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Fire Guts Students' W. River St. Home

BY JULIE MELF
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Wilkes offers assistance to three undergrads

At approximately 5:22 p.m. Friday, fire engulfed 176-178 West River Street in Wilkes-Barre. Wilkes University students Lauren Solski, Rebecca Kriner, Damian Michaels, Tim Showalter and former Wilkes students Joe Caprio, and Kevin Helmbold all lived in various apartments in the building. The students and other residents managed to escape unharmed, despite the rapid spread of flames that gutted the entire structure.

According to Wilkes-Barre Fire Chief Jay Delaney, heavy smoke and flames came from every square inch of the rear of the building and the flames quickly spread to the three floors of the building.

"When we arrived on the scene, we received a report that there might be people in the building. Rescue then became the priority of the mission. So four firefighters began the search of the first, second, and third floors of the building. Then, after no one was found to be in the building, the next priority of the mission was to put the fire out as quickly as possible and to keep the extremely dangerous fire contained to one area so that it would not spread to other buildings nearby," explained Delaney.

The building is owned by James Shields

of 90 Yeager Ave. in Forty-Fort. The roof of the building, like many of the older homes owned in Wilkes-Barre, was made of slate and not shingles, which caused the building to hold in the fire and collapse more easily. For these reasons, the firefighters had to pull the roof down and fight the biggest part of the fire from the outside.

"I was sitting in my apartment when I heard the fire alarms go off. I looked around and saw...flames were coming from the back of the house so I quickly grabbed my wallet and cell phone and evacuated the building," said Kevin Helmbold, a former Wilkes University student.

Joe Caprio, also a former student at Wilkes University, was at work when the fire started.

"After work I went back to my parents' house where I got the phone call from my roommate that the place was on fire. So me and my dad rushed down. I could see the pillars of smoke from the Cross Valley. I didn't know what to think. I'm just glad everyone was O.K.," said Caprio.

Several Wilkes University administrators

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176-78 West River Street, shown above, was engulfed in smoke and flames last Friday, October 24. Although no one was harmed in the fire, some off-campus Wilkes students lost their home and belongings.

Thefts on Campus Worry Community Public Safety officials urge awareness and caution

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Wilkes University community members are taking extra precautions with their personal belongings after a recent string of robberies have been reported on campus.

According to the Campus Community Notice posted early last week, "During the past two weeks there have been reported incidents of theft from academic buildings and vehicles on campus. The thefts range from wallets to a bicycle and, therefore, do not hold a pattern or have one specific individual's description as the suspect."

Several suspicious incidents were reported to Public Safety on Monday and Tuesday. According to sources in both Capin Hall and Stark Learning Center, one suspect was seen entering offices and classrooms unannounced (without knocking) and then offering the excuse he was "looking for his girlfriend." No connection has actually been made between thefts or theft at-

tempts with this individual, however.

On Tuesday, Communication Studies Professor, Jane Elmes-Crahall fell victim to campus theft when her wallet was stolen from her office in Capin Hall on South Franklin St. Although only \$10 of actual money was taken, Elmes-Crahall had to undergo the frustration of cancelling all of her credit cards, which were also in the wallet. Elmes-Crahall predicts the wallet was stolen between two and three o'clock on Monday afternoon, since that was the longest time frame she was out

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Alcohol Awareness Week concluded Friday, Oct 24. One of the events held over the course of the week was a "beer goggle" demonstration where several students had the opportunity to "see" what it's like to be intoxicated, and how alcohol impairs vision. Pictured above are students Patricia McNamara and Pamela Sessoms with Registered Nurse, Gail Holby.

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Class Gifts Beautify Wilkes Properties

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon Correspondent

A campus map, the painting of the new Wilkes logo on the train trestle at the entrance to Ralston Field, and engraved bricks surrounding the new campus map, were recently installed as gifts from previous classes.

The class of 1999 provided the funds and idea for a campus map. This illuminating map can be found in the back of the Henry Student Center where it will provide visitors and new students with a sense of direction when they venture onto the Wilkes campus.

year for two years. The money was then used to establish the map and help maintain it in the future.

The class of 1998 gift can also be seen behind the Henry Student Center surrounding the map. This class donated engraved bricks, with the names or nicknames of students in the class of 1998, who participated in the fundraising. Students were able to purchase their brick for \$50, which covered the cost for the brick and the donation to the university.

Christine Tondrick, Assistant Director of Marketing Communications and co-chair for the class of 1998 said, "Once the student center was built we decided to go with a location outside. And then when 99's gift came they talked about a map. We thought 'well let's do the bricks then surrounding the map.'"

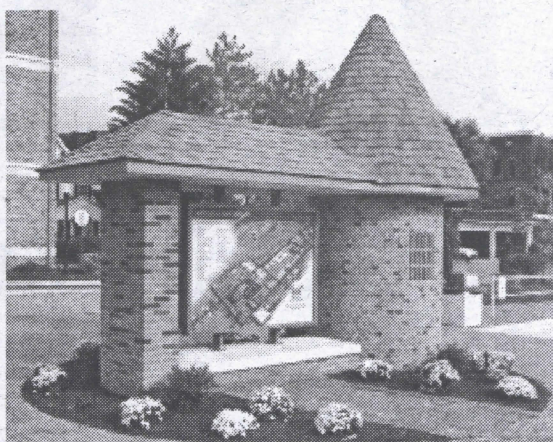
Even with the idea in place and the money donated, it took five years for the class of 1998's gift and four years for class of 1999's gift to become a reality.

Carol Maculloch, Director of Wilkes

Fundraisers said, "What happens is, we have to wait until all the money comes in. So if they (students) pledge the money when they are graduating in May, they don't even begin to make their first payment until the following May when they are billed. So it often takes five years before we have the money in an account, so that we can actually do the project."



Class Gift of 1998



The Beacon/Ryan Klemish
Class Gift of 1999



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Class Gift of 2003

The funding for the map project was made possible by donations from the student in the graduating class of 1999. The class used a plan in which the students paid \$50 every

The class of 2003 was an exception, however. Their gift of the painted trestle at Ralston Field was also installed this year. Maculloch said, they thought this particular class gift was important considering the old trestle was covered with graffiti.

Once all the donations are received for the gifts, Wilkes begins construction. Maculloch said they try to present the gift within five years so that when students come back for their fifth year reunion they are able to see what their class contributed to the campus.

"I had the opportunity to see the completed class gift two weeks ago during our reunion weekend. It is absolutely beautiful," said Michael Beachem, President of the class

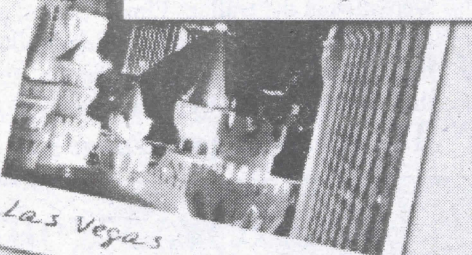
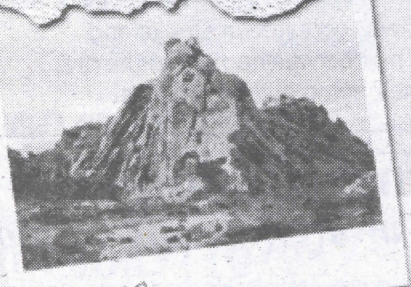
of 1998.

According to Maculloch, the more people who participate in the fundraising, the nicer the class gift will be.

"Seniors, please consider this wonderful legacy that you can come back and enjoy and bring your children back to enjoy and you can be proud of the rest of your life," said Maculloch.

Tondrick said, "We really hope that by seeing the bricks, by seeing the visible reminders of what the class gave, that future classes will be encouraged to take on a class gift campaign, that they can make an impact on cam-

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News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

Wal-Mart plans review of 1 million U.S. workers following federal immigration sweep

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said it was cooperating with authorities and vowed to instantly fire workers found to be in the country illegally, two days after federal officers arrested 245 employees at stores across the country.

Eleven workers were arrested at stores in Oklahoma City and Edmond.

"We are doing a very thorough investigation with our own stores so we understand what happened and make sure that if we need to take pro-active, corrective steps, we will do that," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Mona Williams said Friday.

"If we find workers that are undocumented we would terminate them immediately," Williams said.

Investigators told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity that they gathered recordings from wiretaps that indicate Wal-Mart executives knew the company's subcontractors used illegal workers.

Though contract cleaning crews were the focus of Thursday's sweep, Williams said Wal-Mart employees at stores in Arizona and Kentucky were among those arrested.

"Approximately 10 Wal-Mart associates were arrested during the raids yesterday," she said. "These are people who used to be part of the outside cleaning crew, and when we took that in-house, these folks were simply hired on as employees. They got caught up in the immigration sweep."

Solar storm reaches Earth, but no major problems reported

A geomagnetic storm spawned by a giant eruption of gas on the sun reached the Earth's upper atmosphere, interfering with high-frequency airline communications but causing no major problems, federal officials said.

The storm was expected to be most severe Friday, although experts said it would last for up to two weeks.

"This is not a super solar storm," said Larry Combs, a space weather forecaster with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Environment Center in Boulder.

So far, the storm has interfered with airline communications and radio communications for teams on Mount Everest, Combs said. But problems were not widespread.

The storm, called a "coronal mass ejection," is a mass of solar gas that swept toward Earth at 2 million mph (3.2 million kph). The usual cycle for such a storm is every 11 years; this one was expected to hit three years ago.

"It is kind of like a snowstorm in June in Colorado," Combs said.

Combs said power companies have been notified and were taking precautions to avoid voltage problems and blackouts.

"We will be watching our transmission system very closely 24 hours a day," said Steve Roalstead, spokesman for Xcel Energy, a major Western power provider.

The storm's most visible effect will be the beautiful shimmering light displays, called auroras, that are visible to the naked eye right after dark, said Dale Gary, professor of physics at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Alum of "Big Brother" TV show running for Philly council as "hip-hop activist"

He was first known as William Collins, who became involved at an early age in politics and community service. Then he was known as Mega on the TV reality show "Big Brother."

Today he's Will Mega, one of six candidates seeking two at-large seats on the Philadelphia City Council.

Mega, 31, running on the Education Party ticket, calls himself a "hip-hop political-activist candidate."

"I feel many City Council members are so concerned about not rocking the boat," he said Friday. "They're out of touch with some of the pressing issues of the community."

He appeared on the first season of "Big Brother" in 2000, and became known as the most confrontational roommate in the 10-member household. He also was the first person sent packing.

Mega, who is black, said his prime objective on "Big Brother" was to use the show as a vehicle for discussing race relations.

After the show started, the New York Daily News reported that Mega was once known as Hiram Ashantee, an organizer of the New Black Panther Party who worked for Nation of Islam outcast Khalid Abdul Muhammad. Muhammad, who died in 2001, became known for virulent attacks on Jews, gays and whites.

Mega won't say why he left the organization; his Web site cites "ideological differences."

Anti-U.S. Forces Strike Baghdad Hotel

By CHELSEA J. CARTER

AP Writer

In a daring strike, insurgents attacked the heart of the U.S. occupation Sunday, unleashing a barrage of rockets against the Al Rasheed hotel, where U.S. officials live and where visiting Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was staying. Wolfowitz escaped, but an American colonel was killed and 15 people were wounded.

Scores of American officials fled the hotel in pajamas and shorts after the 6:10 a.m. assault, in which a rocket battery on a timer, wheeled into a nearby park, hit the hotel with eight to 10 missiles. Holes pockmarked the Al Rasheed's modern, concrete facade, and windows were shattered in two dozen rooms.

Wolfowitz, who appeared shaken as he addressed reporters at a convention center across the street where most officials fled, vowed the attack would not deter the United States in its mission to transform Iraq.

"There are a few who refuse to accept the reality of a new and free Iraq," he said. "We will be unrelenting in our pursuit of them."

The bold strike from nearly point-blank range may have been timed to coincide with the lifting of the curfew in Baghdad and opening of a key downtown bridge, a U.S. commander said. Those steps were taken because what occupation officials called an improving security situation, but the attack once again pointed up the vulnerability of even heavily guarded U.S. facilities in Iraq, where American forces sustain an average of 26 lower-profile attacks daily.

A senior FBI official said the bureau, the Defense Department, the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service and Iraqi police were conducting a joint investigation.

The slain American was a colonel, Wolfowitz said, without identifying him. That would be one of the highest ranking U.S. military officers killed in the Iraqi insurgency. Since President Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq on May 1, 109 U.S. soldiers have been killed by hostile fire.

The 15 wounded included seven American civilians, four U.S. military personnel and four civilians from other nations, the U.S. military said. One Briton was among the wounded.

Army Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey, the commander of the 1st Armored Division, which is responsible for Baghdad security, said the attack was probably took a couple of months to plan.

"No doubt it required some reconnaissance and some rehearsal...some time to weld this apparatus together (and) probably a rehearsal to pull this into position," Dempsey told a news conference.

Calling the makeshift device "clever," he said the launcher was disguised to look like a portable generator and contained a set of tubes with 40 pods to contain missiles.

He said about eight to 10 missiles--65mm and 85mm--hit the hotel, and 11 were still in the launcher when U.S. troops examined it. He said he did not know how many missiles were fired but missed the Al Rasheed.

The launcher also was booby-trapped, and troops had to defuse explosives in the wheel

wells before they could move it, Dempsey said.

He added that he did not believe Wolfowitz was the target of the attack. Instead, he said, it was timed to discredit the U.S. opening of a key bridge over the Tigris River and the lifting of a nighttime curfew in the capital--both in honor of the holy fasting month of Ramadan, which starts here Monday, and because of U.S. military assessments of improved security in Baghdad.

Asked if he still stands by those assessments, Dempsey answered, "Absolutely."

The Al Rasheed, which houses civilian occupation officials and U.S. military forces, is the downtown Baghdad district at the heart of the U.S.-led administration of Iraq, about a mile from the palace housing the coalition headquarters and the offices of interim Iraqi Governing Council.

Wolfowitz, expressing "profound sympathy" for the victims, said danger persists in Iraq "as long as there are criminals out there staging hit-and-run attacks."

An Iraqi police commander, who refused to give his name, said the attackers, in a white Chevrolet pickup, drove down a main road passing a few hundred yards from the hotel and stopped at the edge of the city's main Zawra Park and Zoo. Security guards of the new Facilities Protection Service spotted the activity.

"We approached him (the driver) to tell him to move the car. When he saw us, he fled," one of the injured guards, Jabbar Tarek, said at a nearby hospital.

As Tarek and others approached, the rockets fired off from the blue trailer, police said. Tarek said the guards weren't armed, or "I would have fired on him."

Later Sunday morning, U.S. soldiers could be seen removing at least two 3-foot-long rockets from the trailer.

"There is no guarantee we can protect against this kind of thing unless we have soldiers on every block," said Lt. Brian Dowd of Nanuet, N.Y., a 1st Armored Division reconnaissance officer at the scene.

Barely a mile away, the road crosses the Tigris River at the 14th of July Bridge, which U.S. authorities reopened Saturday for the first time since the city fell to American troops in April.

Iraqi security guard Dafer Jawad, 28, said that from the convention center he saw projectiles flying toward the hotel.

"There was a whooshing sound," he said. "One landed in the front of the hotel. I saw very heavy white smoke in front of the hotel. ... Many people started rushing across from the hotel into the Convention Center."

The hotel also was attacked Sept. 27 with small rockets or rocket-propelled grenades, causing only minimal damage.

U.S. officials had warned that "Islamic extremists" planned to carry out a suicide bombing attack against an unspecified hotel in the city's Karrada district used by Westerners. But the warning did not specify a target, and the Al Rasheed is not in that district.

Recent Hazing Cases Prompt Policy Change at Wilkes

BY JULIE MELF

Beacon Assistant News Editor

Recently, the media have paid a great deal of attention to local or national hazing incidents. But why the sudden interest in something that has been going on for years?

Locally, the Lake Lehman school district has wrestled publicly with how to respond to an incident that involved several upperclass football players allegedly hazing a younger player for poor performance on the field. Lehman's case is not unusual, however. One need only pick up other national papers or listen for a short while to hear similar stories across the nation, some of which have much darker endings.

According to www.stophazing.org, when most people think of hazing, images of college fraternities and sororities pledging rituals come to mind. However, a study by Alfred University and the NCAA found that approximately 80% of college athletes had been subjected to some form of hazing. This equates to more than 250,000 athletes during the 1998-99 school year alone. Half were required to participate in drinking contests or alcohol related initiations while two-thirds were subjected to humiliating themselves.

The four Lake Lehman students in question were given heavy sentences for their involvement in hazing a fellow teammate on the football team.

The *Times Leader* recently reported that Adam Harris, 15, of Lehman Township had

his hands, head, and feet taped to a wheeled chair, while four teammates rubbed Icy Hot (an ointment used to relieve muscle pain) on his head and face, and attempted to push him across a hallway and into an adjacent gymnasium. The chair hit the threshold of a door, dumping Harris on the floor, face-first, causing the teenager to suffer a fractured jaw and other injuries. The punishment for the students involved

difficult, or humiliating tasks. According to standard definitions, there are two different categories of hazing. *Subtle Hazing*, which involves actions that are against accepted sorority or fraternity standards of conduct, behavior and good taste. An activity or attitude directed toward a pledge or an act which ridicules, humiliates or embarrasses. The other category of hazing is called *Harassment Hazing*, which is anything that causes mental anguish or physical discom-

ing the matter.

"I think Wilkes benefits greatly with respect to hazing issues by not having fraternities and sororities other than service-oriented groups," stated Mark Allen, Dean of Student Affairs.

Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs concurred and added, "In the public media there have been several examples that remind us we need to be ever vigilant to be sure that we protect the rights and education of everyone who chooses to attend Wilkes."

Prior to the changes, a more unspecified policy, which can be found on page 32 of the student handbook, states that disciplinary action will take place if, "actions indicating a lack of concern for the welfare or safety of others or conduct which may discredit the University," is violated.

The revised policy defines hazing according to Pennsylvania State Law and states, "Any alleged act of hazing brought to the attention of University officials will be fully investigated and those individuals and/or groups accused will be brought before the University's Student Affairs Office for adjudication."

"Any offense to the policy would come before the Student Affairs Cabinet and we would weigh the circumstances before delivering the appropriate sanctions to the individual or groups involved," explained Allen.

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Dr. Paul Adams

Vice President for Student Affairs

includes expulsion through January, counseling, community service and no extracurricular activities for the school year.

Another case reported this school year involved three varsity football players of the Mephan High School football team. The three were accused of sodomizing three freshmen players at a football camp in August. This resulted in the school canceling the entire football season and sexual brutalizing charges were filed against the players.

Hazing is defined in the dictionary as persecuting or harassing with meaningless,

fort to the pledge. Any activity directed toward a pledge or activity, which confuses, frustrates or causes undue stress can be considered under this category.

While many definitions address hazing as it pertains to fraternities and sororities, as is evident in the Lehman case, other organizations, schools, and groups are not immune to its effects. Hazing is a crime in 41 states, though many of the states limit their definitions, often excluding humiliation as an element. With the recent local and national attention hazing is now receiving, Wilkes University administrators have decided to revise the University's policy regard-

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including Barbara King, Associate Dean of Student Affairs; Gretchen Yenias, Director of Residence Life; and Vaughn Shinkus, Director of Marketing Communications, came to the scene to help those who lost their apartments and possessions.



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Wilkes-Barre Firefighters were on the scene battling the blaze on West River Street on Friday night for several hours

"We really feel it's important that we are there for our students particularly in times like this. We wanted to ensure that we provided necessary accommodations so that they were safe and comfortable. We opened up space in Barre Hall so that the students who were displaced by the fire would be sheltered. We also offered them meal plans, vouchers for books, and representatives from

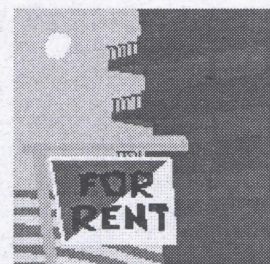
Red Cross met with them to offer them a full array of services," explained Shinkus.

Members of the Wilkes-Barre Fire Department took notice of the administration who came to the scene. "The great thing about this institution is the concern they have for their students, which really showed that night. Even though the building is a distance from the University and the students don't dorm on campus, Barbara King and others came down. It's reassuring to us that Wilkes made sure they had a warm place to go to," stated Delaney.

Delaney also stressed the importance of fire alarms. "The fire was fast moving, and when the alarms went off it prompted them to quickly leave the building. It's a lesson to be learned how important fire alarms are."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation by Wilkes-Barre City fire investigators but should be known in the next couple of days

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Rationale for Community Notification Bulletins Offered

BY GABRIELLE LAMB
Beacon News Editor

Recently a non-Wilkes individual was discovered in Fortinsky Hall located on South Franklin Street. Although the students inside the dorm scared the stranger off, and no physical threat appeared present, questions arose when the traditional Campus Community Notification post did not appear on campus doorways.

This led many students to question what sort of infraction is cause for a campus-wide notification. As Public Safety Manager Matthew Yenchu pointed out, different situations require different courses of action.

According to Public Safety guidelines, there are four processes for distributing information regarding incidents that may be a threat to the campus community. These categories include: Low severity incident outside of campus grounds, high severity situations outside of campus grounds, low severity on-campus incidents, and high severity situations on campus. Although all notifications contain the same general information, such as date, time, location, and the nature of the situation, the four categories require different means of getting the word out.

Low severity incidents that take place outside of the campus grounds are distributed by means of the today@wilkes notification, in which the situation is posted on the Wilkes website. Incidents of high severity outside of the campus perimeter also require the today@wilkes notification, as well as Campus Community Notification flyers that can be seen in and around campus buildings.

For incidents that occur on campus grounds, the means of communication increase in urgency and the goal becomes to make immediate contact with students, faculty, and staff. Low level situations require that students are notified via e-mail, through their Wilkes account, that a situation occurred. High severity situations that occur on campus include the same e-mail notifications to Wilkes accounts, as well as the Campus Community Notification flyers that are often seen around the campus.

"When we judge severity and what our boundaries are for campus... basically it encompasses anything within...about a one block ra-

dus of campus," said Yenchu. "So because we have students down on Ross St. and on the further end of South River St., we'll take into account those students being there and we'll consider that being on campus at that point --though it is not specifically part of our campus property."

Because the non-Wilkes individual who entered Fortinsky Hall, did not try to physically force his way into the dorm or seem to pose any kind of immediate threat, Public Safety officials felt his presence

As Director of Public Safety Chris Bailey said, the lack of extreme threat combined with the extensive media coverage, were the driving forces in the decision to not release a campus-wide notification.

"That was a judgment call we made at the time. We felt that the local media venues were much more effective in getting the word out. Any type of e-mail communication would have been ineffective. Any type of electronic communication would have been ineffective," explained Bailey. "...myself and another administrator didn't feel the risk was extreme. The police coverage was pretty extensive, (and) again we felt it was covered adequately by the local media venues."

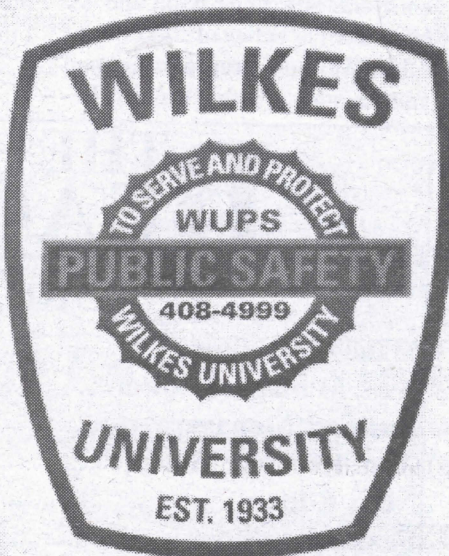
Yenchu added that the campus initiated extra security measures that weekend, by requiring more patrols by officers and security escorts for the individuals on campus that night.

"We were working with the police, and we actually kept Public Safety officers that would have gone off their shift, on and continued vehicle patrols as well as foot patrols... We had our custodial staff on overnight and we actually provided them with escorts throughout the night, just taking them from building to building, just in case he was in the area and may have been on campus," commented Yenchu.

However, not only safety measures require a notification, and the lack of it led to some parking problems on campus when Governor Ed Rendell's visit forced university officials to close the entire commuter parking lot behind the Henry Student Center. Students complained that the lack of notice caused headaches and stress as they attempted to return to classes following fall break.

"That was very last minute, when we found out that we needed the whole lot closed down. So making accommodations for something like that, unfortunately we are going to displace a lot of students... But when upper administration says we need this lot closed, at that point we say, 'OK, let's make the best of what we can'," said Yenchu.

Although the Gold Parking Day was publicized on the Wilkes website, the last minute notification did not oblige with the usual 3-4 day notification that Public Safety officials prefer to give.



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alone did not meet the requirements of a community notification.

"If he attempted to physically get into the room...then that is something we would want to put out there. We would have a description of that individual...and let everyone know," said Yenchu. "The individual was confronted by a student. She asked what he wanted, and he ended up leaving. So, it's kind of a fine line. You don't want to put something out there and scare everybody, thinking there is this person on campus trying to get into dorms."

A more serious event that occurred not too far from campus also did not require a notification to the campus community. When Hugo Selenski escaped from the Luzerne County Correctional Facility on October 10, 2003, Campus Community Notification e-mails or flyers were nowhere to be seen, even though Selenski was still at large following students' return to campus after the holiday weekend.

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of her office without seeing the wallet. Unfortunately, since her purse and keys were left, she didn't find out that her wallet was gone until later in the day when she went to retrieve it.

"I didn't discover the wallet was missing until I was home on Monday night and needed to get something out of the wallet," Elmes-Crahall said.

At first she believed she dropped her wallet in her office and wisely reported all her credit cards missing. The credit card companies then cancelled her cards, but not before the thief attempted to make a purchase.

"In the process of cancelling the cards, one credit card company told me someone attempted to use my card for a \$40 purchase--sometime yesterday (Tuesday) after the wallet was stolen--but the purchase was denied," Elmes-Crahall said. "Whoever took it, however, didn't waste time."

Although she didn't see the thief, Elmes-Crahall believes it's a male because he/she left her purse.

"Since they left behind all the photo IDs and the purse itself, I do think the thief was a male," Elmes-Crahall said. She believes this be-

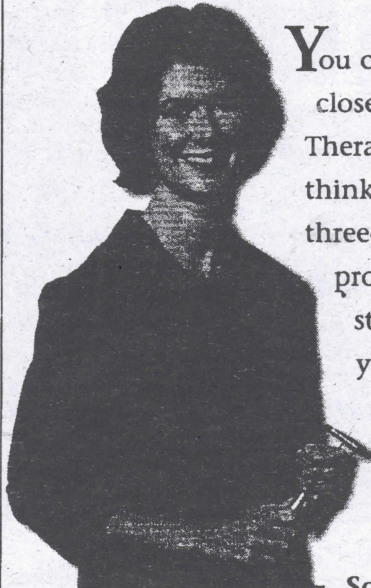
cause she claims it would be suspicious to see a man carrying a purse.

Another sign of the crime wave occurred on Monday in Chase Hall, when someone attempted to steal a laptop computer. Luckily, the computer, which belonged to Michael Frantz, Vice President of Enrollment Services, had a security lock which prevented the laptop from being taken from the desk and the thief was unsuccessful. Receptionist Marie Carver said that the would-be thief might have entered through the back door of the building. "There are so many people coming and going," she said, citing why the individual may have gone unnoticed.

Public Safety officials have recommended that students, faculty, and staff take extra precautions with their valuable items - and report any suspicious activity to the Public Safety office.

As the Public Notification cited, "Members of the campus community are reminded that they should always lock-up their valuables (in a desk, closet, cabinet, etc.) and lock their doors whenever leaving their office/room--even if it is 'only for a minute.'"

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Beacon Editorial:

Americans Working Toward a God less America

The Past: The first tower was plowed by an unexpected plane that has entered the New York City atmosphere. Minutes later the second tower of the World Trade Center was struck by another hijacked plane. The hearts of Americans stop beating in a moment of disbelief.

When life as we knew it was no longer there, it left all of us to ponder the indecipherable remains. Where to turn? What else was there to look forward to?

The Present: A girl goes to school in a small California town. As she stands up from her seat in her daily routine to say the Pledge of Allegiance, the nation is again disrupted by what follows. Who would know that this day the little girl would go home to her atheist father and explain her experience of saying the Pledge of Allegiance with the word "God" in it? Who would know that this father would try to rewrite history for those who had constructed our constitution and the millions upon millions who had recited the Pledge of Allegiance before? Who would guess that this man would succeed?

It's amazing how these two events have managed to shake up a nation in different ways, but perhaps what is more disturbing to note are the parallels between the two situations.

On September 11th, 2001, when America woke up to its own vulnerability when its two towers were reduced to rubble, Americans were in a state of shock. They turned to anything and everyone in sight for comfort. In fact, they even turned to each other, perhaps for the first time--at least noticeably--in a long while. Everyone worked together to get one another through it.

In addition, everyone seemed to also get behind none other than God. Because it was a time of distress, God was good enough to be the entity to go to, to turn to, and to justify the crusade against terrorism. "God Bless America," and "God Bless the USA" became the soundtracks for our everyday lives. Churches filled up. Prayer vigils were commonplace. Because we had lost so much, we justified our patriotism and we justified ourselves in the name of God.

But now that the smoke has cleared and our country is getting back to normal, have we lost our

need for God? Or perhaps it has simply become more comfortable to relegate talk of God to where it was in social circles before 9/11. We've killed mostly all the terrorists and bombed countless countries that harbored the many so-called terrorists, so why talk of God?

It seems many people have taken this standpoint and have just dismissed the heritage and foundation of what our country has been formed on...not pulling references about God out of our Pledge of Allegiance, which has been a part of our everyday for some decades now, but rather freedom to worship wherever and however we feel. What our country also has endorsed since the signing of our Constitution is a "majority rules" way of deciding important issues.

In this country many people--Christians, Jews, Muslims--believe in God and also believe in the pri-

Newdow, who has repeatedly tried to sue the school district of Elk Grove, California, had largely been unsuccessful. After finally striking



the right chord, Newdow managed to get a 2-1 decision that the Supreme Court passed to have "under God" removed from the pledge. Newdow said, "People have to consider what if they were in the minority religion and the majority religion was overpowering them? I'll keep fighting to uphold the Constitution."

Thank you for your selfless crusade, Mr. Newdow. You are doing your country a remarkable service. [Insert heavy sarcasm here.] The fact of the matter is that at no time was Newdow's daughter ever forced to say the pledge. But the whole premise of Newdow's argument, that he and his daughter are a part of the minority religion, doesn't hold water. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, atheism means: "a: a disbelief in the existence of deity; b: the doctrine that there is no deity." Thus, atheism cannot be considered a religion.

Thanks to Mr. Newdow's twisted minority mumbo jumbo Americans have been asked to change the way they talk, the way they sing, the way they spend money, and countless other things we have established in our nation for some time. Because of this what will happen to songs like "God Bless America?" American currency says "In God We Trust." Will that need to change as well?

Will there be signs in restaurants saying, "This is a no God zone. Please respect the wishes of others and refrain from saying the word God so as not to offend anyone." God forbid (oops!) if Michael Newdow happened to be in the booth next to you... we might hurt his feelings.

It seems ridiculous that an editorial actually has to be written on a

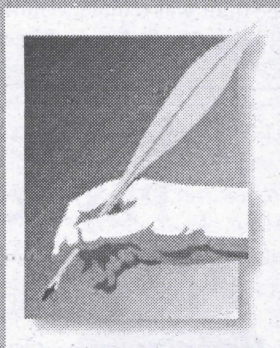
subject like this, but it was Newdow's absurdity and selfishness that has forced the courts to

deal with yet another ridiculous waste of time and taxpayers' money. Face it, our country is one that has always stood out from the rest. We are a strong nation that has always had God--however we might individually define that entity--as our center point and we have always believed in majority rules. We must keep our heritage and maintain it before we truly be-

come a nation with no identity because any open pride or worship of anything would be hurtful to others. Lighten up! Otherwise we will be joining hands with Michael Newdow singing "God Less America."

And as for the 2-1 judgement handed down by the California Supreme Court, Dennis Miller put it best: "So, your honor, the pledge is unconstitutional because it says 'under God.' Guess that means when you were sworn in with your hand on a Bible and at the end of your oath repeated, 'so help me, God,' that makes your job unconstitutional; therefore you have no job, which means your ruling doesn't mean..." I think we get the point.

Beacon Editorial



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mary arguments offered by our forefathers: reverence for our country, its foundations, its leaders, and yes...above all, GOD! Since 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower included the statement "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, it has never been a problem. But as the way things go many times in our country, one person's misery becomes everyone's problem.

So where does all of this misery and altering of historical documents stem from? Enter Michael Newdow.

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History is all Around us at Wilkes University



BY DR. JOHN HEPP
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When I first visited Wilkes University as a prospective faculty member five years ago, I was immediately struck by its beautiful and historic campus. I teach and write about urban America between the end of the Civil War and the start of World War II. The Wilkes campus and the surrounding community were full of buildings and sites of interest to me. Five years later, I am still discovering architectural details and historical trivia that make our academic home fascinating to me and many of my students.

I like teaching about what we historians call the Abuilt environment--the stuff humans make when reshaping their world. I'm interested in all sorts of things, from buildings to roads and fences to street furniture, and what these items tell us about Wilkes-Barre's past, present and (perhaps) future. For me, the

Wilkes campus is a laboratory to study life in America over the last century or so.

The building my students and campus visitors seem to like the best is Kirby Hall. People love the wonderfully restored interior and the beautiful finishes. Built in 1872, Kirby Hall is a magnificent example of the wealth of Gilded Age America.

But if we go beyond the aristocratic trappings of Kirby Hall, I think there are other lessons of history to be learned from the structure. If you pass through the magnificent rooms of the public face of the Kirby family residence into the servant's portions of the building, you will find a much less grand and more utilitarian interior. I find these rooms a useful reminder that for every F.M. Kirby in Victorian America there were hundreds of poorer people living in far more humble abodes.

The other important lesson of Kirby Hall for me is to remind us all that Wilkes-Barre at its peak (from about 1880 to 1920) was more than just anthracite mining. Kirby (like Frederick J. Weckesser of Weckesser Hall fame) made his money as an entrepreneur with the F. W. Woolworth chain of five and ten-cent stores, the early-twentieth-century equivalent of Wal-Mart. Although anthracite may have fueled (terrible, but all too typical pun intended) Wilkes-Barre's boom, it was

hard work and entrepreneurship that sustained it.

Next to Kirby Hall is Chase Hall, home of Admissions, a wonderful Tudor Revival mansion, which means it was meant to look like something from Shakespearian England, built for the president of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company in 1918. This house reinforces for me the power and the prestige of the mining companies that were once headquartered here.

My own office is in Capin Hall, a more modest yet still impressive brick structure on South Franklin Street. The history of this building nicely reflects change over time in the Wyoming Valley. Once the home of a coal-company lawyer, it later became the local headquarters of the miner's union. What

a wonderfully ironic turn of events! To the wealthy residents of the area, this must have signaled a shocking shift in power. Later, as anthracite production declined, the United Mine Workers would leave. In turn, Wilkes would take over the building. In under a century, one building was used by the elite of the Gilded Age and the representatives of the workers of the industrial twentieth century and the students and faculty of the post-industrial twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

History is all around us at Wilkes and in Center City Wilkes-Barre. As you walk the campus or to a destination downtown, look around and appreciate the beauty and diversity of the architecture and the history it represents. Perhaps Wilkes-Barre's future can be found in the preservation and use of its past.

Halloween: The Last Fun Holiday



BY MATTHEW JONES
Beacon Columnist

We've reached that time of year when it's socially acceptable to dress and act like complete morons for one night. Yes, it's nearly Halloween, the greatest "holiday" ever.... for a few reasons.

For starters, no other time of year allows adults to tap into their forcibly suppressed childishness like Halloween. In other words, this is the one time you'll get to see that guy from R & D down the hall outfitted as Harry Potter, drinking tequila and overtly hitting on your wife. One must realize these are pivotal moments in our lives, truly. Think about some adults' costumes from a psychologist's perspective. You may become legitimately frightened.

Second, Halloween is a great display of the infinitesimal amount of trust that we as Americans still hold for each other. Think about this, now. We dress our children so no one can recognize them and send them out late at night to visit strangers who offer them candy. Wow. If there was ever a time for someone to indulge his or her twisted and perverse proclivities, this is it. But we pay no mind. This is good and bad, depending on how you look at it. Good that we can trust our fellow humans with our children and bad

because we assume that dear old Mr. Johnson, who we've met once, is in fact not an axe murderer who literally eats children.

"Well Billy, his light's on, so that means it's safe to ring his doorbell." Well, that makes me feel better. If the day ever comes that I find myself raising children I'll certainly let them go out as long as they wear the home made explosives set to go off if they're not home by a specified time. Sure I trust people but it's always best to take certain precautions.

Seriously though folks, Halloween is really the only holiday that Americans have not totally corrupted beyond recognition with disgusting displays of consumerism. Christmas should be renamed "When The Hell Do We Open Presents?" and Thanksgiving is nothing more than a large meal to properly prepare ourselves for the physical and mental m  le that is Black Friday (fitting name).

Sure, Halloween involves a certain amount of shopping, but the true basis, dressing up to scare away those restless spirits, has not been molested, yet. The secondary idea, having fun, is still fighting the good fight. The last and more or less adopted goal of Halloween, scaring the bejesus out of your children, thankfully is also still a forerunner. There must be a primal rush directly produced when you hear your 8-year-old scream in utter terror as a volunteer firefighter swings a plastic knife at your offspring's eyes.

So dress up as something ridiculous, communicate with the dead, traumatize children, read Poe, eat candy until you're big as a house, or do whatever you need to in order to have FUN. Savor it, too. Christmas is right around the corner.

All Hail the "Do Not Call" List



BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Correspondent

One of the most annoying things I can think of is getting a phone call from a telemarketer early in the morning or as you are sitting down to dinner.

I support the "Do Not Call" list more than anyone for this precise reason. After receiving phone calls in my own dorm, I put my number on the list.

People have the right to decide who calls them and unwanted calls from telemarketers undermines that right. This list protects our right to privacy and in no way should be considered unconstitutional. The way I see it is if I wanted to get a magazine subscription or a new credit card, I would go seek out the information. What I hate most of all is when you tell a telemarketer that you are not interested, and then they call back five minutes

later. If I told them five minutes ago I didn't want a twelve-year subscription to *Hunt Master's Weekly* what makes them think I would change my mind in the span of five minutes? The job of a telemarketer is to badger you until you break down and buy something.

Seeing the telemarketing business fail would be a happy moment for me and for many other people in the United States. If they only called once or twice a week it might not be a big problem, but I know people who have received as many as 25 phone calls in one day! That is more than one call per hour.

Laws placed on the telemarketers have failed as well. The first attempt took aim at time slots. It aimed to limit telemarketers by preventing calls after six pm. That law failed dismally and there was no real way to punish those who violated it.

With the "Do Not Call" list now in place, it will be easier to stop the calls and to punish those who violate it. Already charges have been brought against different companies, and finally the companies are losing. I support the "Do Not Call" list because it protects my right to privacy, and I hope that everyone will take advantage of it.



Let There Be Light!

Last week, three new lightposts were installed along the path next to the clock tower. Thanks to the efforts of public safety office who have headed up the evaluation of lighting on campus, this part of the greenway is a bit safer for students to walk from place to place in the evening hours.

This Wednesday, Public Safety will lead a "Light Walk" to further evaluate the quality of lighting in and around campus.

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Point/Counterpoint:**Hazing: important issue or media hype?**

BY GINGER ESCLICK
Beacon Opinion/Editorial Editor

Thanks to a local hazing incident at Lake Lehman High School a few weeks ago, the issue of hazing has again found its way to the front page of local newspapers. On one hand, we have to take into consideration the fact that people may get hurt as a result of these ritualistic activities. On the other hand, hazing is something that has been going on for decades and some argue it is a rite of socialization. The majority of people who take part in these events walk away unharmed. Is hazing an important issue worthy of public scrutiny? You decide.

Ginger Eslick

I will admit hazing is the talk of the town. But has anyone noticed that ever since the recent hazing incident at Lake Lehman High School occurred the media has been all over the issue? With the present case excepted, when is the last time you remember hearing about a hazing incident or incidents in this area?

This isn't just an outbreak that began all of a sudden; this is something the media chooses to highlight and emphasize because right now most viewers/readers are sensitive to the issue thanks to the close-to-home incident.

For the most part, high school students are not stupid. They know full well that there are ritualistic events that take place each year for the rookies on the team. These freshmen rookies who initially take the brunt of the "hazing" later turn around and become the initiators of the hazing.

No one sets out to cause harm or distress in any way to other members of the team. Mostly everyone who takes part in the initiation of a sporting event gets through it with

no injuries and most people live to tell memorable stories about it. Granted, accidents do happen, but that is a part of life just as is growing up.

Kari Parienello

I've never thought of hazing for initiation to a group as something that happens to high school students, but it seems that this year several area high schools, and others all over the nation are encountering problems with hazing.

When I think of hazing, I see a bunch of fraternity guys huddled around the new pledges, making them swallow goldfish or drink enough alcohol to support a small Russian village. When a guy pledges to a fraternity, he knows there's going to be some form of initiation, and well, he's as prepared as one can get for something like that. The problem arises when an unsuspecting high school football player or cheerleader is basically assaulted and humiliated.

Maybe I've got it all wrong, and because they're younger, it's acceptable for them to be immature, but I don't buy that. It's also possible that I'm just naive. I went to high school



BY KARI PARIENELLO
Beacon Layout Artist

in a small town, and I never once heard of a hazing incident in my school. It was understood that if you were caught hazing another student, the punishment would be about as severe as if you brought drugs to school.

Something has to be done about the recent outbreak of hazing incidents, but what exactly can we do? We need to watch the example we're setting for the slightly younger generation, because if they're performing these hazing incidents in high school, imagine what they could come up with by the time they're fraternity members. Hazing is only going to get more and more dangerous if we don't crack down on it now.

The Frightful Feel of Terrorism

BY SABRINA McLAUGHLIN
Beacon Asst. Op-Ed Editor

Despite the greater risk of terrorist attack since 9/11, I still believe that Americans cannot imagine what it must be like to live under imminent threat of death.

The situation is much worse in other parts of the world. For example, in spite of talks of a cease-fire between the IRA and pro-British Unionists in Northern Ireland, there are still walls separating Catholic and Protestant neighborhoods in Belfast, protecting both sides from the random sniper fire of each other's terrorists. Meanwhile, the aggressively militant factions within the IRA continue to plant car bombs and arrange shootings. Terrorists on both sides impede compromise and the peaceful resolution of this painful centuries-old conflict.

In the Middle East, of course, the situation is at its worst. Even after 9/11, I think most Americans are able to calmly perform the tasks of their daily lives without the constant anxiety hanging over their heads that at any moment they could become the victim of an arbitrary, random act of terrorist violence. Compare this to the situation in Israel: what is daily life like for the average person living in Israel? Over the past months, suicide bombings have been happening with an alarmingly

greater frequency, occurring now it seems at the rate of two or three every week. Every time they board a bus, do people think, "Could this be the day?" When they sit down at a cafe to read a newspaper or talk with friends over coffee, is the thought always in the backs of their minds, "Will I be in the wrong place at the wrong time today?"

Perhaps what is most heinous is that terrorist extremists on both sides often target people who try to break down the barriers between hostile factions. Throughout the worst of the fighting in Northern Ireland during the '80s and '90s, Catholic/Protestant interfaith couples and families were targeted by terrorists from both sides. Just a few weeks ago, a suicide bomber struck at a cafe in Haifa in Israel that was co-owned by two families that shared a close friendship as well as a business -- one family Jewish, one family Palestinian. George Hassan, one of the Palestinian co-owners, was seriously wounded and almost killed in that attack.

Perhaps what is particularly disheartening for many religious Jews and Muslims is that terrorists have been stepping up their attacks during both the Jewish High Holidays (the Haifa bombing was perpetrated the week-end of Yom Kippur) and terrorist attacks are likely to increase during the upcoming month-long observance of Ramadan -- the holiest time of year for Muslims.

Certainly one of the saddest things about the rash of war, violence, and terrorism that has spread around the globe is the toll it is taking on the next generation that is trying to grow up in this frightening world we are living in today. In Belfast, there is a Catholic school abutting a Protestant neighborhood;

parents are becoming afraid to send their children to school in the mornings because they are being pelted with stones, bottles, and other objects by the neighbors as they pass by. The Israeli military launches missile attacks against settlements where terrorists are hiding, but no matter how precise the technology there are always civilian casualties and injuries -- many of them children. On the flip side, there was a shooting in Israel on September 27 in which a terrorist shot and

killed an infant. How could anyone shoot a helpless little child?

Post-9/11, Americans are only beginning to learn what people in places like Central Africa, the Balkans, Chechnya, Northern Ireland, Israel, and hundreds of other places around the globe have known for too long: that the modern world can be a mind-numbingly dangerous place, and there is no such thing as a guarantee of safety.

Your Voices...

Editor's Note: The following was sent to The Beacon in response to last week's article on medical malpractice by Beacon Assistant Opinion/Editorial Editor, Sabrina McLaughlin.

While malpractice insurance premiums skyrocket, Pennsylvania continues to lose access to medical care. Physicians are refusing to provide high-risk services, such as neurosurgery and obstetrics, or they are packing up and moving elsewhere. If Congress does not pursue caps on medical malpractice awards, both physicians and patients will lose.

California and Texas have passed malpractice reform legislation, with successful end results. Responsible physicians are able to focus more on providing care to patients, instead of focusing on the rising costs of

liability insurance. Those patients who have been harmed by irresponsible physicians can still seek legal justice. The only limit is on so-called "pain and suffering" awards, not on economic damages, such as medical bills and lost pay.

The problem is not because of responsible physicians, as Ms. McLaughlin erroneously insinuates. Overzealous trial lawyers are to blame. According to the U.S. General Accounting Office, the average award in medical malpractice cases has increased by 500% since 1999.

Who benefits from these inflated "pain and suffering" awards? The lawyers. Who pays for it? The physicians and the patients.

Congress must pass legislation to correct the medical malpractice problem. Otherwise, everyone loses, except the lawyers.

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Kris Cross

Kris Cross, part-time faculty member in the Visual and Performing Arts department, teaches dance at Wilkes, primarily modern dance. Cross talks to *The Beacon* about her love of dance and choreography, and how dance helps people to learn about themselves.

Beacon: When did you begin dancing?

Cross: I had my first little dress-up tutu when I was three and walked on my toes and almost broke them. I started studio training when I was five, wore the rugs out in my bedroom dancing, dancing, dancing. When I was in high school, I had a go-getter English teacher who really loved dance. He took our English class to go see Ohio State Dance Company. They did a modern piece. I remember going home and thinking, "I don't know what that was, but I want to do it."

Beacon: What did you do before coming to Wilkes?

Cross: I danced up and down the east coast and then I eventually went back for my Masters of Education and then my Masters of Fine Arts, and that in our world is called a terminal degree, which is equivalent to a Ph.D. I started at Wilkes in the fall of 2001.

Beacon: What do you like better, dance or choreography?

Cross: I like being on the other side of the stage. I really enjoy making work on other people. I lose time and space when I am in the studio because it is what I love to do, when I am crafting work, teaching classes. That is not to say I didn't love performing. A dancer lives to perform.

Beacon: What is the best part about teaching dance?

Cross: Hopefully, helping the kids grow as human beings. Obviously, the technique is nice, but I think that when you are in the arts, especially dance when you are investing your gut and your body and your brain, you find out a lot about who you are. My hope is that through this whole process of working together and me giving instruction, that students can find out more about who they are.

Beacon: Give one piece of advice to all the readers who may be interested in dancing at Wilkes.

Cross: As intimidating as a new adventure is, it's risky, and in the dance world we maybe are a little more vulnerable because we have to show up in clothes that we can't hide our bodies and our souls in. So my advice is that with as much guts as you can muster, go ahead and try to dive in, and know that everyone else is feeling just as insecure. Go for the passion.



The Dance Club

The Dance Club, Wilkes' newest group on campus, will help to show their school spirit through dance. Nicole Krzan, sophomore and president of the Dance Club, tells *The Beacon* about the new club.

Beacon: The Dance Team is a new club on campus. Who was involved with putting together the club?

Krzan: I e-mailed the Dean and talked to the Athletic Director to find out about how I could make a dance club possible. I got all the information together and asked Amanda Lewis if she would help with the club.

Amanda asked one of her dance teachers, Kris Cross, to be our advisor.

Beacon: Why did you form the club?

Krzan: I formed the club because I really like to dance and didn't play any sports, so I thought it would be a great addition to our school. It would be a good opportunity for students to show their school spirit and be involved at the same time.

Beacon: What kinds of activities will you be doing?

Krzan: We will be dancing at the half-time shows of the basketball games, and hopefully if the dance club continues through the years, we will be able to go to competition. We are also hoping to be involved with as much as possible...with the school and possibly maybe even outside of school.

Beacon: What kinds of dancing will you be doing?

Krzan: We will be doing more of a hip-hop jazz style.

Beacon: When and where will you be performing?

Krzan: Half-time shows of the basketball games and any other event the school may want us involved in. Our first performance will be at the first home basketball game.

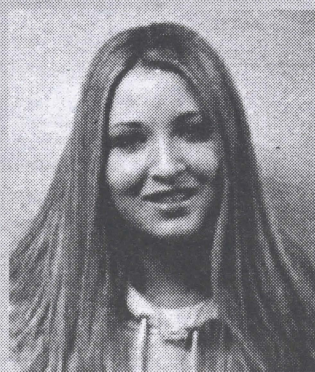
Beacon: Who can join and how can they do so?

Krzan: Anyone is allowed to join. They can just contact me or Amanda and let us know. Right now, we have 25 girls in the club.

Beacon: How will having a dance team benefit the Wilkes community?

Krzan: It will benefit the Wilkes community because more students can take advantage of an activity where they can show their school spirit and still be involved. Some students may not have been involved in a sport so they feel they can still be apart of something from being in the dance club.

Anyone interested in joining the Dance Club can contact Nicole Krzan at krzanna@wilkes.edu.



Getting the Early Buzz on Spring Break

BY JESS NIEMIEC
Beacon Correspondent

As the fall semester winds down and thoughts of spring semester begin, there are two words that tingle on the lips of teachers and students alike: spring break.

Whether it be a traditional spring break filled with fun and sun or an alternative spring break meant to make the participant feel all warm and fuzzy inside, the planning for spring break actually should begin now.

"The majority of students looking for a spring break trip come in asking where the most popular destinations are," stated Jessica Eicke, travel consultant at Liberty Travel, Wyoming Valley Mall, Wilkes-Barre. The most popular locations include Jamaica, Cancun, the Bahamas, and Florida.

Some of the options available to students are all-inclusive packages, which make things easier. They can include resorts that offer all meals and drinks on premises included.

Travel agencies can create trips for student groups as well. By forming a larger group of people to travel together, agencies can help students to save money. Students choose where it is they want to go, where they're staying, and how they're going to get there, and the agencies do the rest. All that students have to do is pick up information necessary before the trip.

"The best advice I can give anyone planning any kind of trip--whether it be group-oriented or one person--is to do it early. The most options and the best prices are going fast," said Eicke.

One question that comes to the mind of many is 'How far ahead of that time should planning for spring break start?' Eicke notes that the sooner the planning begins, the better off the traveller is. "Ideally, spring break trips should be planned as soon as the last one is over...It's possible to make these plans as late as two weeks before, but to get the best prices and accommodations, a year in advance is recommended," she added.

Students who aren't interested in the traditional spring break choices, may choose to go with something a bit different: the twelfth annual Alternative Spring Break offered by Wilkes.

This year's destination is Santarem, Brazil, but there's much to be done before things actually get rolling.

Within the past few weeks, the

Alternative Spring Break trip previously scheduled to depart for Cochabamba, Bolivia, was canceled for safety reasons when civil unrest and violence erupted in the area. According to Gail Minichiello, Coordinator of Community Service at Wilkes, it was in the best interest of the students and advisors involved in alternative spring break to look for a new destination for spring break.

"We began looking for alternatives right away," said Minichiello. "We highly desired an international trip, and are excited that we were able to get into a new international program."

The organization sponsoring the spring break alternative for Wilkes is Amizade, which is the Portuguese word for 'friendship.' "They were a good fit for us, as they are safe and offer good service," said Minichiello.

Amizade is a non-profit organization working toward international exploration and understanding through volunteering and community service-driven learning.

Wilkes officials are as yet unsure about the nature of their work in Brazil. Currently, the alternative spring break may be oriented toward working with orphanages tutoring elementary and middle school children, but nothing has yet been determined. Members of this trip, in fact, could end up doing something on the construction or renovation end.

The advisors for the alternative spring break trip are Minichiello, Mark Allen, Dean of Students and Kevin Gaughenbaugh, Coordinator of Campus Interfaith.

"I'm hoping this trip will help the students get a greater sense of service. I know, especially in college, it's hard to realize there really are people that need our help outside the campus," said Gaughenbaugh. "I'm also excited that it's international. There's help needed all over the world, so it doesn't matter where we go."

Spring break alternative groups will be approximately 10-15 people, including advisors. Housing is provided, but any balance not raised through sponsorship or fundraising activities, must be covered by the trip participants. While the goal of the trip is community service, there is free time scheduled so that participants can sightsee and relax.

Wilkes' Technological Face will Receive Lift

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO

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Just as puffy hairdos and flashy style trends have their way of evolving throughout time, so, too, does technology. Eager to meet the constant demands of change, Wilkes officials are working to improve the technological face of the university. And the initial steps toward that end are currently under way.

Wilkes University is currently being assessed to decipher how Wilkes' technology can be updated to "state-of-the-art" status.

James J. Lennox, Director of Information Technology Services at Wilkes University, better explained the self-assessment process. "An IT assessment is underway to identify what is state-of-the-art for higher ed technology. Where does Wilkes stand compared to state-of-the-art, and how does Wilkes get there?" stated Lennox.

Scott Byers, Vice President of Finance and Support Operations at Wilkes University, also added that are specific issues that need to be addressed as far as technology is concerned. Included among those issues is the reliability of the current tech systems at Wilkes.

"Reliability is definitely an issue. Speed is an issue. We want more capabilities. It's kind of taking a step back and saying, 'Where should we be?' And we know we are not at state-of-the-art, so we need to figure out how to get there," explained Byers.

Certainly by MIT standards, Wilkes University's current technological status may not be state-of-the-art, but Lennox clarified the reasons why and what is currently being done to change that. "Certainly not all of our information technology systems are state-of-the-art. As most students and employees of the University know, our e-mail system has reached its capacity...We are currently conducting a full IT assessment, which, when complete, will help us to build a road map for getting to what is known as state-of-the-art."

Although several students may have heard about the Banner system, Wilkes University's primary administrative computing system, not many know what it is or what purpose it serves. Byers helped to address the issue by describing the banner system in a bit more detail. "The Banner [System] is what is called an enterprise resource system

that collects information in a variety of different tables and formats...What we are trying to do is eliminate a lot of steps in the process through the use of technology now. For example, taking invoices that may have been sent in by a paper canal electronically, [it] goes right into the Banner system." He also added, "The Banner system is complicated," and that all necessary procedures are being followed to create an effective, web-based system, that all, even the not-so-technologically savvy, can use.

Lennox clarified that the Banner is system basically allows students to do anything from transcript request to tuition bill payments.

"Just about anything involving student information, Human Resources, Financial Aid, Admissions, and Alumni is the Banner system. [It] is a software product licensed to the university by SCT," stated Lennox.

SCT, Systems and Computer Technologies, has been Wilkes University's outsourcing vendor for five years. Lennox described it as being "similar to Wilkes food services and the bookstore." However, the University's contract with SCT is nearly complete, and Wilkes officials have already indicated they are considering other options to meet the University's technological needs. Faculty, staff and students alike are now asking themselves what will happen.

"The IT department is made up of a combination of SCT employees and Wilkes IT employees. We all consider ourselves Wilkes Information Technology Services. As for replacing SCT or the ITS Department, this has been a rumor floating around campus for quite a while. As part of the Wilkes IT assessment, several options were explored, one of which was having Drexel University provide some IT support. These were just explorations, and for now Wilkes will continue to use SCT and the current ITS staff," stated Lennox.

To put an end to persistent rumors floating around campus, Lennox was quick to add that the Wilkes community should understand that IT technology changes at a fast pace and therefore requires support accordingly.

"That does not mean staff will be replaced. It just means the support has to be there...One of the goals of the university is to reduce the amount of paper generated around campus on a daily basis. One way to help eliminate paper is to deliver communications electronically via the web and e-mail. As plans are developed to roll-out these delivery mechanisms, training will play a vital role in the success of these projects...I don't think there are any plans to replace faculty or staff members that can't pass a computer competency test. I would say, ignore it as a rumor," explained Lennox.

Wilkes University's Human Resources office is presently working to develop training programs used for new hires. Byers, in fact, indicated that it won't be without much opportunity and effort that faculty and staff's technological and computer skills will be brought up to a more effective pace.

"There is going to come a day and a time where it is too critical of a skill that we couldn't make an exception for one or two people who wouldn't or couldn't have the technology skills to take advantage of the efficiencies they can create," stated Byers.

Members of the Wilkes community have been responding to the technological demands across campus. Mickey Ostrum, Administrative Assistant of Wilkes University's Upward Bound, and Susan Frank, Learning Center Secretary, are among them.

"From when I first started over three years ago, the technology I have to use sometimes overwhelms me. It seems when I just master something I have to change to a new program. For example, this past summer I had to switch from a Mac to a PC. It can be frustrating, but if I stay open-minded and take my time, it all works out. I have to admit it is usually all for the best," stated Ostrum.

Frank, on the other hand indicated that she believes "all of the technological changes here at Wilkes are definitely changes for the betterment of the university. All of these changes are occurring so quickly. They portray our university as a leader in this fast-paced world of technology."

With the never-ending changes of today's world, there's only one thing we can try to do: adapt.

'Tis the Season...for Influenza

BY JULIE MELF

Beacon Assistant News Editor

With winter approaching, snowball fights, school cancellations, and warm cocoa with marshmallows are a few thoughts that come to mind. But along with those wonderful winter sensations also comes sneezing, coughing, and fever--the flu.

Yes, those symptoms may sound like the common cold, but in fact, the flu (influenza) and a common cold are not considered the same thing. According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), this is one of the biggest myths surrounding the flu. Although having a cold and the flu are alike in many ways, the flu can sometimes lead to more serious complications like bronchitis, sinus and ear infections, and perhaps the most serious of all--pneumonia.

"The flu is not so much gradual like a cold is. Almost 99% of the time you have high temperatures involved, so the person could experience a temperature of about 101 to 104, as opposed to a cold where you usually have a low-grade temperature. Also, with the flu you can experience a lot of body aches because of the associated fever and have a headache and general feeling of tiredness. Typical cold symptoms include a stuffy nose, sneezing, and sore throat," explained Diane O'Brien, R.N. and Director of Health Services at Wilkes University.

A virus causes influenza, so antibiotics (like penicillin) don't work to cure it. Getting a flu vaccine is one of the best ways to help prevent contracting the flu. For a small fee of \$15, Wilkes University's Health Services offers the flu vaccine shot to students.

"Prevention is a lot better than reaction.

The vaccines are tailored to the type of virus that is likely going to be in the area so it makes a lot of sense to get it," said O'Brien.

O'Brien also explained that it is important to get the vaccine around this time of the year until early November because it takes a few weeks for your body to develop the antibodies with the flu vaccine. Also it's important not to get the vaccine too early because you want it to carry you through till the end of flu season.

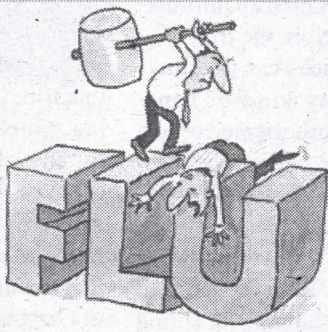
While antibiotics do not work against the flu, there are some medicines that may help reduce symptoms.

"Medicines such as TheraFlu are supposed to shorten the course of the flu if you take the medication the first day of your symptoms. But the drawback is that they are expensive and a lot of them aren't covered on normal prescription plans, so

people can end up paying \$40-\$50 for this medicine," stated O'Brien.

Victims of influenza usually do not have to call the doctor right away with the first signs of a cold or the flu. But people should call the doctor if symptoms worsen or last a long time. Also, those who contract influenza occasionally develop signs of a more serious problem long after the first symptoms develop. Some of these signs include nausea, vomiting, high fever, shaking chills, chest pain, or coughing with thick, yellow-green mucus.

Health professionals recommend those who do contract flu-like symptoms to get plenty of rest, drink plenty of liquids, and avoid alcohol and tobacco. In addition, students should contact the offices of Health Services and Student Services to ensure they are excused from classes and to receive the help and referrals they may need. And, of course, a bowl of chicken noodle soup and some TLC never did anybody wrong.



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Com. Studies Prof Receives National Recognition

Kinney wins E.R. Nichols for outstanding contributions to field

BY LINDSEY WOTANIS
Beacon Features Editor

His cozy office is like a museum. His bookshelves and walls, lined with awards and mementos, are like the pages of a history book, each telling a different story of a day in his 30-year career at Wilkes. He smiles each time he looks around the room because he knows every student in every picture, and recalls every story as if it happened yesterday. Look up "lifetime achievement" in the dictionary, and you will find two words: Bradford Kinney.

Kinney, Professor of Communication Studies at Wilkes University, will be honored with the prestigious E.R. Nichols award, given by Pi Kappa Delta, the nation's largest forensics society in November. The official awards ceremony will take place November 22 at the National Communication Association conference in Miami, Florida. The E.R. Nichols award is Pi Kappa Delta's most prestigious award and is presented annually to outstanding communications educators for "Excellence in forensics teaching and outstanding contributions to furtherance of the forensics discipline." Kinney was chosen from a group of four other nominees nationwide to receive the award.

According to Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, Professor of Communication Studies, the award was supposed to be a surprise to Kinney at the convention. However, Kinney was not scheduled to attend the convention this year because, for one of the first times in his history, Kinney had been too busy to submit a paper for the conference.

"One of the people on the national committee is the coach of the Ursinus College Speech/Debate program. She approached Jessica Niemiec, captain of the Wilkes Speech/Debate Team, at a tournament held recently at Westchester. She inquired about Brad and said she wanted to make sure he was going to be at NCA in Miami to receive his 'surprise' award. Jess didn't know anything about a surprise award so when she got back to Wilkes she called me to see if Dr. Kinney was going to Miami. The answer was 'no' since he didn't submit a research paper by NCA's deadline. So, about a week ago all we knew was that Dr. Kinney was getting some national award in Miami in November and that he wasn't planning to be there," said Elmes-Crahall.

So much for surprises. Elmes-Crahall knew she had to tell Kinney about the award in order to get him to the conference in Miami, so she did.

"Am I surprised that he was picked as the 2003 Nichols Award winner? Not really. He was, however, when I told him. In fact, it was the only time I ever recall that he was speechless, at least for one

full minute. He thought I (they--Pi Kappa Delta) made a mistake," added Elmes-Crahall.

Kinney, indeed was very surprised and honored by the award. He feels that the award is not only for himself, but also for those that he taught and mentored along the way.

"I am very humbled to think that this organization, which has been around for the better part of the century, would designate me to

an awesome challenge," said Kinney.

His first speech and debate team and all those after competed against schools like Princeton and Harvard, and many times came out on top. Kinney continually assured his students that they had the same chances to win as any of their competitors.

"It didn't matter the size of the universities. I'd say to the Wilkes kids, 'You know they put their trousers on one leg at a time

watching you folks [students] develop, grow, graduate, go out and get wonderful jobs. That's a pleasure," said Kinney.

Ask any of his students, and they will tell you that Dr. Kinney has a way in the classroom and with his students. Jessica Pezolano, senior communication studies major, has had Kinney several times for class, and feels that Kinney is more than deserving of such a prestigious award.

"Dr. Kinney is the kind of professor that makes you want to go to class even at eight o'clock in the morning. His love of teaching is obvious every time he walks into the classroom, which makes me as a student want to embrace his lessons. Besides this, Dr. Kinney has the ability to make even the dullest subject come to life with his animated voices and humorous lesson plans," said Pezolano.

Elmes-Crahall, lifelong friend and colleague of Kinney, knows perhaps more than anyone how worthy Kinney is of this award. She has known and worked with him for the past thirty years.

"Some coaches are great but can't teach. Some teachers are great in the classroom but can't coach. This award recognizes individuals who can do both. Brad is, in my opinion, one of the best examples of a mature rhetorical scholar and teacher who instills in his students--in the classroom and in the public sphere--with a love of oral communication that lasts a lifetime. His enthusiasm as a teacher, which his Wilkes students fully appreciate, comes from a love of his discipline, speech/rhetoric," said Elmes-Crahall.

It is obvious just talking to Kinney about his time at Wilkes that he is deeply passionate about what he does. The day that passion burns out is the day Kinney will step out of the classroom.

"When it stops being fun coming to the classroom, when it becomes a chore, then it's time to get rid of it, because then I'm no good in the classroom and I'm no good to the students because you have to have spark. I don't like to give the same lectures over and over. I try to keep them different because times change. The one thing my father always taught me was that you can't sell from an empty wagon. I believe that. If I don't change with the times, if I don't keep up with what's going on, I do you no service at all," said Kinney.

However, Kinney's passion for teaching and learning is still burning strong, so don't expect to see him giving up his classroom any time soon. This award is a testament to the passion of a man whose most important career goal was to give, and not take.

"I really enjoy what I do, and so to be recognized by your peers, it says, well apparently you must be doing something right if they are going to give me this award. Maybe my career choice was a wise choice," said Kinney.



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Dr. Bradford Kinney will be recognized at the National Communication Association annual conference for outstanding teaching and contribution in the forensic speech field.

get a national award for the university, and for myself, but it's just something maybe for my students. Maybe this represents all the students I have had in the past. It's a little bit of them, too," said Kinney.

Kinney has been working with Wilkes students for the past 30 years and has enjoyed it very much. For 25 of those years, Kinney coached the speech and debate team--"Kinney's Kids," as they were called. While Kinney was coach, the students on speech and debate went on to win 1,399 trophies at various competitions. They traveled to competitions in places like Canada, Florida, Texas, and Washington. Kinney's "Cinderella Team," from 1973-1974, helped him bring the speech and debate team from rags to riches.

"When I came to Wilkes, the then-president gave me two charges. He said, 'I want you to build a forensic team that has national rankings, and I want you to lay the groundwork for a communications program. What

just like the rest of us. You can compete; they aren't any better than you.' We went into the competitions and sometimes we won and sometimes we didn't, but we left a mark and people remembered us," commented Kinney.

After 25 years of coaching "Kinney's Kids" and bringing trophy after trophy back to Wilkes from various competitions across the U.S., the school cut the funding for the program and the Pi Kappa Delta chapter at Wilkes went dormant. Now, it is active once again, although Kinney no longer coaches the team. Now, Kinney focuses on his classes and teaching, which is what he loves most.

"You know I really became a teacher because I wanted to give and not take. I wanted to push students to become better than I ever could be. I knew when I went into teaching that I would never become rich. There's more to what we do in teaching, I think, than any money in the world. My greatest reward is

Crush Members Create Tuneful Coffeehouse Experience

BY MELISSA JURGENSEN
Beacon A&E Editor

On Wednesday, October 22, Krysten and Eric from the band Crush performed in the Rifkin Café. The duo prefers to use only their first names when they play on their own.

Yielding and cadenced, the duo performed a variety of melodies that made for a soothing mid-week study break for Wilkes students.

At 8 p.m., the show began in the Henry Student Center, the Wilkes turnout barely exceeded twenty students, though the crowd grew and the sounds beckoned the curious. The duo opened with the classic, foot-tapping song "Mr. Jones," and moved easily into other Dave Matthews songs such as "Take a Little Piece of My Heart," "Stay For While," and "Like I Do" by Melissa Ethridge.

Crush is a Pennsylvania based band that is largely known to cover songs from the likes of the Dave Matthews Band, Janis Joplin, Rusted Root, Aretha Franklin, Phish, Heart, Sublime, Indigo Girls, Cheryl Crow, Paul Simon, Led Zeppelin, and many more.

Krysten was introduced to Crush on her 21st birthday. She went to see a Crush performance and wound up singing with them by coincidence that night. "I always wanted to sing," said Krysten. "I like being with Crush." Krysten looks up to role models such

as Steve Perry and Christina Aguilera. "Christina rocks and she has an awesome voice," said Krysten.

I enjoyed this concert because it was held in a laid back coffee house setting. It was a great opportunity to sit down, unwind, and best of all listen to a band that is guaranteed to flourish even more than they have already.



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As I was listening to their music, I quickly observed that their sound is very similar to those of the songs they were singing. As they sang "Mr. Jones," I was utterly stunned by the fact they sounded exceptionally similar to the Counting Crows.

"Tonight's concert provided a different type of Crush experience. They did a great job playing songs as a duo that are more commonly played as a full band," said Matt Ralph, senior Elementary Education and Psychology major.

Krysten provides the band with a melodic feminine voice. I admire the amount of control she had over her voice. I am accustomed to hearing female singers either overpower the band or be drowned out. But Krysten has a unique way of manipulating her voice so that it added the right amount of spice to the sounds of the guitar and drums.

Crush played so many hit songs that by the end of the performance I began to lose count. If Krysten and Eric can produce such a remarkable show, I can only imagine how amazing the band is as a whole.

Urban Legends: Halloween

Urban legends are often a means of expressing our fears. We worry about the terrible accidents we are powerless to prevent. We never know what gruesome discovery may be waiting around the next corner. And even if we somehow escape all of these horrors, our own vanities may do us in. Here is a collection of Halloween-specific urban legends.

Decide for yourself if these legends are factual or bogus!

- *Employee washes toilet seat in dishwasher at well-known hamburger chain.
- *Abused goat kills its owner.
- *Alligators live in the New York City sewer system.
- *Palm Beach golfer is devoured by large crocodile.
- *Cher had a pair of ribs surgically removed to achieve an ultra-small waist.
- *Nine people died in a beer flood in 1814.
- *Woman dies after visiting too many tanning parlors in one day.
- *Tourist in Las Vegas is electrocuted while crossing the street.
- *Vacationing couple discovers dead body in their hotel bed.
- *People have been buried alive by mistake
- *The ghost of a disappointed lover haunts the Toys 'R' Us in Sunnyvale, California
- *Chanting "Bloody Mary!" in front of a mirror summons a vengeful spirit.
- *An unusual hitchhiker turns out to be someone who died years earlier.
- *Police radar gun accidentally causes a missile to lock on to it.
- *Elderly woman accidentally kills her pet by drying it in a microwave oven.

This Week in History...

The week of October 27 through November 2 in retrospect;

- 27th** - Gloria Estefan becomes the only pop artist to receive a call from the Pope to perform, (1995)
- 28th** - The Gateway Arch along the waterfront in St. Louis, MO, was completed, (1965)
- 29th** - William Penn landed at what is now Chester, PA. He was the founder of Pennsylvania, (1682)
- 30th** - In New York City, U.S. President George W. Bush threw out the first pitch at Game 3 of the World Series between the New York Yankees and the Arizona Diamondbacks, (2001)
- 31st** - John Candy, (1950)
- 1st** - "The Lucy Show" premiered, (1962)
- 2nd** - The DuPont Company announced the first synthetic rubber. It was named DuPrene, (1930)



Comedian Daniel Tosh to Perform at Wilkes

BY MONICA CARDENAS
Beacon Staff Writer

On Tuesday, October 28, Wilkes will welcome comedian Daniel Tosh to campus.

Tosh has headlined at a variety of festivals and also been honored across the globe for his wit and timing. In 1998, he was presented in the New Faces show in Montreal as part of the Just for Laughs International Comedy Festival. In addition, he has performed in New Zealand and Kilkenny Ireland, Europe's largest comedy festival.

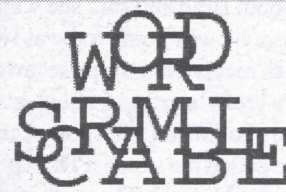
However, it was in 2001 that Tosh caught perhaps his biggest break--he made his network television debut on October 24 when he appeared on the *Late Show with David Letterman*.

Tosh has been no stranger to television since his Letterman appearance. He hosted his own show "Tens," in which he interviewed and mocked models of South Beach, Miami. Other appearances include VH-1's "The List," and Comedy Central's "Presents & Premium," to name a few.

In addition to his many college and university performances, Tosh will host Comedy Central's "Halloween Friday Night Stand-Up" on October 31.

However, for Wilkes, the fun starts at 9 p.m., in the Henry Student Ballroom.

Much of the information for this article was provided by DanielTosh.com



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The Dart Board

On Tuesday evening, October 28, the Wilkes University Percussion Ensemble will present its fall concert at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. This concert is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, October 29, at 1 p.m. performance hour will be held in Gies Hall, Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts Free and open to all.

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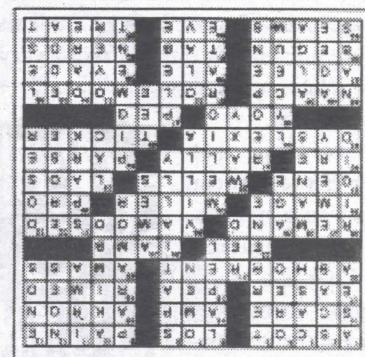
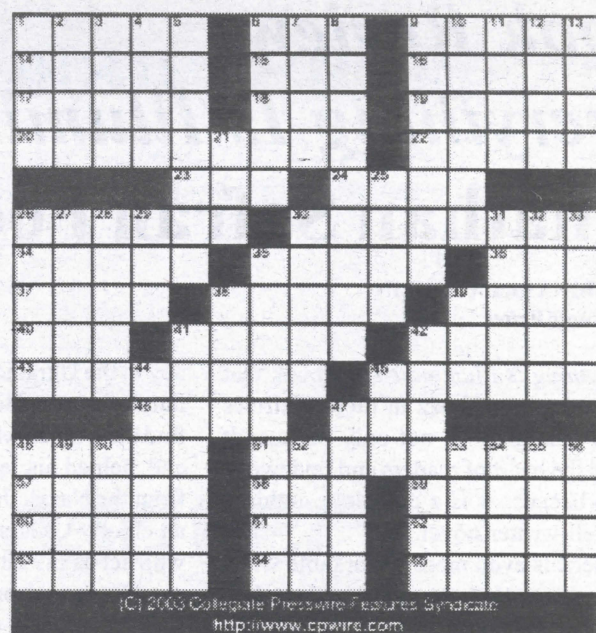
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Book Review: Everything Is Illuminated by Jonathan Safran Foer

BY SABRINA McLAUGHLIN
Beacon Staff Writer

Everything Is Illuminated is a book that has caused a lot of buzz in literary circles over the past months, not only because it captured the heart of readers and reviewers, but also because it is a complex, sophisticated, well-written novel.

Its merit is even more remarkable when one considers that the author, Jonathan Safran Foer, was born in 1977, making him only a few years older than this reviewer, and an age-peer of most college students. Even more amazing is the fact that *Everything Is Illuminated* is Foer's first novel.

It is a rare thing when a writer's first effort can be hailed as a masterpiece by so many literary critics. Foer is a recent college grad—he majored in English at Princeton—and while there he had the opportunity to study with famed author Joyce Carol Oates, who became his mentor. Oates had high praise for her student's debut *New York Times* bestseller, calling it "a novel zestfully imagined...he will win your admiration and break your heart."

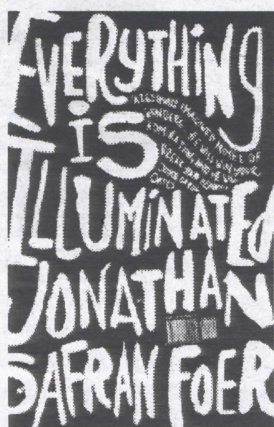
Everything Is Illuminated is a morally provocative novel that encourages reflection and soul-searching, while still maintaining a lighter side. Its central theme concerns one of the great preoccupations of narrative fiction: a search, or quest—in this case, a young man in search of his heritage.

Foer calls his main character by his own name, but the story is not really autobiographical *per se*. But the story revolves around the main character, Jonathan's, jour-

ney to the Ukraine. His goal is to unearth his family history. He especially has a desire to find the woman who, according to family legend, helped his Jewish grandfather to escape from the Nazis. Jonathan is accompanied by an elderly Ukrainian man and his grandson, who act as his interpreters/guides. All three men learn and progress spiritually as their search continues, each of them trying to come to terms with the past. The novel is notable for its narrative skill because Foer uses three different interwoven plots that take place at different periods of Eastern European history: the late 18th to early 19th centuries; World War II; and contemporary times.

Foer should also be commended for his experimentation with language, especially because he manages to successfully write from the perspectives of several different characters. Particularly entertaining and well-done was the first-person narrative from the point of view of Alex, the young Ukrainian guide, written in that character's "broken English." Francine Prose of *The New York Times Book Review* wrote that Foer's experimental style has a brilliance that has not been achieved since *A Clockwork Orange* was published.

Foer has crafted a story that is both emotional and compassionate without descending into overly sentimental narrative lines. He accomplishes this by blending a witty black humor into a story that has a certain magical quality that is similar to the storytelling of Salman Rushdie or Toni Morrison, but Foer has an original style and talent all his own. *Everything Is Illuminated* is a moving book that is definitely well worth reading, and its talented twenty-six year old author is an inspiration and stellar example for younger writers who dream of literary success.



From the Cutting Room: Intolerable Cruelty

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

This movie is rated PG-13 and receives 3 flying Ws.

Is it hot in here, or is that just the movie screen?

That may be your thoughts when you see George Clooney opposite Catherine-Zeta Jones in *Intolerable Cruelty*.

While it's a classic case of battle of the sexes, Clooney and Jones make this movie so sizzling, that it will make the ice in your soda melt!

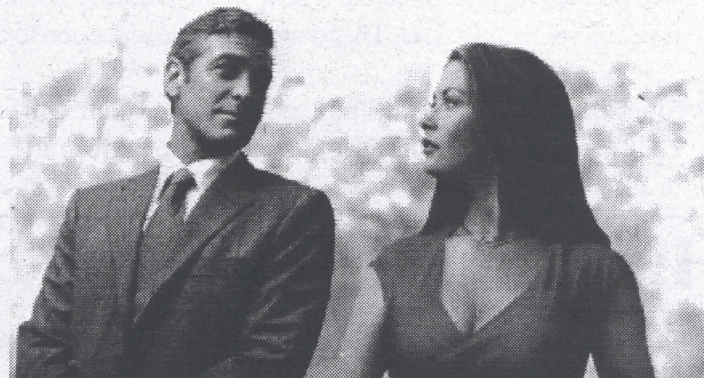
Clooney portrays Miles Massey (Clooney), a prominent Los Angeles divorce attorney who has everything: an impressive client list, a contract named after him, respect of his peers, and above all, he's a man who ALWAYS wins. However, satisfied with his success, he finds he is at a crossroads in his life and is looking for new challenges.

Enter Marilyn Rexroth (Zeta-Jones). Marilyn is the soon-to-be ex-wife of Massey's client Rex Rexroth (played by Edward Herrmann). Rex is a wealthy real estate developer and habitual philanderer. Marilyn, along with the help of a tough private investigator Gus Petch (played by Cedric The Entertainer), seeks to have Rex

nailed and is looking forward to her

financial and independent success of her divorce. However, thanks to Miles' considerable skills, she ends up penniless. Marilyn plans to get even and with the help of an oil tycoon (played by Billy Bob Thornton), Miles and his dimwitted associate (played by Paul Adelstein) unwittingly dig themselves deeper and deeper in a hole as they go head-to-head with Marilyn. The outcome is a classic square-off in a battle of the sexes.

While the plot is definitely interesting and unique, it has its flaws as it proves to be slightly overdone. However, Clooney and Zeta-Jones definitely make up for any story line flaws this movie may have as they go into a battle of underhanded tactics and deception. These two actors definitely have amazing chemistry and you can't resist their undeniable attraction for each other. Hopefully, we'll be seeing more of these two together in the future!



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*Today's Recipe:***Gelatin Eyeballs**

Just in time for Halloween, these gelatin eyeballs are sure to give any trick-or-treater a shudder.

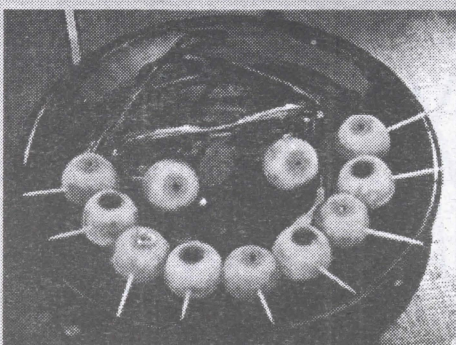
Gelatin Eyeballs
Ingredients:

3 oz lemon gelatin
1 c. hot water
1/2 c. miniature marshmallows
1 c. pineapple juice
1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 c. heavy cream, whipped
1 c. mayonnaise
Blue and black food coloring

Directions:

1. Dissolve lemon gelatin in 1 cup water in pot.
2. Add marshmallows and stir to melt.
3. Remove from heat.
4. Add pineapple juice and cream cheese.
5. Beat until well blended.
6. Cool slightly.
7. Add in whipped cream and mayo.
8. Chill until thickened or firm for scooping into eyeballs.

Using a melonballer, scoop full balls of the mixture and set aside for decoration. To decorate, use food coloring and a paintbrush and get creative. You will need black food coloring for the pupils. Also, if you are in a hurry, instead of painting the colored irises, you can dip the ball in a small pool of food coloring to approximate the iris, but still paint on the pupils. The eyeballs have one flat side so they don't roll around while you are trying to paint them.

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Every week you will find a new recipe that is simple enough to make in your dorm room yet scrumptious enough to satisfy any tastebud. So get out your pots and pans and start cooking!

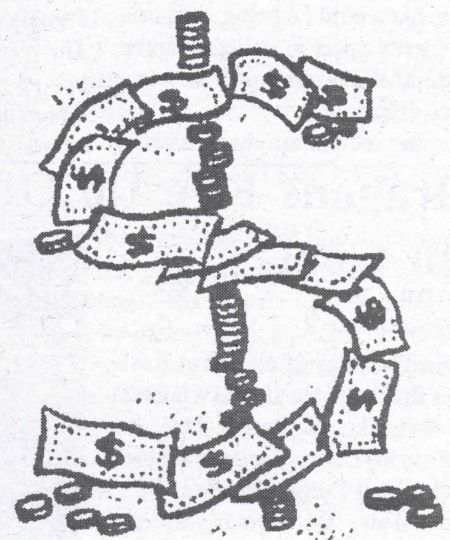
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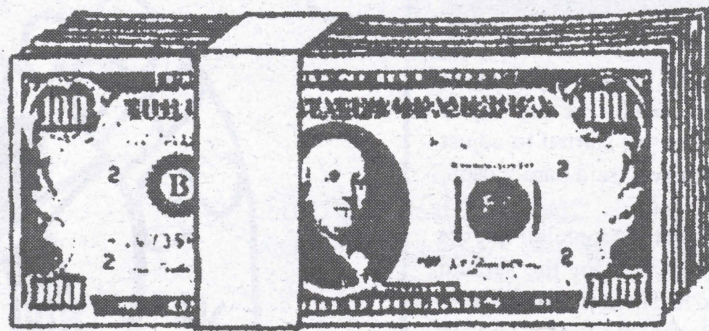
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McWilliams and Green Embody Leadership on Soccer Field

BY KYLA CAMPBELL
Beacon Staff Writer

There are several things necessary to be a proven leader. On a sports team, it requires dedication to constantly become a better player. Seniors Katie Green and Lyndsey McWilliams have that dedication - plus a whole lot more - to help lead the young women's soccer team of Wilkes University.

Both of these standouts have come a long way from playing high school soccer, to their first year at the collegiate-level, to becoming captains for the Lady Colonels' team.

Green played soccer on several predominantly-male teams in the Wyalusing area and was also a softball player in high school. Realizing that she would be better off playing just one varsity sport in college, Green decided to attend Wilkes and play soccer - with the ladies, that is.

The elementary education major started

off as a defender for Wilkes during her first two seasons, but saw limited playing time in games. At the start of the 2002 season, head coach John Sumoski realized the lack of consistency in goal, a position that three different team members attempted to play. After Wilkes lost their first six games, Sumoski looked to then-junior Green to step up and learn the goalkeeper position.

Green has been the starting goalkeeper for Wilkes ever since, and has become one of the premiere goalkeepers in the Freedom Conference. Last season, she posted a 9-5-1 record, and the team played in the conference championship game. As a junior, Green registered six shutouts and had a goals against average (GAA) of 1.41. This year, she is allowing just 1.32 goals per game, the best GAA of her career. Green has stopped 100 shots and has registered four consecutive shutouts.

"Katie just gets better and better. She is very coach-able and has improved on a lot of areas that are difficult to teach and learn," said Sumoski. "The good thing about Katie is that she wasn't a keeper before, and she didn't have any bad habits to break. She was able to do what was expected in a very short time."

"Being the goalie is a leadership position, and I have more confidence than before," said Green. "It makes me feel good to be an asset to the team."

Green felt that adjusting to the position was difficult at first, considering there wasn't a goalkeeper coach. "Coach Sumoski and I learned together. I think it was good I wasn't set in my ways before."

Helping Green adjust was fellow teammate and friend McWilliams.

McWilliams, who has split her career between the midfield and defense, spent her freshman season at Division I Niagara, where she played in all 19 games, before transferring to Wilkes. "I wanted to be able to focus more on school," said McWilliams. "At that level, I would be gone three days for a weekend game, and it would take away from academics and class time."

The Business and Marketing major made an immediate impact on the Wilkes soccer team. McWilliams has played in 56 games in her three-year career with the Lady Colonels, accumulat-

ing nine goals and five assists.

"Lyndsey is a tremendous player and brought a lot of great experience, playing at Division I," said Sumoski. "She has a mentality that makes the program successful. It takes a lot of responsibility to be a leader on the field."

"You can put her anywhere and expect her to play well because she knows every position. She is great at midfielder and can make things happen," he added.

McWilliams prefers playing midfield as well. "We have a lot of young players, and we need somebody to step up and encourage the attack. Plus, I like to score," she said with a smile.

One thing is for sure. These leaders and their efforts will be missed on the field come next season.

"Katie and Lyndsey are like the moms of the team. Katie is very nurturing, while Lyndsey is more demanding, trying to make things happen," said Sumoski. "They're a good split, and both have high expectations for their teammates and themselves."

"I hope the season continues to go well so they can share in the success of their last season."

Red Dragons Fire Up Offense; Wilkes Cold in Goal

BY STEVE KEMBLE
Beacon Sports Editor

On a frigid Thursday afternoon at Artillery Park with flurries in the air and wind that cut through skin like shattered glass, the Lady Colonels field hockey team was handled easily by undefeated Cortland State.

"The cold had an effect mentally if nothing else," said Todd Broxmeyer, Wilkes Field Hockey Head Coach.

The non-conference match that ended 5-0 in favor of Cortland State and dropped the Lady Colonels to 7-8 overall and upped the Red Dragons record to 14-0.

Cortland St. wasted no time in showing Wilkes that they were one of the top teams in the nation (fourth in Div. III) when Ashley Ostrander scored before even a minute went by in the first half off an assist from Melissa Heyde putting the Red Dragons up 1-0.

Another minute ticked away when Alana LaMorte put Cortland St. up 2-0 with an unassisted goal.

With 25 minutes left to play in the first half the Red Dragons were on the board again when Kelli Johnson added a goal off an assist from Jessica Ueltschi to give Cortland a 3-0 lead in the blink of an eye.

Molly Brown would add two more goals in the half for the Red Dragons, one of which was off an assist from Ostrander, and gave Cortland a 5-0 lead into the half.

That score would remain unaltered for the rest of the game as Wilkes couldn't get the goose egg off of the board in the second half and saw the Red Dragons come away victorious.

"They're a very good team (Cortland), we didn't play at the level we could play at though; we definitely did not play to our level," said Broxmeyer after the game.

Jessica Anderson and Joanna Lent combined for three saves in goal for Cortland. Desiree Podrasky and Carli Boccardi combined for eleven saves for Wilkes.

In their second game of the week, the Lady Colonels didn't have to face the cold, but did have to play on turf.



File Photo

"We had a lot of trouble adjusting to the pace of the turf...but for the majority of the end of the game we started to adjust and be more aggressive," said Lara Judson, sophomore midfielder.

On Saturday night at Montclair St., the Lady Colonels lost 5-0 for the second straight game and had their record fall to 7-9 overall as the Redhawks, ranked tenth in the nation, saw their record improve to 13-2.

Lea Smith scored first for Montclair St. off an assist from Megan Ulicny, which gave the Redhawks a 1-0 lead as three minutes ticked off the scoreboard in the first half. Nicole Puso scored next off an assist from Smith to put Montclair St. up 2-0.

The Redhawks took a 4-0 lead into the half as Smith would add another goal, off a Ulicny assist, along with Jenn Soss scoring off an assist from Lisa Smicklo before the break.

Montclair St. would add one more goal in the second half compliments of Ulicny being assisted by Jen Carbonaro and would remain to keep Wilkes off of the scoreboard.

Podrasky and Boccardi combined for ten saves while neither Trisha Winkle nor Robyn Apicelli needed to make a save for the Redhawks, because the Lady Colonels could not get a shot off.

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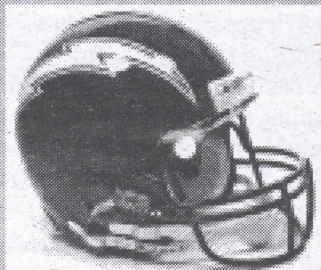
Monday Night Match-up

Miami Dolphins

VS.

San Diego Chargers

BY STEVE KEMBLE & WILL MIDGETT
Beacon Sports Editor & Asst. Sports Editor



Will:

Tonight Drew Brees and LaDainian Tomlinson will be going against the NFL's toughest rushing defense in the Miami Dolphins, and they will pull out an upset. The Chargers may only be 1-5, but they are coming off their first win of the season last week against the Browns and they are carrying some momentum.

Tomlinson is the NFL's fourth leading rusher with 657 yards this season, which will be a good match up against Miami's large defensive line. Brees has thrown for 1211 yards this season and tonight he will need to connect with San Diego's enormous wide receiver David Boston if they want to put any points on the board. Miami is ranked 30th in the NFL in passing defense, so the Chargers must use their passing attack to their advantage.

The Charger's and the Dolphins' of-

fenses are really pretty even. Their running games are very similar and their receivers also match up pretty well. I think Ricky Williams is overrated, but hey, that's just me. This game is going to come down to the team that wants it the most. Last week, when they played New England, it looked as though Miami had the game in the bag, but instead they rolled over for Tom Brady and lost a crazy game in overtime.

Most people would probably pick the Dolphins in tonight's game. But my record thus far is 4-0, and my intuition tells me that I will remain undefeated tonight. Look for the upset as San Diego wins 14-10.

Steve:

The Miami Dolphins have the better defense, the better runningback, and the better record. Those are reasons why the Dol-

phins will get the win tonight.

The Dolphins' defense is allowing a mind-boggling 12.8 points per game and they have played some pretty tough teams that have better offenses than San Diego. Look for the Dolphins to run the ball with Ricky Williams early and often trying to take advantage of San Diego's poor run defense, which is ranked 28th in the league.

Another advantage that the Dolphins have in this game is the fact that Linebacker Junior Seau will have something to prove as he faces his former team for the first time after playing with the Chargers for 13 seasons, and 12 of those seasons he made it to the pro bowl.

The Dolphins will win tonight 24-13. If they don't win, I will consider the fact that I could possibly put a curse on the teams that I pick for Monday Night Match Up.

Football continued from page 20

Trichilo took a handoff and went around the right side for a 49-yard touchdown run with 10:56 left in the third. Devlin once again booted the point after to make it 38-0.

The Colonels would put their final points on the board later in the third stanza. Taking over on their own nine-yard line after holding the Eagles on downs, Wilkes embarked on a nine play drive to reach the endzone. Trichilo carried the ball four times for 38 yards, while Porrino hooked up with tight end Matt Pizzaro for 38 yards to move the ball to the Juniata five. Jake Rimmel got the call from there and found his way into the endzone to give Wilkes a 44-0 lead with 4:09 showing on the clock.

Juniata would finally get on the scoreboard with just 1:02 left in the contest. The Eagles marched 52 yards in 13 plays following a Wilkes punt. Reserve quarterback Michael Meadows completed four passes for 37 yards, including a 12-yard strike to Allan Barch on a third-and-twelve play that gave the Eagles a first-and-goal at the Wilkes one. Meadows called his own number from there and scored on a one-yard plunge. Daniel Heinlein tacked on the point after to make it 44-7.

The Wilkes defense limited Juniata to a mere 237 yards in total offense, including only 58 yards rushing. The Colonels also enjoyed a healthy time of possession advantage, 36:21 to 23:39.

Jon Jamison had seven tackles for Wilkes, while Brian O'Leary added five tackles, including one tackle for loss. Stephen Parsons had a career-high 20 tackles to lead Juniata defensively. Peter Thomas contributed 13 tackles, while Matt Garner had ten.

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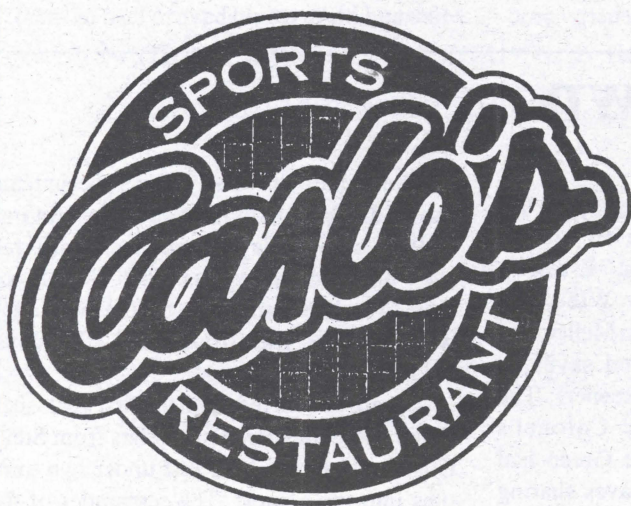
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The Mike and Mike Show

BY KYLA CAMPBELL
Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes University men's soccer team relies heavily on two of its players to lead the team both on and off the field. Senior Mike Faneck and sophomore Mike Bridy have stepped up to the team's leadership needs, guiding the men's soccer team to a 2-2-1 record in the Freedom Conference.

Both players serve in the midfield and compliment each other well according to head coach Phil Wingert who says that Faneck is offense-oriented while Bridy plays with a defensive mentality.

Faneck is currently ranked second on the team in points with three goals and three assists. A history major, Faneck isn't particularly vocal, he prefers to lead by example.

"We've been playing well more recently, and it would be great to keep the season going," said Faneck. "I don't think I'm ready to see these past four years of hard work end without playoffs."

Faneck attributes the team's success to spending time together both on and off the field. "Everyone really gets along. We hang out on the weekends, and we're always having fun."

His goals are

to Scranton. "Our defense excelled during the second half of the season."

Bridy, who is known for being vocal, was also known for his long, curly locks. That is, until he was forced into getting it cut after a head injury that required staples.

uct," added Wingert. "He controls the air and is a good tackler that solidifies our midfield. He has the best work ethic. Bridy is more than willing to do whatever to better the team. He's obviously willing to put his body in harm's way... how many staples has it been?"

These two players have contributed so much to the team. "They're the 'Mike and Mike Show' in the midfield," added Wingert.

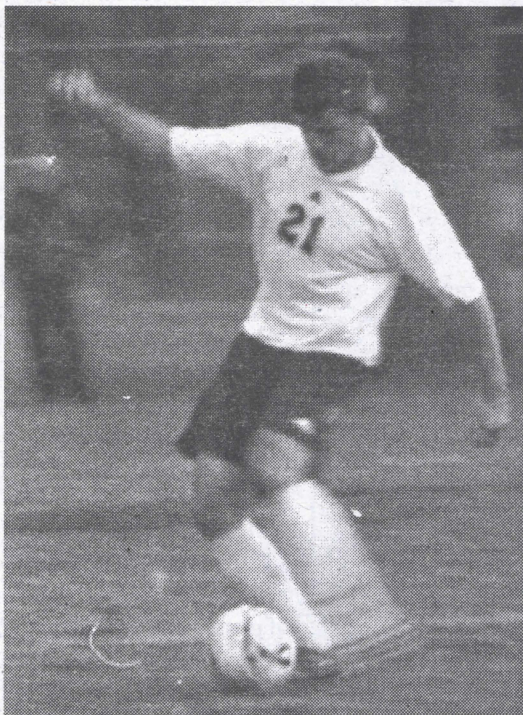
Fellow teammate Scott Carr feels that Faneck and Bridy are a big part of the midfield. "They are upbeat and always get the

team rallied. They never have any negative things to say," said Carr. "They make practice entertaining and are fun to be around, both on and off the field."

"If those two along with [Sean] Fisher can control the midfield in these last few games, we can win and we'll be looking at a great seed for the playoffs," added Carr.

Currently, the team is 2-2-1 in the Freedom Conference. If the Colonels can be victorious in their final two conference games (King's on Wednesday at home and Delaware Valley on Saturday at home), Wilkes will be in the playoffs and will most likely earn the second seed and home-field advantage. Wingert knows how important Faneck and Bridy are to making the playoff dream come true.

"We have the playoff picture in mind, and it would be fortunate to make it," said Wingert. "We need solid games out of our team, and Mike and Mike would have to lead us there."



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"Bridy is more vocal, a high-energy product," added Wingert. "He controls the air and is a good tackler that solidifies our midfield. He has the best work ethic."

Phil Wingert
Head Coach, Men's Soccer

set high for the remainder of the season. "I would love to make playoffs and earn a conference title," said Faneck. "Anything after that would be great."

Bridy, who adds one goal and three assists, feels the team-with an

equal mix of veterans and freshmen-has clicked more recently.

"We've done well these last few games. Earlier in the season, we were dominated by a few teams," said Bridy. He feels the team has played with great consistency since their loss

"I had to get four [staples], and the doctor had to cut my hair to do it right," Bridy said.

The injury came from a game against Drew. However, the head injury wasn't the first for Bridy this season.

"The first time I had to get staples was when we were at Widener," said the Business Administration major. "I had to come out of the game that time and get fourteen staples."

Both injuries came from going for a header, confirming this sophomore's aggressive play.

"I've played that way all my life," Bridy said. "I guess it's just the mentality that every ball should be mine."

Wingert has attributed much of the team's success to Faneck and Bridy. "This is the first year that Faneck has been healthy, and he plays at the top level," said Wingert. "He's quiet, but he leads with his skills and makes great decisions."

"Bridy is more vocal, a high-energy prod-

Wilkes Soccer Teams Both Fall to E-Town

BY FREDERICK SEABROOK AND KYLA CAMPBELL
Beacon Correspondant and Staff Writer

Both the men's and women's soccer teams ran into road blocks this weekend in non-conference games at the hands of Elizabethtown College.

The Lady Colonel's suffered a setback that may stall their playoff drive on Saturday afternoon. According to head coach John Sumoski, "It was a let down after a big win...we just got a little complacent" in regards to the loss. Though some of the players stepped up "as the game got harder they got harder...some got softer."

After winning five games straight, the Lady Colonel's streak came to an end in a 5-0 loss to Elizabethtown. Two factors helped the E-town Blue Jays win. They were fresh off an embarrassing loss to Moravian looking for revenge on anyone. They also garnered support from their fans as it was Senior Day and fed off the emotion of their family and friends.

The Lady Colonels see their overall record slip to 7-8-2, while the Blue Jays improve their record to 9-5-2 with the win. Wilkes needs to win the last two games to make the playoffs.

Keeley Trumbo's unassisted goal seven minutes into the game started the rout. Ilana

Unger assisted Megan Halladay to a goal to close the first half in a 2-0 shut out.

E-town did not quit with a halftime lead. Heather Newswanger assisted Kelly McCauley within minutes into the second half followed by her own score off a corner kick assisted by Jeanette Halstead extending the E-town Blue Jays lead to 4-0 with over thirty minutes left in regulation. Robin Szarzynski's finished the rout with a score off a Danielle Davies assist with 17 minutes left in the game to win the match at 5-0.

E-town held a 20-5 shot on goal ad-



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vantage and a 6-1 edge in corner kicks. E-town's Amy Wied and Dawn Mellen registered saves as goalkeepers. The Lady Colonel's Katie Green had six saves sharing time with freshman Adrienne Richards at the goal who had one save.

When asked about the team's state of mind, Coach Sumoski said, "The team has a lot of character and is a really good group of kids."

Earlier in the afternoon the men's soccer team took the field at E-

town.

The Wilkes University men's soccer team traveled to nationally-ranked Elizabethtown College on Saturday afternoon and suffered a 4-0 non-conference loss. The Colonels see their overall record fall to 6-10-1, while the win improves the fifth-ranked Blue Jays' record to 14-1-1.

Elizabethtown recorded the first goal when Brian Albrecht scored off assists from Steve Custer and Bryan Noll just under two minutes into the contest. The remainder of the opening half was scoreless, and the Blue Jays held a 1-0 lead at intermission.

Elizabethtown scored three second-half goals to put the game away. Albrecht scored his second goal of the game off an assist from Casey Moore at the 58:26 mark. Kevin Weiler extended the lead to 3-0 off assists from Chris Boushell and Zach Eddinger. John Aronowicz assisted Brian Zalasky on a goal with thirteen minutes remaining to seal the shutout win.

The Blue Jays held a 16-3 shots on goal advantage and a 17-1 difference in corner kicks.

Goalkeeper Michael Ciattei registered three saves for Elizabethtown to earn the win, while Wilkes goalie Dominik Proctor stopped nine shots.

Colonel Clipboard

Freedom Conference Standings as of 10/23/03

Field Hockey	Conf	O/A
Manhattanville	6-0-0	10-5-0
Drew	3-1-0	8-7-0
King's	2-2-0	9-8-0
Delaware Valley	2-2-0	5-11-0
FDU-Florham	2-3-0	8-7-0
Wilkes	1-4-0	7-8-0
Scranton	0-4-0	5-10-0

Men's Soccer	Conf	O/A
Drew	4-0-1	12-1-2
FDU-Florham	3-2-0	8-6-0
Scranton	3-2-0	3-10-2
Wilkes	2-2-1	6-9-1
Lycoming	2-3-0	12-4-0
DeSales	2-3-0	9-7-0
King's	2-3-0	9-8-0
Delaware Valley	1-4-0	6-10-1

Volleyball	Conf	O/A
Lycoming	6-0	22-6
King's	3-2	17-10
Scranton	3-2	14-11
FDU-Florham	2-2	23-8
DeSales	2-3	13-13
Wilkes	1-4	10-14
Delaware Valley	0-4	1-10

Football	Conf	O/A
Delaware Valley	5 1 0	6 1 0
Lycoming	5 1 0	5 1 0
King's	5 2 0	6 2 0
Wilkes	4 2 0	5 2 0
Albright	3 3 0	4 3 0
Susquehanna	3 3 0	3 4 0
Widener	3 3 0	4 3 0
Moravian	3 4 0	3 4 0
Juniata	2 4 0	2 5 0
Lebanon Valley	1 5 0	1 6 0
FDU-Florham	0 7 0	0 7 0

Women's Soccer	Conf	O/A
Scranton	5-0-0	16-0-1
Drew	5-1-0	10-4-2
FDU-Florham	5-1-0	9-5-1
Wilkes	2-3-0	7-7-2
Lycoming	2-3-0	6-6-1
Delaware Valley	2-3-0	5-7-1
DeSales	0-5-0	2-13-1
King's	0-5-0	2-14-0

Women's Tennis	Conf	O/A
Drew	6-0	10-1
Scranton	5-1	11-5
FDU-Florham	4-2	10-2
Lycoming	3-3	4-5
Wilkes	2-4	5-5
King's	1-5	3-10
DeSales	0-6	1-10

Athlete of the Week

Brett Trichilo Football



Brett Trichilo, junior running back, racked up 266 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Colonels to victory over Juniata on Saturday. He also set a new Wilkes University single-season rushing record with 1,397 rushing yards on the season.

The previous record was held by Mike Hankins in 1997 with 1,390 yards on the season.

Trichilo also tied the single season touchdown record for Wilkes when he reached 15 total touchdowns for the season during Saturday's game.

Weekly Recap

Football
(10/25) Wilkes 44 Juniata 7

Field Hockey
(10/23) Cortland 5 Wilkes 0
(10/25) Montclair St. 5 Wilkes 0

Women's Volleyball
(10/22) DeSales 3 Wilkes 2
(10/25) Elizabethtown 3 Wilkes 0

Men's Soccer
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Numbers Of the Week

585 Total yards Wilkes football offense put up on Saturday, which was a season high

- 0** Number of shots on goal field hockey had during Saturday night's game
- 5** Number of games women's soccer won in a row until Saturday's game
- 2** Number of wins men's soccer needs to clinch a playoff spot

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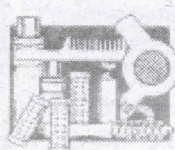
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Colonels Clip Eagles Wings

COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Brett Trichilo rushed 30 times for 266 yards and three touchdowns to lead Wilkes University to a 44-7 Middle Atlantic Conference win over Juniata College on Saturday afternoon. The victory improves the Colonels to 5-2 overall and 4-2 in the conference. Juniata slips to 2-4 overall and 2-5 in conference play.

Trichilo, who entered the game as the second-leading rusher in Division III averaging 188 yards per game, set a new Wilkes single-season rushing record by upping his 2003 total to 1,397 yards. Trichilo surpassed the previous mark of 1,390 yards set by Mike Hankins in 1997. The Dunmore High School product also equaled the single-season touchdown mark of 15 which was set by Mike Gundersdorf in 1996.

The Wilkes offense also got an outstanding effort from sophomore quarterback Duran Porrino. Porrino completed 16-of-25 pass attempts for 213 yards as the Colonels rolled up a season-high 585 yards in total

offense.

Wilkes got on the board on their initial drive of the contest. After taking over on their own 24-yard line following a Juniata punt, the Colonels embarked on a 13-play drive that covered 76 yards. After an eight-yard pass completion from Duran Porrino to Jim Jordan on first down, Brett Trichilo ripped off 28 yards on his first carry of the afternoon to give Wilkes a first down at the Juniata 40-yard line. A 12-yard pass play from Porrino to Kyle Gallagher later in the drive moved the ball to the Eagles eight. On the ensuing play Gallagher took a handoff and found the endzone with 7:01 left in the first. Kyle Devlin tacked on the point after to give Wilkes a 7-0 lead.

After limiting Juniata to four yards on three plays during their next drive, Steve Rogers broke through to partially block an Eagles punt attempt. The ball rolled dead at the Juniata 49-yard line to give Wilkes good field position.

It took the Colonels only five plays to reach paydirt and extend

their lead. Porrino completed consecutive passes to Mike Walk and Jordan that covered 16 and 11 yards. After another five-yard Porrino to Jordan completion, Trichilo took a handoff and raced 17 yards for a touchdown with 4:13 left in the first quarter. Devlin converted the extra point to give the Colonels a 14-0 lead.

Early in the second quarter Wilkes defensive back Thaddeus Shockley intercepted a Greg Troutman pass attempt at the Juniata 29 to set the stage for another score. Gallagher picked up five yards and Trichilo gained 21 to move the ball to Eagles three. A personal foul penalty on Wilkes moved

the ball back to the 18. Gallagher gained three yards on the initial play following the penalty. Trichilo followed with a 15-yard scoring jaunt with 9:55 left in the second quarter. Devlin booted the point after to extend the Wilkes lead to 21-0.

The Colonels took advantage of another Juniata turnover to begin their next scoring drive. Troutman hit Gerry Miceli with a 31-yard pass. At the end of the play, Wilkes free safety Jon Jamison punched the ball loose and Chris Oustrich recovered to give the

Colonels possession at their own 20. Wilkes used 11 plays to cover the distance, with Porrino showcasing his throwing ability. The junior

completed all four of his pass attempts for 50 yards during the drive. Brian Hilling scored on a two-yard plunge with 2:57 left in the half and Devlin tacked on the extra point to push the Colonels lead to 28-0.

Wilkes would add one more score before intermission. After taking over on their own 20-yard line following a punt with 1:52 left in the half, three Trichilo runs for 25 yards and a key completion from Porrino to Walk that covered 27 yards helped move the ball to the Juniata 15-yard line with 4.5 seconds left in the period. Devlin stepped on to the field and nailed his first career field goal, a 35-yard boot as time expired, to give Wilkes a 31-0 lead at intermission.

Early in the third quarter, the Eagles opted to go for it on a fourth-and-one play from the Wilkes 49. Craig Moshier took a handoff but was met in the backfield by Wilkes linebacker Jason Mitkowski for a two-yard loss giving the Colonels possession at the Juniata 49. After an incomplete pass on first down.

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Campus Calendar

TODAY(10/27)

Wilma Carroll Astrology @ HSC Lobby 11 AM - 2 PM
McGlynn Learning Center Children's Halloween Party @ HSC Ballroom 6:30 PM
The Collective @ HSC Ballroom 8 PM

TUESDAY(10/28)

Wax Factory @ Roth Concourse 11 AM - 5 PM
Women's Soccer @ Kings 3 PM
Field Hockey vs. Drew 4 PM
Volleyball vs. FDU-Florham 7 PM
VPA: Percussion Ensemble Concert @ Dorothy Dickson Darte Center 8 PM
Comedian Daniel Tosh @ HSC Ballroom 9 PM

WEDNESDAY(10/29)

Men's Soccer vs. Kings 3 PM

Word Scramble Answers

The Amityville	Dracula
Horror	Sleepy Hollow
The Shining	The Night of the
The Omen	Headless Horseman
Halloween	Alien
Rocky Horror	
Picture Show	
Carrie	

THURSDAY(10/30)

REACH Family Mentoring 6 PM

FRIDAY(10/31)

Alt. Spring Break Applications Due @ Office of Community Service 4 PM

Leadership Conference thru Nov 1 @ Keystone College 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

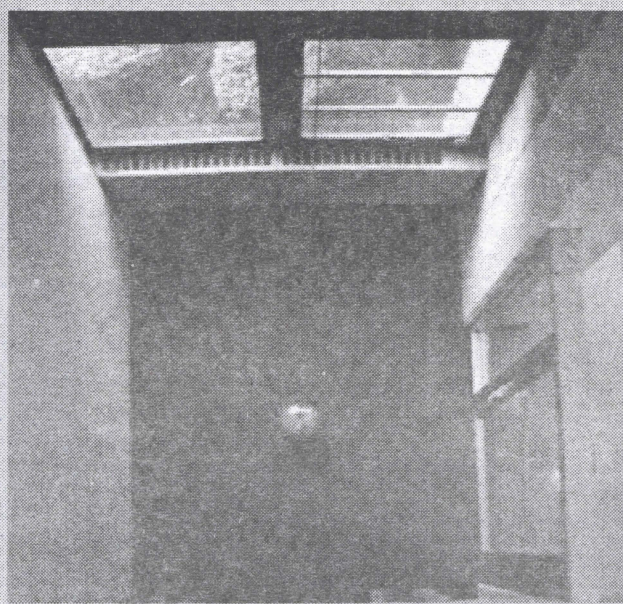
SATURDAY(11/01)

Field Hockey @ Elizabethtown 1 PM
Men's Soccer vs. Delaware Valley 1 PM
Women's Soccer @ Delaware Valley 12 PM
Football @ Lebanon Valley 1 PM
Habitat Workday 8 AM

SUNDAY(11/02)

Multicultural Awareness Week thru November 9

Congratulations to Steph Dickert, who correctly identified last week's "Find This Picture." As Dickert cited, last week's picture depicted a door in the back of Chase Hall. Steph will receive a \$10 cash prize courtesy of Programming Board.



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