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Ross/River St. Apartments Left Soggy After Ivan

Students complain help came late

BY KEVIN FITZSIMMONS
Beacon Correspondent

When it rains, it pours. This semester Wilkes students living in the Ross and River Street apartments are learning this is all too true.

When Wilkes-Barre was struck by the remnants of Hurricane Ivan two weekends ago, the issue for some students wasn't water coming up, but rather water coming down--through the ceiling. What pressed the issue even more was the lack of help available.

"Part of the problem that weekend was that we did have trouble

getting in touch with the maintenance staff from those River and Ross Street apartments. We've resolved that [issue] since then," said Gretchen Yeninas, Director of Residence Life.

The communication glitch between the University's maintenance staff and the building's maintenance staff left some students high, but not really dry.

The buildings are rented from a company called J.R. Wilkes Rentals. University officials housed students there to help alleviate the housing crunch created by the large number of incoming freshmen. All of the stu-

dents in the buildings are returning or transfer students.

This past week the residents of those apartments were sent a letter explaining new methods for submitting maintenance requests. "We've actually asked students that all of the work orders they're putting in at this point come through the University service center," Yeninas said.

The service center will contact the building's maintenance staff on the students' behalf and can be reached via phone at 408-2FIX or email at 2FIX@wilkes.edu.

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The remnants of Ivan left students living in the River/Ross Street apartments with leaky roofs and other maintenance problems. Student residents complained that help came late.

Flood Threat Raises Insurance Questions

BY GABE LEDONNE
Beacon Editor-in-chief

The remnants Hurricane Ivan's threat to campus two weeks ago has sparked the university to re-evaluate some of its policies concerning flood preparedness.

One of the most troubling policies is the absence of flood insurance on sub-level campus property--a campus that lies entirely on a flood plain. Computers housed in the basement of Breiseth,

Some of were relocated during the flood scare.

Wilkes University's most expensive property including the Thomas P. Shelburne Telecommunications Center television studio, the Sordoni Art Gallery storage vault, the Wilkes Fitness Center in the Marts Gym, and the Breiseth Hall computer labs, all are located in the basements of their respective buildings, and all are uninsured in the event of major flood damage.

Vice President for Finance and Support Operations, Scott Byers says he's concerned. "My initial thoughts...are, we don't want to have those types of things in the basement," he said.

Byers explained that there are two major reasons why the university hasn't insured its basements, despite being located along the Susquehanna River: "Cost, and the ability to gain insurance for basement property on a flood plain. There just aren't many insurers that

want to take that risk."

In preparation for the potential flooding last month, the university moved some the unin-

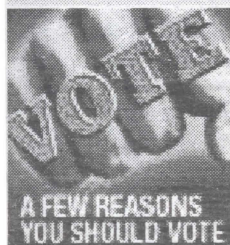


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sured equipment and materials to higher ground. Both the computers from the Breiseth Lab, and the artwork from the Sordoni Art Gallery vault were moved to safety well before the river crested. A new digital editing computer from the television studio was also relocated.

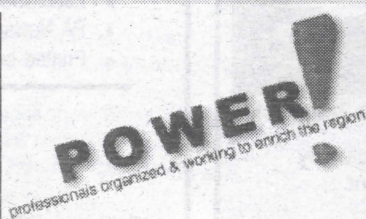
"One thing that we realize when we're dealing with the river is that we're not really subject to any kind flash flooding, so we generally have many hours worth of warning so that you can take the steps to prepare," Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs pointed out. "Obviously, though, there's equipment of such bulk and weight that you can't address it," he continued.

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equipment is in Shelburne Telecommunications television studio, located in the basement of the Stark Learning Center. Its estimated value: \$2.5 million dollars.

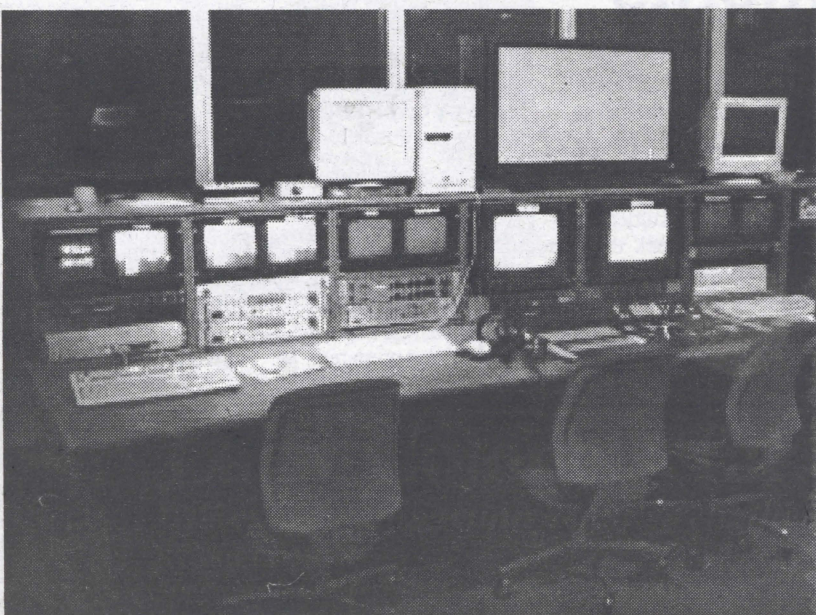
The choice of the university over the years to place valuable equipment and artwork in the sublevels of its buildings does leave some wondering why.

"I don't know. It doesn't seem to make sense to have all of that equipment in the basement and not have it covered," said junior communication studies major, Kelly Leach, who has worked in the Shelburne center for her telecommunications concentration.

"We've made decisions on assigning space to programs based on efficiency, optimal utilization, and I suppose safety and property protection factors into that as well, but you're always calculating the risk, and you are going to have some

tradeoffs. I'm not sure there's another place on campus for the TV studio," Adams explained.

"We're starting the master planning process, and one of the things we'll look at is how we utilize our space, and reconfigure



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The Shelburne Television Studio, which is located in the basement of The Stark Learning Center, would not be covered by insurance if it were to flood.

However, the possibility of moving some basement resources to safer areas on campus is still very much part of the larger campus discussion.

some things...We need to take stock as to what is going on in the basement and whether it fits with what we live in. Some of the things we have now don't neces-

sarily fit," Byers said. "We'll take steps, I think, of the next couple years to reconfigure things, because it doesn't happen overnight," he added.

In the meantime, university administration is looking at options to protect key equipment in the basements, and while insurance would be very expensive, Byers says the threat Ivan posed recently has reignited the possibility of getting insurance.

"We are beginning to investigate what it would cost to insure,

specifically, some pieces in the basement," he said.

Byers, though, thinks what might be a better option for Wilkes is to "self-insure," putting the money that would go towards insurance premiums into a savings account reserved specifically for the cost of replacement should there be a flood in the future.

"We'd be acting like an insurer, and hoping time's on our side," Byers explained.

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Wilkes maintenance can service the buildings for minor things like broken locks or leaky toilets, but will leave major repairs to the building's owner. The new method for submitting work orders will let the University track their progress.

"If things aren't being done in what we deem a timely fashion, or a student deems a timely fashion, we can then call J.R. Wilkes and say, 'Hey, this isn't being done--why?'" Yeninas said.

Jennifer Iwaniszyn, a psychology, sociology, and criminology major at Wilkes who resides in the Ross Street apartments, is satisfied despite being plagued by

problems.

"We've had some leaking, but not to the extent some other people have had. They definitely took care of that right away," Iwaniszyn said.

The apartments were inspected before students proceeded to move in to ensure that they had adequate safety equipment such as smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. The building's problems, though unfortunate, aren't unforeseen.

"They're old buildings, like our buildings are, so there are always problems," Yeninas said.

YMCA Street Fair



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The Third Annual YMCA Street Fair kicked off on Sunday. Those in attendance could enjoy food, games, and raffles, and children also perform an Irish dance as entertainment.

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Robbery suspect caught on cell phone camera

NASHVILLE, TN: Thanks to a quick-thinking robbery victim and his camera phone, police had a photo of the suspect and tracked him down in 10 minutes, police said.

James Robert Barker was in custody on charges of aggravated robbery after allegedly holding up limousine driver Ismael Miranda early Friday at a car wash, police said.

Miranda was cleaning his limousine at the car wash when a red pickup pulled in and parked in a wash bay. The pickup's driver, later identified as Barker, made small talk before pulling a knife and demanding Miranda's money.

Barker chased Miranda, threw a garbage can at him and fled. But not before an alert Miranda snapped a photo of Barker and his getaway truck using a camera phone, police said.

Family Gun Fight Over Chicken

BLUEWELL, WV: A family meal erupted into a gun battle after a father and son clashed over how to cook chicken.

The two men argued Sunday over the best way to prepare skinless chicken for dinner.

Jackie Lee Shrader, 49, was charged with malicious wounding and wanton endangerment. Harley Lee Shrader, 24, was charged with wanton endangerment.

Dateless Ex-con Uses Jail Bank Account

EDWARDSVILLE, IL: In search of a date, an ex-con instead found a quick way behind bars when police said he tried to use a checking account that wasn't his - that of the Madison County Jail.

David Wroten was charged with financial fraud for allegedly using the account to try to cover the \$39.95 membership fee for an online dating service, prosecutors said.

Wroten allegedly registered for the dating service, which accepts wire transfers from checking accounts for the membership fee. He allegedly gave them the jail's account number.

Man Uses Helicopter to Avoid Rush-hour Traffic

NEW CANAAN, CN: John Kjekstad, hoping to avoid rush-hour traffic on the way home, found a quick, but ultimately illegal way to get home: via helicopter.

Kjekstad, who runs two helicopter and airplane charter companies, had planned Thursday to land his chopper at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey and drive home to New Canaan.

On his way to the airport, though, Kjekstad told police he saw bumper-to-bumper traffic on the Merritt Parkway and chose to fly directly home instead.

After landing in his back yard, a neighbor complained

She's Ready To Blow

MOUNT ST. HELENS, WA: Government scientists raised the alert level yesterday for Mount St. Helens after its second steam eruption in two days was followed by a powerful tremor. They said the next eruption was imminent or in progress, and could threaten life and property in the remote area near the volcano. Hundreds of visitors at the building closest to the volcano -- Johnston Ridge Observatory eight kilometres away -- were asked to leave. They went to their cars and drove away, with some relocating several kilometres north to Coldwater Ridge Visitors Center, which officials said was safe.

The volcano alert of Mount St. Helens was raised to Level 3, said U.S. Geological Survey geologist Tom Pierson. He said yesterday that an explosion probably would happen within the next 24 hours.

Conan ready to be seen on 'Tonight'

NEW YORK, NY: Conan O'Brien said he was looking forward to "being on at a time when people can see me" when he replaces Jay Leno as host of the "Tonight" show in five years.

NBC announced last week that O'Brien, whose show airs at 12:35 a.m. Eastern, will move up an hour earlier when he takes over for Leno in 2009. The move by NBC -- and endorsed by Leno -- was to keep O'Brien from jumping to another network when his contract expired.

Multi-Level Marketing Catching Students' Attention *Draws interest, but caution advised*

BY KRISTINKILE

Beacon News Editor

The growing popularity of Multi-Level Marketing (MLM) companies is evident throughout the business world, and perhaps no more noticeably than on college campuses.

According to Bambooweb Dictionary, in MLM companies an independent business owner becomes associated with a parent company to form a relationship. The independent business owner makes money by receiving a percentage of the profits generated by networking.

Scott Speed, an independent representative for a direct sales/telecommunications MLM company, is a King's College graduate who has been involved in the business since May 2003. Speed said according to the August 9 issue of *Fortune Magazine*, "MLM is one of the best kept secrets in the business world."

However, some caution before entering an agreement with such a company may be advised. Mark Allen, Dean of Student Affairs said students have recently become involved in MLM organizations that require them to put forth their own capital in order to get started. Speed said there is a small start up fee just like there are fees to start up a business.

"My understanding is that the organization involved is legitimate and operating as a legitimate business," Allen said.

Dave Januzzi, a Wilkes alumnus, is also an independent representative for a direct sales/telecommunications MLM company along with Speed.

Both Speed and Januzzi agree that there are perks and drawbacks to MLM. Speed said the best things about MLM are that the position is part-time and the employee doesn't have to quit his or her day job. MLM is intended to simply compliment what the employee currently does.

"Students can do it alongside school. School is the main focus, and this is done alongside," Speed said.

Januzzi noted that the drawbacks for MLM participation are the same as any

other business opportunity. "People can be skeptical because they have never heard of it."

Speed also said that some people do not take it as seriously as they would if they put a lot of money into the business.

"If the wrong person gets their hands on it, then they can spread negative opinions about it because they don't take the time to learn about it and to grow their business," Speed said.

But Allen warns students to make sure that they know what they are getting into. He said it is important for students to educate themselves. "Again, just a little caution to students would be to make sure that they fully understand what it is they're investing in," Allen said.

Speed also agrees that it is important for students to educate themselves and not rely solely what a person says. There are organizations out there that are not legitimate and run "pyramid schemes."

"Pyramid schemes are illegal. This is not a pyramid scheme. MLM is a highly respected form of business," Speed said.

Januzzi noted that pyramid schemes involve money being passed through hands without the exchange of product. "People put money into a system with no product and it just keeps changing hands," Januzzi said.

Allen said while MLM may be a way for students to make some money, they still need to be cautious about their involvement. Allen also noted that his office is looking into organizations to make sure they are legitimate so Student Affairs can better inform students.

"Our interest is to make sure that students, if they're looking, are well educated," Allen said.

Both Speed and Januzzi are holding an event on Thursday, October 7 at 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express at the Wilkes-Barre International Airport in Avoca. The event will inform students about MLM opportunities. They said seating is limited, so to reserve a seat call 574-1865 or 954-8824 or check out www.acninc.com.

Student Government Notes

SG voted to donate \$300 to WCLH for a conference in New York City later this semester that two members from the radio station's staff will attend.

SG chose its official Student Government clothing for this year. After a long discussion, members voted for a hooded sweatshirt, navy blue in color,

with a "superman-like" symbol screened on the garment. SG members will pay an extra \$10 each to compensate for the added cost of the 'hoodie.'

SG voted for its "Member of the Month." Junior class vice-president, Andrew Steinberg won that spot for the month of September.



State's First Election Database Housed at Wilkes

Wilkes professor dedicates eight years to project

BY KARYNE SHOVAL
Beacon Correspondent

The birth of Pennsylvania's first free-of-charge election history database is right here at Wilkes, in the office of Dr. Harold Cox, retired Professor of History. Cox dedicated eight years to the project, which consists of election information from 1789-2004.

The database can be accessed through the Wilkes server on its website, <http://wilkes-fs1.wilkes.edu/~hcox/>. The website displays up-to-date information on Presidential, Senatorial, and Gubernatorial elections. It includes candidates for each race, their party affiliation, whom Pennsylvania voted for, and it's also broken down county by county.

Cox plans to keep adding to the database to include even more information. He is in the process of adding Legislative reappointments, Congressional election returns and maps, a directory of members of the Colonial Assembly and county boundary maps and their changes over time.

Cox's idea for the database

arose in 1996 when he was researching election data. "All of this started when I was looking for early election returns," Cox said.

Unfortunately, Cox had a tough time gathering certain information at the beginning, because he was from a small university and did not have any "strings to pull." He felt that, because of this, he was not treated very kindly when he asked to see certain documents.

In addition, Cox faced another obstacle at the beginning: the prices to acquire specific materials were outrageous. "The Consortium wanted \$4,000 and I knew there had to be a way around this, so I looked at other sources," Cox said.

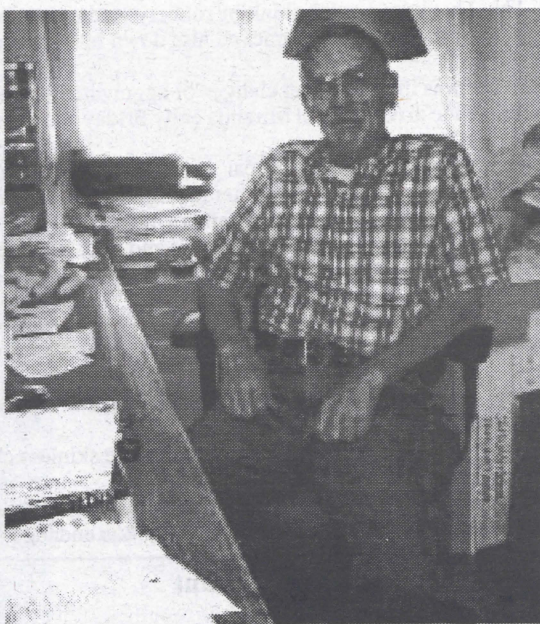
Finally, he contacted the American Antiquarian Society in Massachusetts. Things became a little easier for Cox when he spoke with a gentleman who, without compensation, does research for the Society. Cox said when he asked the man how much he would have to pay, he was told that not only would he not have

to pay anything, but that is the way it should be.

When Cox commenced his task to furnish much of what his site already has to offer, there was no other database like it in the United States. "He filled a real need because, while there are some databases like this, they charge more," said Dr. John Hepp, Assistant Professor of History.

A unique aspect of the database is that no other goes as far back as Cox's. According to the website, "Various studies were published over the years, but these did not cover the period before 1824 and did not provide county level coverage of elections in the nineteenth century."

Now that Pennsylvania has a database containing extensive election information, it will be interesting to see if other states will follow Cox's lead. "Now there is something out there. Something that



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Dr. Harold Cox worked eight years to compile an electronic election database.

fairly nice model."

In addition to being an improved election research asset to the citizens of Pennsylvania, the database may be a monumental addition to Wilkes University since it is actually accessed through the University's website. "I think that one of the nice things about this is that it gets Wilkes University's name out there," Hepp said.

Some areas were sources of trouble, such as 1809 to 1810 Cox said. Those are the only two years where you cannot find completed information.

works," Hepp said. "I think it provides a model for what you can do. I think he has come up with a

tion. Cox said that he hopes to fill some gaps in his database and to continue to add more information.

Campus Helps Fire Victim

BY JULIE MELF
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A fire that changed one man's life forever is uniting the campus at Wilkes University.

On the early morning hours of September 11, flames erupted out of the apartment of James (Jimmy) Wilson. Wilson, an employee of both Sodexo Food Service and the University, was forced to leave his residence because of the damage caused by the fire.

"When I got there, it was engulfed in flames. From what I heard it was a guy that was racist and that's the reason that it happened. That night three fires got set by the same person in less than 12 minutes. But most of my stuff got smoke and water damage and I still haven't been able to get in there and find out anything because the back porch and steps are totally destroyed," Wilson said.

According to the *Times Leader*, police arrested 23-year-old Michael Boyle and charged him with three felony counts of arson, along with criminal mischief, reckless endangerment and ethnic intimidation. Police allege that Boyle set fire to the White

House Bar on Hazle Avenue, along with two nearby homes. Boyle told police he had been drinking hours before starting the fire, and went to the rear of the White House Bar and used a lighter to set boxes on fire, court records show. Boyle told police he set fire to the bar because he hated black people, according to an affidavit. Boyle was scheduled to appear before District Justice William Amesbury on September 20.

As soon as word got out of Wilson's misfortune University officials quickly stepped in to create a victim's relief fund to help out Wilson in his time of need.

"For a school of our size I think it's important that we have a strong sense of community, a strong sense of family, and catastrophic events happen at any time. [It's] nice to know that you have that community backing to get you through it, so I think it's very noble and very important for the victims in those situations," said Mark Allen, Dean of Student Affairs.

Wilson works as a Sodexo cook during the day in the Henry Student Center cafeteria and with Wilkes housekeeping at night. According to many, Wilson is

well-liked amongst co-workers.

"He's great to work with. He's funny, laid back, and really helps you out if you're in a bind," expressed Sodexo morning cook, Angela Kwiatkowski.

The victim's relief fund came as a surprise to Wilson and he is thankful to those who lent a helping hand. Students, faculty and alumni interested in making a contribution, should contact Deirdre Kennedy, General Manager, Wilkes University Dining Services, Henry Student Center, P.O. Box 111, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766. Check donations need to be made payable to Jimmy Wilson.

"It's just a shame that people have to go around and destroy other people's property because they have a problem with color or whatever. The world was made for people to get along, but that doesn't happen every day," Wilson said.

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New Shuttles Provide Eye-Catching Ride

Retired shuttles too expensive to maintain

BY JOSEPH DEANGELIS
Beacon Layout Artist

The new shuttle buses arrived last week with a brand new look that **doesn't** just say it's from Wilkes University--it **screams** it.

The shuttles transport commuters from Ralston Field across the river to campus and have long been recognizable as Wilkes vehicles. The new vehicles' screen painting, however, serves as an even more eye-catching billboard for the university.

Screened with huge blue and gold stripes along each side of the shuttle and a profile of the John Wilkes statue on the back, these stylish new buses will replace the old buses, both of which had begun to show and feel their age. The retired buses, 1998 Fords, were becoming expensive to maintain and were subject to occasional breakdowns that were problematic for the tight schedule the shuttles keep. After running six days a week with over 100,000 city miles on them, the buses had recently been experiencing problems such as a broken fire coil on the spark plug to a split axle.

"It became an issue last year when we noticed that breakdowns or routine maintenance was getting more expensive. We just realized it was time," said Mike Malkemes, the Manager of Safety and Logistics.

In addition to transporting students and faculty back and forth from Ralston Field on a regular basis, the shuttles will be avail-

able for long-distance trips outside of regular running hours. One such trip will be to spring training for the softball team in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

In order to keep the buses in good shape, they will have their oil checked every two weeks and routine maintenance every month.

At full capacity, the buses can hold 21 passengers. They also have forward facing seating with new seatbelts. The wrap-around style of seating that one of the previous shuttles offered did not sit well with the insurance companies, but Malkemes said he is still not clear why that is.

One of the goals officials had for the new shuttles was to create a design that told everybody on the road that the vehicle was associated with Wilkes.

"We wanted to make it very obvious that they were Wilkes University shuttle buses and we wanted to be able to draw attention to them," said Malkemes.

In order to do that, officials consulted with Mark Golaszewski, Graphic Design Manager of Wilkes Marketing Communications, and Lamar Advertising in Scranton. Golaszewski received a drawing of the bus on which he could make a template of his design for the bus. He asked staff members for input on the design over



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New shuttles recently arrived on campus displaying a vibrant and eye-catching design, aimed to attract attention to Wilkes.

the summer, and the results were favorable.

Christine Seitzinger, Assistant Director of Marketing Communications said, "The shuttles are mobile billboards for the University. The redesign is attractive and eye-catching and the style incorporates the look and feel you see on the website and in University publications."

Even though the shuttles have been on campus for less than a week, there have

already been compliments on the new design. Malkemes said that when the first bus came in, "A student happened to be walking in the back of the student center as it pulled in and he just turned around and said, 'That's awesome' and I thought, 'Good. That's what we wanted.' They look neat and we know they're going to be dependable," Malkemes said.

Today Last Day To Register To Vote

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon News Editor

Today is the last day to register for this year's Presidential Election. Issues in this election hit home to college age students. A candidates' position on Jobs, higher education, health care, and the war are all important decision facts.

According to rockthevote.com:

- ✓ There are nearly 13 million 18-29 year-olds who currently have no health insurance
- ✓ 140,000 American troops are in Iraq, and 80% of them are under the age of 35
- ✓ The average burden of student loans is in excess of \$16,000
- ✓ About 10% of adults under the age of 25 are jobless and looking

These statistics are a startling realization that the election does affect college students. Everyone has a voice and their own opinion, but in order for them to be heard, you have to vote.

To register to vote, simply go to www.wilkesbeacon.com and click on *Vote04*.

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A Rather Irresponsible Move

BY THE BEACON
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Is the media's rush to report undermining credibility?

Our society is one in which everyone feels the need to be better than their peers. The "me first" mantra resounds throughout the halls of so many disciplines.

If you're the first at something, you're remembered and rewarded with the praise that accompanies the particular act. Sometimes even being first at something bad affords useful notoriety. But in most cases, being first suggests speed, power, brains, and guts. Being first allows a person to climb the ladder. In the business world you get a raise, maybe a promotion. In the journalistic world, if you're first, it means you've made the competition often irrelevant; you've "scooped" the guys across the street.

Particularly poignant to us here at *The Beacon* is the concept, "I want to be the first to break the story." This phrase has become even more important in light of these last few weeks when the accuracy of information reported on a major news station

was called into question.

Last month, long-time CBS anchorman Dan Rather reported information that was later contested as false. The information was based on documents provided to CBS by someone they believed to be a credible source. The documents supposedly reported discrepancies and incriminating information regarding President Bush's service in the National Guard. The credibility of the reports, using the documents as the key component, was questioned as early as the following day. The documents have since been found to be erroneous. The discovery of the falsification is causing a big problem: Dan Rather reported a lie to a national viewing audience.

You have to question what would make this well-seasoned newsman spring at cloudy information without taking the necessary steps to check it out thoroughly. Has the drive to get the most controversial story out first gotten in the way of journalistic integrity?

If Dan Rather can make such a mistake, then it is obvious that this drive to be first challenges the rest of the journalistic world. Here is a big name newsman making a mistake that the general public would think he should have learned to avoid through many years of experience. This "me first" approach to reporting is causing the more important steps of checking sources and the credibility of those sources to fall through the cracks.

It is not enough to report the news anymore. In this day and age, sensationalism rules; so, if information is found out that will cause a buzz, reporters will undoubtedly seek it out and report it. Dan Rather's situation is a prime example of such a problem.

In this obsession to be the first to break the story, especially one with such potential impact as Bush's record in the National Guard, sources are checked to extent that time permits. In this case especially, sources may have been checked, but because of the subject matter, the priority was

getting the information to the public as quickly as possible. Officials at CBS clearly believed the information their source had provided was correct.

CBS and Dan Rather later apologized for the report, but the repercussions of what happened will be felt for some time within the public and certainly the media. There has been a great deal of discussion about how to deal with the journalistic misfire; one solution went so far as to call for Dan Rather's resignation. On one hand, his stepping down could be seen as the right thing to do, illustrating how grave his mistake was. Such a move would indicate just how seriously CBS is taking the fact that the story was improperly rushed. On the other hand, Dan Rather's resignation could be seen as a symbolic gesture, albeit an extreme one, for maintaining credibility. What would such a move accomplish? Rather is indeed the face of CBS News; however, he was not solely responsible for the story. His resignation might ensure, in fact, that the

problem of rushed stories could be swept under the rug again, waiting to come out in another worse case.

The mistake this case brought to light is a serious one. But it is no more or less serious than other ethical questions that have made news in recent years--Stephen Glass and Jayson Blair, for example. What the public needs to ask, however, is whether such mistakes are truly the norm among newspapers and broadcast media. Given the sheer volume of news communicated to audiences on a daily basis, is it likely that the bulk of it is incomplete, fabricated, misattributed, or just plain sloppy?

Rather and CBS screwed up. They admitted it. That is perhaps the hardest punishment most journalists can face--egg on the face. This case doesn't reflect the norm within the field, nor does it really reflect the norm at CBS. Let the apology stand and let journalists beware...the public is watching and listening.

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'Cuddle Parties' Not About Sex?

Metro area host social gatherings for the 'touch -deprived'

BY MATT JONES
Beacon Asst. Op-Ed Editor

I'll come right out and say that I have indeed carried out the act of coitus and, God willing, hope to do so again some time in the future. I say this just so you know that I'm not mounting a pulpit to vilify those who engage in the pre-marital version nor am I condemning those who enjoy it in, well, let's just say "esoteric varieties" (just leave me out of it).

Let's face it; sex is just plain ol' swell. Yeah, sure there's AIDS, pregnancy, various other unpleasant diseases and the measurement of personal performance by your partner to concern yourself with, but still, who are we? Well, we are sexual creatures, plain and simple.

So when it was brought to my attention that the new craze of the moment are gatherings called

"Cuddle Parties," I had to get to the bottom of this and find out how they related to sex. Whether we want to admit it or not, most flavors of the month somehow relate back to sex in the end. But wait, I'm getting ahead of myself here.

Cuddle Parties are, by definition, social gatherings in which the inexplicably disaffected youth of today come together dressed in pajamas, light candles, play sensual music and well, just cuddle. Right now they are popping up in metropolitan areas like New York City and Washington. These parties are supposedly a type of outlet for those of us who feel we are living in a "touch-deprived society." What they consist of is a bunch of people getting together in order to become less, for lack of a less laughable expression, touch deprived. Participants may massage, caress, lie

on top of one another and kiss. And it's not about sex.

Wait a minute. Wait another one. Not about sex? NOT...ABOUT...SEX? Let me see if I'm hearing this correctly: a group of scantily dressed youngsters writhe around a dimly lit room in a mass of sweating flesh and grope each other...and it's not about sex. Worse yet, one participant's statement claimed that they never even experienced any sort of sexual arousal during their "cuddle experience". Now I don't know about you, but the only two fathomable circumstances that could keep me from becoming aroused in said situation would either have to be a recent frontal lobotomy or a Guinness record book-worthy heroin addiction.

Even then, I'd probably still end up thinking about sex, somehow. Just look at what partici-

pants are doing during the "cuddle party": stimulating others while having yourself stimulated, *physically*. Not to mention kissing, the premier intimate activity between those who are *physically* interested in each other. Party organizers reason that kissing can be a nonsexual activity, like kissing your grandmother, so that is allowed. I say, a serious gap exists between kissing your 80-year-old grandparent and tongue wrestling with some lithe "cuddler."

So, in taking my first and only stab at discrediting these modern day, soft-core, emasculated Roman orgies, I will now state that cuddle parties are, unquestionably, about sex.

Now, to address that statement concerning our "touch-deprived society," I mean, all right, it's ridiculous that I'm even discussing this. Last I checked, our

society was "touch-deprived" for an indisputably good reason. You know, all of those four-on-the-floor sexually depraved human beings wandering around don't exactly enable an acceptable society, nay existence, wherein physical contact with complete strangers is bearable, if not encouraged.

So what I guess I'm trying to say is that if you want to have your cuddle parties, go ahead. Just make sure that you, well, you know, alright I won't say it. Read between the lines please, and don't deny a natural proclivity. And if you're not going to, then please, oh God please, don't pawn off your vespertine abstinence as some sort of remedy for an inescapable social norm. This generation is laughably hapless as is.

Kerry Not a Viable Opponent to Incumbent

BY BRYAN RILEY
Beacon Columnist

John Kerry must have had a sudden realization a few days before he spoke at the Democratic National Convention in Boston: he didn't have anything important to say to the American people.

As he arrived at the podium on the floor of the Fleet Center, he stopped to salute the audience saying, "I'm John Kerry, and I'm reporting for duty." Kerry devoted about four sentences to describe his 19-year Senate record during his speech at the convention. During his 19 years in the Senate, Kerry never voted for military pay raises while voting against all of the major weaponry we use today. Apparently, Kerry's record of being the most liberal senator in America was not high on the list of talking points for the Kerry campaign.

During the days following the convention, Kerry failed to answer legitimate questions about his sudden turn from his testimony to having committed war crimes while serving in Vietnam to giving himself a pat on the back for being a self-proclaimed Vietnam War hero. The Democratic convention was considered to be a failure after Kerry received no bounce in the polls. Kerry then went on the offensive when it

came to debating his war service, telling his political opponents to "Bring it on."

Then the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, a political action committee consisting of 254 Vietnam Swift Boat veterans, made headlines for their television commercials saying why John Kerry is "unfit for command." The veterans will never forget when John Kerry returned home after four and a half months of service after receiving three Purple Hearts from paper cut wounds and with more than enough film of combat reenactments on his 8-mm home movie camera (the footage can be seen in many Kerry commercials).

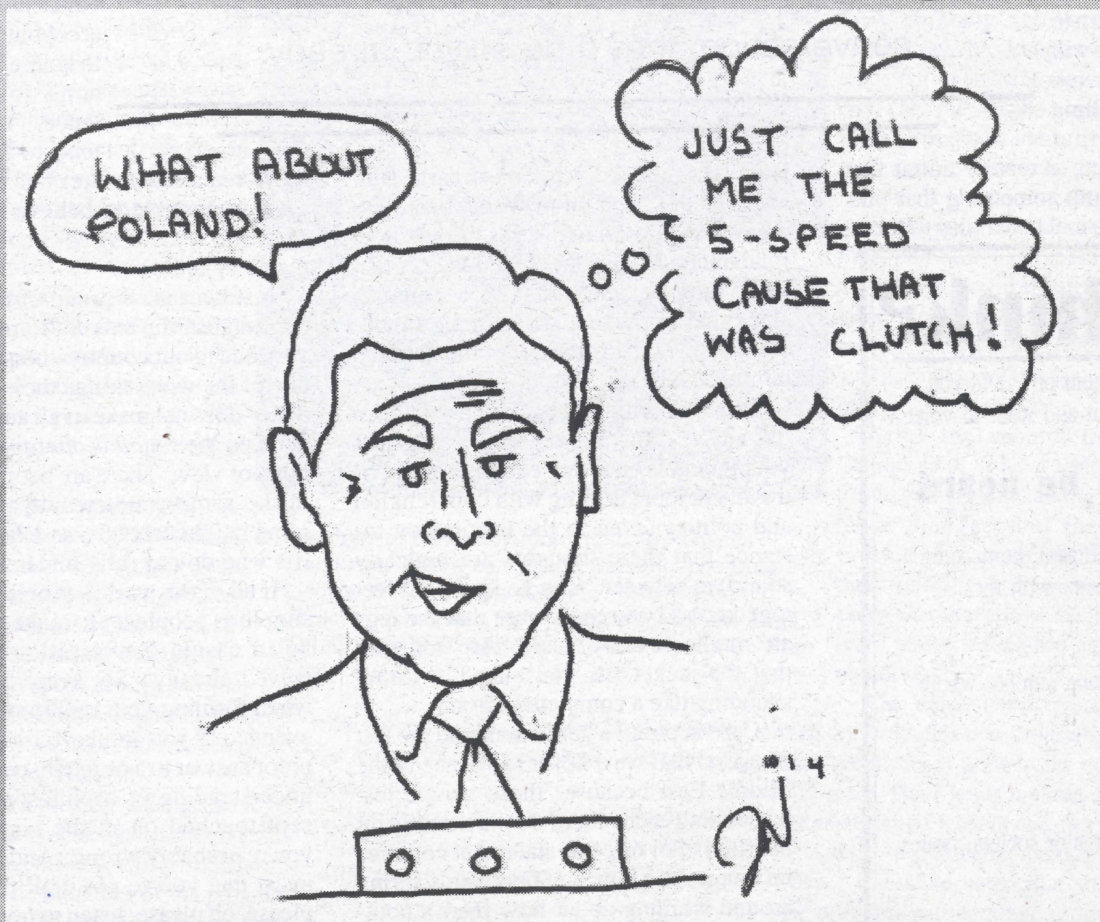
When John Kerry returned home, he immediately slandered the military servicemen still fighting in combat, labeling them as war criminals who committed "war crimes" on a daily basis. American POWs in North Vietnamese prisons were played audio clips of John Kerry's war crimes accusations. A photograph of John Kerry can be found in the Vietnamese Communist "War Remnants Museum" in the room titled "The World Supports Vietnam in its Resistance."

The Kerry campaign has yet to prove a single Swift Boat Veteran charge false to date. This means that either John Kerry is lying or all 254 Swift Boat veterans are lying. The Kerry campaign called upon the

President to denounce the Swift Boat ads. President Bush responded by denouncing all 527 ads, including the Swift Boats ads, as well as the 2/3 of 527 ads that viciously attack the President. The President has taken the high road by praising Kerry's military service while Kerry has belittled Bush's National Guard service. Kerry has also refused to release all of his military records to the public indicating that he must have something to hide. By contrast, President Bush has released all of his military records of when he served as a F-102 Fighter Pilot in the Texas Air National Guard.

Continuously, John Kerry has sought to take the negative road in his campaign. As of now, President Bush holds about 5 percent lead of Senator Kerry in the polls. The challenger's campaign of focusing on military service in a war that happened 35 years ago has backfired. Kerry proved to be the quintessential flip-flopper after telling his political opponents to "Bring it on" but then tried to say that his war service was off limits for criticism. The Kerry campaign has been unsuccessful and this November, it appears, the President will win re-election by a comfortable margin.

Nickle for Your Thoughts



BY JASON NICKLE

Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week.*

The Beacon asked:

If you could open any business in downtown Wilkes-Barre, what would it be?

Restaurant	4%
Bar/Club	54%
Retail Outlet (clothing, books, music, novelty, etc.)	8%
Hotel	4%
Technology development/support	4%
Health-related	4%
Recreation Facility	4%
Theater	12%
Art gallery	8%
Other	0%

Next Week's Poll Question is:

Did you watch the presidential debate this past Thursday (Sept. 30) between President Bush and Senator John Kerry?

*Yes
*No

Visit www.wilkesbeacon.com to cast your vote. Results 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 based on 26 responses.

Getting Out of the Wilkes Bubble

BY CURRAN DOBSON
Beacon Columnist

Learning about differences through one volunteer's story

Sometimes it is hard to remember that I live in the middle of a city. Coming from a suburban home and being surrounded by trees and grass on campus, I find myself feeling as if I live in a bubble here at Wilkes. It is easy to forget that there is another world surrounding the students living and studying here at the University.

I was brutally reminded of this fact last week when I visited the McGlynn Learning Center located in the housing projects off of Wilkes-Barre Boulevard. I visited the center with members of a new student organization here at Wilkes, FIT. Other students from the University studying to become teachers came with us. The center was a nondescript building surrounded by homes and small yards located in the middle of the housing project. It functions as an after-school homework center

for kids whose parents are still at work when the bus drops them off at home. On Fridays, the center brings in college students to do fun, but informational, activities with the kids.

I was immediately struck by the enthusiasm of the kids as they came in, how excited they were to see us and find out what we had planned for them. However, it was obvious from the first meeting that these kids had experiences very different from my own. I had never experienced having to go to an after-school program, because my mom met me at the bus stop as a child every day.

Working with these kids opened my eyes to the struggles and obstacles they experience everyday. Many of them had behavioral or educational needs that the homework center strived to correct and

improve upon. At the same time, they were so much more social, so much more friendly and accepting than I remember being at their age. They weren't afraid to ask questions and tell us straight out that they weren't enjoying the activity or wanted to move on. I was impressed with their ability to communicate so honestly with us when they barely knew us at all.

I was most struck by a young boy who was so excited about the check-writing activity that every word had to be spelled right on his check. He was quiet and more shy than the rest of the boys I worked with, but he took the lesson on checks seriously. When I asked him who he was writing his check out to, he named his best friend. He told me the exact toy he knew his best friend would want to buy with the money, a toy he wanted for himself as well. I was moved

by his ability to recognize need in another person and to be able to sacrifice for himself in order to allow that person to receive that need at such a young age.

Most of all, by working with these young, underprivileged kids, I walked away feeling privileged for being able to meet them and work with them. They were difficult to control and I'm sure they would consider my life much easier than theirs if they could compare. However, I left the center feeling honored to be able to meet a bunch of kids who could rise above the inefficiencies their lives provided for them and greet life in a continually positive way. I viewed this experience as one of the most important and influential I will have here at Wilkes, because it opened my eyes to another person's way of thinking and living.

An Oversimplified World View is the Root of All Evil

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
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A clear cut example of when father knows best

My dad always told me that the two things one should never discuss in polite company are religion and politics. And, while the two of us have some difficulty discovering compatible views on just about anything relating to either of those two words, he still managed to use them both in a sentence that I couldn't possibly agree with more.

If colloquialisms really do become colloquialisms for a reason, that one is Aesop-worthy. Anyone who disagrees with me should spend a month working in retail in today's political atmosphere. And, you have to work somewhere

where you're going to be doing something that will make people feel slightly uncomfortable. Whether it's selling contraception or adult movies, giving makeovers, or, in my case, kneeling behind someone and rolling up their suit pants to mark them to be tailored, you will find that if your job either has you selling something that people don't want to readily admit that they need or doing something that puts you in close physical proximity to them,

they will talk.

In the majority of cases, they'll talk about the weather. Maybe their kids.

chests and go to a public place?" Which seems, to me at least, like a completely unlikely scenario.

If all of the world's problems were as simple as people try to make them out to be in casual conversation, they'd be solved already.

To imply that an entire culture of people "loves" killing themselves or others just seems like a copout, an excuse to ignore the real reasons for the violence. I don't pretend to know what

Harmless topics, for the most part. But, ever since 9/11, a lot of white, beardless men seem to want to discuss the tenets of fundamentalist Islam. Opinions on this topic may be unavoidable, I suppose, since that event brought extreme fundamentalism to the forefront of the national consciousness.

But, this brings us back to my father's old adage. There is no way to interject your thoughts on a very complex and controversial topic dealing with both religion and politics (even in the uncommon instance that these thoughts are logically sound) in between "Can you put your feet together so I can make sure that the legs are marked evenly?" and "Are you sure that the jacket fits you okay?" without sounding like a complete buffoon.

Case in point: a gentleman told me last weekend that we'd never see peace in the Middle East because "those people just love killing each other." My jaw nearly hit the floor. For me, this statement conjures up images of a bunch of bored kids sitting around whining about how there's nothing to do until one of them says "Hey! Why don't we just strap bombs to our

those real reasons are, but I find it almost impossible to believe that they're rooted in something as simple as enjoyment.

Just because a group of radical fundamentalist Muslims did something very, very bad to our country--unquestionably one of the worst things they could have done--does not make us all automatic experts on their *modus operandi* and their point of view. There are people who live in the same country, maybe even the same neighborhoods, as Islamic terrorists who do not fully understand.

If all of the world's problems were as simple as people try to make them out to be in casual conversation, they'd be solved already. So, keep this in mind when forming your opinions on current events. If you think you have a fool-proof answer to a problem, or a complete understanding of a philosophical concept touched on in the nightly news, you're probably wrong. And, if you still insist that you've got it all figured out, please, oh please, listen to my father and spare the people behind the cash register.

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Program Brings Women Leaders Together

Provost draws from variety of disciplines for participants

BY VICKY WHITE

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Let's focus on women. Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Provost, has done just that by initiating a program that aims to nurture and cultivate leadership skills among promising Wilkes University female students.

The Women's Leadership Program focuses on helping young women to hone their leadership skills through mentoring and the intense study of leadership styles. Loeschke serves as the coordinator and organizer of the group, with the help of Dr. Ellen Flint, Associate Professor of music and Faculty Associate to the Provost.

Loeschke said, "I just decided that I wanted to do this. Women in leadership has always been an interest in my life and I have been involved in it for over twenty years. I am very interested in women mentoring women in leadership, and I have had programs like this in the past."

The group configuration is based on nominations from department chairs. After receiving the nominations, Loeschke interviewed the women and hand selected ten women to participate in the inaugural group. The group members represent different majors and concentrations on campus, and many members did not know one another until the first meeting.

As a member of the group, the women had to agree to take on the responsibility of doing assigned readings, attending all meetings, and participating in all activities that are presented to them. Loeschke said, "This is not a fluff program. It is intense and involved."

Helene Caprari, senior English major, with a literature concentration, said, "I think that it is wonderful to bring together students from different areas of studies on campus, to see leadership ideas and the different personalities. I think it is always an issue to take on more responsibilities but we do it because all of us, as a collective, love to work; we love to do well."

In order for a program such as this to be successful, the members must trust one another and feel comfortable being open with each other. The members of the program will participate for one year, meeting once a month for about three hours. To estab-

lish trust in such a small period of time can be very tricky.

Caprari said, "I was terrified. It's nervousness about opening up to a group of strangers and to share a part of yourself is terrifying. Dr. Loeschke keeps us going, and it gets easier every time, and now I am not afraid. We have formed a bond."

"I think that we have grown closer through the activities that Dr. Loeschke pro-

the women to "take these external ideas, and bring them internal to us," according to Caprari.

Flint is optimistic about the first year of this program, as it is a new experience for her as well. "It's not a situation where I think that I have everything to give. I am learning a lot, and I want to grow with these young women, not separate and apart from them. What we are trying to learn together is that there are qualities of leaders and leadership that transcend gender and that women quite often have a lot of these qualities. The idea of my own growth in the area of self awareness and the ability to help some of the young women to grow in their own self awareness makes me feel selfish, because I am getting so much out of this. It makes me look more and more at myself because I have to continue to grow in order to help someone else grow."

Loeschke is also hopeful about the program. "I have never seen these programs not work. I see women develop long-time friendships out of these groups. At the end, I see the women tending to be more articulate, more confident, more aware of themselves," she said.

After only one meeting, Flint said, "We grew close in such a short time, and now I see these women on campus and they are standing taller. I see a more relaxed demeanor, relaxed in their self-confidence, after just one class. It is just so amazing."

After the second meeting, Caprari said, "I have realized that the ways that I am thinking may not have changed, but they have evolved into something else, and that's amazing. It is just being with each other that allows each of us to learn about leadership and about ourselves."

The Wilkes participants are on their way with this new program, and are expected to learn a lot in the course of this year. Their goals include studying the qualities of leaders and the theories of leadership and seeing them applied by peers. Loeschke noted that she hopes the program will continue in the future with new students entering each year.



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Members of the YWL Group: (L to R) Rebecca Goodman, Julie Melf, Helene Caprari, Julia Buss, Lindsey Wotanis, Jess Niemiec. (Absent from photo: Alanna Bath, Meagan Brown, Michelle Krapf, Sarah Murphy, Dr. Maravene Loeschke, and Dr. Ellen Flint)

vided along with the framework of a safe environment for us to get to know one another," said Flint.

For almost every meeting the students are expected to have read a selection that deals with leadership in some aspect. Through innovative and creative discussions led by Loeschke and Flint, the women discuss and learn from the readings, in an attempt to get

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Tell Us . . .

The Beacon's roving reporter, Meagan Brown, asked random Wilkes students: **What is your favorite movie and why?** Check out the responses below:

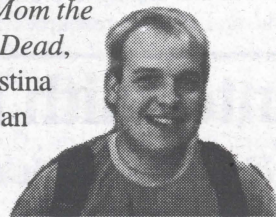
Nicole Smith, freshman, nursing major



"Texas Chainsaw Massacre, the original. I am a big horror movie fan."

Chris Kiluk, junior, undeclared

"Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead, because Christina Applegate is an awesome actress."



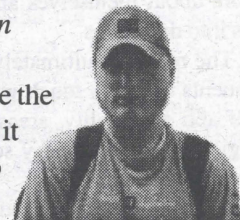
Andrea Kelly, sophomore, biology major



"Beauty and the Beast, because I am still five years old at heart."

Kyle Holl, sophomore, communication studies major

"Scarface. I like the people in it and it is a real 'rags to riches' story."



Lorraine Avery, sophomore, elementary education major



"Spiderman 2. The theory behind his struggle to go to college and handle all of the other problems related to me because I have so much to do."

POWER Initiates Attitude Change in Valley

Regional organization encourages student interest

BY JEREMY ZUCKERO
Beacon Correspondent

Northeastern Pennsylvania has the reputation of a place where few opportunities exist for professional workers and pre-professional students. Professionals Organized and Working to Enrich the Region (POWER), a group working under the umbrella of the Great Valley Technology Alliance (GVTA), aims to change that reputation by illuminating opportunities that already exist in the area and creating new ones.

"POWER is one of eleven initiatives under the auspices of the GVTA ... The POWER initiative was created to accommodate the ... goals of recreation, lifestyle amenities, and the attraction and retention of human capital," said Laurie Gress, Director of POWER.

"Its mission is to attract and retain progressive individuals by creating a social network that highlights professional, cultural and natural resources throughout

Northeastern Pennsylvania," Gress added.

One way POWER accomplishes these goals is through community service via fundraisers. "We want to give young people in our community a voice, and we've been doing that through community service," said board member and volunteer, Jane Ashton. POWER has been involved with Habitat for Humanity and has helped a local organization called VISION (an organization dedicated to aiding the homeless) by raising money, according to her.

POWER's fundraising activities are usually very successful.

According to Gress, the organization has raised money for several local causes, including a donation for VISION, new benches in Kirby Park, and an AHA

few years as a professional, or are currently back in school for graduate degrees ... [But] some of the greatest ideas, talent and more importantly, energy come from our area's students, and we want to promote those qualities to regional businesses and organiza-

tions," said Gress.

Students are encouraged to join POWER. They are an asset to POWER but POWER is also an asset to them. "I see POWER as a great opportunity for graduating students transitioning into the workforce. The peer-to-peer dynamics of the group provide a valuable asset to students looking to connect with individuals in the same field, or those who might be interested in learning about other organizations," said Gress.

POWER hopes to change the economic climate of northeastern Pennsylvania through these activities and involvement by both professionals and pre-professional students.

"By getting people engaged in the community, our hope is that they start to believe in the community, that it does have a future, and that they have a voice. [By their willingness] to get involved and share ideas, we want to take those ideas and make them happen," said Ashton.

Students interested in joining POWER should email lgress@greatvalleyalliance.com, or register on the POWER website, www.nepapower.com.

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Laurie Gress
Director of POWER

Interfaith Retreat Scheduled

Students encouraged to participate

BY ERICALEO
Beacon Correspondent

Have you found yourself yet? If not, don't stop searching.

Wilkes University's Campus Interfaith along with "Search" have put together the second annual "Retreat For the Wanderer," scheduled to take place from November 12 through the 14.

Search retreats are popular among colleges and universities across the country and are open to students wanting to learn more about themselves and where God fits into their lives.

The retreat is ultimately a chance for students to get in touch with their inner self and spirituality, areas they tend to neglect in favor of busy social and academic calendars.

Campus Interfaith advisor, Kevin Gaughenbaugh, is looking forward to the event and encourages students to sign up. "The retreat will be a time of self reflection in terms of everyday life," he said. He also stresses that it will be "wonderful for people interested in meeting new people."

Last year's retreat took place at Camp Kresge in White Haven, Pennsylvania. There is no set location yet for this year's retreat but there is a good chance it will be held there once again.

Sarah Williams, senior criminology and sociology major, participated in last year's retreat and was satisfied with the experience. "The Search retreat is a good way to learn more about yourself. It's a retreat from the everyday worries and hurries and lets you focus on yourself, where you are in life, and where God fits in," Williams said.

"I believe that everyone should take time to go on this retreat. It may take up a weekend, but it stays with you for life," she added.

For students who cannot make it to the retreat but are still interested in meeting new people and discussing important issues, Campus Interfaith holds meetings every Wednesday night at the Alumni House. "Talk It Out" sessions are from 4:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and include a free dinner prepared by student volunteers.

Williams also attends these meetings and adds that they are "a way to voice your opinion or simply listen to others voice theirs."

Although Gaughenbaugh was pleased with last year's event, he hopes that this year's will yield more participation. He is purposely not saying much about what will take place during the weekend in hopes of adding an element of surprise to the experience.

Heartwalk.

POWER avoids generic or tired fundraising solutions by coming up with entertaining alternatives. According to Ashton, "We raised money for benches in Kirby Park... [by] challenging city [Wilkes-Barre] leadership to a softball game, and we beat the pants off them."

POWER also offers social networking opportunities for professionals in the area to meet and exchange ideas. "We have monthly member mixers which we have renamed 'POWER Outages' for networking and enjoyment," said Gress.

Students, although they don't make up a large portion of POWER members, are important to POWER. "Most of our members have graduated and are in their first



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A Look At Last Year's Grads

Erick Bourassa: modern medicine man

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon Correspondent

Opening pesky 'child-proof' lids is something that fascinates (and challenges) many children. But, it's not likely that too many are engrossed by the chemical makeup of the pills inside. That is, unless they grow up to be a scientist, like '04 Wilkes graduate and Albany, New York native Erick Bourassa.

As a child, when he encountered drugs like Tylenol, Benadryl, or Amoxicillin, Bourassa yearned to learn more. Rather than reading the Hardy Boys like most young boys, he spent time looking up other mysteries--chemical structures in his grandmother's library of nursing and medical texts.

"I wanted to know how someone looked at a chemical structure and says, 'This would make a good pain reliever. I'll call it 'Tylenol.' As I got older, this fascination never went away. It only grew stronger when I started thinking about drugs that affect the brain," he said. It was questions like, "How can a drug make someone happy?" and "How can a drug make someone hallucinate, or make someone stop hallucinating?" that drove him into the field.

Although Bourassa knew since age 15 it was psychiatric and neurological medicine he wanted to study, it took him a few semesters to plot his course. He originally applied to Wilkes' Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, but after talking with his high school physics teacher, he realized that unless he wanted to be a pharmacist, that was not the route to take. So Bourassa instead took his teacher's advice and became a biochemistry major. But his change of majors did not stop there.

"My first semester as a biochemistry major, I took Psychology 101 with Dr. Q-Killian. After that course, I knew I wanted to take more psychology, so I added it as a minor. After two years I added psychology as a second major. Then in my junior year, I dropped biochemistry as a major and declared psychology as a sole major, with minors in neuroscience, biology, and chemistry," he said of his roundabout route to getting where he is today.

After successfully completing his undergraduate studies, Bourassa flew south to pursue his PhD at University of Mississippi, better known as Ole Miss. In addition to his studies, he works in the University's Department of Pharmacology in a research lab, looking at the role of Angiotensin II and other related peptides in

the brain, as well as in the rest of the body.

Bourassa is also gaining teaching experience grading papers and exams from the pathophysiology pharmacy class, and fa-

schizophrenia patients, and there is only one drug to alleviate both. Perhaps through his research and proving his hypothesis of an unknown mechanism, a sci-

wants me to earn my Ph.D. relatively quickly so that I can begin my post-doctoral training. Secondly, he wants me to have my name on at least 20 peer-reviewed articles, three or four of which I should be the primary author," he added.

After he completes his Ph.D., Bourassa said he will most likely continue learning through post-doctoral training, as well as entering the research field.

"Optimally, I would like to work for a pharmaceutical company or a research-based academic institution where I can work on developing drugs and drug targets for psychiatric and neurological illnesses. Also, I may totally come back to academia and teach," he said.

Bourassa credits his grandmother and many Wilkes professors for not only his undergraduate success, but also encouraging him to pursue his Ph.D., and helping him through the "agonizing" process.

"I remember thinking that applying to graduate school had to be harder than graduate school itself. I had to take the GREs, get letters of recommendation, write a curriculum vitae, and statements of purpose, but thanks to some encouragement from Dr. [Deborah] Tindell, I got it all done," he said.

Tindell, Associate Professor of Psychology, describes Bourassa as an "extremely bright, articulate, motivated, and energetic person." She was

impressed with the work he put into the psychology club to make it a success and his ability to learn very complicated topics in a short period of time while he was at Wilkes. "Working with Dr. [Edward] Schicatano, Erick's knowledge of neuroscience very quickly surpassed my own knowledge in this area."

Bourassa's experiences post-college made him realize how well prepared he was from his education at Wilkes. "I never thought I would say this, but I miss Wilkes tremendously. Now that I am using my education, I can see what I have learned and am totally amazed and impressed with what Wilkes has to offer academically," he said.

Bourassa is well on his way to helping all of medicine through his proposed, and yet to be proposed, research. And perhaps, he'll even find a way to get those pesky bottle tops open.



Courtesy of Erick Bourassa

Dr. Deborah Tindell, Erick Bourassa, and Alicia Vargas in front of their poster, which was presented at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference in Washington, D.C. last April.

cilitates two sections of PBL, or problem based learning, which are case study learning exercises students complete. Bourassa says that since is arrival at Ole Miss in June, he has been nothing but busy.

"I was a co-author on a paper published in *Physiological Genomics* in September of 2004. I am currently working on a few different research projects, all related to Angiotensin II or other related peptides.... I am also working hard to get a project of my own launched," he said, stating that his proposed research will help those suffering from psychogenic polydipsia, a syndrome where patients drink so much fluid, they suffer severe effects of water intoxication-- low sodium, seizures, cerebral swelling--which can lead to death.

According to Bourassa, this syndrome affects a good portion of chronically ill

entific breakthrough can be made.

Bourassa said that many things he learned at Wilkes helped him develop his research goal. "The research I am proposing to do for my own project currently has brought together material I learned in clinical psychology, cognitive psychology, behavioral neuroscience, neuropsychology, biochemistry, organic chemistry, and even evolutionary biology," he said.

Bourassa said he has some definite goals during his graduate studies, but it is his academic advisor that has very high expectations of Bourassa's development as a scientist. "[The expectations] I have for graduate school [are] to meet future research collaborators, expand the body of scientific knowledge, and enjoy the time I have here," he said.

"My graduate advisor, Dr. Robert C. Speth, has many goals for me. First, he

Alanna Bath: A Voice Above the Din

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO

Beacon A&E Editor

Alanna Bath, junior music education major, has been making her voice heard at Wilkes for quite a while now. From singing to tutoring, Bath is emerging as a leader on the Wilkes campus.

She recently sat down with *The Beacon* to tell us more about her talents, accomplishments and goals.

Q: Tell us about your on-campus activities...

A: On-campus activities and organizations include Kappa Delta Pi, Education Club, C-MENC, Chorus, Band, Young Women's Leadership Program, and tutoring for the Learning Center.

Q: And what about your off-campus activities?

A: As for off-campus activities, the only one I can include is my part-time job at the Wyoming Valley Mall. Because of being in such a demanding program, I have no time for any "activities" outside of school right now.

Q: Of all the things you do, what do you like best?

A: The one thing I love to do is sing. I have sung since I was a little girl. It is what brings joy to my life.

Q: Tell our readers about your achievements to date...

A: Achievements to date: acceptance into Kappa Delta Pi and the Young Women's Leadership Program, a 3.9 GPA for spring 2004, completing 15 transfer credits from LCCC, receiving two Wilkes named scholarships, Wilkes University Dean's List, National Dean's List, passing three of five praxis exams, and improving in my vocal skills.

Q: What do you believe has been your greatest accomplishment?

A: My greatest accomplishment is succeeding as a

music education major. The music majors have such a demand on an individual that only the most dedicated and determined students will succeed. Our schedules are not like the average college student's. Not only do we attend classes, but we also attend daily rehearsals, lessons, and practice sessions with our primary and minor instruments and so much more. I am very proud of myself for staying on task, succeeding in them, and being dedicated to such a demanding program. I love every minute of it.

Q: Who has been your greatest inspiration?

A: My greatest inspiration is my mother. I have modeled her life in many ways to shape mine. She is a singer as well. Not only does she have talent, but also she has a wonderful personality and view on life. I have learned many great things from her.

Q: What is your goal in life and how do you plan to reach it?

A: I have many goals on my list. One goal I will emphasize...is my career goal after I graduate from Wilkes. My goal is

to become a professional singer and a wonderful teacher and leader of my profession. I would like to attend graduate school to pursue a degree in vocal performance and pedagogy, choral conducting, or music education.

Q: What is the one thing at Wilkes that has helped you to understand more about yourself?

A: I have learned many

qualities about myself (good and bad) that have changed my outlook on life and my own personality. I have also learned to be the best I can be, learned from my failures, and continue to strive for my dreams.



Alanna Bath

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Murals to Color Downtown with Hope

Wilkes student to participate in mural paintings

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO
Beacon A&E Editor

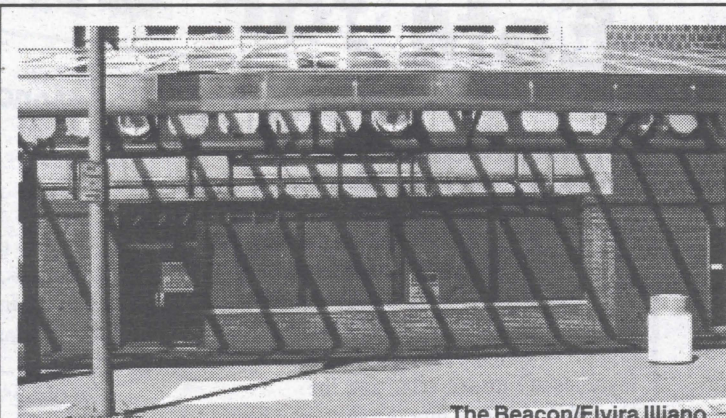
Thanks to Wilkes University and the Greater Wilkes Barre Association of Realtors, several shops in downtown Wilkes Barre will receive a colorful facelift this fall. The windows of three empty buildings on Main Street will be filled with colorful murals created by Wilkes University art students.

Sharon Bowar, Associate Professor of Art at Wilkes University, will be leading the class of 12 art students, supervising their creations and effort. She explained how Wilkes became part of this project. "Nancy [Eckert] is a realtor and she works also with the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association of Realtors. She called me over the summer and asked if I wanted to paint images or do some painting in the empty windows. There are tons of empty windows on Main Street it is...a ghost town and its getting worse...so I said...maybe I could

design this as part of a course at Wilkes."

Eckert, a realtor and chairwoman of the public relations committee for the Greater Wilkes-Barre Association of Realtors, got the idea for the project while traveling in Italy. "She had noticed that when a business would move or a building was temporarily out of business before another company moved in, what they would do over in Italy...is suspend a screen in front of the whole building and they will have the image of a store so to block the empty store," stated Bowar.

The buildings to be adorned with the



Wendy's on Main Street -- This vacant building will be the location of one of the new murals, painted by Wilkes art students.

murals will be three old businesses on Main Street in Wilkes-Barre: Frank Clark (jewelry store), Blum Brothers (clothing store) and Wendy's.

"What they want are images in the win-

dow that suggest to people what kind of businesses could possibly be put into the stores," clarified Bowar.

The students are currently working to create designs, which will later be painted onto giant, plastic panels and then put inside the windows of the buildings. The designs must meet Bowar's approval as well as that of the realtor's association committee. Thus far the group has decided to create a fancy restaurant design for the Wendy's window, a flower shop for Frank Clark's window, an international clothing store and an art school

design for the two windows at the Blum Brother's store.

Perhaps one day not too long from now, the images won't just be paintings but a colorful reality.

What's Happening Soon at . . .

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For more information call 570-675-1696



By Jason Nickle



HOT!

Chart Toppers

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Top CDs on the Charts*

1. Green Day
American Idiot
2. Chevelle
This Type of Thinking (Could Do Us In)
3. Nelly
Suit
4. Nelly
Sweat
5. Shadows Fall
The War Within
6. Breaking Benjamin
We Are Not Alone
7. Keith Urban
Be Here
8. Young Buck
Straight Outta Cashville
9. John Fogerty
Deja Vu All Over Again
10. Megadeth
The System Has Failed

Top DVDs on the Charts*

1. Godsmack
Changes
2. Star Wars Trilogy
3. Stevie Ray Vaughan
Live in Montreux
4. Mr. Show
Season 4
5. Yes
Acoustic
6. South Park
The Passion of the Jew
7. Triumph the Insult Comic Dog
The Best Of
8. Aqua Teen Hunger Force
Season 2
9. The Passion of the Christ
10. Latter Day

* information from <http://www.galleryofsound.com/content/charts.aspx>

Quick and Easy Eats for Cheap

This Week: **Mondo Nachos**

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

We've long held the beliefs that dog is man's best friend and diamonds are a girl's best friend. However, on Monday nights when there's 20 minutes until kickoff or Fridays after a night out, loyalties are tossed aside and the Domino's delivery guy is everyone's best friend. But when money's low, or you just can't find the phone, there is another option that takes just a little more work than dialing the phone, and will be ready quicker than the delivery guy can hop in his car. These nachos are sure to hit the spot so you can take a seat, lounge back and watch the game or whatever late night show strikes your interest.

Mondo Nachos

Here's what you need:

- * 15-oz can chili with beans
- * 13-oz bag tortilla chips
- * 8-oz shredded Cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
- * 5-oz can sliced black olives (optional)

- * 4-oz can chopped or sliced jalapeños, drained
- * 3-oz cream cheese (grab a few containers from the Caf!)
- * Jar of salsa
- * Microwaveable bowl
- * Paper plates
- * Mixing spoon

Here's what you do:

In the oven:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Dump the chili and cream cheese into a microwaveable bowl.
3. Nuke on high for one minute until the cheese melts, stirring occasionally.
4. Spread the chips in a 13" x 9" pan.
5. Pile on 1/4 of the shredded cheese, 1/3 of the chili mixture, 1/3 of the jalapeños, and 1/3 of the olives.

6. Repeat with 2 more layers, and top with the remaining cheese.
7. Bake for 15 minutes, or until bubbly.
8. Pour on the salsa and enjoy!

For microwave:

1. Dump the chili and cream cheese into a microwaveable bowl.
2. Nuke on high for one minute until the cheese melts, stirring occasionally.
3. Spread a layer of chips on a paper plate (You might want to double up on the plates here)
4. Pile on 1/4 of the shredded cheese, 1/3 of the chili mixture, 1/3 of the jalapeños, and 1/3 of the olives.
5. Cook in the microwave for 20 seconds.
6. Repeat layers of chips and ingredients until everything is used up.
7. Increase cooking time by 10 seconds each time, so nothing gets too soggy on the bottom!
8. Pour the salsa on top, and enjoy!

Recipe courtesy of: *A Man, A Can, A Plan: 50 Great Guy Meals Even You Can Make!* by David Joachim

Out to the Movies: *The Forgotten*

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

The Beacon's new rating system for movies is a scale of 1-5 popcorn kernels, 1 denoting poor/stale popcorn that should have gone out with last week's trash, and 5 denoting a buttery, delicious treat that beats about any other offer we've had in awhile.

Picture this: You live the perfect life. You are surrounded by loved ones and have enjoyed great professional success. Then out of nowhere, someone declares that this life you believed had existed was only a figment of your imagination. Every memory and every moment that you held dear has vanished. Where would you turn? What would be your next step?

With *The Forgotten* Director Joseph Ruben has proven himself quite the exceptional story teller. He has woven a

compelling story that evokes grief, anger, confusion and self-doubt, while simultaneously offering hope that can be born of human connection. The script actively encourages the audience to put themselves into the main characters' shoes.

Telly Paretta (Julianne Moore) has been in mourning for her eight-year-old son, Sam, after a tragic plane crash. In the midst of working through her grief and the estrangement from her husband Jim (Anthony Edwards), her psychiatrist Dr. Munce (Gary Sinise) informs her that she is suffering from delusions. Sam never existed and Telly is fabricating memories. Completely shocked and overwhelmed by this diagnosis, Telly scrambles to find evidence of Sam's existence through photos, videos, and scrapbooks. She begins to believe that she is losing her mind until she meets Ash Correll (Dominic West), the father of another plane crash victim. Correll has

also "forgotten" his child, but eventually believes the grieving mother's story, and together they embark on a quest to prove their children's existence and reclaim their sanity.

Although there may be some moviegoers out there who may find the premise of *The Forgotten* too incredible for their liking, the movie does prove to be intriguing and it definitely keeps the audience interested. Julianne Moore and Dominic West do a fantastic job of projecting their emotions on screen. If you like psychological thrillers that leave you with emotion as you leave the theater, then *The Forgotten* will definitely serve its purpose.

This movie is rated PG-13 and receives 3 1/2 kernels.



CD Review: Go Find's *Miami*

BY KRISTIN LUCZAK
Beacon Correspondent

Note from A&E Editor:

Kristin Luczak, the Wilkes University 90.7 WCLH radio station director, will provide The Beacon A&E section with regular CD reviews throughout the course of the 2004-2005 academic year. The CDs will be provided and played on WCLH, but are also available in most music outlets. WCLH 90.7 receives no payment from record companies for favorable reviews, and the views offered by Luczak are solely her own and do not necessarily reflect those of WCLH or The Beacon.

Dieter Sermeus. Sound familiar? Probably not, because he's a 28-year-old indie rocker from Antwerp, Belgium. His "band" is called The Go Find and his debut album, which hit the record store shelves on September 20, is called *Miami*.

Miami, released on Morr Music Records, is a great example of good indie pop gone electronic. It certainly goes beyond the simple use of guitar, bass, and drums. Sermeus is so talented that he is able to create beautiful pop songs with a guitar and an iBook. Now, if that doesn't make him a candidate for 2004's indie poster boy of the year, I don't know what will.

The first track "Over the Edge," is a fun, dancey number with hot electronic

beats and guitar riffs that'll drive you crazy. But *Miami* also has some mellow tracks like "What I Need," a beautiful pop song great for late night cruising. The album has very mellow vibe to it much like The Notwist, but with a strong comparison to the catchy beats that The Postal Service dishes out.

According to Dieter, the perfect place to listen to his music is in a car, driving by night. Not too special a place, you might think, but for Dieter it has to be a 1975 Lada. If you are not familiar with cars, you should try to catch Go Find live on stage as soon as possible - because that is where Dieter really belongs - or invite some friends over for an improvised Go Find karaoke party in your kitchen. Either way, this is a gorgeous little pop album from another choice signing for Morr Music.

Miami is already doing well with WCLH listeners. It charted at #10 on the CMJ charts in its first week at the station. And I think that it will continue to do well. Unfortunately, tour dates haven't been set yet, but you should keep an eye out for The Go Find, because he'll creep up on you just like "Bleeding Heart," track 6 on the album.

Definitely Recommended. And can be found rockin' on 90.7 WCLH FM.

Look out for The Slackers' *International War Criminal* in next week's CD review.

This Week in History

BY MYLES RUMBEL
Beacon Correspondent

October 4

Rachael Leigh Cook, actress, born, 1979

October 5

The first broadcast of Monty Python's Flying Circus, 1969

October 6

Bette Davis, actress, dies 1989

October 7

Simon Cowell, *American Idol* judge, born, 1959

October 8

Matt Damon, actor, born, 1970

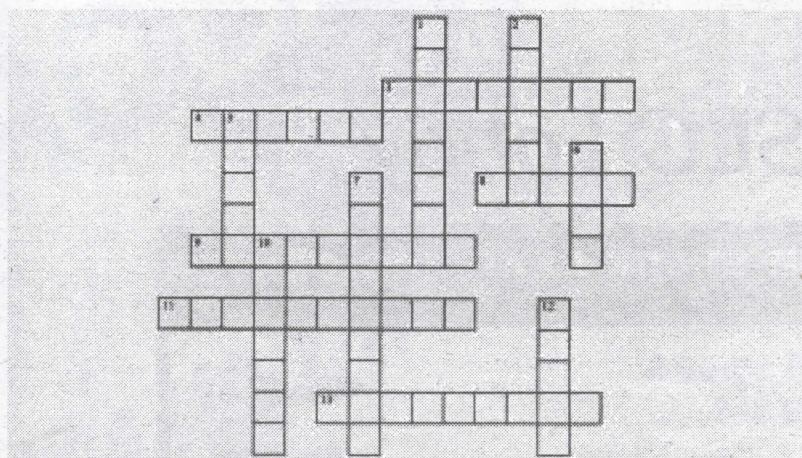
October 9

Sharon Osbourne, talk show host, born, 1952

October 10

Dale Earnhart Jr., NASCAR driver, born, 1974

Beacon Brainwork



ACROSS

- 3 David Hasselhoff beach show
- 4 Blue cartoon creatures famous in the early 90s
- 8 Name of The Little Mermaid
- 9 Band that sang Love in an Elevator
- 11 Famous jelly bean brand
- 13 Clawed X-Men superhero

DOWN

- 1 Restaurant hangout on Beverly Hills 90210
- 2 Seinfeld's nutty neighbor
- 5 Star of The Forgotten, Julianne
- 6 Upcoming zombie spoof movie, Shaun of the
- 7 Tennis movie starring Kirsten Dunst
- 10 Music magazine Rolling
- 12 Instrument played by Norah Jones

Try your crossword skills again this week! Check back next week for the answers!

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Lady Colonels Rely on Teamwork for Success

BY NEAL SANTOSKI
Beacon Correspondent

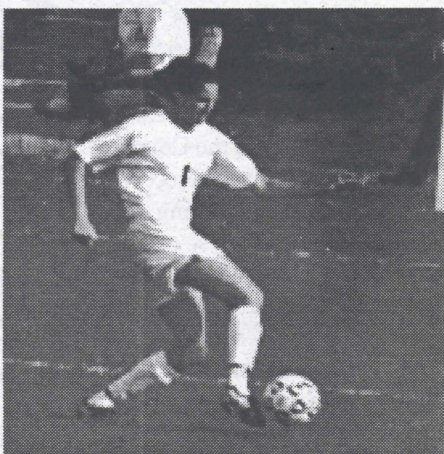
After a miserable season of 0-6 two years ago, and an improved record of 2-7-2 last year, the women's soccer team is enjoying a huge leap in success this year with a record of 6-4.

One difference from the last two years for the Lady Colonels is that for the first time, the team doesn't have a single "big star" on the team; instead the team seems to play as a unit. "No player needs that stress while playing," said Head Coach John Sumoski.

In addition, Wilkes brought back a good class this year. "The difference between now and two years ago is we have more members, more depth off the bench, and a coach who has made a big impact," said team captain Jen Compton. There maybe only three seniors and two juniors, but the experience and leadership have paid off.

One of the team's biggest ac-

complishments came in a spectacular turn around from the last



The Beacon/Todd Weibel
two years--beating Susquehanna, a ranked team, 3-1. The Lady Colonels' grit and determination in the game kicked Susquehanna into the unranked abyss, but more importantly boosted the confidence of the Wilkes University women players. "The players on the field and on the bench were more

excited and enthused about this game," team captain Tara Friedman said.

Unfortunately, despite the big win, Wilkes suffered a subsequent 7-1 loss to Scranton. The three captains have shown great leadership throughout these games. The three captains are Christinia Waldele, Jen Compton, and Tara Friedman.

"Scranton was a good team, but we still should have beat them," Friedman said.

Compton added, "Ball handling was bad on that field."

Though Compton and Friedman have been hurt for the last week they have played a role in their victories along with Waldele. They have also shown great leadership to the younger players by showing them that every player should go to every practice and give it their all.

In addition to fine leadership from the team captains, several forwards have also performed admirably on the field. Kami Roth, Kristi Barsby, Caitlin Dukas and are dangerous when on the field, Sumoski noted.

Some of the newcomers this year have also helped Wilkes a great deal on the field. For example, in the middle for Wilkes are Bethany Head and Cassandra Hare who play a very physical game. Dana Lehman and Vicky Jamrogowicz have also started the last few games to help the team.

When asked about what game is important in the future Coach Sumoski replied, "Not one in particular. The team needs to play hard against the teams that are struggling this year. They can come out and beat you on the field. It is going to be a battle to win every game. With two conference games down, these next few are important."

Late Touchdown Lifts Wilkes To 18-13 Win Over Widener

Football from Page 20

and Brett was able to take advantage. Our offensive line, tight ends, wide receivers and fullbacks did an outstanding job of paving the way. I am extremely proud of their effort."

Defensively, Kyle Follweiler led a tenacious Wilkes effort with ten tackles, including one behind the line of scrimmage. Tyler Henninger added eight stops, while Jon Jamison had six tackles.

"Our defense made big plays today," stated Sheptock. "We had three interceptions, two in the endzone that stopped scoring chances and one that set up a touchdown. They really played with a lot of desire and determination and came up big this afternoon."

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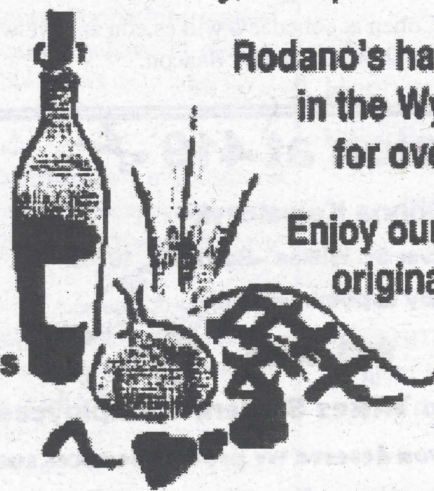
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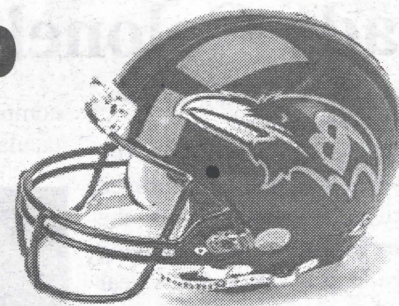
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Monday Night Matchup

Kansas City Chiefs vs Baltimore Ravens

BY ARIEL COHEN
Beacon Sports Editor



Support in the NFL is the key to a successful season. Losses are tough, especially when you know you have the strength to back up everything that you do.

In week four of Monday Night NFL football season, the story for the Ravens is just that. An opening week loss hurts, but when the team turned around, rebounding with wins in the second and third weeks the memory of that one bad game seems to fade into the distance. This week should be similar to putting the icing on a cake as the 2-1 Baltimore Ravens host the 0-3 Kansas City Chiefs. The Ravens, who are currently leading the AFC North, look to stay afloat and win their eighth straight home game at M & T Bank Sta-

dium.

The Chiefs, even with their poor start so far this season are looking to avoid going 0-4. It's that desire to save face that may give them enough fuel to win. Remember, they did have the NFL's second best record of 13-3 in the 2003 season and also sent nine total players to the Pro Bowl last year, which included six offensive players.

The problem is not that fact that the Chiefs have a very different from the team that they had last year, because even in last week's game, the Chiefs had a 21-14 lead at the start of the fourth quarter and just seemed to fall apart, giving up a touchdown and field goal in the last six minutes of the game.

Finding someone this season to pull off their passing game is what is really hurting the Chiefs. This lack of receivers is rubbing off on the rest of the offense and wearing them down. For the Chiefs to be successful in this game, their quarter-

back, Trent Green will have to start the game off strong and find open receivers to set the pace. If Green is unable to do this, the strong man-to-man defense that the Ravens have will shut the Chiefs' offense down.

This week's game is coming down to the performance of the two best tight ends in the league--Kansas City's Tony Gonzalez and Baltimore's Todd Heap, but

the latter may be sidelined because of his sprained ankle.

Gonzalez has 14 receptions for 186 yards and averages 13.3 yards per carry so far this season while Todd Heap has 12 receptions and 113 yards for an average of 9.4 yards per carry.

Because Heap is supposed to miss the game, the matchup to watch will be between Gonzalez and Ed Reed, the Ravens' strong safety who had two interceptions in last week's game. The Chiefs, with their struggling defense and the fact that they are playing the Ravens away will most likely come away with their fourth loss of the season. I predict a score of 28-24, Ravens on top.

Prediction:
Kansas City: 24
Baltimore: 28

Who's Your Pick?

The recent explosion of fantasy sports over the past five years has changed the way that people view the players of professional sports.

Now is the time for readers to tell us here at The Beacon what team has the best quarterback receiver combo.

Minnesota: Cullpepper/Moss
Indianapolis: Manning/Harrison
Philadelphia: McNabb/Owens
St. Louis: Bulger/Bruce

Other _____

Send your votes to Ariel Cohen at cohenae@wilkes.edu and we will report the responses in the September 27 issue of The Beacon.

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WEEKLY RECAP

FIELD HOCKEY

Goals: Erin Henry 8
Game Winning Goals: Carrie Stolarick, 2
Assists: Melissa Quinn, 6
Shots: Erin Henry, 40

MEN'S SOCCER

Number of Goals: Steve Uhas, 8
Game Winning Goals: Andy Curry, 2
Assists: Paul Gideon, and Mike Bridy, 3
Shots: Steve Uhas, 34

FOOTBALL

Rushing: Brett Trichelo 598 yards total for 2004 season
Passing: Duran Porrino 544 yards total for 2004 season
Receiving: Brock Snyder 108 yards total for 2004 season
Kick Returns: T. Andreopoulos 39.3 yards average/game

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Goals: Kami Roth, 7
Game Winning Goals: Kami Roth, 2
Assists: Kristi Barby, 7 and Christina Waldele, 5
Shots on Goal: Kami Roth, 23; Christina Waldele, 16

VOLLEYBALL

Sets: Nikki Hahn, 679
Server Aces Per Game: Jillian Focht, 59
Blocks: Alicia Vieselmeyer, 37; Jillian Focht, 30

Field Hockey

(10/2) William Paterson 2 Wilkes 1
(9/29) Manhattanville 4 Wilkes 3 (OT)

Women's Soccer

(10/2) FDU-Florham 3 Wilkes 1
(9/28) Scranton 7 Wilkes 1

Women's Tennis

(9/30) Wilkes 8 PSU-Berks 1

Women's Volleyball

(9/28) Scranton 3 Wilkes 1
(10/2) Wilkes 3 Lehman 0
Vassar 3 Wilkes 0

Men's Soccer

(9/29) Moravian 5 Wilkes 1
(10/2) FDU-Florham 5 Wilkes 2

Football

(10/2) Wilkes 18 Widener 13

THE WEEK AHEAD

Women's Tennis

Monday, 4:00 p.m. vs Keystone
Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. @ Misericordia

Women's Field Hockey

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. @ King's
Friday, 4:00 p.m. vs Elizabethtown

Women's Soccer

Thursday, 3:30 p.m. @ Lycoming
Saturday, 1:00 p.m. @ Juniata

Women's Volleyball

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. @ Lycoming
Saturday, 11:00 a.m. vs Susquehanna

Men's Soccer

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. vs Keystone
Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Men's Soccer Alumni Game

Football

Saturday, 1:00 p.m. vs Moravian

Lady Colonels Take Aim in 2004

Wilkes women's tennis team strengthens ranks

BY ARIEL COHEN
Beacon Sports Editor

Over the years, some of the most powerful female athletes in the world have been tennis players: Chris Evert, Steffi Graf, the Williams sisters. Serena Williams may not be playing with the Lady Colonels this year, but the sheer grit and determination the Wilkes women have to smash the little yellow ball across the court is certainly something she'd applaud.

Last year, the team's overall record was 5-6, and the Wilkes women's tennis team is aiming to improve this season. Recently beating PSU-Berks 8-1, the Lady Colonels have a 4-5 record, hoping to even their record to an even .500 this coming week.

Since taking over the team in the 2003 season Head Coach Chris Leicht's main goal for this season is to, "[See] our team be competitive with even the top teams in our conference [Drew, Scranton, and Desales]."

The team has eight returning members from last year, including five of the six top singles players. Well into this season already the team is looking to do just as well as it did last year but still have the opportunity to improve.

One of the key players, and the number one singles player for Wilkes, junior, Kelly Leach, was a second team Freedom Conference honoree last season and is looking for another outstanding finish to this season.

And she's well on her way; Leach swept the number-one singles spot, 6-4, 6-0 in the game against PSU-Berks.

"Kelly is a very hard-worker. She loves the game of tennis, and will do

whatever it takes to be successful. She puts a lot of time into her own game, and also helps the other team members. She is a great role-model for the rest of the team," said Leicht.

Also returning this year is the number three singles player Sara Ryder after posting a 7-3 record as a freshman. Junior Kristin Kile played out of the number four singles spot last year and she has also made a return this year, playing doubles as well.

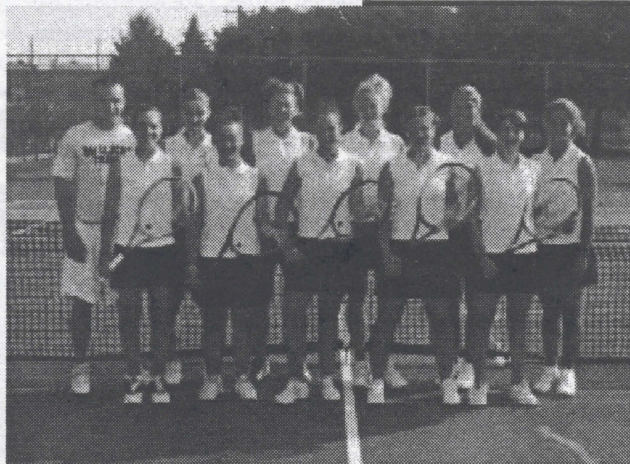
Senior biology major, and one of the tennis captains, Liz Roveda said, "The season is going really well. We have a lot of returning players and a lot of close matches, which shows that the team is performing well. The upcoming match against King's will be the main match of the season and will determine what place we will wind up in."

Roveda, who plays second singles for Wilkes, won her match soundly, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, during Thursday's win.

Looking into the future Leicht notes that keeping the team strong is important. "I have been putting a lot of time and effort into recruiting. We do have a core group of players who have made major contributions. But, the long-term success of the program will hinge on my ability to bring in new players each and every year. One good

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Singles: Kelly MacDonald, 5-4
Doubles: Kristen Kile and Sara Ryder, 3-0



Courtesy Sports Information

sign is that we currently have 11 players on our roster. This allows us to have great depth, which can help in the case of an injury," said Leicht.

"This tennis team has made major strides over the past two years. I expect the team to get better each and every year, until we are competing for the conference title. There is Current NCAA legislation which will give our conference an automatic bid into nationals, so we are building towards that day," Leicht confidently added.

"If we continue the way we are playing now, we should continue to have a good season this year and next year," stated Sara Ryder, a sophomore biology/pre-med major.

The team looks to even its record at 5-5 this Tuesday as the women travel to Freedom Conference and cross-town rival King's at 3:30 p.m.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

211

Number of rushing yards Bret Trichilo had on 37 carries for 2 touchdowns.

33

The amount of tackles Tyler Henninger has had this season, placing him in a tie for 6th in the conference.

15

The amount of total season points held by team leaders Kami Roth and Kristi Barsby.

5

Numbers of times Duran Porrino was sacked in Wilkes win over Widner.

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Trichilo And Darrah Key in 18-13 Football Win Over Widener

COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

Brett Trichilo rushed for 211 yards and two touchdowns and John Darrah intercepted two passes, including one in the endzone with two seconds remaining, to lift Wilkes University to an 18-13 Middle Atlantic Conference football win over Widener University on Saturday. The win improves the Colonels to 2-2 overall and 2-1 in the MAC. Widener slides to 1-3 overall and in conference play.

"This was a great character win for our football program," commented Wilkes head coach Frank Sheptock. "I think we learned a great deal the first two weeks of the season about staying poised under pressure and finishing games. Today we were able to do both. We didn't have a lot of things go our way today, but the players stepped up and made plays when we needed them."

The Colonels took over on their own 33-yard line following a Widener punt with 2:09 left in the game. Two nine-yard completions from Duran Porrino to Jim Jordan and Matt Pizzaro and a personal foul penalty on the Pioneers moved the ball to the Widener 32. After Porrino hooked up with Stephon Burgette for seven yards, Trichilo burst up the middle, broke several tackles, and motored to the Widener two. Trichilo would take a handoff on the ensuing play and plow into the endzone with 44 seconds left. The pass for the two-point conversion failed and Wilkes had an 18-13 lead.

The Wilkes defense came up with a big play midway through the second quarter to set up another Colonels score. Matt Kaskie stepped in front of a Lomas pass and returned the interception 19 yards to the Pioneers 26. Trichilo did the rest, carrying the ball five

straight times, including a two-yard scoring jaunt with 6:46 left before halftime. Yurewicz had his extra point blocked and Wilkes led 12-3 at intermission.

Widener would take their only lead of the game early in the fourth quarter. The Pioneers embarked on an 11 play, 58-yard drive. Warden carried the ball eight times for 41 yards. The drive was capped by a 26-yard Vinci field goal with 12:43 left that gave his team a 13-12 advantage and set the stage for the final heroics from Wilkes.

Trichilo helped Wilkes amass 254 yards on the ground and 411 yards in total offense. Porrino enjoyed an outstanding afternoon, completing 14-of-22 pass attempts for 167 yards. Jordan had four receptions for 60 yards and Pizzaro had three catches for 58 yards.

"Brett really dominated the football game," added Sheptock. "You could see that their defense was really tiring late in the game



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Senior running back Kyle Gallagher runs the ball towards the endzone.

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Monday Night NFL
Matchup Preview



Campus Calendar

MONDAY (10/4)

- *Last day to purchase Homecoming Dinner/ Dance tickets.
- *Women's Tennis @ King's 3:30 p.m.
- *Buddhist Meditation Interest Meeting 4:45 p.m. Kirby Salon

TUESDAY (10/5)

- *Nineteenth Annual Law School Fair 1-3:30 p.m. at the University of Scranton's Brennan Hall, 5th Floor.
- *Manuscript submission deadline.
- E-mail submissions to magazine@wilkes.edu.

WEDNESDAY (10/6)

- *Commuter Coffee Hour 10 a.m. Commuter Lounge
- *Field Hockey @ King's 4 p.m.
- *Men's Soccer w/Keystone 4 p.m.
- *Women's Tennis @ Misericordia 4 p.m.
- *Student Government Meeting 5:30 p.m. HSC Hiscox Room
- *Volleyball @ Lycoming 7 p.m.

THURSDAY (10/7)

- *Lunch & Learn Career/Grad School Workshop (Sponsor: Career Services) 11 a.m. Commuter Lounge (Pizza lunch included)
- *Women's Soccer @ Lycoming 3:30 p.m.
- *Homecoming Pep Rally 8 p.m. on the Greenway

FRIDAY (10/8)

- *Field Hockey w/Elizabethtown 4 p.m.
- *Homecoming Dinner/Dance 6 p.m. Genetti's Hotel & Conference Center

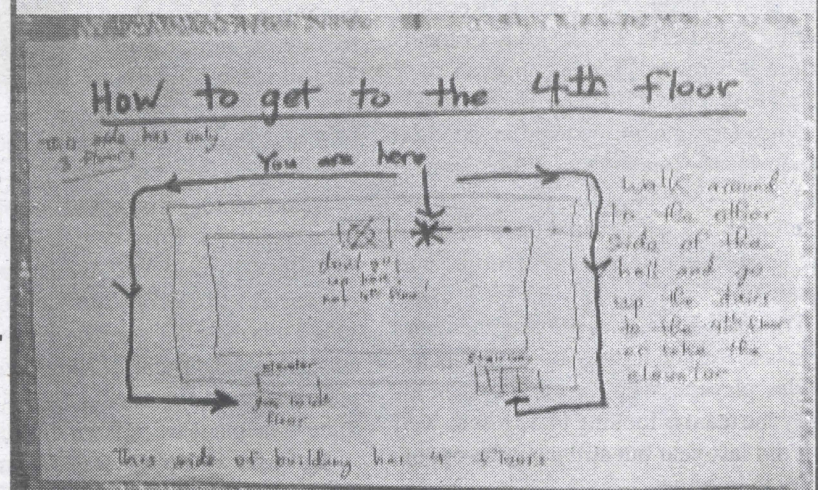
SATURDAY (10/9)

- *Men's Soccer Alumni Game 11 a.m.
- *Volleyball w/Susquehanna 11 a.m.
- *Tailgate Tent 11 a.m. Ralston Field
- *Football w/Moravian 1 p.m.
- *Women's Soccer w/Juniata 1 p.m.

SUNDAY (10/10)

- *Field Hockey Alumni Game 10 a.m.
- *Men's Tennis @ Muhlenberg 2 p.m.

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