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Young Pennsylvania Voters Favor Kerry Over Bush

Nationwide numbers of young voters remain same as 2000

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon News Editor

On November 2, the campaign for the American presidency came to an end. No more political ads, no more visits from candidates, and no more television analysis. On November 3 voters learned President George W. Bush would serve for another four years.

The highest number of voters since 1968 turned out to the polls all across the nation, many of whom were first-time voters. Traditionally, the 18-29 year-old age range has proven scarce at the polls.

This year numerous Public Service Announcements (PSAs) aired on radio, television, and even the Internet urging young people to vote. Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, Communications Studies department Chairperson, said that despite better voter turn-out overall, un-

fortunately the percent of young voters this year was the same as in 2000.

"In the election of 2000, 17% of voters under 30 who were eligible showed up. This year it was exactly the same. It was 17%. Early forecasts on election night suggested that exit poll data in states

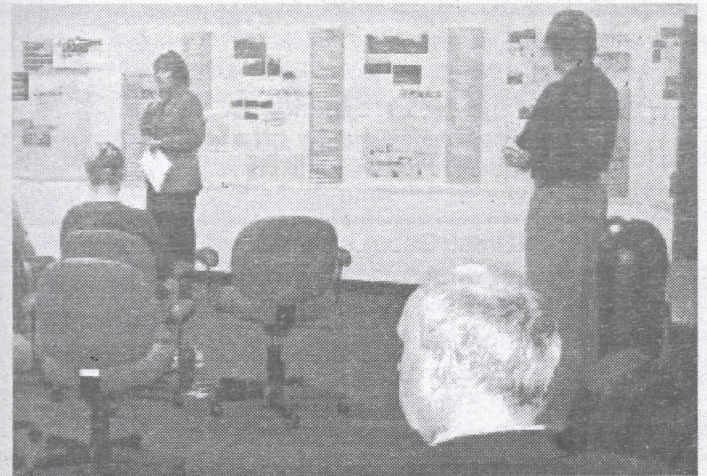


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John Kerry spoke at the Kirby Center in Public Square to supporters during campaign season. Kerry may not have won the election, but he won Pennsylvania and rallied the young voter population.

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Master Plan Meeting



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

The Master Plan Committee held two open forums on Tuesday, November 2 to get student input on improvements for the University. See **Page 5** for story.

Unexpected Costs Further Delay Henry Student Center Game Room

BY CURRAN DOBSON
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For over a year, Wilkes University students have been looking forward to the promised game room addition planned for the Henry Student Center.

However, construction on the game room has been delayed and projected dates for completion have been changed several times. Despite no physical signs of construction beginning, Mark Allen, Dean of Students, is optimistic students will see progress soon.

"If all goes well, construction could begin in the next two weeks with an end date sometime in late

January. This is predicted on finalizing contractors and securing necessary permits," Allen said.

The reason construction was pushed back on the game room was largely financial.

"The project not only includes the game room but a major addition on both the second and third floors of the Student Center. I believe a combination of factors including higher steel prices and changes in the design to create a better final outcome played into the increased costs," Allen said.

The proposed change in design involved using brick instead of glass in the construction.

This affected the price of the project, along with the increased price of steel needed to build it.

"The price of steel is market driven and has an effect on all new construction. The original design used a significant amount of glass that detracted from the overall appearance of the addition relative to the rest of the Student Center. The brick work will make it look like the addition was always a part of the building," Allen said.

Since there is an increase in the

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like Pennsylvania [showed] young people, the 18-25 year-olds especially, were showing up as first-time voters. For whatever reason, they must have voted early and then not voted the rest of the day and night. But there was no jump in the number of under-30 year olds who voted in this election versus 2000," Elmes-Crahall said.

Elmes-Crahall believes that young voters were saturated with information and negative advertisements that may have deterred them from voting. She said that individual voters may have been conflicted if they felt strongly about two or three issues, causing many of them to stay unde-

cided and not go to the polls.

Unlike most of the other states, Pennsylvania favored Senator John Kerry over Bush, 51-49 percent. According to a CNN exit poll, 21% of voters in Pennsylvania were 18-29 year-olds and 60% of those voters, voted in favor of Kerry.

At the Marts Center polling place, where students registered to vote at Wilkes, the vote was, 428 for Kerry and 287 for Bush. Elmes-Crahall thinks if more young people got out to vote across the nation, the national outcome might have been different.

"The fact [is] that they were cautious about calling the election in states like Ohio, and Ohio has more private colleges than any

state in the union. So there are hundreds of thousands of college kids in Ohio...If you want to think about 60% of those who didn't vote were votes denied Kerry. Now not all young people voted for Kerry. But in Ohio, they couldn't call the race. Pennsylvania wasn't called until after midnight. And in Florida, if young people had turned out more, it appears that the first-time voters who were young college age, were by majority, a vast majority, Pro-Kerry," Elmes-Crahall said.

Katie Baas, freshman English major, voted for the first time in this election at Wilkes. She was one of the 39% of 18-29 year-olds who voted in favor of Bush because of issues such as the war in Iraq and national security. While

many voters had to wait in long lines, Baas was able to go right in and vote without waiting.

"I think it was partly my competitive nature. I didn't want the opposite party to win. If my party did win, I wanted to know I had a part in the victory," Baas said about why she voted.

Unlike Baas, sophomore history education major, Matt Carey voted in favor of Kerry and also voted in his favor in the Democratic primary. Carey said he also did not have trouble voting in his hometown of Dallas, probably because he went early before classes. Carey based his issues on the war and higher education.

"I'm against the war. I didn't think we should be in [it]. And tuition prices--tuition has risen at

least 10% since Bush was in office," Carey said.

Elmes-Crahall said the reason Kerry succeeded in Wilkes-Barre as well as Northeast Pennsylvania was because his campaign appealed at the local level. Each candidate visited Northeastern Pennsylvania numerous times and volunteers went door to door to advocate for candidates.

"The Democrats for a number of weeks from late July through mid-August, this media market, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, the national Democratic party and the Kerry/Edwards campaigns spent more in our market than any place else in the county. So we were always in the top five, but we were the big investment," Elmes-Crahall said.

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price, University officials will have to locate more money in order to cover the cost.

"The University has a process to budget dollars for capital projects. Funding to cover the additional cost for the Student Center project will be drawn from this budget," Pesta said.

In addition to the Henry Student Center, there are numerous construction and planning projects going on throughout campus. Currently, Gould Evans Architecture/Planners, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, Spillman Farmer Architecture, and Highland Associates are all involved in a variety of physical plant changes.

"Gould Evans Architecture/Planners is the consultant working on our Campus Master Plan. The firm is based in Kansas City and they have partnered with a local firm Bohlin Cywinski Jackson to assist with the very involved master planning process. Both firms

have very strong, backgrounds and extensive experience in campus master planning for colleges and universities," John Pesta, Director of Capital Projects and Planning for the Finance and Support Operations said.

While the Master Plan is an ongoing project, renovations in the Student Center and Stark Learning Center are close to beginning. Pesta said it was necessary to use two separate firms for the two projects because of their

specialties.

"Spillman Farmer Architecture is handling the programming for the Stark Hall renovations. This firm based in Allentown specializes in designing higher education facilities and more specifically science buildings. Highland Associates designed the addition for the Henry Student Center. The firm was selected because they were the original architect for the building and the one most familiar with the facility," Pesta said.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Students shoot pool in the current game room. Construction to build a larger game room facility will begin in the near future.



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Plans to construct an addition onto the Henry Student Center have been delayed even further. The addition includes a SG meeting room on the second floor and extra cafeteria space on the third floor.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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National Guard Fighter Plane Shoots School

LITTLE EGG HARBOR, NJ: The target was an object on the ground well within the confines of the Warren Grove firing range, a 2,400-acre scrub pine expanse used by the military to train pilots in bombing and strafing techniques.

But when the heavy gun in the left wing of an Air National Guard F-16 fighter jet fired Wednesday night, it sent 25 rounds of 20mm ammunition smashing through the roof and zinging off the asphalt parking lot of the Little Egg Harbor Intermediate School 3 1/2 miles from the range.

Military investigators are trying to determine how it could have happened.

Man Killed Breaking up Fight

PHILADELPHIA, PA: A 30-year-old man was shot and killed while trying to stop several youths from assaulting another, police said.

The man, whose name was not released, was shot around 5:25 p.m. Wednesday near 56th and Carpenter streets in West Philadelphia, after he tried to break up the fight, Lt. Michael Morrin said.

He was taken to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where he died shortly before 6 p.m., authorities said.

Elizabeth Edwards Has Breast Cancer

WASHINGTON, DC: Elizabeth Edwards, wife of former Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards, was diagnosed with breast cancer the day her husband and Sen. John Kerry conceded the presidential race.

Spokesman David Ginsberg said Mrs. Edwards, 55, discovered a lump in her right breast while on a campaign trip last week.

Her family doctor told her Friday that it appeared to be cancerous and advised her to see a specialist when she could.

She put off the appointment until Wednesday so as to not miss campaign time.

Man Strips Naked at Los Angeles Airport

LOS ANGELES, CA: A man was charged with trespassing after he stripped naked, scaled an airport fence, ran across the tarmac and climbed into a plane's wheel well before firefighters talked him out of it, officials said.

The man had earlier tried to buy a ticket for a Qantas Airways flight to Australia with only a credit card receipt. He told authorities at Los Angeles International Airport that he stripped off his clothes Monday to protest the airline's decision to deny him the ticket, airport spokeswoman Nancy Castles said.

The man, Neil Melly, 31, of Canada, suffers from bipolar disorder (also called manic-depressive illness) and had been listed as a missing person in Canada, Castles said. He was booked on a trespassing charge, and was released from custody Tuesday.

Man Dead After North Texas Authorities Use Stun Gun

FORT WORTH, TX: A man who tried to elude Fort Worth police has died after police used an electrical stun gun on him.

Robert Guerrero, 21, was pronounced dead Tuesday night at John Peter Smith Hospital, where he was taken after he stopped breathing.

He was subdued with a Taser stun gun after police were called to an apartment complex where residents said someone was illegally hooking up electrical service at a unit.

Suspected Suicide Over Bush Re-election

NEW YORK, NY: A 25-year-old from Georgia who was distraught over President Bush's re-election apparently killed himself at ground zero.

Andrew Veal's body was found Saturday morning inside the off-limits area of the former World Trade Center site, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

A shotgun was found nearby, but no suicide note was found, Coleman said.

Veal's mother said her son was upset about the result of the presidential election and had driven to New York, Gus Danese, president of the Port Authority Police Benevolent Association, told The New York Times in Sunday's editions.

Friends said Veal worked in a computer lab at the University of Georgia and was planning to marry.

Police were investigating how Veal entered the former World Trade Center site, which is protected by high fences and owned by the Port Authority.

Racist Flyer Confiscated at Henry Student Center

BY JULIE MELF

Beacon Asst. News Editor

While Wilkes has a long tradition of celebrating and encouraging diversity, a recent racist message posted anonymously reminded the few who saw it that intolerance is not just a practice of the past.

The latest in a series of racially derogatory flyers was found posted at the Henry Student Center. Its target: Jewish women. In the past, flyers have targeted people of Middle Eastern descent and women in general. Though this was not the first time an incident like this has occurred, university officials note that without public condemnation, it is unlikely the incident will be that last.

"I feel saddened when things like this come to my attention. It means that there's ignorance out there, which I know, but it also means there's some immaturity out there. If you want to express your views, we have avenues to do that here on campus," Andita Parker Lloyd, Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs said.

The high traffic in and out of the Henry Student Center has proven to be the biggest challenge in not only catching the culprit(s), but ensuring an incident like this doesn't happen again.

"There are outsiders who come and post apartment listings and [messages for] parties and liquor, and all these illegal types of flyers up all the time, so it challenges us as a staff to find out if it was a student or if it was someone from the outside. If it was someone from the outside, we can't do anything about it, but when they're typewritten and [there is] no handwriting that we can find, it makes it harder [to identify a source]," Parker-Lloyd said.

Officials in the Office of Student Affairs note that although Wilkes has not had many racially motivated incidents, students are reminded that even one is far too many.

"Well, it has not been a significant problem on our campus. However, if one student is stigmatized by a racially motivated incident or an ethnically motivated incident, then to that person, that is a very important and traumatic event. So it's not neces-

sarily the number of incidents; it's trying to have an environment that has no incidents," said Mark Allen, Dean of Students.

Multicultural Affairs reminds students that racism occurs not just on campus but locally as well, and the only way to make change is to begin internally.

"We're all racists in recovery, as [those of us] in the multicultural field say. We all have our issues with a race, a cultural background, or it could even be tall people. We all have these biases towards someone, and we have to work at it every single day...When you live in the area like here, we need to learn about different cultures, and the only way to do that is to step out of our comfort zones and to engage in activities like the activities during Multicultural Awareness Week and some of the other MSC sponsored events," Parker-Lloyd said.

Demographics for Pennsylvania may also be an indicator of why such racially motivated incidents may occur. The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber has published a Diversity Report based on information collected by the United States Census. The report indicates that Pennsylvania has a less diverse population than the rest of the United States because 15.9% of its population may be categorized as coming from minority groups as compared with 30.9% in the United States. The report further explains that the Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, and Hazleton MSA have become more diverse recently. However, the percent of the minority population, at 3.8%, is well below that of the United States and Pennsylvania. Thus, when those within a majority group come in contact with people who are unlike them or the norm with which they are familiar, it is likelier that distrust or fear may arise. Such feelings can give rise to bigotry.

The Offices of Student Affairs and Multicultural Affairs are asking students and faculty to immediately remove any flyer posted in campus space that might be construed as derogatory toward any minority group (gender, ethnicity, sexual preference, etc.) and report it to their offices so that immediate action may be taken.

Student Government Notes

Liz Roveda, senior biology major, was announced as Member of the Month for the month of October.

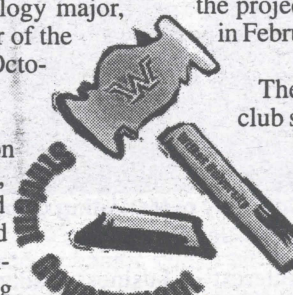
the project are expected to be completed in February 2005.

The Leadership Club was denied club status at the October 27 meeting.

Members of SG are looking into working with CEO and the McGlynn Learning Center as their service project.

SG will participate in the W-B Christmas Parade on November 13.

SG heard a presentation from Becky DiRe Mullens, AIA, Principal of Gould Evans architectural firm and John Pesta, Director of Capital Projects and Planning about the Master Plan for the University. The final plans for

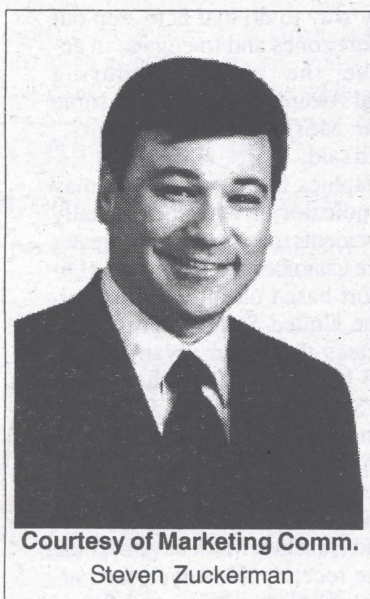


First Annual Outstanding Leaders Forum Slated

BY JEREMY ZUCKERO
Beacon Staff Writer

Innovation, patience, creativity, good communication skills and listening are all ingredients a cookbook might list in a recipe for "leadership development." This week, students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to the first Outstanding Leaders Forum designed to encourage audience members to develop their own recipe for success.

The event will be held at Wilkes University Marts Gym on Thursday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. The Forum is open to the public and is organized by the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and



Courtesy of Marketing Comm.
Steven Zuckerman

Leadership and sponsored by Sovereign Bank. Wilkes University President Dr. Joseph (Tim) E. Gilmour and Dr. Paul Browne, Dean of Sidhu School of Business will host the event.

The format for the Forum will include three speakers and a question/answer period. Jay S. Sidhu will speak at the event, as well as Michael Robinson and Steven Zuckerman. According to Browne, "Each of the panelists will speak for about 15 minutes. This will be followed by a question and answer session, with questions coming from the floor."

Sidhu is Chairman, President and CEO of Sovereign Bank, and the benefactor and namesake for the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership at Wilkes. Sidhu has a long list of national accolades for his business acumen. Among them, he has been recognized as *Financial World's* CEO of the Year and was a 1996 Turnaround Entrepreneur of the

Year, and Caron Foundation's Citizen of the Year.

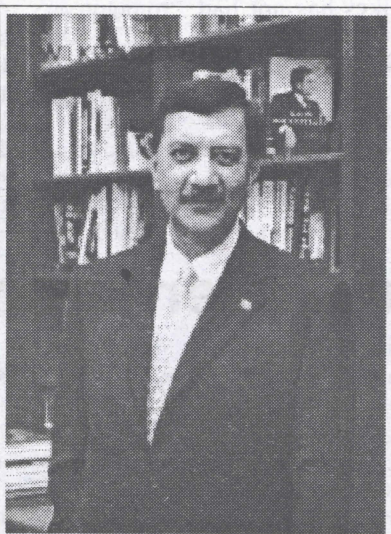
"The impetus for the Outstanding Leaders Forum was Jay S.

Sidhu, a man who believes that the quest for excellence lies in leadership and emotional intelligence. Mr. Sidhu supports academic and advising programs that engage our students in enhancing their personal and professional leadership potential. Mr. Sidhu's message is important for all organizations. This forum is one vehicle for sharing the leadership message with the community," Dr. Anne Batory, marketing professor said.

Joining Sidhu will be Michael Robinson, President and Founder of PAP Security Printing, Inc. Robinson founded his Lancaster-based company in 1988. PAP Security Printing is a rapidly growing company that specializes in printing high security products.

The final panelist will be Steven J. Zuckerman, CEO of *Clipper Magazine*, a direct marketing business that has grown from a single, local four-page campus advertising publication to nearly 350 market editions that reaches 100 million American homes in 24 states.

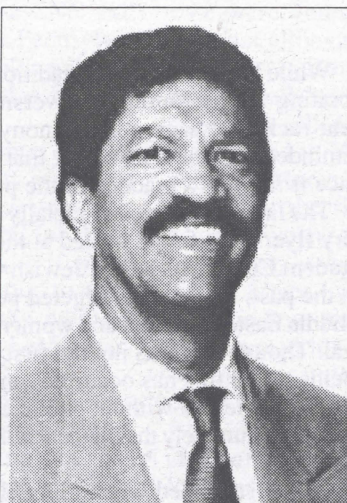
Organizers note this forum will be beneficial to anyone with an



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Jay S. Sidhu

interest in business leadership. "The Outstanding Leaders Forum provides business and civic lead-

ers from the Wyoming Valley and beyond, students in the Sidhu School, Wilkes University and neighboring institutions and



Courtesy of Marketing Comm.
Michael Robinson

other friends of the University with access to the inspiring insight and experience of recognized national and international leaders who embody the principles and authentic leadership and strategic excellence that are the hallmarks of the Sidhu School," Browne said.

The Forum will also recognize the accomplishments of the speakers. "The first annual forum will also recognize the outstanding leadership provided by Mr. Sidhu, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Zuckerman to the businesses they lead and to the revitalization of our state and regional economy," Browne said.

"Wilkes University and the Sidhu School of Business and Leadership are committed to the development of an exceptional leadership talent pool in our community, our region and beyond. We expect that the Outstanding Leaders Forum will contribute to the advancement of the practice of leadership, showcase the ideas, styles and actions of leaders who are creating the businesses of the future, embody the practice of authentic leadership, emotional intelligence and principled decision-making, and extend and strengthen the reputation of the Sidhu School, Wilkes University and Northeastern Pennsylvania," Browne added.

Batory agreed

with Browne. "This educational gift, highlighting leadership, will have a positive effect on the im-

age of Wilkes as a place where leadership is nurtured and encouraged."

Veteran's Day Parade



The Beacon/Kristin Kile

Members of the Wilkes University Air Force ROTC Detachment 752 march in the Wilkes-Barre Veteran's Day Parade on Sunday, November 7. The parade began in Kingston and concluded in Wilkes-Barre's Public Square.

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Feedback Encouraged in Master Planning Process

BY KEVIN FITZSIMMONS
Beacon Staff Writer

In addition to voting on November 2, students of Wilkes University had a chance for their voices to be heard in another way. Open forums were held to initiate conversation about progress on the campus 'Master Plan.'

University officials and architects are seeking feedback from as many members of the Wilkes community as possible. This information will be compiled and used to help reach a consensus about the direction of the Wilkes's physical future.

"We had an open forum and it was an invitation to the students, the faculty, and staff to come and see the progress we are making with the master plan for Wilkes University," said Becky DiRe Mullins, AIA, Principal of Gould Evans, the architectural firm involved with the initiative.

Members of the firm had visuals on display in the Hiscox Conference Room in the Student Union building illustrating parking, athletics, dorm conditions and locations, as well as many other aspects of campus and student life.

Despite the prime location, the early morning session's student attendance was sparse.

"If the students aren't familiar with the objectives or if the faculty and staff have not been involved in previous master planning efforts, then it takes a little bit of time for people to know how they want to influence, how they want to engage," Mullins said.

Director of Capital Projects and Planning at Wilkes University, John Pesta, was



The Beacon/Andrew Steinburg

Students participate in the open forum for the University's Master Plan. Becky DiRe Mullins, AIA, Principal of Gould Evans, the architectural firm working on the Master Plan, asks for student input on improvements the University can make for the future.

in attendance and seemed satisfied with the progress the group is making, and the overall sessions themselves.

"I think they're going very well. I do wish that we could get some more people involved in the open forums," Pesta said.

More meetings will take place in the future and Wilkes community members are encouraged to attend. The opinions and

information shared by faculty, staff and students have the potential to impact the University's future design. The meetings are casual and conversational.

"The opportunity for students to get involved is great. It will be more interesting as we start coming up with solutions as opposed to just gathering data," Mullins said.

The Gould Evans group undertook the project in September 2004, and has already made great strides based on quantitative data provided by the University, as well as through meetings with various groups of students and faculty members on campus. The group hopes to make its findings as final recommendations to the board by February 2005.

Registration Delayed for Students on Financial Hold

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon News Editor

Registration for spring classes began last week. Consequently, Wilkes students have been frantically making appointments with their advisors and heading down to the Registrar's office to make sure they get all the classes they want or need for next semester. Given the jump in enrollment at the University this academic year, many sections appear tighter than normal.

But Wilkes students with financial problems have come to find that they cannot register because of mandated holds on their accounts. A "financial hold" is the designation given a student when he or she has an outstanding balance on his or her account. University policy prohibits students who owe the school money to register for the next semester until arrangements for payment are made. Although there have been cases of students who have simply refused to pay bills, some issues arise because of a backlog in the system.

Imagine junior Matthew Burian's surprise when he was unable to register for classes last week. Burian, an electrical engineering major, discovered he had a hold on his account when he tried to register.

"I applied for a loan about two weeks ago. The loan got certified and I guess the school was notified about it, but they never cleared the hold on my transcript so I couldn't register for classes," Burian said.

Burian contacted officials in Financial Aid to find out why he was not able to register.

"I just went up to the Financial Aid office and asked them why I had a hold on my account and they looked and saw that I had a loan that was certified and they just cleared the hold. So I guess it wasn't really supposed to be there," Burian said.

Because of the mix up, Burian missed out on registering for a class that is required for his major, Physics 203. Burian said he is going talk to the professor to see if he is able to still get into the class.

Peter Blasi, Manager of Financial Services, said no matter how small the balance, a hold will be put onto the person's account. The policy used to be that if a student had a \$1,000 balance, the University would impose a "hold", but Blasi said the policy was tightened a month ago to include any outstanding balance at all.

Blasi added, however, that arrangements can be made to relieve a student of a finan-

cial hold. "If somebody has a hold, and they are under \$500 we can lift the hold," Blasi said.

Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs, said the restrictions are put onto accounts to open a dialogue with students to inform them that there is an outstanding balance. He also said that it is important to the University that it collects those outstanding funds.

"The reason I like us to get involved is it's really about helping young people continue to be successful. I mean the university has an obligation to be able to pay its bills, to meet its payroll. To be able to do that it requires that we collect the money which is owed, in fairness to all those young people who are paying their bills in a timely fashion. We feel responsibility to collect what is owed," Adams said.

Adams said if officials let students register when they have financial holds, it could put students further and further in debt. In addition, all students with financial holds received a letter to inform them of the outstanding balance. Adams said that most cases that arise do so not because students have not paid bills, but because they have not filled out the cor-

rect financial aid information.

In Burian's situation, a third party was involved in the payment of the bill. Adams said there are circumstances in which students have no control over the situation.

"If it was a situation beyond a student's control, and there was a third party involved that was at fault, I think that would be a consideration. The University would make special arrangements," Adams said.

The Offices of Financial Aid and Financial Management work closely with one another to help resolve these problems. Adams said it is important that they help students continue their education. They don't want students to create debt that will impact them for the next 10 to 15 years and negatively impact their credit history.

"Nobody wants to do this to people. It's just a matter of not letting people get in over their heads and being fair to all those who took care of their responsibilities in a timely fashion," Adams said.

If students are having difficulty registering because of financial holds they can go to the student accounts office on the second floor of Passan Hall to resolve the situation.

Opinion

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ARAFAT'S HEALTH CRISIS CAUSING INTERNATIONAL RIPPLES

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL STAFF

Recently, there have been conflicting reports that ailing Yasser Arafat, the leader of Palestine, had slipped into a coma in a hospital in Paris. As of this writing, the Associated Press reports that dire predictions of Arafat's imminent death may have been over-stated, but Arafat is, in fact, in intensive care and undergoing more medical tests.

With his health clearly compromised, many in the world have begun to speculate as to what may happen if Arafat's health were to take a further turn for the worse or if the long-time Palestinian leader dies.

Despite some conflicting reports from the Palestinian media, this brings up an important question about who will assume power

over the country in the event of Arafat's passing, and what effects such a change in power structure will have on the already strained relations between Israel and Palestine. If Arafat loses power in Palestine, the United States will be forced to ponder what role, if any, it should play in relations between the new Palestinian government and the government of Israel.

President Bush has described himself on numerous occasions as "a uniter, not a divider," and while this may not be the context in which he meant that statement, he may very soon have a chance to prove it, and in a big way. The outcome of Arafat's health crisis and its subsequent effects on Israel/Palestine relations have unquestionable ties to Middle East stability as a whole.

In the unfortunate event of an escalation of open conflict between Israel and Palestine, supporting Israel could deepen already intensely anti-American sentiment in the Muslim world, and this could lead to even higher recruitment rates for terrorist groups. On the other hand, supporting Palestine would alienate Israel, who has long been a strong American ally, as well as cause an understandable uproar among America's large Jewish population. Leaving the situation to work itself out would obviously be even messier, with the remainder of the Middle East likely becoming involved in the fray and decades of tense negotiations and fragile relations going to waste.

Because of this, especially in the broader context of our War on Terrorism, it is in not only the best interests of the Middle East but of America as well that no matter what the outcome of Arafat's health problems, peace between Israel and Palestine is maintained. While it is unlikely that these two nations will ever become allies, peace is paramount to our own security and the security of the world at large.

In the 1990s, the United States played moderator to a number of peace talks with Arafat and former Israeli Prime Ministers Ehud Barak and Benjamin Netanyahu. While these talks often ended with no consensus, they did prevent open conflict at a time when violence seemed almost inevitable. In the event of the rise of an anti-Israeli government should Arafat become unable to lead, President Bush would be well advised to attempt to reinstitute trilateral peace talks.

In the event of open conflict, however, it is absolutely necessary that the United States does not take sides, but rather rallies the international community to call for a cease fire, and, hopefully, more peace talks. While this may seem like a frustrating cycle, it is the safest option available, not just for Israel and Palestine, but for America and the international community.

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Democrats, Take Dean's Advice

BY ALEX WOODS
Beacon Columnist

As I flipped through the channels on that fateful Tuesday, desperately searching for anyone who would announce a Kerry victory, my heart broke in two as I realized that there would indeed be four more years.

But, when I and other Democrats woke up the next morning, we had lost more than just the presidential race. We had lost many Senate seats, including the loss of Minority Speaker Tom Daschle, and more seats in the House as well.

As all seemed so hopeless, I began to realize that there would be another day for the Democrats and even perhaps another election. So what's next for the Democrats? Will they just sit silently waiting until the next election, or will they begin to rebuild their party? The Democrats have never been known to play dead and obey at the mercy of the Republicans. Instead, I believe that they will re-examine themselves and the party.

But who will lead the Democrats to this new era of self-realization? Who will help the Democrats reclaim the Senate and the House?

The once presidential hopeful Dr. Howard Dean seems more than willing to lead the Democrats into this new era, and with his well-known name, energy, and creation of the site Democracy for America, Dean also seems more than fit for the job.

In many of Dr. Dean's speeches since his withdrawal from the presidential race, he has emphasized the rebuilding of the Democratic party starting at its roots; local government. By creating the site Democracy for America, Dr. Dean set his plan in motion and invited all people the young and the old alike to join him, and to rebuild America and hold politicians accountable for their actions.

Dean believes that in order for the Democrats to once again gain control of the government, they

must first change grassroots politics in every town and city in America. According to Democracy for America, "State legislatures and local governments are the birthplace of the social, economic, and environmental policy that forms our national agenda," and the only way to change our government is to get involved in these races.

With the loss of both the House of Representatives and the Senate, it has never been more important for the Democrats to focus on local and county government and encourage other Democrats to volunteer their time; talents, and resources for the good of the Democratic party. Howard Dean encourages college students and others to volunteer for locals such as Allyson Schwartz, from Philadelphia who beat out Republican Melissa Brown for the House seat in her district.

Perhaps the defeat of John Kerry and John Edwards was best for the Democratic party as a whole in the long run. Without control of either the Senate or the House, it would have been very hard for Kerry to pass any bills or create any new programs that he promised to the American people, which would have alienated him from his own party and possibly ensured his legacy as a one-term president.

By building the Democratic party from the ground up the Democrats are doing what the Republicans did and found so successful in gaining control of the House, Senate and the Presidency. Rebuilding the Democratic party will not be easy and it will take years to do as successfully as the Republicans have done, but if the Democrats are successful we may see the most powerful and influential Democratic party in American history.

America has heard Dean's call for reformation and the grassroots campaign is on its way. With the help of our generation and the wisdom of leaders like Howard Dean, Bill Clinton, and John Kerry the rebuilding has begun and the future looks bright.

Nickle for Your Thoughts

By Jason Nickle



BUSH WINS: IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD

BY GABE LeDONNE
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

As a Kerry/Edwards supporter, I was, needless to say, disappointed with last week's election results; but I accept those results as being the will of the majority of Americans.

The Bush/Cheney ticket won the election clearly, and from all appearances, fairly—which is more than most can say about the 2000 presidential debacle.

What truly troubled me about Tuesday's poll returns, though, was the apparent notion of many Americans that their own personal faith and morality must be reflected in their government. Election Day 2004 and its exit polls showed that the majority of Bush supporters based their decision on safety from terrorism and faith. It showed that 79% of Bush supporters voted with "moral values" in the forefront of their decision.

Looking at these main points that Americans cited for supporting Bush—faith and terrorism—I saw a dangerous trend forming among some Americans in terms of what they see as acceptable moves on the part of government—trends that could severely impede our cherished First Amendment rights. Evidence supporting this trend beyond the Bush victory itself and the exit polls, were the 11 states that approved referendums to ban gay marriage.

I woke up the day after the election wondering what was happening to this country—wondering why people were so set on expressing their religious and moral values through their government leadership. And I was scared—physically sick to my stomach.

I worried that with Bush in the White House for another four years, with larger

majorities in both houses of Congress, and with three to five Supreme Court Justices expected to retire and/or die in the upcoming years, our rights as we know them now (and as we knew them pre-September 11 and pre-Patriot Acts) were going to quickly fade away.

I could suddenly see *Roe v. Wade* being overturned. I could see the line between church and state being blurred. I could see more of our First Amendment rights being stripped away in more "Patriot Acts" passed in the supposed interest of national security.

As someone who finds the act of abortion reprehensible and often misused as a remedy for irresponsible actions; as someone who feels that many advocates take the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to an unnecessary extreme in their quest to turn church and state into a complete dichotomy; and as someone who thinks that some do abuse their First Amendment rights and potentially hurt others in the process; I also think that it is not in any way, shape or form, the government's job or right to restrict these abilities to do so.

To quote Voltaire, "I may not agree with what you have to say, but I will fight to the death for your right to say it."

But what I didn't see in this election was a nation willing to fight for its inalienable rights. I saw, rather, a nation that in large part supported limiting them. An ABC News poll showed that more than two-

thirds of Americans supported the government's restricting our rights in order to protect us from terrorism. It showed that Americans thought we had more freedom than was good for us.

I began to feel as though I had not just lost an election, but that I had lost my country. This nation was turning into something very different than what I had learned about in grade school.

It left me wondering whatever happened to Nathan Hale's spirited declaration—that patriotic ultimatum we so liked to quote in our history classes and in the midst of our American pageantry: "Give me liberty or give me death."

When was this belief reversed? When did freedom fall second to living? And most importantly, when will it end?

The night after the election, then, I looked to the U.S. Constitution for answers. I read through the descriptions of power of each branch of government: Articles I, II, and III. And I was suddenly able to take comfort in the fact that, thanks to that document, no one man—indeed, no one generation—can screw up this country too badly, for too long.

It dawned on me that part of what makes this nation so great is its uncanny ability to repair itself despite previous mistakes.

And as I later looked through my 12th

grade history book, I began to see this trend of Americans wanting to prove their morality through their government and leadership as a temporary phase—something that people seem to go to every so often.

History seems to show that we only let ourselves progress so far before we pull ourselves back. Out of fear? Out of insecurity? I'm not really sure.

But even after a huge Civil War, and a great victory against slavery, America soon pulled itself back, and allowed *Plessy v. Ferguson* to pass as acceptable.

In the 1920s when we progressed to the point of finally letting women vote, we at the same time banned alcohol as an immoral substance.

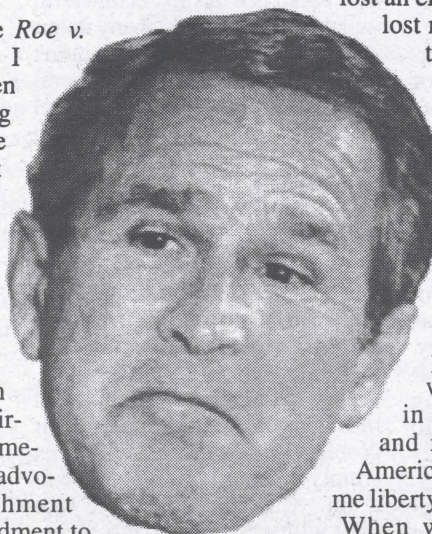
And in the 1950s, after defeating the Nazis and freeing the world from an evil dictatorship, we allowed ourselves to be swayed into McCarthyism, and we gave up some of the very same freedoms for which we were just fighting and dying.

It seems that while we have patriotically embraced Nathan Hale's idea of "liberty or death," we are sometimes frightened by massive responsibility that real freedom puts upon us as individuals.

After a traumatic experience like September 11th—one that happened in large part because of our exceptional freedoms (freedom at the cost of personal security)—we have temporarily fallen into the reversal of Hale. We have come to believe that it is only living, and not how free we live, that matters.

But I am reassured by the fact that eventually "separate but equal," Prohibition, and the Red Scare all gave way to better reason...eventually.

And so again, I wait for the rest of America to come around.



BUSH WINS: CONSERVATIVES TALLY GAINS

BY BRYAN RILEY
Beacon Columnist

The American people re-elected President Bush to another four-year term this past Tuesday.

Even after the Michael Moore propaganda, the ads comparing Bush to Hitler, liberal catch phrases like "Bush lied; kids died," and negative rhetoric from the leaders of the Democratic party, the President was still victorious. Anti-Bush messages from rapper Eminem and terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden also failed as the President was the clear winner.

President Bush had about 3.5 million more votes than Senator Kerry and he won with a majority of the popular vote. The last candidate to win a presidential election with the majority of the popular vote was George Bush Sr. in 1988. The President won more votes than any presidential candidate in the history of the United States which indicates that more people voted in this year's election. The current estimation is that turnout is up 15 million

from the record set four years ago. Bush was also able to win 31 states compared to Kerry's victory in 19 states giving him an Electoral College victory of 286 to 252.

For the second presidential election in a row, exit polling proved to be ineffective. Early returns from the exit polling had Senator Kerry with 19 percentage point lead in Pennsylvania, as well as comfortable wins in Florida and Ohio, and a tie with Bush in Mississippi. The news gave the Kerry campaign some early hope, but Karl "the architect" Rove, number-one Bush advisor, noted that exit polling has been flawed in recent elections. The exit polls could have been flawed for any number of reasons. I believe that the anti-Bush voters were much more enthusiastic about talking to the pollsters compared to pro-Bush voters who may tend to view their votes as a personal matter and avoid the pollsters.

John Kerry waged an impressive campaign and the Democratic party should be proud of his efforts. He came much closer to winning than I had initially anticipated. Although the popular vote wasn't within

reach, Kerry could have snagged an Electoral College victory 272 to 266 if Ohio had gone his way. I really respected the Senator when he conceded to President Bush instead of filing lawsuits in Ohio. Unlike Al Gore in 2000, I believe Kerry made the right decision by sparing the country from another hanging-chad fiasco. And we haven't seen the last of John Kerry; he may be back in 2008.

Now it is time for Republicans and Democrats to come together and be Americans first. With increased Republican majorities in the House of Representatives and the Senate, President Bush should be able to keep America moving in the right direction. The economy will continue to grow and be strengthened and the United States will remain on the offensive to combat terrorism throughout the world. Hopefully bi-partisan efforts will be made to pass meaningful legislation before political campaigning begins for the election in 2008.

The front runner for the Democratic Presidential nominee in 2008 seems to be Hillary Rodham Clinton. If the Democrats

have learned anything from this election, they should realize that a Clinton nomination would be a mistake. After former Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle lost in the South Dakota Senate race, this should give Democrats a clue that the electorate has become more conservative. A strong liberal like Clinton would be the wrong choice for the Democrats in 2008. The Democratic party would have a much better chance with a more moderate Democrat. New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson would be a perfect example of a moderate Democrat for a 2008 nomination. Recent history also shows that Governors are much more likely than Senators to become President.

The potential nominees for the Republican nomination in 2008 include Senator Bill Frist of Tennessee, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, New York Governor George Pataki, and the Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. Or maybe even the President's brother, Florida Governor Jeb Bush.

To All Wilkes Liberals: This Too Shall Pass

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
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Last Wednesday morning, I was crushed. I think many of us were, and for what, at first, seemed like good reason. With not just the Republican party, but their hawkish, socially conservative, extremist wing, seemingly now in control of, well, everything, the possibility of the more progressive and humanistic America that seemed just within our reach may now seem bleak.

Beyond that, it's not like we all sat back passively and let this happen. So many of us here at Wilkes volunteered for the Kerry campaign, called, canvassed, or helped out in any way that we could. We talked to friends and family members. We wore buttons and stickers. We wrote letters to the editors of *The Beacon* and our local papers vehemently defending our candidate and our vision.

For so many of us, this was the first thing of such scale that we really believed in, and the first real chance we felt that we had to change things for the better. Af-

ter we all worked so hard for what may now seem like nothing, believe me when I say that I understand completely how difficult it is now to not fall into a pattern of cynicism and helplessness after what seems like such a crushing defeat not just of our belief system, but even of our very ability to instigate progress.

But, to quote the singing crucifixion victims at the end of Monty Python's *The Life of Brian*, "Always look on the bright side of life." Our hard work did pay off, even if you can't tell. Luzerne County, and Pennsylvania, voted overwhelmingly in support of Senator Kerry. I'm registered to vote in my hometown, but from what I hear, the Marts Center was swamped with students all day, and judging from the fact that Wilkes and the surrounding neighborhood voted almost 2 to 1 in favor of Senator Kerry, I'd say it shows. We did our jobs; remember that Ohio was never our responsibility to deliver, and doing so was always completely out of our power.

While this still may not seem

like much of a consolation, consider this: the most progress was made for the liberal movement in America during the term of one of our most conservative presidents: Richard M. Nixon. While I certainly am not glad about President Bush being reelected, what I am glad about is what his second term will do for the left. So many in our age group, myself included, didn't consider themselves to be liberal until after seeing the detrimental effects of Bush's first term on America and the world. Just think of how our ranks will grow as we work together to speak out against what, despite what Bush and company are already claiming, all signs are pointing to as being an even more reactionary and divisive administration than the first.

Also remember how reluctant most people are to change. Their problem is not with our beliefs, but simply that our beliefs are new to them. Convincing people that they will work if put into action will take time and effort, and, after seeing so many of you at Wilkes rise to the occasion and work your

pretty little tails off, I'm confident that we can eventually move America, or drag it kicking and screaming if necessary, towards progress.

Remember as well that the neo-conservatives have been planning this coup since the first Clinton term, spending billions of dollars establishing think tanks and using push polling and other dirty tricks to first take over the once moderate Republican party and now the nation (recall the campaign ads comparing Max Cleland, who lost 3 limbs in Vietnam, to Osama Bin Laden for not supporting the Iraq war, and ads here in our own senatorial primary saying that Republican Arlen Specter wasted taxpayer dollars on research on fruit flies, which, as any biologist will tell you, is an invaluable tool for studying genetics). This is how they have managed to elect to the senate men like John Thune who do not believe in evolution, and Mel Martinez, who defeated a Republican incumbent in the primary by saying that he was a tool of the "radical homosexual lobby" sim-

ply for supporting hate crime legislation. These wins do not prove that the neocons are right, it proves that their smear tactics (and, to be fair, their determination) pay off.

So, to win without sinking to similar smear tactics, we must be even more determined than they are. The next four years are going to be tough, but they will not be hopeless. While a second Bush term will probably be able to do lasting damage to our already torn country, it is unlikely that any of it will be permanent. That is, as long as all of you are always willing to give as much or more of yourselves as you did to this campaign, and as long as you never stop believing in and fighting for the rights of those who are discriminated against, underpaid, undereducated, underinsured, and underrepresented in their government. As with any tragedy, an appropriate time of mourning is healthy and even encouraged. But, if at this point you're still feeling down in the dumps about last Tuesday, wake up. Your country needs you now more than ever.

Is the "Liberal Media" Really Liberal?

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Columnist

The term "liberal media" is routinely thrown around in our politically-conscious society.

However, is the media really as liberal as we have been led to believe? The answer, in short, is no. More and more, newspapers and television stations are placing subtle bias in their reports. But that bias is not liberal. This was seen no more so than on election night. Putting aside my opinions about politics and who was the better candidate, I noticed that the media had finally come out in its true colors and those colors were certainly not liberal colors.

On election night, news networks were predicting states before the polls had closed and the votes were counted. Most of the states that they predicted favored Bush, and while he did win most of those states, it is unethical and biased to predict a state's votes before that state had even counted ballots.

Early in the evening, Fox News, the end-

all, be-all for conservative news, had Bush ahead by over 100 electoral votes, when those votes had not even come in yet. Other networks followed suit, predicting and giving votes to candidates before the polls had been tallied.

This showed, that the media is truly not liberal, but certainly that they do show bias. One of the reasons for this is that the media has already done a very good job of making the word "liberal" a four letter word. Conservatives have successfully led the media to paint liberals as bad, immoral people, and, therefore, the media wants to avoid that label being placed upon them. The media then must be more conservative so they don't suggest the label could be used against them.

These biases are not wholly unexpected, particularly when it is taken into consideration that ten big conglomerates own all of the news in the country.

When there is such a saturation of one corporation or several corporations, it becomes hard to hear an independent voice in the media. People in the media are afraid of angering their bosses, who are largely conservative, and because of this fear the media becomes less liberal and more conservative, making them "vanilla" (a term I stole

from a certain editor of the *Citizen's Voice*).

Perhaps the problem does not lie in the bias shown in the media, but the ownership of the media, which, in the true spirit of American

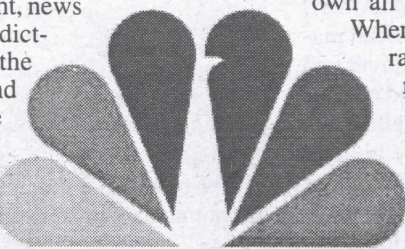
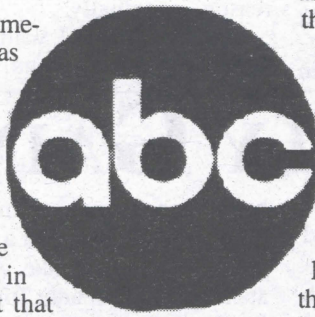
economics, is largely owned by the minority. Perhaps we should stop caring about news and editorial content, and start focusing on who owns the media.

When the voice of the American people is dictated by ten C.E.O.s, it is not hard to see how the media could play to those who own it.

If the media could get into the hands of more people, we could theoretically change the way public communication is run, and, perhaps, we could finally

have a liberal media or at least a media that is more representative of the American people. Until a time arrives, I

suppose we have to keep reading our Rupert Murdoch-approved messages, allowing once again for the wool to be pulled over our eyes.



The Beacon POLL

This week *The Beacon* asked:
What quality do you most appreciate in a faculty member?*

■ Enthusiasm for material	33%
■ Challenge students to reach higher	22%
■ Sense of humor	22%
■ Innovation/creativity	17%
■ Easy grader	6%

Next week's question is:
In a future professional job or internship what single thing is most important to you?

- The job is challenging
- It pays well
- It is located near family
- It offers opportunity to learn
- It offers room for advancement/promotion
- It is emotionally rewarding
- Your contributions will immediately impact the organization
- It is intellectually stimulating

Visit www.wilkesbeacon.com to cast your vote. Your voice matters! Results from the online poll will be published in next week's issue of *The Beacon*.

*The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall feel of students on campus. Results are based on 18 responses.

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WUEE Boosts Entrepreneurial Spirit

BY JAMIE BABBITT
Beacon Features Editor

Imagine being your own boss. You can make your own hours, run business your own way, and not have to answer to anyone but yourself. Sound like wishful thinking?

More and more, business majors are considering self-employment as a possible career option. And it's not an unrealistic aspiration. All you need are the necessary skills to make your business a success.

Each year, Wilkes University holds an Entrepreneurial Experience (WUEE) program to introduce self-employment to area high school students. The students, in groups of two or three, spend a few weeks learning the entrepreneurial process and coming up with their own business plan, that they present in a competi-

tion.

This year, six area high schools took part in the program, which was held on November 6. These schools included Lake Lehman, Tunkhannock Area, Bishop O'Hara, Pocono Mountain, Riverside, and E.L. Meyers High Schools. Students volunteered to take part, either because of an interest in business, a class they are taking, or programs they are involved in such as Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA).

Member of Wilkes Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) worked with the high school students in two-hour training sessions teaching them "lesson plans, resource materials, and how to handle groups here on campus," said Dr. Jeffrey Alves, Professor of Free Enterprise and Coordinator of the Entrepreneurial Experience.

Once the students learned the basics of running a business, they began creating a story that will sell their business idea. This story should "explore and validate that customers exist, that customers want the product or service, that they're willing to pay for it, and that the product or service economically makes sense, i.e. that they can make money at it," said Alves.

The stories that the students came up with were presented to and judged by a group of local business professionals, alumni, and one faculty member on November 6. They looked at how the teams accommodated their customers and if their busi-



The Beacon/Todd Weibel
One high school student presents her business plan on November 6 in the Henry Student Center Ballroom.

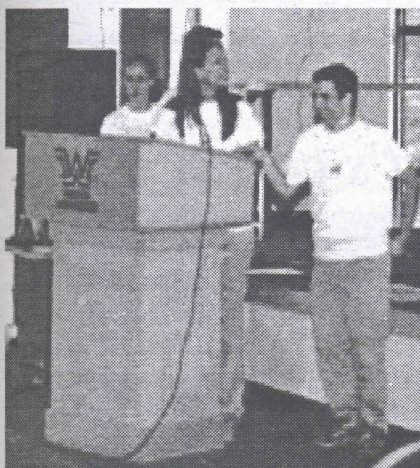
ness plan was a viable one. "It's a story, but it's got very definite business pieces to it," said Alves.

"The whole project is to help students demonstrate several skills: teamwork, a grasp of the entrepreneurial process, the more general skills of critical thinking and communication, and presentation skills," he added.

Tara Smith, Graduate Assistant at Wilkes, co-coordinated the program with Alves. She worked on the organizational component, such as setting up SIFE members with high school students, arranging meeting schedules, and training team leaders.

Smith hopes the high school students learned a lot about business in general from participating in the Entrepreneurial Experience. "Sometimes business is a hard concept to grasp, especially if your high school does not offer many business courses. I hope they learn that you do not always have to work for others, that one can be their own boss working as an entrepreneur," said Smith.

"Ultimately what we hope is that after this experience, students will have a little bit more self-confidence and motivation, not necessarily to immediately look at the possibility of self-employment, but certainly down the road as an option... This [program] gives them a chance to actually kind of test drive it at a very early age," Alves concluded.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel
A group of high school students compete in a business plan contest against area high schools at this year's WUEE.

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Tell Us...

The Beacon's roving reporter, Meagan Brown, asked random Wilkes students: **What is your favorite part of the fall season?** Check out the responses below.

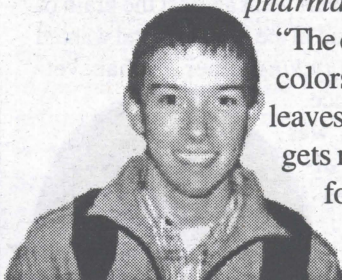


Lee Wygant,
senior music
education major
"Getting done
with it."

**Kelly Sheets, senior
biology major**
"The leaves,
smells, hayrides
and apple
cider."



Kevin Brittain,
freshman pre-
pharmacy major
"The different
colors of the
leaves. Plus it
gets me ready
for skiing."



Andy Minarik,
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business
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Wilkes Celebrates Cultural Diversity

BY JESSICA NIEMIEC
Beacon Staff Writer

Look around you. Does the person standing next to you look like you?

Most likely, the answer is no. Everyone is different, and this week, Wilkes is celebrating our differences.

Multicultural Awareness Week is an annual celebration consisting of events to embrace and learn from the many cultures of the world. The events are open to all students and are free of charge. Andita Parker-Lloyd, Multicultural Affairs Coordinator, said, "I'm really excited. We have something every single day, and it's all quality."

Multicultural Awareness Week is traditionally the first full week of November. The events begin today with a performance by African Resurrection, an African dance group based in Baltimore. Their performance will stimulate audience awareness of African dance, folklore, and drumming.

On November 9, Nick Yarris, an exonerated prisoner, will tell his compelling story in the Ballroom at 7 p.m. Yarris was condemned to death for a crime he did not com-

mit, but was exonerated after a long legal fight to allow the DNA test that proved his innocence. He will speak against the death penalty, asking the question: "If one innocent person is put to death, is it worth it?"

On Wednesday at 9 p.m. in Ballroom, the movie *Remember the Titans* will be shown. This movie, based on a true story, examines the social issues that arose with the integration of a football team in the 1960s. This screening is a prelude to the visit of the real Coach Herman Boone next week to share his experience.

"My favorite [event] will probably be Piscataway Nation," said Parker-Lloyd. The authentic African singers and dancers will be performing on November 11 at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom. "They wear beautiful clothing. How they can be nimble in 20-lb. outfits always amazes me," con-



Courtesy of Andita Parker-Lloyd
Geraldine Ojeil displays artifacts from her heritage at last year's Cultural Expo during Multicultural Awareness Week.

tinued Parker-Lloyd.

The week will be topped off with the Cultural Expo on Saturday at 5 p.m. in Brieseth Hall. At the Expo, students and

community members display items that symbolize their culture on a table for everyone to view. Parker-Lloyd encourages any ethnic group not represented to bring out some things and put up a table. There are many cultures represented, but there's always something new to learn.

"[The cultures] are all different, and there's so much to share," said Parker-Lloyd. "I was really excited to learn so many things about Puerto Rico. Sometimes we forget and lump everyone into one group as 'Latinos' forgetting that this group is made up of [so many cultures]."

"Everybody has culture; sometimes it just needs to be represented a little bit more," said Santiago Serrato, President of the Multicultural Club. "It's just about knowing what's out there."

There is also a diversity display currently up on the third floor of the Henry Student Center, done by an art class here on campus. Twelve Wilkes students did portraits of different ethnic groups to capture the essence of their cultures in an art form. "I encourage everyone to check it out," said Serrato.

A Look At Last Year's Grads

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon Correspondent

For a moment, take a trip back to first grade.

When your teacher went around the room and asked what you wanted to be when you grew up, what was your answer? A fireman? A teacher? A veterinarian? Never a follower, Wilkes alumna Corinne Stewart went against the grain of every other kid in the sandbox, and wanted to pursue *anything* other than veterinary science.

"When I was younger, I always wanted to be different. Everyone wanted to be a vet, so I thought it was too cliché," said

Not even a hurricane can stop Stewart's career plans

Stewart.

Years later, however, while a pharmacy student at Wilkes, she realized healing animals was her calling. After all, all the other kids in the proverbial sandbox did not grow up to be vets. Therefore, Stewart's strive to stand out was indeed attainable.

The Road

Stewart, a native of Monroe, New York, initially set her sights on psychology at Wilkes, but having an interest in medicine, entered the pharmacy program instead. During her sophomore year, she finally decided on veterinary science.

"I began to question pharmacy because I couldn't see myself pushing pills my whole life, so I decided to go with what I loved. I loved medicine and I loved animals," she said.

While an undergrad, Stewart gained some real world experience at Plains Animal Hospital shadowing veterinarians as they helped furry critters with routine procedures such as vaccines to pets with illness and emergencies.

"They were amazing. I learned a ton," she said of her practical experience.

Dr. Kristin Edwards, one of Stewart's former internship supervisors, feels Stewart will do very well in the profession.

"While she was here, she was a very active participant. She never hesitated to

jump in the middle of something if we needed her. If we needed her to help hold down an animal, she did. She was just very involved," said Edwards, continuing that many other interns they have like to just observe.

After graduating from Wilkes, Stewart moved to the Caribbean to pursue vet school at Grenada's St. George's University. But of course while the water is bluer and the weather warmer, the coursework is not a vacation from the Northeast.

"Vet school is harder to get into than med school," Stewart admitted. "I recommend if you are thinking to go into this field to start early, like in high school. Grades are extremely important and experience is vital. Applications are also very costly. I recommend starting early, know where you would like to go to vet school, see what they expect of you, then do it exceptionally well," she said.

The Twist

There was a twist--literally--to Stewart's graduate school experience and road to professional fulfillment. This fall, Hurricane Ivan stormed through the Caribbean, and St. George's University, where Stewart had just settled in, was destroyed. Displaced students and faculty from St. George's University are temporarily being housed and studying at North Carolina State Univer-

sity, which will keep Stewart's education right on track.

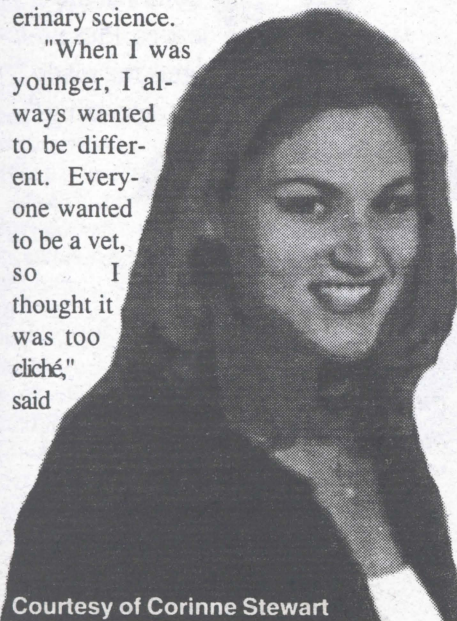
"We should be back in Grenada in January. I am looking forward to three more years in the Caribbean," she said.

While natural forces altered Stewart's plans, it's the support of professors and her family alike that have gotten her through her first term of vet school.

"Everyone is extremely proud and supportive, especially with my going to a different country for school, then being transferred because of Hurricane Ivan. They all give me a lot of credit," she said.

Dr. Valerie Kalter, Associate Professor of Biology, commends the way Stewart handled her temporary displacement. "I read her account of the incident with great amusement. She managed to make light of a horrendous situation and I am sure that when everything gets fixed up, she will return to school and be a superb veterinarian," said Kalter.

But whom does Stewart credit? "I must say that Dr. Kalter's classes have been a lifesaver here in vet school. I learned so much in her classes and I owe much to her teaching skills and knowledge. My mother has been an amazing support for me. I decided this on my own, but without her help, love, and support, I wouldn't have gotten through."



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Student Leaders Give Back to Community

SG representatives train future leaders

BY VICKY WHITE

Beacon Asst. Features Editor

Ever wonder how someone like Abraham Lincoln or Martin Luther King, Jr. learned their leadership skills? The assumption is that somewhere in their lives they found a model for the sort of leadership they wanted to emulate.

Wilkes University's Student Government (SG) leaders are capitalizing on the same concept.

Three years ago, the members of SG were looking for a way to give back to the community. They came to the conclusion that one of the best ways to help the community is to help the future of the community--area high school students. SG members decided to contact Luzerne County high schools and offer leadership programs.

Mark Allen, Dean of Student Affairs said, "I thought it made perfect sense for student leaders to share with high school students their leadership skills. I send letters out to all Luzerne County high school guidance counselors. We coordinate on a first-come, first-served basis."

SG members tailor the program to meet the needs of the group requesting the program. Wilkes students have initiated programs for peer mediation groups, and for students who are involved in student government in their own high schools.

Allen said, "They are leadership-based



Courtesy of Philip Ruthkosky
High school students at last year's Student Government program perform group activities to encourage leadership. Student Government will continue this program during the 2004-2005 academic year.

programs. In addition to some warm up activities to get the group comfortable with one another and with us, we will teach leadership skills, team development, peer mediation skills, etc. We will tailor the program around the audience."

Two weeks ago, a local high school

group involved with peer mediation came to Wilkes to learn more about leadership and how to help their peers. Members of SG volunteered their time and their experience to coordinate the programs. Allen said that there is no set group of students in SG who do the programs, but students with specific skills are asked to help depending on the group requesting the program.

SG has no set schedule for when the programs will be held throughout the year. Organizers base the programs on the high schools and when the high school students will be available to come to campus. SG holds approximately a half dozen programs each year for the Luzerne County high schools.

Phil Ruthkosky, Director of Student Development said, "SG recently brought up that they enjoyed it so much that they wanted to do it on a more frequent basis."

Allen said, "I think it's good because it also shows the contribution that college students can make to the greater commu-

nity. It puts leadership at the forefront of issues; it's a good message. It is a reinforcing message to be sending on to high school students. We hope that as the students move on, they will have benefited from this experience."

It is not only the high school students who benefit from participating in the program. Wilkes students benefit as well. Andrew Steinberg, junior biology major said, "I think it lets us give back to the high schools. We are able to show how we have grown. It builds our leadership skills, and most importantly, it lets us give back to the students."

Ruthkosky said, "It is a mutually beneficial program: it benefits the high school students because they get a chance to come experience the college campus and learn practical, hands-on leadership programs. It benefits our students because it enhances their leadership skills because the student facilitators, plan, organize, coordinate and run the program.

The third benefit is to Wilkes, the image and marketing of Wilkes through the high school students."

Steinberg has participated in almost every one of the SG leadership programs held in the last two years. He feels that he is getting as much out of the programs as he is giving to the high school students. Steinberg says that he participates in the programs so often because, "Any time you send out a message of leadership and are able to better define it, the more leaders you have in the world the better. It makes more leaders and helping to make someone a better leader is important."

Steinberg stressed that the basis behind the leadership programs is to provide the high school students with good examples of leaders at the college level. "They [high school students] can take the skills that we taught and apply them to their own causes. Almost everything we do in the programs is hands-on, so it's not just talk about leading. It is leading," said Steinberg.

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Passion for Music Drives Wilkes Alumnus Lugiano's home-grown talent stays in Wyoming Valley

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

After graduating from Wilkes University in 1992 with a B.A. in music and certification to teach music education to grades K-12, Bob Lugiano began a career that continued what he had been doing from a very young age: sharing both his talent and passion for music with others.

A versatile musician, Lugiano has played in many bands and is currently a member of *Souled Out*, which he formed six years ago. He also teaches music at Wyoming Seminary Lower School in Forty-Fort, where he directs the 5th and 6th grade band, the 7th and 8th grade band, and the jazz bands at the middle school and high schools, and teaches music appreciation classes, as well as group lessons.

The *Beacon* recently had a chance to speak with Lugiano about his background in music, and the role it currently plays in his life.

Q: When did you graduate from Wilkes, and what degree(s) did you earn while there?

A: I graduated in the spring of 1992, and I got a bachelor of music degree, and certified K-12 music education.

Q: Did any aspect of Wilkes encourage your decision to pursue not only a profession involving music, but also to include music as a large part of your spare time?

A: There's a funny story of how I became a teacher. I was freelancing after I graduated from Wilkes. Actually I've been freelancing since I was even at Wilkes, just playing with different jazz bands and rock bands and orchestras, and I did my masters degree after I went to Wilkes. I went to New York City and did my master's degree there for two years, and when I came back I was faculty at Wilkes. I directed the jazz band for three or four or five years and I taught trumpet there as well, so I was actively participating, actively performing in a lot of different groups.

This job opened up [at Wyoming Seminary] and they said, 'Are you interested in coming and interviewing for this music job?' I asked them what it entailed and what the schedule was, and I thought to myself, what do I usually do between

eight and three o'clock in the day, and said, 'Well, nothing. I sleep pretty much most of the day and I'm out doing gigs until all the wee hours of the night,' so I said 'Yeah, I'll come in and interview,' and sure enough I ended up getting the job. So it fell into my lap, it wasn't something I was pursuing.

If you would have asked me when I was at college if I was going to be a teacher, [I would have said] absolutely not. I went for the music education degree because I was told that's what I should do because you don't need a performance degree for someone to say, 'You play well, and we'll hire you.' So, if somebody hears you and you play well, you're going to get the job. You don't need a performance degree to get the playing gig. So I got my education degree knowing it wasn't that many more classes to take. I knew I had to student teach or student aid, but I had been doing that with Encore.

Encore music camp was a summer camp that was at Wilkes and I actually went as a student...Actually, Encore was the main reason why I went to Wilkes to begin with. So when I went to Wilkes, I started working through Encore and that's how I started teaching kids--teaching them private lessons, directing little ensembles through the music camp, and started to have a good time with it. But still, even when I went to my master's degree, I was always playing. I taught a little here and there to fill up the time and make a little extra money. And then this job opened up, so it fell into place. So I'd say for Wilkes, the opportunities that Encore gave me set me in the right direction as far as choosing music as a career path.

Q: What made you interested in teaching younger children?

A: I think my band director in high school probably gave me the desire to go into music because of him showing me how much fun it was and how it wasn't boring; it was very enjoyable. I wanted to do the same thing for students, younger kids: make it fun for them and enjoyable for them. I had the opportunities, thankfully, from Wilkes and from the faculty. They gave me the opportunities to teach in the summer camp and that's how I started.

Q: What kind of music do you like to listen to?

A: Having music and noise in my day constantly, I rarely listen to music. My wife, it's amazing, she says to me, 'How come you don't listen to the radio or turn the radio on as you're traveling?' The only thing that I do is that I have a two year old son, and we listen to his songs and sing along with his songs, but when your day is pretty much filled with music, it's sometimes nice just to sit down and drive, take a nice peaceful drive. That's all music is. It's just sounds, it's noise, although it is organized. But sometimes I just like to sit back and enjoy the ride home or whatever without music. It's kind of interesting that way. Even at lunch, I just used to sit off by myself. People don't realize that when you have fifty students in here playing and banging drums, it's sometimes very chaotic, and it's nice to have a couple of minutes in the day where it's your own time and there's no noise going on. It's good for the ears.

Q: You're part of a band. Can you tell us about that?

A: The name of the band is called *Souled Out*, and I started the band six years ago. I am the owner, the founder, the person who put it all together, and I have been playing since I was in college. I had been playing with a bunch of different bands--rock bands, funk bands, R & B bands--with the horn sections, because I'm a trumpet player. I had been playing with a band and I had just had enough. There are so many things that, when you're a member of a band, you see a lot of things that are done that you don't like, but when your name's not on the paper, you just show up to the gig. You can voice your opinion, but ultimately you're not booking the band. You're not in charge. So, I basically said, 'You know what? I've had enough. It's time for me to move on. It's been great but I want to do things my own way...I want to basically run a band how I want to, seeing all the problems I've seen in the past. I want to make sure I run a band differently than all of the leaders I've had

in the past.'

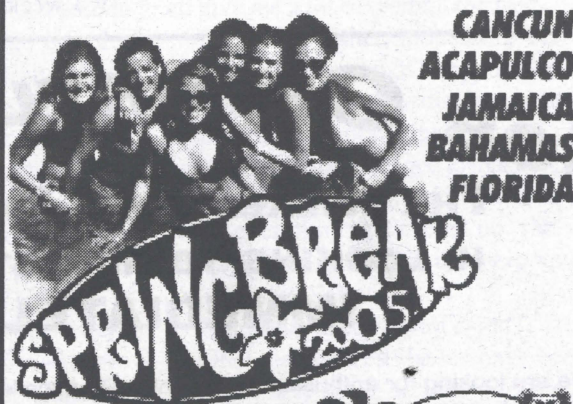
So, I called a lot of people that I had played with. A lot of the guys that were in that band that I was in at the time came with me and left the old leader, and we started a band, and we've been going on ever since. It's six years; we're having actually our six year anniversary this month on November 20 at the Jazz Café. We do mainly weddings, parties; it's that kind of a band. We play everything from your old jazz standards and big band up through classic rock in the 60's and Motown, and then up into your disco, funk and R & B. We don't do any modern tunes. It's a cover band. It's an eight-piece band. Many Wilkes graduates are in the band actually. My brother is the lead singer.

We're a bunch of friends, and we get together. We go to ballgames together, we have cookouts together, and we play music together, and that was the goal of the group: to get together and play great music and play it well, and not worry about money, not worry about the business end of it. The gigs will come in, and they do. I don't pursue the jobs. The name is out and a lot of people have heard us. If you put out a good product, the jobs will come, and they do. We don't advertise or anything. We don't

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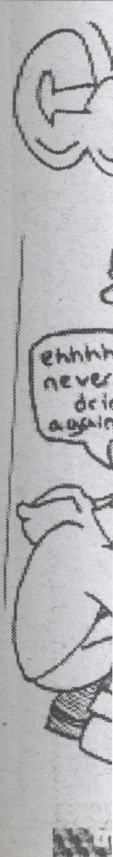
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CD Review: MRF's *Hot Action*

BY KRISTIN LUCZAK
Beacon Correspondent

Hot Action is the debut album from the heart of New York City's electronic underground, My Robot Friend. The album offers a wide variety of styles, such as electro to punk to rock, but mostly it just sounds like a jukebox full of songs made for outer space.

The world's first no-man band, My Robot Friend is actually comprised of one man

named Howard Robot who works with numerous machines and electronic sounds. He has clever lyrics, good songwriting, and even the cover kicks butt, colored in hot pink and featuring a little robot guy. Cheesy, but the album is not much different. The album is over done in the electronic department, not to mention extremely annoying.

The first track "I am the Robot" is a ridiculous tune that sounds a lot like a bunch of

annoying crickets mixed with electro clapping and--tada--robot vocals. But, once you get to "Why won't you call me back" there is a much more rock-indie vibe. Unfortunately, that potentially good stylistic move is drowned out by the sound of phones ringing, answering machines, and phones that are off the hook.

"We're the pet shop boys" is much more tolerable. It has a slower techno/dance beat and

Robot actually makes an attempt to sing in a melodic and understandable way.

If you were to check out his old punk cards, they'd reveal that his musical influences are in the right place with Devo and Kraftwerk, and there is a certain resemblance to the bands of now like Le Tigre, Mouse on Mars, and dare I say, The Faint.

But Robot works too hard to convince listeners that he has

super robotronic powers and the effort is distracting. True to the track "I am the Robot," he actually wears a special spark shooting light-up suit when he performs live. Come on.

Maybe there are people out there who like bad techno beats crossed with annoying vocals and robot sounds; however, I would not recommend this to anyone that I care about. *Hot Action* left me cold.

Out to the Movies: *Saw* Horror Flick Receives Four Kernals

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

Just when you think you have seen it all, it takes a director like James Wan to prove you wrong. Wan's latest horror film, *Saw* proves that Halloween may be over, but that is no reason to put the scary flicks on the shelf until next year.

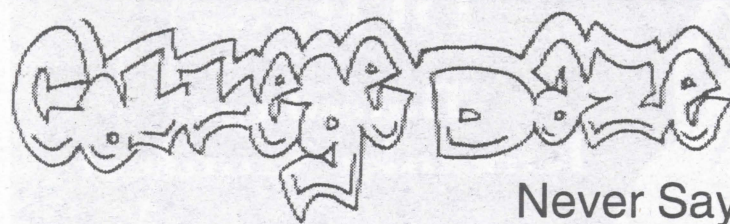
The movie begins when two men, Adam (Leigh Whannell) and Dr. Gordon Lawrence (Carey Elwes) wake up in a filthy bathroom chained to metal pipes by their ankles. They have no clue how or why they are there, but they are not alone. Another

victim lies dead in the room with a handgun and a tape recorder. They discover they each have a tape in their pocket with their names on them. They play their messages hearing a muffled voice talking to them explaining the rules of the game: They have only a few hours to find their way out of the room by unscrambling a sequence of clues. If they lose, they will wind up like the third man lying near them. If they win, they go free. What happens is a sequence of events that will shock, disturb, and chill you all at once.

What makes *Saw* so unique and unlike most other horror

flicks, is that the plot takes off right from the very beginning. There is no build-up, no drawn-out background before the actual story. It is short and to the point and that is what draws the viewer in and gets them hooked. *Saw* will have your eyes glued to the screen and addicted to the plotline. You definitely will not want to miss a minute.

This movie is rated R and receives 4 kernals.



College Daze By Jason Nickle

Never Say Never . . .



BY ELVIRAILLIANO
Beacon A&E Editor

90.7 WCLH is definitely kicking it up a notch this semester. The Wilkes University radio station is adding complexity to its image while still remaining true to its faithful listeners.

The student-run radio station is home to a variety of music genres, mostly all underground, steering away from the stereotypical commercial channels listeners commonly find on the radio. Kristin Luczak, junior communication studies major, is the Music and Program

Director at WCLH. "The station has a wide variety of programming...Our shows are alternative, which is just your basic rock/punk/emo/hardcore/indie and everything else that's not hip hop or metal. You won't hear anything from BHT/KRZ...we really support the underdogs," says Luczak.

While 'Metal Monday' continues to fill the WCLH airwaves with heavy metal music--a programming choice at WCLH that helped to establish a faithful audience over the years--some fresh, funky changes have recently been made in its programming designed to attract new listeners.

"WCLH has had an abundance of changes including the addition of Dana Barrack as Hip Hop Director. WCLH has also added 'blocks' of hip-hop daily, [and also] a block of metal each day in 'Lockdown' from 11 p.m.-2 a.m. WCLH is having great success with a 'Family Style Polka Show' airing each Saturday. And sports [coverage] has taken a precedence this year with the addition of Ariel Cohen to the WCLH executive staff," stated Renee Loftus, General Manager and Advisor for WCLH 90.7.

Barrack's show is cultivating a new listenership for WCLH, as is his popular on-air persona. "My show runs on Thursday, 4-8 [p.m.]...The purpose [is to] obviously play hip-hop, R&B. My goal is to play hip-hop that is accepted by people, try to get right in the middle of the mainstream audience. Some examples [would be] Ludacris, Usher...and as hip-hop director, I oversee other hip-hop shows," said Barrack.

Luczak encourages students to tune to WCLH. "There is programming for everyone, and what's cool about it is your friend or classmate might be a DJ and you can tune in and be like 'I know that kid'.... Also, it's awesome to be able to hear about bands that nobody else knows about."

Loftus adds that students should "stop by the station [located on the third floor of DDD] and feel the vibes."

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Quick and Easy Eats for Cheap

This Week: College Student Soup

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO
Beacon A&E Editor

Well...we knew it was inevitable. It's starting to get cold out. Last Thursday, I got out of class and was heading to my car and I honestly thought I was going to freeze to death. That's when I started thinking about Naples and the sunny, warm beaches. Unfortunately, I was still in Wilkes Barre freezing my butt off.

It can't be summer 12 months of the year (though I know I wouldn't mind) so we'd better start preparing for the long winter. What better way to fight off the cold than with a big bowl of steaming soup? Here's a quick and easy meal that is guaranteed to keep you warm on any cold night!

College Student Soup

Ingredients:

2 cups of water
1 can of mixed vegetables
3 cubes beef or chicken bouillon
1 tablespoon Italian herbs

Directions:

-Put water in a pot
-Once at a boil, add the three cubes of bouillon
-Add the mixed vegetables
-Stir for five minutes, adding Italian herbs
-Remove from stove and enjoy!

Multicultural Awareness Week

Come out and celebrate diversity this week. All events will take place at the Henry Student Center and are free.

Monday, November 8 @ 7p.m.

African Resurrection is Baltimore's premier African Heritage Dance Ensemble.

Tuesday, Nov 9 from 11a.m.-2p.m.

Why should I learn or care about Multiculturalism? Presentation

Thursday, Nov 11 from 11a.m.-2p.m.

I am a Multicultural Advocate, Now What? Presentation

Thursday, Nov 11 @ 7p.m.

Piscataway Nation Dancers

Saturday, Nov 13 @ 5p.m.

Cultural Expo

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have demo CDs. It's just the word of mouth and that's a very powerful thing.

Q: Why do you choose to have music play such a huge part in your life?

A: I don't think I choose. I don't have a choice. It was a given when I was growing up. My parents were ministers in the Salvation Army. Now a lot of people don't realize that the Salvation Army is actually a church. It's not just a foundation where they help the needy. The Salvation Army has a long-standing tradition of brass bands, and that's how I started playing an instrument. I started playing the coronet, which is a smaller version of the trumpet. So I was always around music. Even before I had started playing, my family was always singing. We would go out, singing in church, and I was always in all these different activities where music surrounded me, so I've been around music ever since I can remember. Two, three, four years old, I was singing solos in things.

So I don't think I really have a choice. I've always been around it. My wife is musically inclined; she's a music teacher as well. It's just something that's always surrounded me. I was given that

appreciation by attempting to play and learning how to play and it developed into a love and a passion. It's not by choice; it surrounds me constantly, every day, every minute almost, that I'm surrounded by music.

Q: What advice would you give to those who want to pursue some kind of profession in the musical field?

A: First of all, I hope they don't want to make a lot of money, because the music field is not something that you want to pursue if you're trying to make money, unless you're talking about somebody who could hit it big. It's probably one percent of one percent of the people out there that might become a pop star. I'd say if you want to wake up every morning and love your job and enjoy what you're doing, music is definitely a great field. But you have to have that calling, especially to be a teacher.

It's not for everyone, but if you want to go into the music field, it's not about the money; it's about getting up and enjoying what you do. There are not many people who love to go to their jobs, and I think music, being that universal language, you wake up and say, 'I'm going to work today,' and not hesitate.



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This Week in History

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Days of Our Lives debut, 1965

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Sisqo born, 1978

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Little Nicky released, 2000

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Calista Flockhart born, 1964

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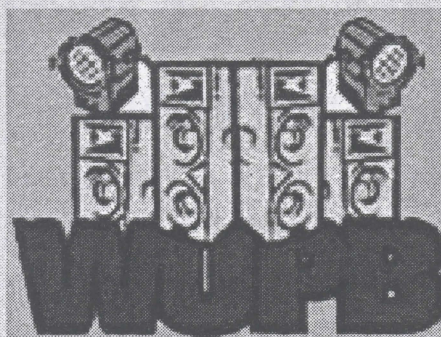
The Hobbit released, 2003

November 13

Whoopi Goldberg born, 1955

November 14

A Bug's Life released, 1998



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November Calendar

November 7 and 21

BINGO

8 p.m., HSC Ballroom

November 16

Speaker Coach Herman Boone of "Remember the Titans"

7 p.m., HSC Ballroom

November 20

Ice Skating

12 a.m. - 2 a.m., Ice Box

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November 22

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Hahn And Focht Named To All-Freecom Conference Volleyball Team

VanValkenburgh earns conference Coach of the Year honor

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Wilkes University volleyball players

Nicole Hahn (Catasauqua/Catasauqua, PA) and Jillian Focht (Avon Grove/West Grove, PA) have been named to the All-Freedom Conference teams in a balloting of the conference's coaches. Hahn earned a berth on the first team, while Focht was named to the second unit.

Wilkes head coach Scott VanValkenburgh was also recognized after being named the Freedom Conference Coach of the Year. VanValkenburgh,

in his third season at the helm of the Lady Colonels, has led the squad to a 15-13 record this season and a berth in the play-

offs. Wilkes finished with a winning record after posting a 10-16 mark a season ago.

Hahn, a sophomore, keyed the Lady Colonels attack from her setter position this season. The Catasauqua High School product ranked second in the Freedom Conference in assists this season with a school-record 1,075.

Hahn added 57 kills and finished the regu-

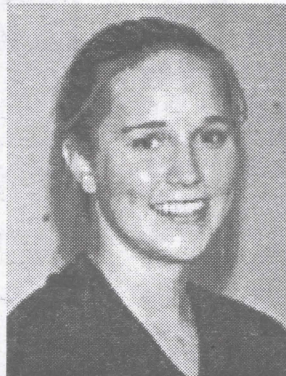
lar season with a stellar .253 hitting percentage. She also contributed 38 service aces, 328 digs and 27 blocks.

Focht enjoyed an outstanding season from her middle blocker position for Wilkes. The junior cracked 286 kills and ranked tenth in the Freedom Conference with a solid .243 hitting percentage. Focht was also the leader for Wilkes in service aces with 62, which ranked her fourth in the conference. A graduate of Avon Grove High School, Focht also had

78 digs and 61 blocks.



Nikki Hahn



Jillian Focht

Lady Colonels Shooting for Top MAC Spot

BY ARIEL COHEN
Beacon Sports Editor

Coming into the 2004-2005 basketball season one word stands out for all the women on the team: hope.

As the Wilkes women's basketball team gets ready to take the court there is a lot of anticipation and excitement about this season. After last season's disappointing 3-21 record, the Lady Colonels plan to shake up the conference this year. The women return for another grueling 24-game season, which kicks off November 19 with the Messiah College Tournament, followed by their first official game of the season on November 23 here at home against Marywood.

Head Coach Jim Reed remarked that, "After the scrimmage that we had against F&M the team looks to be doing everything I expected."

The Lady Colonels anticipate a successful season behind Head Women's Basketball Coach, Jim Reed, who has many players returning to the line-up in 2004-05. The power scoring triad of senior Andrea DeMaranville, and juniors Rena Bolin and Andrea Kacprowicz returns this season for their last together.

DeMaranville, who led scoring for the Lady Colonels in the 2003-2004 season, averaged 13 points and 5.6 rebounds per

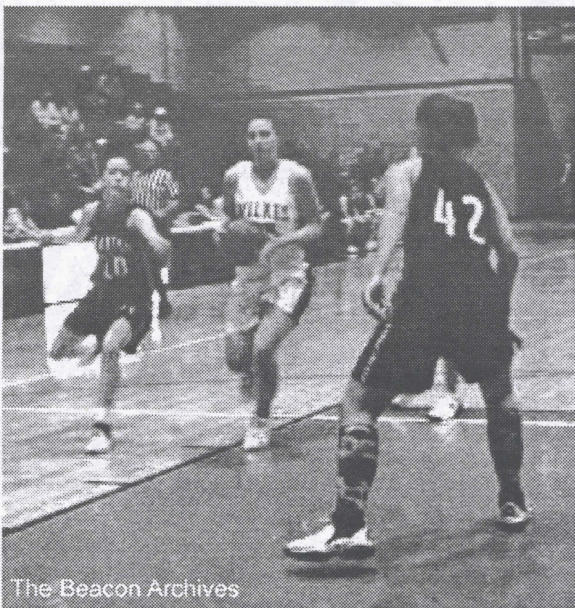
game. Besides mastering the court from a scoring standpoint, she also was one of Reed's most consistent starters, starting 21 out of 24 games and playing some time in each one of the 24 games that the Wilkes

per games with 1.3 assists.

There are several other returning players for Wilkes this year including sophomore Katie Orr, junior Melanie Heard and senior Lyndsay Bey. Two other players who are looking for a starting position on the team this season include: sophomore Lurena Gimble and junior Tristan Tkach. Gimble, who played throughout all of last season, averaged 1.7 points and 2.1 rebounds in her 21 games while Tkach played in 13 games averaging 1.2 points per game.

"There is really good team chemistry this season, probably the best since I have been here," stated head coach Jim Reed

You can catch all of the Lady Colonel's Basketball games on 90.7 WCLH starting with their home opener on November 23 against Marywood.



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One of the Lady Colonels heading towards the basket for a shot in the 2003-2004 season.

women had last season.

Bolin and Kacprowicz also came up big for the Lady Colonels last season. Bolin added an average contribution of almost 10 points per game while averaging a team high 2.6 assists per game. She also started in 23 out of 24 games in the 2003 season. Kacprowicz, the junior guard also had a good season adding an average 7 points

Wrestling Team Pinned In Opening Match

COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

York College won eight of ten bouts on its way to a 31-6 wrestling win over Wilkes University in the season opener for both squads on Saturday in the Marts Center. The Spartans entered the season ranked 14th in the pre-season Division III Coaches Poll.

Jim Russial, the number-three ranked wrestler at 149 pounds, opened the match with a 12-4 major decision over Mike Sciulara to give York a 4-0 lead. Mike Bookwalter followed with an 8-2 win by decision at 157 pounds over the Colonels Joe Diliberto to up the Spartans advantage to 7-0. Jerry Browne would extend the lead to 13-0 with a win by fall over Sandrino Plutino in 4:11 at 165 pounds.

York's Rob Mentz posted a 10-2 major decision over Joe Yenchak at 174 pounds to make it 17-0. A 6-2 win by the Spartans Duane Bastress at 184 pounds over Jon Neyerlin pushed the lead to 20-0.

Wilkes got on the board when 197-pounder Brandon Kelly fashioned a 12-8 win by decision over Matt Chrzanowski to cut the deficit to 20-3. But, the Spartans Sean Cunningham earned a 4-0 win over Matt Carey at heavyweight to give York a 23-3 advantage.

Jeremy Mayer, wrestling at 125-pounds for Wilkes, picked up a 6-4 win by decision over Josh Barrick to make it 23-6. Mike Weber followed for York with a 9-0 major decision over Joe Yutko at 133 pounds and Luis Quinones earned a 16-2 major decision over Jim McCarroll at 141 to close out the match.

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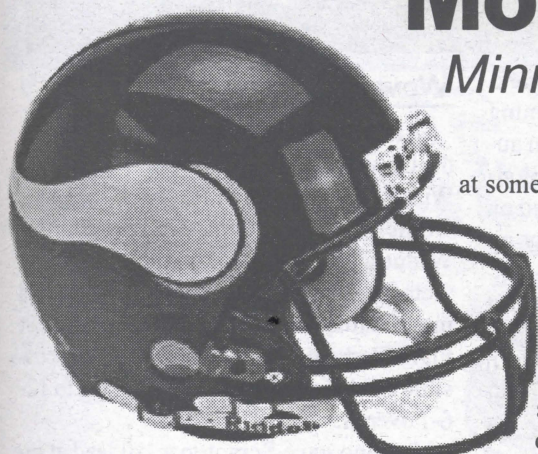
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Monday Night Matchup

Minnesota Vikings vs Indianapolis Colts

BY ARIEL COHEN
Beacon Sports Editor



Going, going, gone!

A team that can run for over 300 yards in 36 consecutive games has to be doing something right with its offense, but does that mean that the opponents' defense just can't keep up? Does the number 37 seem like it will be picked up and taken along for a ride or will it be the exit sign just passed by? The answers will come in this week's Monday Night match-up between the Minnesota Vikings and the Indianapolis Colts.

As the two teams head into this week's game they are looking

at some of the worst defensive numbers in the league. The Vikings are ranked 25th in the NFL when it comes to points surrendered to opponents, giving up at least 27 or more points in more than 50 percent of the games they have played so far this season. On the other side of the field, the Colts are ranked a disastrous last in yards given up per game averaging over 400 yards.

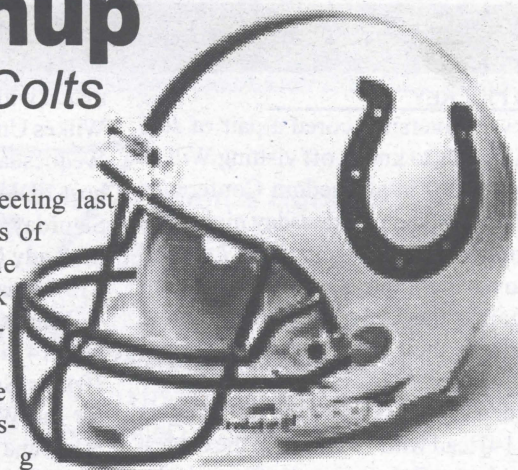
But just because the two teams are struggling defensively, doesn't mean that they are doomed to complete failure this season. The Vikings come into this game with a 5-2 record while

the Colts have a 4-3 record, both hopeful of notching another win tonight.

Minnesota, behind quarterback Dante Culpepper, is looking to pick up a win this week and not take a nosedive straight into a repeat performance of last season.

ants in their meeting last week, memories of that four-game losing streak must be haunting Culpepper.

Defensive blunders and los-



ing streaks

can say a lot about a team, but so can good quarterbacks. So far this season, Manning for the Colts and Culpepper for the Vikings hold

the 1-2 spots in overall quarterback ratings. Manning is number one with 22 touchdown passes and a rating of 117.4 and Culpepper is number two with 20 touchdown passes and a rating of 114.2. The two appear evenly matched.

In addition, coming into this

game the Colts' offense is ranked first with an average 31.1 points scored per game and the Vikings, who averaged a close 30.0 points per game, have fizzled with the struggling Randy Moss, now averaging just over 16 points per game since their 5th game of the season.

This game will likely come down to a battle of the quarterbacks. Completions will be key to winning this game. You guessed it: the more, the better. This week it's definitely a "W" for the Colts as they will take this one 31-17.

Prediction:
Minnesota Vikings: 17
Indianapolis Colts: 31

Looking back at the 2003 season, the Vikings came into the game against the New York Giants with a 6-0 record. By the time they left that game, they were no longer undefeated. For the Vikings, the rest of the season was like freefall from 10,000 feet, except after hitting the ground the team kept right on falling. With the loss to the Gi-

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COLONEL'S SPORTS BRIEFS



THE WEEK IN REVIEW

FIELD HOCKEY

Drew University scored a pair of second half goals to knock off visiting Wilkes University 2-0 in a Freedom Conference semi-final game on Wednesday night. The win improves the Rangers to 12-7 overall and moves them into Saturday's title contest against the University of Scranton. Wilkes sees their season come to a close with a 9-10 record overall.

After a scoreless first half, the Rangers took a 1-0 lead with 19:21 left in the contest when Alyssa Bobe scored off a penalty corner. Colleen Mahon and Erika Nelson were credited with assists on the play. Drew would score an insurance goal with 12:15 left when Meghan Santaniello scored unassisted to extend the lead to 2-0.

Drew held a 7-5 shots advantage in the contest. Rangers goalkeeper Tara Connelly did not make a save in notching the win in goal. Wilkes goalkeeper Hilary Weber finished with four saves.

VOLLEYBALL

Lycoming College advanced to the Freedom Conference volleyball championship

match with a 30-18, 30-26, 30-21 win over Wilkes University in a semi-final match on Wednesday night. The Warriors, who will host FDU-Florham in the title contest on Saturday, improve to 15-19 overall, while the Lady Colonels close their season with a 15-14 mark.

Lindsey Artz led the Lycoming hitters with 14 kills. Kelli Watson chipped in with 10 kills. Seneca Reilly dished out 33 assists for the Warriors, who also got nine digs from Jana Reitz.

Wilkes was led by Alicia Vieselmeyer's seven kills and seven digs. Amanda Harlan added six kills and 11 digs, while Jeanine Barber had six kills and six digs. Nicole Hahn handed out 22 assists and contributed five kills and 10 digs for the Lady Colonels.

MEN'S SOCCER

Drew University advanced to the Freedom Conference men's soccer championship match with a 6-1 semi-final win over Wilkes University on Tuesday night. The win improves the top-seeded Rangers to 13-5-1 overall, while the Colonels see their

season come to a close with an 8-7-2 mark.

Drew will host third-seeded Lycoming College for the conference title and an automatic berth into the NCAA Championships on Saturday. The Warriors moved on with a 2-1 win at DeSales University on Tuesday afternoon.

Derek Swanner gave Drew a 1-0 lead just 2:30 into the match with an unassisted goal. The Rangers would extend their lead to 2-0 at intermission thanks to a goal by Brett Reeder off an assist from Brendin McCord with 2:55 left in the opening half.

Wilkes would close the margin to 2-1 at the 50:33 mark of the second period when Andy Curry scored unassisted. But, the Rangers answered with four consecutive goals, including three in the final nine minutes of the match to secure the win.

Drew held a 23-9 shots on goal advantage, while also gaining an 8-3 edge in corner kicks. Rangers goalkeeper Dan Biggers finished with five saves in net. Wilkes goalkeeper Dominic Proctor came up with four stops.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Alicia Sodano scored three goals to lift the University of Scranton to a 4-0 win over Wilkes University in a Freedom Conference women's soccer semi-final match on Wednesday night at Fitzpatrick Field. The victory advances the 10-7-2 Lady Royals into Saturday's title match at home against FDU-Florham. Wilkes, who will await a possible ECAC post-season berth, falls to 12-6-1 overall.

Sodano gave Scranton a 1-0 lead at intermission with her first goal of the contest. The Lady Royals increased their lead to 2-0 at 51:03 of the second stanza when Sodano scored off a cross from Kelly Klingman. She would then tally her third goal unassisted at the 67:50 mark to extend the lead to 3-0. Sarah Wright scored the final goal for Scranton unassisted at 86:14.

Scranton held a 12-6 shots advantage and a 6-2 edge in corner kicks. Lady Royals goalkeeper Kim McCormick stopped all four shots she faced to earn the win. Green ended the night with four saves for Wilkes.

Three Earn All-Freedom Conference Men's Soccer Honors

Head coach Phil Wingert named Freedom Co-Coach of the Year

COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

Three members of the Wilkes University men's soccer team, along with the squad's head coach, have been honored by the Freedom Conference for their performances this season. Sophomore forward Steve Uhas (Coughlin/Bear Creek Twp., PA) and junior midfielder Mike Bridy (Middleburg/Middleburg, PA) have been named to the All-Conference first team, while freshman defender Jimmy Thomas (ELCO/Myerstown, PA) has earned a berth on the second unit.

Wilkes head coach Phil Wingert, who led the Colonels to an overall record of 8-6-2 and a berth in the conference playoffs, was honored as the conference's Co-Coach of the Year. Wingert helped Wilkes turn its fortunes around this season after posting a 6-12-1 mark a season ago. He shares the award with DeSales University mentor George Crampton.

Uhas, who was the conference's Rookie of the Year and a second team All-Confer-

ence selection a season ago, is the leading scorer for Wilkes this season with 13 goals and two assists. He tied for the Freedom Conference lead in goals scored, while also ranking second in total points with 28. Uhas, who started all 16 matches this season, had

two game-winning goals for the Colonels this year and also led the squad with 37 shots on goal.

Bridy also moves up to the first team in 2004 after garnering a berth on the second team last fall. The junior started all 16 matches and finished the regular season with seven goals and five assists from his midfield position. Bridy ranked ninth in the conference in total points with 19, while also ranking ninth in goals scored and eighth in assists. He was also credited with two-game winning goals during the campaign and was second on the team with 22 shots

on goal.

Thomas established himself as one of the top defenders in the conference during his rookie season. Often called upon to mark the opponents top scoring threat, Thomas started all 16 matches for Wilkes and helped the squad limit the opposition to 1.67 goals per match. A member of last season's State Championship team at ELCO High School, Thomas also had one assist this year.

Phil Wingert's Coaching Stats

Years as Head Coach: 23

Overall Record: 207-181-31

2004 Record: 8-7-2

Postseasons: 8 out of the last 14

Postseason Titles:

*Southern Division Champs 1990

*MAC Northeast Division Title 1992

*MAC Freedom League Title 1997



Top: Phil Wingert and Steve Uhas
Bottom: Jimmy Thomas and Mike Bridy

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CATEGORY LEADERS

WEEKLY RECAP

FIELD HOCKEY

Goals: 12 Erin Henry
Game Winning Goals: 3
Erin Henry
Assists: 7 Melissa Quinn
Shots on Goal: 41
Erin Henry

MEN'S SOCCER

Goal: 13 Steve Uhas
Game Winning Goals: 2 Andy Curry
Assists: 6 Mike Leaman
Shots on Goals: 37 Steve Uhas

Men's Soccer

(11/2) Freedom Conference Semi-Finals Drew 6 Wilkes 1

Women's Soccer

(11/3) Freedom Conference Semi-Final Scranton 4 Wilkes 0

Football

(11/6) Delaware Valley 12 Wilkes 0

Women's Volleyball

(11/3) Freedom Conference Semi-Final Lycoming 3 Wilkes 0

Women's Field Hockey

(11/3) Freedom Conference Semi-Final Drew 2 Wilkes 0

VOLLEYBALL

Serving Aces: 1097 Nikki Hahn
Blocks: 53 Alicia Vieselmeyer

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Goals: 12 Kami Roth
Game Winning Goals: 5 Kami Roth
Assists: 12 Kristi Barsby
Shots on Goal: 37 Kami Roth

FOOTBALL

Rushing: 1541 Brett Trichilo
Receiving: 502 Jim Jordan
Punt Returns: 201 Bo Tkach
Tackles: 77 Kyle Follweiller

THE WEEK AHEAD

Football

Saturday
1:00pm @ King's

Wrestling

10:00am @ Monarch Tournament

Four Lady Colonels Named To All-Freedom Conference Field Hockey Team

Henry, Zellner, Thomas and Risser each earn All-Conference berths

COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

Four members of the Wilkes University field hockey team have been named to the various All-Freedom Conference teams in a balloting of the conference's coaches. Named to the first unit were seniors Erin Henry (Mifflinburg/Mifflinburg, PA) and Kerry Zellner (Coughlin/Wilkes-Barre, PA), as well as freshman Lindsey Thomas (Nanticoke/Wanamie, PA), who was also honored as the Freedom Rookie of the Year. Fellow freshman Lauren Risser (Donegal/Mt. Joy, PA) was named to the All-Conference second team.

Henry was named to the All-Conference team for the third consecutive season. The forward leads the Lady Colonels in scoring this season with 12 goals and three assists. She ranked seventh in the conference in total points (27, fourth in goals scored, and was tied for second with three-game winning goals. Henry heads into the post-season with 25 career goals and 15 career assists. Her final goal of the regular season came on Saturday in the squad's 1-0 win over ninth-ranked Montclair State.

Zellner was named to the first unit after making the switch to defender this season.

The Coughlin High School product played a major role in helping Wilkes claim a berth in the Freedom Conference playoffs by lim-



Top Left: Kerry Zellner Top Right: Lauren Risser Bottom Left: Erin Henry Bottom Right: Lindsey Thomas

iting opponents to 1.77 goals per contest. She contributed one goal and one assist on the offensive end, with her one goal being the game-winner in an important 1-0

win over King's. She also was credited with four defensive saves this fall.

Thomas was honored as both the Rookie of the Year and as a first team selection after enjoying an outstanding rookie season. The Nanticoke High School graduate had three goals and two assists during the regular season. One of the forward's assists resulted in a goal by Henry that proved to be the game-winner in a 1-0 upset win over ninth-ranked Montclair State on Saturday.

Risser earned a berth on the second team as a midfielder this season. The freshman tied for second on the Wilkes squad with six goals, while also dishing out one assist. She scored the game-winning goal in a victory over Delaware Valley, and also had two goals including the game-winner in a win over DeSales. Risser tied for the team lead with a .333 shooting percentage this season, including a .600 conversion rate on shots on goal.

Overall this season, the women's field hockey team finished with a 9-10 overall record after losing in the semi-final round of the Freedom conference playoffs 2-0 to the Drew University Rangers. Congratulations to the team on a great season.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

12

Number of tackles for senior, Jon Jamison in Saturday's football game against Delaware Valley.

8

Total wins for the men's soccer team this season.

22

Number of assists Nikki Hahn had for the Colonel's volleyball team in their semi-finals match against Lycoming.

4

Saves for goalie Hilary Weber in the field hockey team's semi-final game.

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Wilkes Falls To Ninth-Ranked Delaware Valley 12-0

Colonels fall to 5-4 overall and 5-3 in the Middle Atlantic Conference

COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

Ninth-ranked Delaware Valley College limited Wilkes University to a mere 116 yards in total offense on their way to a 12-0 victory over the Colonels before a crowd of 2,500 at James Work Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

The victory by the Aggies, coupled with Moravian's loss to Albright on Saturday, clinched Delaware Valley's first MAC football title and the conference's automatic berth into the NCAA Championships. The Aggies are 9-0 overall and 8-0 in conference play. Wilkes sees their records fall to 5-4 overall and 5-3 in the conference.

Delaware Valley took the opening kickoff and put together a drive to reach paydirt. The Aggies began the drive at their own 20-yard line, but behind the running

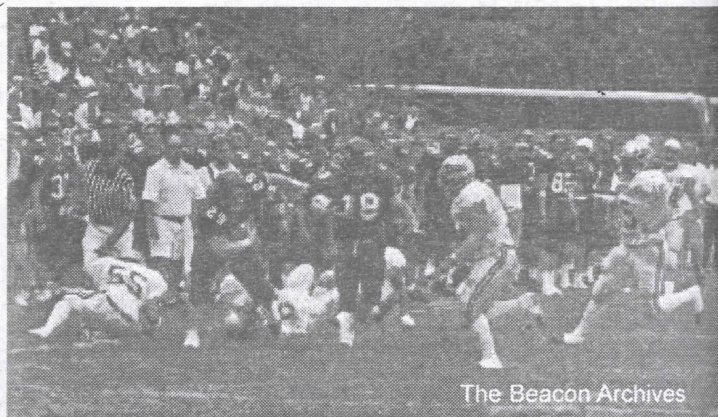
of Steve Cook moved to the Wilkes 35. On second-and-eight from the 33, quarterback Adam Knoblauch hooked up with David Carmon for a 31-yard gain to the Colonels two. Cook would cap the drive with a two-yard touchdown run with 11:06 showing on the clock. Bill Miller's extra point try was blocked by Wilkes' Julian Morales and the Aggies had a 6-0 lead.

Wilkes would move inside Delaware Valley territory on their first drive of the game following the score. Keyed by a 13-yard Al Karaffa completion to Jim Jordan and a 15-yard personal foul penalty on the Aggies, the Colonels earned a first down at the Delaware Valley 38. However, on fourth-and-five from the 33, Jordan was able to pick up only four yards on a completion from Karaffa and the Aggies took over

possession.

Midway through the third quarter Delaware Valley would use a big play to gain some breathing room. John Kiphorn returned a Wilkes punt 23 yards to give the Aggies good field position at the Colonels 43. On the first play following the punt, Cook took a handoff and raced around the left side into the endzone with 9:37 left in the period. Knoblauch's pass for the two-point conversion failed and Delaware Valley had a 12-0 lead.

Later in the third the Wilkes defense pinned the Aggies deep in their own territory. Rich Lovell was able to get off a 27-yard punt for Delaware Valley and the Colonels took over on the Aggies 37-yard line. On fourth-and-four from the 31, Sean Raftery picked off a Karaffa aerial attempt to end the threat.



Brett Trichilo carries the ball up the sideline while being protects by Kyle Gallagher.

The Delaware Valley defense would keep Wilkes at bay the rest of the contest. The Aggies held the Wilkes' Brett Trichilo, the nation's leading rusher entering the game averaging 185 yards per game, to only 61 yards on 25 attempts. Karaffa finished the afternoon hitting on 8-of-27 pass attempts for 63 yards, while being

intercepted three times.

Jon Jamison paced Wilkes defensively with 12 tackles, three pass breakups and one interception. Kyle Follweiler added nine tackles, two of those for loss, and an interception. Julian Morales had eight tackles, while Bo Tkach, who also had an interception, finished with seven tackles.

W Campus Calendar

MONDAY (11/8)

*African Resurrection 7 p.m. HSC Ballroom

TUESDAY (11/9)

*Awareness Celebration 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. HSC Ballroom

WEDNESDAY (11/10)

*Schmooze or Lose Career Development Workshop 12 p.m. Kirby Salon, free admission, email careers@wilkes.edu to RSVP

*Student Government Meeting 5:30 p.m. HSC Hiscox Room

THURSDAY (11/11)

*Veteran's Day
*Commuter Social 11:30 p.m. Commuter Lounge
*Piscataway Nation Danc

Thursday Cont...

ers 7 p.m. HSC Ballroom
*Secrets of Building a Successful Business Forum 7:30 p.m. Marts Center, free admission

FRIDAY (11/12)

*A Little Night Music Theatre Production, 8 p.m. DDD, Wilkes students free, other students and seniors \$5, public \$15

*R&B Group "J South" is performing in the HSC Ballroom

SATURDAY (11/13)

*Admission's Open House 9 a.m.

*Wilkes University Entrepreneurial Experience 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. HSC Ballroom

*Wrestling @ Monarch

Saturday Cont...

Tournament 10 a.m.
*Football @ Kings 1 p.m.

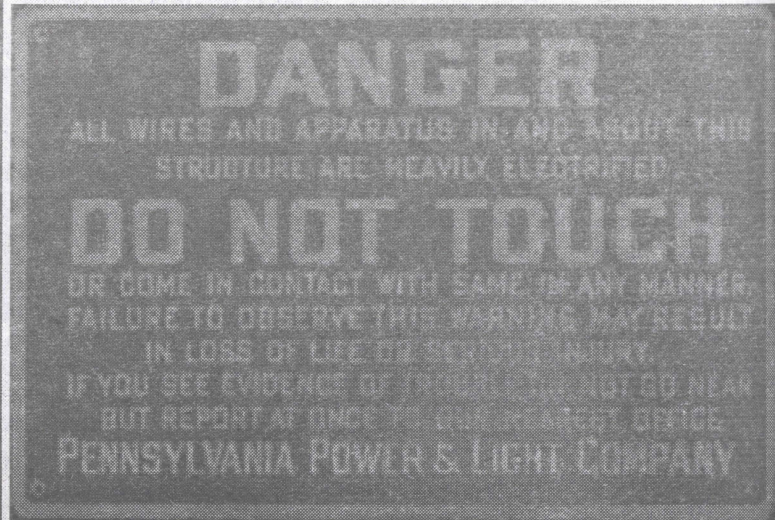
*Cultural Expo 5 p.m.
*A Little Night Music Theatre Production, 8 p.m. DDD, Wilkes students free, other students and seniors \$5, public \$15

SUNDAY (11/14)

*A Little Night Music Theatre Production, 2 p.m. DDD, Wilkes students free, other students and seniors \$5, public \$15

*Movie "Remember the Titans" 8 p.m. HSC Ballroom, free

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