL. However, unlike the original which spends only a few minutes with young Michael before jumping directly to his legendary All Hallows Eve massacre, this version spends over half the movie giving the viewer insight into what led the young Michael commit his first violent crimes, as well as his life inside the mental institution which housed him for seventeen years. It is this particular section of the film which separates the remake from the original, showing fans aspects of Myer's life never touched by the original. The viewer gets to see Michael meeting and interacting with the film's hero, Dr. Loomis, played by

Malcom McDowell (*Gangster No. 1*), and also how exactly Myer's escapes the institutionalization.

Once out, Myers heads straight back to his home town, and you can just guess what day it is. It is here where we meet our heroine Laurie Strode, played by newcomer Scout Taylor-Compton, which is a nice touch by Zombie, considering that the role of Laurie was her predecessor, Curtis', debut role as well.

As night falls over Haddonfield and the kiddies are filling the streets looking for a few Halloween treats, fans will begin to see several familiar happenings that seem to be taken directly from the Carpenter's 1978 version. However, it is the viewers' knowledge of the original that allows Zombie to manipulate them, giving you one scare when you're expecting another.

Once this pattern becomes apparent, it is clear to see that you can't predict what is going to happen next, which may be the films greatest asset. On the other hand, for the real horror buffs, the biggest thrill may be seeing the sheer number of cameos Zombie, a well known splatter hound, packed into his film including, just to name a few, Ken Foree (*Dawn Of The Dead*), Brad Douriff (the voice of *Child's Play's* Chucky), Dee

Wallace (*The Howling*), and basically the entire cast of *House of A Thousand Corpses* and *The Devil's Rejects*.

Rated R for strong, brutal violence along with your run-of-the-mill slasher flick sexuality, *Halloween* certainly earns its rating, making the blood and gore of the original look tame by comparison. This is not a film for kids or anyone who can't get a kick out of a good arterial spray every now and then. So be forewarned: this is a slasher movie, people are going to die, and in this case, when they bite it, they don't go out pretty, clean, or quietly.

When all is said and done, there are really only two ways to view this: an excellent retelling/companion piece of a classic or borderline cinematic sacrilege. Eventually all horror fans will have to decide on which side of the line they want to stand. Remember, this is not a remake, it is a retelling. If you want to see John Carpenter's *Halloween* don't go see this movie, stay home and watch the original. However, if you think you're up for a good scare, a lot of blood, and a new spin on a familiar story, head out to the theaters, because Rob Zombie's *Halloween* is a flick just itching to satisfy all of your sick, bloodthirsty needs.

Grade: B +

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR
"COLLEGE BOOKSTORE" THIS WEEK!**

Barnes & Noble Wilkes-King's College Bookstore

- "Scrabble night" every Tuesday night from 7:00-8:30pm
- "Live Acoustic Music" every Wednesday night in our café!

This week *"Dealers in Wares"* 6:30-8:30pm

- "Live Acoustic Music" featuring "Middleport Wednesday" after the "4th Annual Party on the Square" Thursday, September 20th from 8:00-10:00pm in our Starbucks café.
- "Third Friday Art Walk" Friday, September 21st from 5:00 - 8:00pm featuring Jean Adams a Wilkes University pottery instructor. She will be displaying and selling her hand thrown pottery.

Story Time every Saturday morning from 11:00-12:00

SALES AND SPECIALS

• "Movie Goers Special" from 6:00pm to close every evening... present your movie stub from "Movies 14" and get 25% off all items in our Starbucks café.

Don't forget to pick up a "Frequent Buyer Card" today!

Don't forget to use your FLEX DOLLARS anywhere in our store!



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Schedule of Events

Tuesday 18

-Alice Cooper performing at the Kirby Center at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 19

- Film: *Once* showing at the Kirby Center at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

- Echoburn performing at the Woodlands at 10 p.m.

Thursday 20

-Party on the Square at Public Square at 5:30 p.m.

-Sham 69, Reisittance Culture, The Cutters and Cunnilingus performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

-Write Now! Writer's discussion group at the Tudor Book Shop at 7 p.m.

Friday 21

- Renoir Exhibit bus trip - bus leaves the Wymong Valley Mall at 7 a.m.

- Strawberry Jam performing at the Jazz Café

- Third Friday Art Walk in downtown Wilkes-Barre from 5-8 p.m.

- Municipal Waste, Skeleton Whitch, Toxic Holocauast and 1428 performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

-39 Mariner performing at the Woodlands at 10 p.m.

Saturday 22

- Raw Food class at Arts Youniverse at 3 p.m.

- Tripping on Nothing and Gongzilla performing at the Jazz Café

- Sordoni opening reception from 5-7 p.m.

- The Sw!ms, Dr. Horsemachine and the Moneynotes, The New Motels and TBA performing at Café Metropolis at 7 p.m.

Sunday 23

-Xclisive & the Soul Revival performing at the Woodlands

Streamside Bandstand. The area's favorite show bands perform on stage from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Kudracross

BY CHRISTOPHER KUDRAK

Beacon Staff Writer

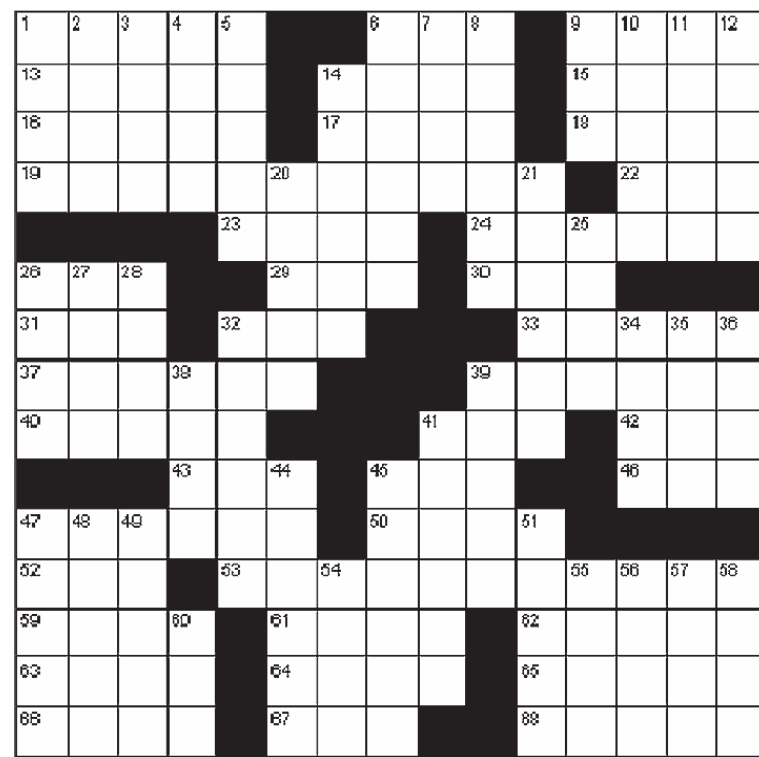
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SugarDaddyForMe.com

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Editor-in-chief

First of all, just starting this review was difficult. When I typed in “SugarDaddyForMe.com” into my Firefox browser, I felt dirty.

I mean, who am I? I’m 21, female, single, editor of a newspaper... Wow... That fits (the stereotype of nerd, maybe.)

What was even worse was when I had to *tell* the web-site what I was. My choices for “gender,” a drop down list, included: SugarDaddy, SugarBaby, SugarMomma, SugarBaby (male), Gay SugarDaddy, Woman for Extra-marital, and Man for Extramarital.

Yikes.

Entering *The Beacon’s* email address and listing myself as a “SugarMomma,” I was on my way to experiencing the world of sugary goodness. I also listed myself as “very cuddly” under “Body Type,” just because I found the choice amusing. Following, I moved forward into the site.

Deciding to browse who was online at 12:40 AM, I found an interesting selection... All right, I didn’t. I found a meat market. *Who are these people?!*

Maybe I’m wrong, but I find the whole concept of the site to be sick. As far as I can tell it’s set up for people

seeking sexual relationships, and pretty much re-defining the notion of ‘dating.’ They don’t date. They list themselves as if they were a Craig’s List ad. Listen to this one.

SugarBaby, 23, Single

Looking for: 26 - 60 SugarDaddy

Toronto, Ontario, Canada I am a 23yrs old Tasty Caramel Candy and very very adventurous and intelligent lady who has a great sense of humor. I am very out going and open-minded and knows exactly what I want.

What the heck is that? How could anyone *feel good* about calling themselves a “tasty caramel candy?” Yes, I get it-SUGARDADDY... But come on. Who are you? My inner feminist is *screaming!* Please... You’re 23 and you post that you want someone 26-60? I mean, I’ve dated older men, sweetheart, but you don’t need someone who is going to excrete evaporated milk!

Here’s another one for the scrapbook:

SugarDaddy, 42, Married but Looking

Looking for: 18 - 30 SugarBaby

Manhattan, New York I am a tall, slim, fit, attractive, sensual professional,early 40s, financially secure, 5’11, 185 who is passionate, down to earth, somewhat kinky and looking for someone open minded.

Yes, everyone, you read correctly. SugarDaddyForMe.com specifically aides the progression of extramarital affairs. These men and women purposely pitch their “‘til death do us parts” and essentially place themselves on the market.

In six months, after the onset of inevitable emotional attachment the “I want to slap him/her in the face” reality will set in, and the site’s goal of pleasure will turn to pain, sorrow, and possibly a nasty divorce and the dreaded “spousal support.” How can a site support and help aide something so awful?

I just don’t understand what happened to dating. I don’t understand what happened to love and marriage. I mean, I guess I’m no better, because I just wasted a half hour of my life browsing these hyper-sexual beings’ profiles.

I don’t support this site. I give it an “S,” for “S”hut it down before “S”omeone gets an “S”TD.

Field hockey team falls to Widener, but boosts numbers

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Sports Editor

The head coach who once led the Lady Royals from Scranton University to a conference championship bout is now back for another season--with the Lady Colonels.

Sara Myers, 2005 Freedom Conference Coach of the Year, has begun her third season as the Lady Colonels head coach and believes this is the best team she's had as a coach at Wilkes University.

"We have a strong returning group that came back from last year," said Myers. "We have 19 returners. We have a talented group and it's a good group to work with. Game to game we're making steps of improvement every time we step on the field."

The Lady Colonels went on the road to face Widener University for their fourth game of the season on September 13. They entered the game with a 2-1 record against Widener who was sitting on a record of 3-0 at the time. The clear 70-degree weather made it the perfect day for both teams to grab their sticks in front of an estimated 135 fans in Chester, PA.

Widener's Jaime Carr would strike first at the 05:08 mark hitting the ball past Lady Colonels goalie Julia Smith off an assist from teammate Erica Rose. It took Wilkes

nearly forty minutes to respond to tie the game at one goal apiece.

With 43:34 remaining on the clock, Wilkes sophomore Jennifer Keegan slammed one past goalie Katie Jensen who had five saves on the day for Widener. Unfortunately for the Lady Colonels, Widener only needed approximately twelve minutes before Carr would get her second goal putting the score at 2-1. Five minutes later, Widener's Mallory Meyer would score off a pass from Colleen Guille putting the game out of the Lady Colonels reach.

"[The game against Widener] was the most intense game we played all year," said Myers. "I think people stepped up and had their best game against Widener."

Smith gathered 18 of her season total 47 saves against Widener. Unfortunately, the Lady Colonels were held in check offensively attempting only eight shots and scoring on two. If they'd had the opportunity at a couple more shots, they may have won. Junior Devan McKay scored the final goal of the game with eight minutes left in the game.

The Lady Colonels are now 2-3 after losing two goals to one on the road Saturday against 13th-ranked Montclair State (NJ). Keegan tied the game at one during the

38:09 mark off a rebound, but Montclair's Megan Pietrunti would score nearly ten minutes later. Both teams remained scoreless in the final twenty-two minutes leaving the final score 2-1 Montclair. Two of the Lady Colonels' three losses have been on the road.

With 14 games left on the schedule, the Lady Colonels still have a chance to improve on their 9-9 record from a season ago. The Lady Colonels go on the road to matchup against Elizabethtown Tuesday at 4:30 and another non-conference game will be played at home for the Lady Colonels against Marywood.

Last season the Lady Colonels beat up on both Elizabethtown (5-1) and Marywood (4-0) within the first five games of the season.

Senior Lindsay Thomas and the rest off the Wilkes team remembers the days of 2005 when they reached the semi-final playoff game against Kings and believes that they will make it back.

"I think we have a lot of potential," said Thomas. "We just need to work a little harder and practice. Couple more games, I'd say we'll be one of the teams to look out for in the conference."

The Lady Colonels first conference game will be Saturday Oct. 6 against Mahattanville College.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Sophomore Jennifer Keegan leads the Lady Colonels in the scoring department with four goals on twelve attempts. Keegan has started all five games this season.

Lady Colonels soccer looks to rebuild and develop

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Sports Editor

Losing seven of his players after expecting to drop only two graduating seniors doesn't seem to bother the sixth-year women's soccer head coach, John Sumoski. Ultimately, if chemistry isn't happening, changes, even unexpected ones, can be a gift.

Last year, Lady Colonels bowed out of the playoffs in the first round. This was a surprise after being crowned conference champions in 2005, and some have speculated that the early departure happened because of a lack of team chemistry.

Team chemistry may also be the reason why some Lady Colonels decided to retire their jerseys prematurely from last year.

Whatever the case may be, Sumoski has set his sights on the kind of teamwork that builds championships for the 2007-08 season.

With an even split of 11 veterans and 11 freshmen on his roster, Sumoski and the Lady Colonels believe they can return to the glorious days of the 2005 women's conference championship soccer season.

"Everyone is very confident that if we work hard and I do my job of putting the right team on the field, we have a very good shot at winning the conference," said Sumoski. "But everything has to fall together

nicely as far as organizing all the newcomers with the returning players."

Senior forward Rebecca Duttry also believes her team can return to the days of 2005 but possibly further.

"This year I think we can go to the Sweet Sixteen," said Duttry, "very easily."

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-John Sumoski

So far, the Lady Colonels are one game above .500 with a 3-2 non-conference record. Their first conference battle will be at home against FDU-Florham (NJ) on Oct. 6.

All of the Lady Colonels' first five games have concluded in shutouts including their 1-0 "moral victory" over former conference rival Scranton University in overtime.

Senior forward Georgina Robertson forced one of Scranton's players to move backwards with the ball allowing Catherine Simone to apply pressure and strip it away. Simone, a junior forward, then kicked the

ball down field completing a brilliant pass to sophomore forward Julissa Reed. Freshman Melissa Polchinski, finished the play kicking the ball through the net off a pass from Reed.

Wilkes has won three of its last four games against Scranton. Now the team is 3-20 all-

time against the Lady Royals.

The other two wins for the Wilkes women have also been 1-0 shutouts to both Cortland University (NY) and Lebanon Valley College (PA).

The Lady Colonels last line of defense lies in the hands of senior goalie Liz Pauly. Pauly has caught a total of 14 saves, while giving up five goals in the initial five games. Junior Jessica Berkey has also filled in at the goalie position.

Although the Lady Colonels have enjoyed holding their opponents scoreless, they have had their share being on the other side of the

fence.

On September 6, the Lady Colonels hosted nationally ranked (3rd) Messiah College. Messiah held the Lady Colonels to only one goal shot while scoring five goals on thirteen shots of their own. Wilkes gave up three goals during a nine minute span that began at the 26:53 mark.

"Messiah plays a beautiful game of soccer and it really showed us where we are at compared to the best in the country," said Sumoski. "It means a lot to the players just to have the opportunity to play them. Every year we can look at our progress based on how we do against them."

In 2006, the Lady Colonels lost to Messiah 6-0.

This week, the Lady Colonels match up against two other prestigious soccer programs in New York University and Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ). Stevens is ranked 15th in the nation while N.Y.U. is 7th in their region.

Today the Lady Colonels go on the road to square off against Stevens at 7 p.m. Both teams have a history that dates back to Nov. 12, 2005 when Stevens shut out the Lady Colonels in NJ 5-0 during the D3 women's soccer national tournament.

The Lady Colonels take on NYU Sunday at Ralston Field at 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL

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"This loss is hard for me and it's hard for our football team," said Sheptock. "When we started playing Rowan, we think, 'they're one of the premier programs in the east.' And now on two consecutive occasions we're toe-to-toe with one of the premier programs in the eastern half of the United States. We're right there and to be so close stings a little bit."

"But (the team's loss) also reveals how close we are to getting to that level and that's the positive I take from this," Sheptock added.

The first three Wilkes games of the season have been home against teams from the NJAC conference including William Paterson (NJ) and Montclair State (NJ) for a combined total of three losses by a mere nine points.

Despite being sent to the turf six times on sacks, Karaffa displayed his best offensive performance of the season against Rowan. Karaffa threw for two touchdowns after leaving the first two games empty handed against William Paterson and Montclair

State. He also put up a season-high 249 yards, 173 of those in the second half on a total of 25 completions to 11 different receivers. Zangardi led all receivers with 86 yards on six catches. Prushinsky followed with six catches of his own for a total of 60 yards.

The Wilkes name who was called only six times for 14 rushing yards against William Paterson in the first game and zero against Montclair State. Against Rowan, sophomore Sean Madden led the Colonels in rushing with 30 yards on 15 attempts. Sophomore Corey Carter got only three touches against Rowan compared to 30 carries between the Colonels first two games. All four of the Colonels running backs including senior Ryan Gallagher and freshman Jamar Beverly, combined for only 39 rushing yards. Rowan's running backs came away with 92 rushing yards.

Senior All-American Kyle Follweiler was the beast on the defensive side of the pigskin for the Colonels at the middle linebacker position. Follweiler had a career-high 20 tackles, 14 of which were unassisted. He also grabbed an interception at Rowan's 31-yard line in the beginning of the second

quarter and a sack for a loss of four yards. Junior Corey Tucker followed with eight tackles and one forced fumble.

Although the outcomes of games are not solely determined on either side of the ball, Sheptock believes his special teams unit needs to be solid in order to propel his team forward.

"Our blackshirt (special teams) unit will determine how successful our season is," said Sheptock. "Through the first three games you see that. That's where we go to get better to start winning football games."

Not only could the Colonels have potentially gone into over-time in their game against Rowan on Saturday had they made the extra point on their first touchdown, but they also missed an extra point attempt in their first game of the season against William Paterson resulting in a 17-16 loss.

The Colonels have a bye this week and get the chance to fix what has gone wrong before their seven game stretch in the MAC Freedom conference that begins with Lebanon Valley on Saturday, September 29 in Annville, PA.

"Those first couple they were a great test and we had some great teams we played

against," said Karaffa. "We fell a little short with that one point loss, but we're all looking up. We're all getting fired up for the MAC now."



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Wilkes sophomore running back Corey Carter carries the ball during Saturday's 14-13 loss against game against Rowan.

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Commentary

American League MVP to be determined in final weeks

Alex Rodriguez is primed to walk away with his third Most Valuable Player award

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

When it came to deciding the American League MVP for 2006, it was a close race between the Minnesota Twins' Justin Morneau and the New York Yankees' Derek Jeter.

This year the race is anything but.

Alex Rodriguez, the third baseman for the New York Yankees, has all but won his third MVP award.

All he needs now is to tally the votes.

A-Rod, quite possibly the greatest player of this generation, is currently in the midst of the best year of his career, one year removed from a season in which he was booed by fans, moved down to the 7th spot in the lineup, and all but nearly run out of town by the notoriously tough New York media.

What a difference a year makes.

While the Yankees struggled in the first half of the season, Rodriguez was busy trying to keep the team afloat.

In an April that saw the perennial contender Bronx Bombers play to a record of 9-14, A-Rod was hitting everything in sight, ending the month with a .355 batting average, 14 homeruns and 34 RBIs.

While he was unable to keep pace with those numbers, he has still managed to put up the kind of numbers that one has come to expect from the youngest member of the 500 homerun club.

Currently, A-Rod is sitting atop the AL with a comfortable lead in both homeruns (52) and RBIs (141), while maintaining a batting average of .315.

More importantly, however, is how pivotal he has been in the clutch. In 2006, A-Rod wasn't reliable in key situations or in the playoffs, a blemish on an otherwise storied career. This season, he is hitting .328 with 6 homeruns and 19 RBIs in the "close and

late"* situations.

His monster season couldn't come at a better time, as he has the choice to opt-out of his contract with the Yankees at season's end, essentially making him a free agent.

It doesn't hurt that the Yankees have a 2 game lead in the American League Wild Card, either.

Despite his numbers, A-Rod does have some company in the MVP race, even if

as the Angels have an 8.5 game lead over the second place Seattle Mariners in the AL West.

The next candidate lies in Magglio Ordonez, the Detroit Tigers' right fielder. Ordonez, who is leading his team in home runs(27) and RBIs(132) is also leading the American League in batting average(.356.)

Magglio has been key in the Tigers' success this season, but his work is far from done. With only 13 games left in their season, Detroit is 2.5

games back in the wild card, and 5.5 games back in the AL Central.

Also on board for MVP consideration is the most unlikely of players, Mike Lowell, the third baseman for the AL East leading Boston Red Sox.

Lowell, a veteran player who was with the Florida Marlins during their 2003 World Series campaign, is having a terrific year for Boston in a season in which perennial slugger Manny Ramirez and newly acquired J.D. Drew and Julio Lugo aren't producing.

He has been one of the most consistent players for the Red Sox, leading the team in RBIs(106) and being one of the team leaders in average(.326), while helping them maintain their lead in the AL East over the rival New York Yankees.

As the season winds down, it is going to become more and more apparent as to who will walk away with the MVP award.

But, for the sake of things, let's call it as it is: Alex Rodriguez, your third MVP award is waiting.

*Close and late results in the 7th inning or later with the batting team either ahead by one run, tied or with the potential tying run at least on deck.

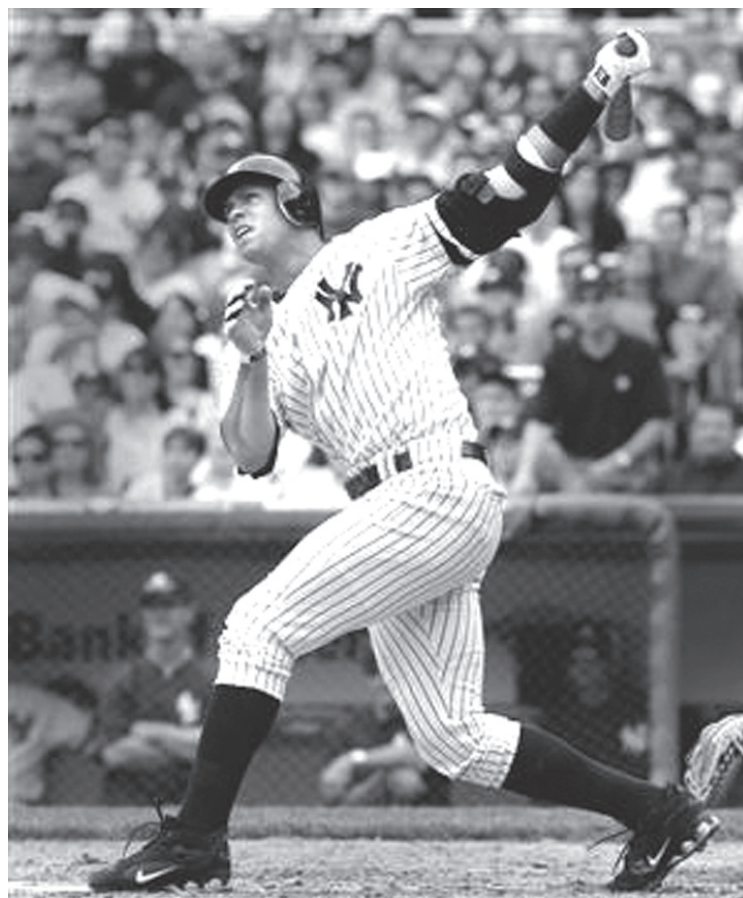


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Alex Rodriguez watches a homerun fly ay Yankee Stadium.

they are in his rearview mirror.

His closest company is Vladimir Guerrero, a former MVP winner himself, and resident right fielder for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

Guerrero is arguably one of the most overlooked players in the American League, simply because he has been one of the most consistent hitters in recent memory.

In his last ten seasons, Vlad hasn't hit below .300, while hitting at least 30 homeruns with 100 RBIs 8 times.

This season is no different, as he leads the Angels in average(.327), homeruns(24), and RBIs(119), while simultaneously being the only power threat in their lineup.

His presence is definitely felt, however,

STATISTICS

Thru 9/16

Alex Rodriguez, 3B
New York Yankees

Average: .315

HR: 52

RBI: 141

Magglio Ordonez, RF
Detroit Tigers

Average: .356

HR: 27

RBI: 132

Vladimir Guerrero, RF
Los Angeles Angels
of Anaheim

Average: .327

HR: 24

RBI: 119

Mike Lowell, 3B
Boston Red Sox

Average: .326

HR: 18

RBI: 106

AL Batting Title Race:

1. M. Ordonez(DET), .356
2. I. Suzuki(SEA), .350
3. P. Polanco(DET), .341
4. J. Posada(NYY), .338
5. V. Guerrero(LAA), .327
6. D. Ortiz(BOS), .326
7. M. Lowell(BOS), .326
8. D. Pedroia(BOS), .324
9. J. Vidro(SEA), .318
10. C. Crawford(TB), .315



Athlete of the Week:

Alison McDonald

BY MEGAN SMITH

Beacon Staff Writer

Last season, the women's tennis team reached new levels of success.

The team battled tirelessly to overcome some tough opponents and are working to maintain the same level of excellence this year.

Last year, the Lady Colonels beat DeSales to gain a seat at the 2006 national tournament. A key component to that victory came from the then sophomore Alison McDonald. McDonald was named to both the MASCAC Academic Honor Roll as well as the All-Freedom Conference team.

With her stunning doubles 8-1 win over the FDU-Florham first doubles team of Leslie Johnson and Jill Horn, and her equally commanding singles win 6-3, 6-0 on Saturday, McDonald's steady leadership and athletic skill led to *The Beacon's* naming her Athlete of the Week.

McDonald, a junior, began playing tennis at the age of thirteen and always works to better herself. Because many established tennis players acknowledge they pick up a racket as soon as they can walk, it might appear that starting as late as the age of 13 could put a player at a disadvantage; this is not the case for McDonald. She possesses unmatched ambition.

Her drive is evident in her individual participation in several United States Tennis Association tournaments. Even now she finds areas in her game that need tuning up. "Personally, I would like to become a little more consistent and also improve my net game," said McDonald.

This season has already proven to be prosperous for both McDonald and the Wilkes team. In addition to the Lady Colonels 9-0 sweep of FDU Florham this weekend, McDonald had striking victories against Marywood and Misericordia. In her match against Marywood's Samantha Miller, McDonald was able to win easily in two sets

both 6-0. In the team's first game on August 31 against Misericordia, she was able to obtain two 6-2 victories over Sarah Golis.

In doubles matches, the powerhouse combination of McDonald and Xiaoqiao Zhang-beat Marywood and Misericordia, 8-1, 8-3, respectively.

The team holds a current 3-1 record with only one loss to the Division II team from Bloomsburg University. At this match McDonald lost 4-6, 3-6 and, with Zhang, fell short in a 6-8 set.

With her self motivation and determination, McDonald will certainly continue to be a force on the courts. She maintains a goal of individual and team success. McDonald is looking ahead even in the earliest matches of this season. She said, "I would love for our team to make it further this year at the national level. I think we definitely have the ability."

McFacts

** In 2006, McDonald posted a record of 17-3 before losing in the first round of the D3 national playoffs against Hunter College (NY).*

**In her sophomore season, McDonald was named to the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation Honor Roll, as well as being named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association's All-Academic Team for 2006-2007*



TheBeacon/James Rosato

Wilkes junior Alison McDonald is one of the aces on head coach Chris Leicht's roster. McDonald won three out of four tennis matches and was named Freedom Conference Player of the Week for the week of September 3.

WEEKLY RECAPS

Men's Tennis

Bloomsburg University notched an 8-1 win over Wilkes University in a men's tennis match on Thursday night. The Division II Huskies and the Colonels were both playing their first dual match of the season.

Women's Soccer

Tracy Fitzpatrick scored with just 6:40 remaining to provide Moravian College with a 1-0 non-conference women's soccer win over Wilkes University on Saturday afternoon. The win improved the Greyhounds to 5-1 overall, while the Lady Colonels saw their record move to 3-3 overall.

Volleyball

For the second straight day the Wilkes University volleyball team split two matches to finish 2-2 at the University of Scranton Invitational. The Lady Colonels posted a 30-18, 30-19, 30-18 win over Centenary College, before falling to St. Lawrence University, 30-25, 30-18, 30-20. The Lady Colonels moved their record to 5-7 overall.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

20

Number of tackles by senior middle linebacker Kyle Follweiller in the Wilkes home game against Rowan on Saturday. Twenty stands as his career-high.

9

Collectively, the Lady Colonels tennis team shut out FDU (NJ) on the road. Six different Lady Colonels won in singles matches. Later they would pair for doubles and win all three matches.

84

Total number of assists gathered by sophomore setter LeeAnn Searfoss over a four game stretch during the Scranton Tournament.

3

Number of goals scored last week by senior Andy Curry in the Colonels soccer contests against Misericordia (2) on Sept. 8 and Widener (1) on Sept. 12.



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Key Stats

***Thirteen of the Colonels 16 first downs were off pass completions.**

***Rowan racked up 80 yards on the ground compared to the Colonels 8. The Colonels lost 33 yds on 6 sacks.**

***Both teams totaled 257 yds throughout the game.**

***Rowan coughed up the ball 3 times and recovered it each time.**

***The Colonels used 11:25 off the clock to score all of their 13 points in the third quarter.**

Close, But No Cigar

Colonels fall one point short in classic battle v. Rowan University

BY CARLTON HOLMES
Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes football team entered halftime tied at zero.

The Colonels offense needed to find a breath of fresh air somewhere in a locker room filled with sweaty men. All were looking to avenge last year's devastating 21-14 loss against Rowan University (NJ) in another classic home battle.

But this time the conditions were a little more bearable for each team. It wasn't a national tournament game as in 2006. Instead, this match-up served as the third in a series of pre-conference games for the Colonels aimed at warming them up for the season

ahead. It was Rowan's second game of the season.

And something certainly must have happened in the locker room at the half.

It would only take senior quarterback Al Karaffa and his offense four minutes to do in the second half what they couldn't do in 13 minutes of possession in the first: put points on the board.

"We went out there today in the third quarter with a simple game plan as you can have," said head coach Frank Sheptock. "What you saw was that the offense, because they were out there for awhile together and there wasn't a lot of personnel changes, they got into some rhythm."

Smelling Rowan's territory from their own 40-yard line, Karaffa completed the first of two game-changing passes to junior wide receiver Gennaro Zangardi for the thirteen yards. The very next play, Karaffa floated another one to Zangardi, but this time the pass was complete for a total of 40 yards down to Rowan's seven yard line. Two plays later, on Rowan's three yard line, Karaffa hit senior wide-out Rocky D'Aconti on a fade to the left for six points. That gave D'Aconti his first touchdown reception of his college career.

The Wilkes special team unit took the field and kicker Mario Della Fortuna missed the extra point that would come back and

haunt the Colonels later in the game.

On the ensuing offensive drive for the Colonels, the team snatched nearly six minutes off the clock before completing a fifteen yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Jason Prushinsky from Karaffa. The Colonels made the extra point putting the game at 13-0.

Later in the third quarter with 00:22 on the clock, Rowan freshman quarterback Tim Hagerty completed a 26-yard touchdown pass to sophomore quarterback Val Terebizh. After completing the extra point, Rowan closed their losing margin to just six points.

Only a minute and 48 seconds into the fourth quarter, Karaffa

was picked off by Kevin Bellamy to set Rowan up with the ball at the Colonels 37-yard line. Rowan would later score on a one yard run by Hagerty and complete the extra point to lead the game 14-13 with 10:17 remaining in the fourth. The Colonels had opportunities but none of them would prove to be a success and the score stood as the final for the game.

After waiting nearly a whole year to beat a team that broke their hearts last year in the second round of the national tournament, the Colonels fell one point short of revenge and their first win of the season in front of 1,700 fans.

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