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VPA faculty announce proposal to dissolve music major

BY REBECCA GOODMAN & JESSITEEVAN

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Music majors at Wilkes may soon be singing and playing the blues.

The Visual and Performing Arts department (VPA) may be poised for significant change with a proposed plan that would bring about the disintegration of music education and musical performance majors.

Music faculty members revealed the proposal to current students majoring in music and music education at a meeting September 21 at 1 p.m. VPA faculty will submit the proposal to curriculum committee. The idea has already received support from some members of the administration.

"The specific point that we're at is that the full-time music faculty voted unanimously to restructure the music program," said Dr. Terry Zipay, Chairperson, VPA. The decision followed a faculty retreat at which faculty members were encouraged to identify places of strength, challenges, and opportunities for growth within the VPA department.

According to Dr. Ellen Flint, Associate Professor of Music, most faculty feel that the decision to do away with the music majors will help the the VPA as a whole to become part of the move toward a stronger undergraduate experience at the university. "We want to be a part of that move that the university is going to make. Right now we are in a position where we can see the current majors through, build programs and courses that will feed into and be a vital part of that undergraduate experience," she said. Flint is also the Faculty Advisor to the Provost.

The Provost, Dr. Maravene Loeschke supports the plan brought up by the faculty. "The thing I respect the most about this whole thing is that this solution came out of the faculty. That doesn't always happen," Loeschke noted. Loeschke added that the faculty, who are trained in the arts and who hold arts in high esteem, are stepping back and coming up with a plan that will use all of their resources to benefit the entire campus, as opposed to a small number of students.

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The Beacon/Kristin Kile

Dr. Steven Thomas directs the University Chorus in rehearsal on Thursday afternoon. Chorus is a credited course for students of any major who are interested in participating.

Police record shows 35 Wilkes students cited for 9/17 party

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Correspondent

On Saturday, September 17, Wilkes-Barre police received a report of a "loud, disorderly party."

The party was held at 354 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre PA. Police officers arrived at 11:54 p.m. to find a large number of people consuming alcohol, many of whom were under the legal drinking age. Accord-

ing to police records, 49 citations were issued; 35 of them Wilkes students.

Jerry Rebo, Manager of Patrol Operations for the Wilkes University Public Safety office said that police received two phone calls on the evening of Friday, September 16 about a "loud party" at the same residence. According to Rebo, a police officer along with Wilkes Public Safety went to the party and spoke with individuals about the noise level. "They were given a warning," said Rebo.

The following night, Saturday, September 17, another complaint was received. Capt. Lori Riemensnyder of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department verified officers from the department answered a call to 354 South Franklin.

Jennifer Allan, 21, a junior pharmaceutical science major at Wilkes, said she was in the attic of the apartment when police arrived. Most of the people accompanying her were under 21 years of age.

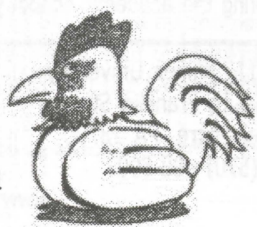
"I know students asked the police for breathalyzers, and they said they weren't going to give them to them. I thought that was unfair because I know people who weren't drinking at the party and they got cited," said Allan.

In the state of Pennsylvania, breathalyzer testing is not mandatory. According to

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General Colin Powell slated as first Outstanding Leaders Forum speaker on December 6

BY VICTORIA WHITE
Beacon News Editor

General Colin L. Powell (Ret.) will inaugurate the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership's Outstanding Leaders Forum with an address December 6, at the F.M Kirby Center for the Performing Arts. The event is open to the public.

In a September 21 press release from Wilkes University, Dr. Paul Brown, Dean of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership said, "We are delighted to welcome General Powell as an honorary guest and lecturer for the Outstanding Leaders Forum."

General Powell was asked to speak at Wilkes University and for the greater Wilkes-Barre community because of the leadership qualities that he possesses and his ability to articulate them in a manner that others can learn from and gain personal inspiration.

Marty Williams, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations said, "The whole thrust of the Sidhu School is authentic leadership and that is the type

of business education that we teach here at Wilkes. It was felt that

General Powell exemplified many of the qualities of authentic leadership

and the topic of his remarks is leadership and taking charge. General Powell has expanded on some of the reasons why he is an outstanding leader."

General Powell became the 65th Secretary of State on January 20, 2001,

and brought with him extensive experience to the office. Before becoming Secretary of State, he served as a key aide to the Secretary of Defense and as National Security Advisor to President Reagan. He also served 35 years in the United States Army, rising to the rank of Four-Star General and serving as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

General Powell led the State Department in major efforts to solve regional and

civil conflicts - in the Middle East, between Israel and its Arab neighbors; in Sudan, Congo and Liberia; in the Balkans, Cyprus, Haiti, Northern Ireland and in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Williams said, "There are significant benefits [to bringing Powell to Wilkes]. We feel that students while attending Wilkes University should have the opportunity to meet world leaders, outstanding artists and people who exemplify the virtues of an educated person."

With General Colin L. Powell as

the first of what University officials hope will be many in the lecture series, it is important to note that the money made from sponsorships and ticket sales at the events support an outstanding leadership scholarship fund.

For students interested in attending the December 6 event, Williams emphasized that there will be several hundred free tickets set aside. Faculty and staff will pay \$15, while tickets to general public will cost \$35. The tickets will be available at the F.M. Kirby Center.



Courtesy of Marketing/Communications

General Colin L. Powell (Ret.) serves as the first lecturer in the Outstanding Leadership series.

Beacon Corrections

In *The Beacon's* article "New campus club gives voice to sexuality issues" (9.19.05), Raquel Whelby, sophomore, was identified as one of two student leaders for the Free Spirit Gay and Straight Alliance club. While Whelby was not identified in the article as a lesbian, *Beacon* editors were made aware that some readers jumped to this conclusion. In fact, Whelby is considered an "ally" and is a student leader for the straight alliance component to the group.

In addition, the group was misidentified as the "Free Spirited

Gay and Straight Alliance." The correct title for the group is "Free Spirit Gay and Straight Alliance."

In SG Notes 9.19.05, *The Beacon* reported that Rodano's Pizza had donated pizzas for the pep rally last Friday. In fact, SG purchased the pizzas from Rodano's to provide them for free to students.

In *The Beacon's* article "Former Blasi property becomes part of campus," (9.19.05) it was reported one of the Blasi buildings will be used as dorms. In fact, the building will be used as dorm room storage.

Finally, the *Beacon* wishes to clarify that in article, "Wind turbines cause a stir among local residents," there are actually two wind turbines being installed in Bear Creek, one at Crystal Lake by Energy Unlimited, inc. and one at Bald Mountain by Community Energy.

The Beacon regrets the confusion caused by lack of clear identification in the articles.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Infectious Mice Disappear

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO
Beacon Correspondent

The recent disappearance of three mice infected with the bacteria that causes the Bubonic Plague has left the public with a sense of uneasiness. Although this incident has alarmed many, experts and officials say there is little risk of the spread of this disease.

According to a September 15 report in *The New York Daily News*, the rodents disappeared from the Public Health Research Institute at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. This establishment carries out research for the federal government, resulting in FBI and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention investigations of the disappearance of the rodents. While it is possible that the mice were stolen, it is also feasible that the mice were misplaced or even eaten by other animals.

Americans everywhere are uncomfortable with the negligence of a government-associated institution, including students on campus. However, many individuals feel that this does not pose a serious risk to their health. "If I lived in Jersey, I would be pretty angry. I'm not too worried about a mouse infecting me here in Wilkes-Barre though," said sophomore psychology major Wayland Davis.

Dr. Kenneth Pidcock, associate professor of biology, feels there is little risk to the

public. "Transmission from these animals to a person is a highly unlikely event, and even if it happens, it does not mean you are causing a human outbreak," Pidcock said. He added that the reason why the plague caused such a massive outbreak in the past was because there were a large number of infected rodents in close proximity with a large number of people. Bubonic Plague outbreaks were historically associated with cities.

In addition, there are already cases of humans infected with the Bubonic Plague in the United States. Dr. Adam Welch, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, agrees with Pidcock on this issue. "It's probably not going to be a crisis because other animals in the U.S. are already carriers of the bacterium, *Yersinia pestis*. Also, there are already about 10 to 15 cases of the plague reported each year in the U.S., so most likely nothing will change," Welch said.

According to Welch, treatment for Bubonic Plague includes simple antibiotics. The patient would also require isolation, because the bacterium responsible for this disease is transmitted through respiratory droplets in the air.

"The reason this issue is newsworthy is not because a few lab animals are out and about," said Pidcock, "but because it suggests a breach in the security of what is supposed to be a highly protected laboratory."



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

354 South Franklin Street was the site of the party which ended in 35 students receiving citations from the Wilkes-Barre Police Department.

POLICE from FRONT PAGE

Christopher Bailey, Director of Campus Support Services, the law of constructive possession states, "If you're under 21 and you're consuming alcohol, or you're in the presence of other minors drinking alcohol, you can also be cited."

"There seems to be some misunderstanding between students about the situation with underage drinking," said Barbara King, Associate Dean of Student Affairs. "Constructive possession in Pennsylvania falls under underage drinking. Some of them thought they were only going to get a ticket for constructive possession, but that's not how they come out. They all come out as underage drinking," said King.

In addition, some students were under the impression that the citations were essentially the equivalent of a speeding ticket. As Riemensnyder explained, "In the state of Pennsylvania, there are summary violations, misdemeanors, and felonies." While the penalties are different, both speeding tickets and underage drinking citations are considered summary violations.

Wilkes University has a tough policy on underage drinking. "Underage drinking we don't condone at all. Anyone who is caught drinking underage, be it a residence hall or off campus at a party can be sanctioned by the University, because it reflects on the University," said King.

While the University cannot issue legal citations like police, Bailey explained, "Through the Office of Student Affairs, there's a whole spectrum of disciplinary action that can be taken, and it doesn't matter if you reside off campus or on campus. You still are a student of the university. When you sign and pay your bill, you are agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations in the student handbook. Some people need to read it a little

closer."

Last year, Captain Riemensnyder approached Wilkes University and King's College with a mini-grant that would provide funding to hire additional police officers for patrol on weekends, and during special events. It was as a result of these increased patrols that the citations were given.

Rebo worked with Riemensnyder on the obtaining the grant. "It's not just the enforcement part of it," said Rebo. "The grant is also for education... We do put on a program called Know the Law. Also we just gave a program on it at freshman orientation. I spoke about alcohol and the do's and don'ts on it. And take responsibility that if you are under 21, you will be cited by police. It was explained to them that there was a task force out, and we do hire police officers for the weekend."

"In some respects, the police are responding to the pressure from the community," said King. "The people living in the neighborhood want to have a peaceful coexistence."

Although the ramifications placed on the students are at the moment unspecified, Captain Riemensnyder said that if students plead guilty, legal penalties depend on the magistrate and fines can range up to \$300. In addition, a loss of license and community service hours can also be assigned.

If a student pleads not guilty, a hearing will be held at the magistrate's office. The Magistrate for these citations is Magistrate Ainsbury.

Several underage students who were present at the party, but were not drinking plan to appeal the citations, but because of pending legal action would not go on record with *The Beacon*.

And, while the university is imposing penalties on the students, the idea is not strictly to punish them. As Dean King said, "I'm hoping this is a learning situation as opposed to a punitive situation."

SG Notes

September 21, 2005 meeting

-Campus Support Systems asked SG to brainstorm the top ten places on campus where they would like to see wireless internet access. SG named, Breiseth Hall, entire Henry Student Center, Stark Learning Center, Evans Hall, Kirby Hall, Dorothy Dickson Darte Center, and any of the mansions that are going to be used as residence halls for an extended amount of time.

-SG took the initiative to develop a mentoring program within the organization. Freshmen members will be paired with an existing SG member for mentoring.

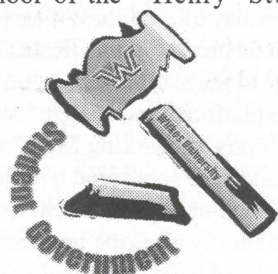
-SG President, Andrew Steinberg encouraged all members of SG to sign up and participate in an event being held during Into the Streets Week, through the Community Service Office.

-Junior class will sponsor a party on the

greenway on September 30, \$3 admission and all proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross. The party will feature games and activities such as volleyball and punch pong along with an 8 p.m. showing of *The Boondock Saints* and a 10:30 p.m. showing of *Napolean Dynamite* in Stark Learning Center.

-October 7 - The senior class will host a Senior Social at the Woodlands.

-October 18 Programming board is sponsoring the drunk driving simulator to be on the 2nd floor of the Henry Student Center.



Online SignMyLoan.com raises questions of legitimacy for students

BY VICTORIA WHITE
Beacon News Editor

In this era of high technology it is not uncommon for students to go online to find information regarding colleges, financial aid and loans.

Legitimate sources of information and services become difficult to identify, though, with many questionable online agencies targeting students and sending spam mail.

This year Wilkes University's Financial Management Office changed the way it deals with the Perkins Loans. Although Wilkes has worked with the same outsourcing company for almost 20 years, the company changed procedures from having students sign promissory notes in person at the cashier's window in Passan Hall to directing students to sign online.

The web site students are directed to is SignMyLoan.com. At the site students learn that they may receive their PIN number from University Accounting Services (UAS).

The Wilkes University Student Accounts Department sent letters to students' homes informing them of the switch from the standard outsourcing to the new online version. Along with the letter sent to students' homes, electronic messages were also sent to students' Wilkes e-mail accounts directing students to go online and sign the loan statements.

Rachael Lohman, Director of Financial Aid said, "[The Students Accounts Department] has set up with our billing agency the process of having students sign for the promissory notes online and doing their entrance

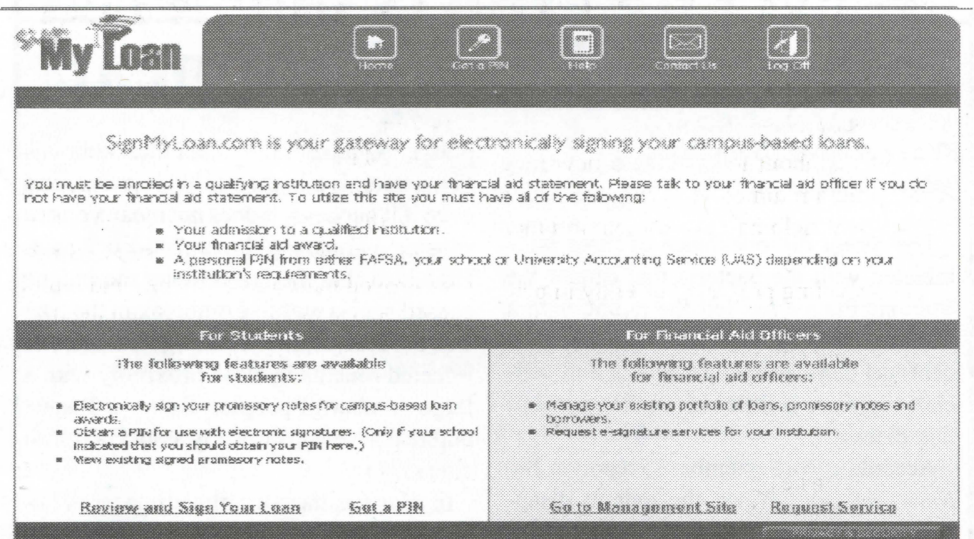
reviews online. Through that process, a first e-mail was sent out to students that said that Wilkes was in partnership, and that this agency [SignMyLoan.com] was working on our behalf."

Despite attempts to warn students of the change, some students were still confused and suspicious upon suddenly receiving reminder notifications in their inboxes that did not specify that they were Wilkes University related. The reminder e-mail was sent directly from the outsourcing company and in the sender's address block read, "SignMyLoan." The subject line read "SignMyLoan: a reminder to electronically sign your loan."

For those students who did not receive the letters at their homes, and who may not have received the first e-mail, the second e-mail created curiosity and confusion. The second e-mail, signed "Office of Financial Aid at Wilkes University," did not specify that it was Wilkes University related in the body of the e-mail or on the first page of the website to which e-mail directed students.

Students with questions were instructed to e-mail or call a toll-free number not affiliated with Wilkes. Lohman said, "[The second e-mail] was the one that raised the question, the reminder notes. They were checking into why the wording was such that it was."

Because the Academic Handbook clearly states, "Directory information is not published for distribution to vendors, but is furnished to law enforcement agencies and within the University community" (page 31 of Academic Handbook), student confusion about the contact from SignMyLoan seemed



Screen print of SignMyLoan.com, the website that Wilkes students have been directed to in order to sign their Perkins Loans promissory notes.

warranted. The regulations within the handbook highlight the exceptions to the rule as: to University officials, to officials at other schools where the student is seeking enrollment, to the parents of a student, and in a health or safety emergency.

However, based on the name of the organization, students could not discern whether SignMyLoan.com was a vendor designed to

solicit or even if the e-mail might be a scam designed to get students to provide personal information such as Social Security numbers.

Repeated attempts to interview Wilkes Director of Financial Services, including student accounts, Mr. Jerry Palmioli, were unsuccessful and he was unavailable for comment.

Osterhout Library mule stolen and recovered on Wilkes campus



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

What's missing from this picture?

The fiberglass "Working Mule" that greeted library patrons for two years at the entrance to the building on South Franklin Street was discovered missing early last Thursday from its concrete platform.

Late Friday afternoon, Wilkes Public Safety officials discovered the wayward burro discarded behind the Max Roth Center at 215 South Franklin Street just two blocks away. Damage to the sculpture was limited to cracks in the hoofs where the mule was wrenched from its platform, and a slight crack in the midsection.

The library's "Working Mule" was part of the state's Miles of Mules art project. Wilkes University also sponsored a mule design and that sculpture is located on the first floor stairwell in the Henry Student Center. It, too, was vandalized two years ago and moved indoors shortly after the incident.

No charges have been filed in the theft of the "Working Mule."

STUDENT GOVERNMENT FRESHMEN AND REPLACEMENT ELECTION RESULTS

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Representative - Alisha Cain
Representative - Megan Fulmer
Representative - Ashley Arcuri

Senior Class

Representative - Crystal Wah
Representative - Kyle Ellis



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Recycling efforts bolstered on campus

BY JOSEPH DEANGELIS
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Wilkes is about to institute a new recycling program aimed at saving the school money and helping save the environment more effectively.

The recycling program currently in place was based on the Rush to Recycle Challenge, a competition between colleges across Pennsylvania to see who could recycle the most, which Wilkes entered in fall of 2003.

Recycling bins were strategically placed on campus in heavy traffic areas to allow for easy recycling of plastics, newspapers, white office paper, and cardboard. Chris Bailey, director of campus support services, reported that approximately 16%, or 78 tons, of the campuses 460 tons of municipal waste was recycled. Still, Bailey found that getting people to recycle could be a cumbersome task.

"It's a never ending battle. You have to continually remind people about recycling," said Bailey. "It's not a habit that seems to stick with many people on the long term. It's more of a habit of convenience. If you make it as convenient as possible they will recycle."

With the new recycling plan in place Bailey said he hopes for better results. "We're not really canning the old program. We're changing it, enhancing the program we currently have in place," he said.

With new recycling receptacles located in the Breiseth Hall, the lounge in Stark Learning Center, the Roth Concourse of the Henry Student Center, and in offices around campus focusing specifically on the separation of different recyclables, making the amount

of materials much greater than the previous system.

Dr. Marleen Troy, associate professor of GeoEnvironmental sciences, pointed out the effect that recycling has in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and other disasters. Since the destroyed materials of homes and buildings will have to be thrown away into landfills, it is necessary to recycle as much as possible to save space in the landfills and to reuse as many materials as possible. "Everything we can do to keep it out of the landfills is going to be a benefit," said Troy.

In addition to benefiting the environment, the recycling program saves the school money. Bailey said that since the school does not pay for the costs of recycling, such as the tipping fees and transportation of materials, the more that is recycled means the more the school saves.

Also, an investment the school made in order to reduce the costs of the municipal waste on campus was purchasing a trash compactor. The gigantic, green trash compactor has been installed next to the facilities building on Main Street. Since the trash compactor reduces the amount of volume of municipal waste, dumping and tipping fees will be reduced.

"All of our municipal wastes will be getting compacted on site, which is a much more efficient way of disposing of it," Bailey said.

Troy is also jumping on the recycling bandwagon for her solid waste management class, in which she requires her students to conduct a final project on using food wastes as compost.

"We get a lot of questions about it all the time and I'm glad that we'll be able to have a positive answer on it," said Troy.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Bob Balsamel makes use of the newly placed recycling receptacles that are located in many buildings across campus.

VPA

from FRONT PAGE

Overall, the faculty sees the decision as a good thing. "We're looking at creative ways that we can help the music program interact with the rest of the university and right now everything's on the table and we're talking about what those ways might be, what the program might look like," said Dr. Steven Thomas, Director of Choral and Vocal Activities.

The decision, if finalized, does not mean that entire music program is going to disappear, emphasized Zipay. The proposal discusses the phasing out of the major, but in turn it suggests the retention of the minor in hopes that the program will flourish and become more readily available to all of the Wilkes campus. Ensembles and other music co-curriculars will remain and will aim

to expand so that they are more readily available to all students.

While the music faculty see the proposal as a positive move for the VPA, response from students has been decidedly different. "It's really shocking and [...] I really don't know what to say. I come to a school for music education, to pursue a degree in it, and two months into my first semester I hear the program is being dropped," said Daniel Pascoe, freshman music education major.

Pascoe's comment echoes the sentiments of many students who attended the meeting. Most walked away from the meeting under the impression that the decision to dissolve the program was a done deal. Some had even started to think about transferring schools. "I might try to stick it out here, but depending

on what goes on throughout the year I might end up transferring," said sophomore music education major Christine Chilcott.

Many of the students are still trying to adjust to the shock that the programs may be dissolved if the proposal passes the curriculum evaluation process. But others, like Amy Sekol, a sophomore piano musical performance major, remain optimistic. "I feel in a way it is going to be beneficial for those of us who are music majors and are completing our degrees because a bachelor's of music is still a bachelor's of music. It doesn't matter where you got it from," Sekol says.

Those students who decide to remain at Wilkes to complete their degree will be given the best advising and the best attention. Says Zipay of the faculty's commitment to the

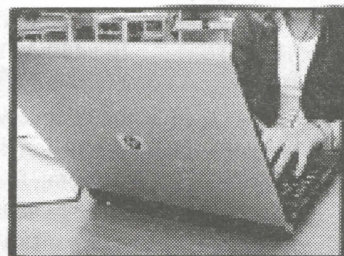
majors, "We are here to make sure that they continue through education in these programs, this is what we want to do so we are morally committed to this, we are legally committed to this." This commitment will follow each individual student through graduation. Courses that majors need to graduate will be offered and Faculty will be available in their same capacity.

Zipay acknowledged that this decision is hard to stomach for some, "We all feel for what we've had to let go of in this process. The faculty have had a chance to process it, the students are just starting to process it. They need time to make sense of all this, and I hope that everybody's respectful of that. But nonetheless, we need to look to the future."

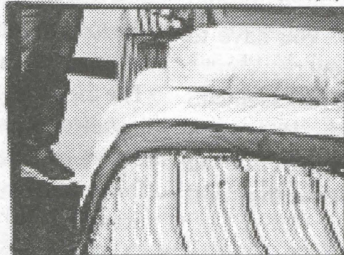
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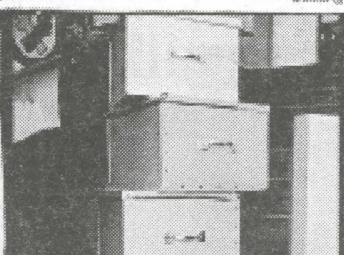
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Legislators name their price for sacrifice of integrity and dedication: \$10,000

BY THE BEACON
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In Pennsylvania this summer, state legislators voted and passed a controversial bill into law. And no, it wasn't concerning same-sex marriages or abortion or using a cell phone while driving. Instead, the legislators voted to give themselves a raise, and a hefty one at that.

According to an August 10, 2005 Associated Press wire report, Pennsylvania state legislators, with their new salaries, are now second only to California as the highest paid legislators in the country. The raise they voted to award themselves amounts to roughly \$10,000 a year, or \$950 a month. That equals a 16 to 34% raise for each lawmaker in the state of Pennsylvania, and with roughly 250 lawmakers in the state, we're talking about a lot of money.

The raises apply to legislators, judges, and top executive branch members including the Governor.

And this money is being handed out now,

instead of next year. Lucky for the legislators, they found a loophole that allows them to begin collecting their pay increases on their next payday by taking the money from expense accounts. They do not need to wait until the next term has begun, which is customary.

So let's recap. They're getting a considerably larger amount of money, in a considerably shorter amount of time, simply because they want to.

Talk about a serious conflict of interest.

Lawmakers cannot make voters believe for a second that the passage of this law was fair or conducted with any measure of decency. Instead the voting was done in complete secrecy, and no one knew about the raises until after they were finalized. The passage of the law was said to occur "in the wee hours of the morning" by various media releases. To pour salt in the wound, legislators then left town for their summer vacation on the heels of having awarded themselves the promise of nice pocket change before vacation.

Even more disturbing is that those legislators who voted against the law, or who have since changed their minds about the political correctness of the outcome, have reportedly been sanctioned. According to a July 28 article in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* ("Pay raise opponents stripped of posts"), shortly after the vote, 15 House Democrats were stripped of their committee leadership. According to the report, "The moves appeared designed to reward lawmakers who voted for the 16 percent pay raise and punish those who did not. Under the new salary structure, those in committee leadership positions receive an additional \$4,050 a year."

What ever happened to a democracy? Just because you disagree with the outcome of a vote does not mean you deserve to be relegated to a lesser committee appointment. But that is exactly what happened to the Democrats who voted against the bill and were relieved of their leadership roles.

Regardless of the manner in which it was conducted, is this law justified? Why are the lawmakers seeing this increase and what exactly warrants such a pay raise? Usually, a raise reflects having accomplished something significant for the people you work for, or it reflects having received a promotion. What have the legislators done, then, to deserve this raise?

Not much.

On July 5, 2005, they voted to designate two roads in our area as "scenic byways." And on June 15, they did vote for "equitable division of marital property in divorce," but wasn't that already in place? What substantial change can they say to have made? Why is more of taxpayers' money being spent to reward lawmakers for passing mediocre laws that have little effect on most people's lives while those working at minimum wage jobs continue to struggle with the small amount they receive? As voters, we have to ask these questions and continue to rail against this injustice.

What is most sobering about this issue is that we are reminded once more that money truly takes precedence in our capitalistic society. These legislators do not have the welfare of the people of the state of Pennsylvania at the forefront of their minds. Instead, they have money as their primary motivator. The legislators have named their price for the sacrifice of their integrity, honesty, and dedication, and it's roughly \$10,000 more per year.

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Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 23 responses.

The Beacon asked:

What is the biggest threat to stability in the U.S. right now?

- Terrorism - 9%
- Anti-American sentiment abroad - 13%
- A weakening dollar worldwide - 9%
- Energy crisis - 35%
- Climate change/natural disasters - 0%
- Poverty - 0%
- Healthcare crisis - 9%
- Education system lagging behind other nations - 0%
- Other - 26%

Next Week's Poll Question:

What is your favorite food at the Bloomsburg Fair?

- Deep fried oreos
- Corn dogs
- Candied apples
- Stromboli
- Sausage and peppers
- Clam chowder
- Gyros
- Blooming onion
- Blue birch beer
- Other

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

Nickle for Your Thoughts

By Jason Nickle

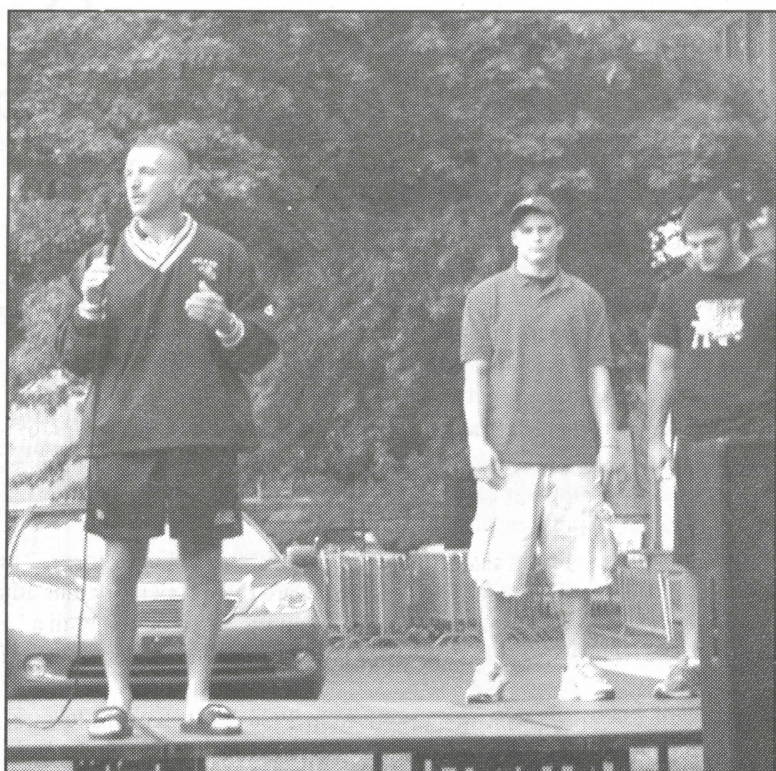


Homecoming really about recognizing home for what it is

BY AMANDA MCMAHON
Beacon Correspondent

Ah, the good old Homecoming tradition—one of the major events of the year that, as many students involved on campus know, takes weeks of planning, organizing, and reorganizing, only to be condensed into a single weekend of celebration—a Cinderella story if you will. However, as the story goes, the clock strikes midnight and when it is all said and done, we are left with one glass slipper and the question, "Was it really worth it?"

Okay, so maybe you don't exactly have a glass slipper in hand. But honestly, when the big game has been played, the balloons and streamers tossed into the trash can near the exit door, and Monday rolls around with deadlines lining the week's schedule, a person can't help but feel a little resentment for having put life on hold, even temporarily, only for a first class coach ride to turn into a stupid pumpkin



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski
Football head coach Frank Sheptock speaks at Friday night's pep rally on the greenway, as Jake Grande, junior and Kyle Follweiler, sophomore look on.

once again. I mean, can you blame them?

Yet, in spite of any post-party resentments, there are those of us who come back year after year, buying our dance tickets, claiming our afternoon seat on the bleachers, and sporting our overpriced Wilkes sweatshirt (compliments of the bookstore). In the spirit of tradition, we purposely let ourselves forget about the metal bench that made our butts go numb or the hour we spent in the bathroom hung over the toilet as a result of the "bad beef" we ate at the dinner-dance.

We recall instead the excitement of the crowd when the Wilkes' football team walked away with a victory, our delight in having seen once again the awkwardly out-of-place, but happy expressions of the previous year's graduates who came back as alumni for the first time, and the kid who danced his heart out at the semi-formal showing what spirit really is, despite his need for dancing lessons.

Why do we do this? Do we gather together around football games, dances, and pep rallies merely for tradition's sake?

Though we each have our personal reasons for why we come to Homecoming, I argue that it is because Wilkes University gives us a real home. Sure, the cafeteria food isn't exactly mom's homemade casserole and the parking situation is far from perfect. But hey, Wilkes is a place that welcomes us back with open arms over and over again and gives us the opportunity to, even if just for one weekend, celebrate the blue and gold. It serves as a representation of who we were, who we are, and who we are becoming, both individually and as a whole.

And, despite our animosity toward tradition or even spirit for that matter, we can't resent what is or will continue to be part of us for the rest of our lives. Just think, after all this time, Wilkes never asked, "Was it really worth it?"

Iran plays 'chicken' with US over nuclear weapons programs

BY ROB DONAHUE
Beacon Correspondent

The question has been posed time and time again: if countries other than United States have nuclear weapons and they are referred to as *weapons of mass destruction* (WMDs), then what are ours called?

Comedian Greg Proops, best known for his role on *Whose Line is it Anyway*, has offered an answer to the question: "Iraq has WMD and we have the Johnny Patriot Freedom weapons."

The past couple of weeks the United States and the United Nations have been meeting with Iran and North Korea separately to come to an agreement on their nuclear programs. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has called Iran's nuclear program "a real threat to global security" and argued that "there is a time for negotiations."

Iranian officials have told the International Atomic Energy Agency that their nuclear program is strictly for civilian use only. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran has vowed that he would "not cave in to excess demands of certain powers." Ahmadinejad has stated that Iran would not "surrender its right to own nuclear weapons."

Iran is playing nuclear chicken with the U.S.

Iran knows that the U.S. cannot afford another war in the Middle East or anywhere for that matter. Therefore its leaders are determined that by harassing the United States it will back down.

No country should have a right to own or produce nuclear weapons, even the United States. The world knows how destructive a nuclear weapon can be because of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Your Voices

America needs middle-of-the-road political representation

Dear Editor:

This article ["Radical Christian right poses threat to Republican party" 9.19.05] has shed some light on some problems within the political parties. I have the tendency to agree with what Mark [Congdon] said. Extremist groups have taken control of politics.

Pat Robertson is to the Republicans what Howard Dean is to the Democrats. Very little that comes out of either man's mouth has any substance. I have been a faithful Christian throughout my life and disagree with many of the things these extremist evangelists are doing. These people talked about John Kerry being out of the mainstream? These extremists epitomize the definition of out of the mainstream. These people are extremely judgemental and think their way is the only way.

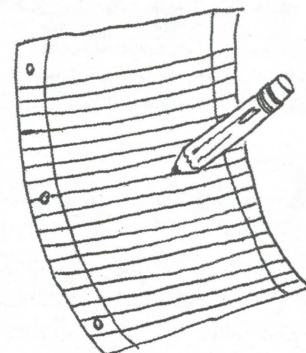
All I say is let's leave the judging to God. It is because of these people that I am a registered Democrat, though I often vote for the Republican candidate, e.g. Arlen Specter for Senate. Arlen Specter is the best politician in the Senate for a reason. He does what's best for *all* the people in Pennsylvania. This is unlike what most of the senators, both Democrats and Republicans, are doing. It's all partisan politics.

Until either side presents a candidate that has come to the "middle of the road," many citizens will have a difficult time choosing anyone come election time. The United States is a great country, but as long as extremist groups control politics, Americans will suffer in the long run.

Adam Bachman
sophomore
pre-pharmacy major

Your Voices

Concern over wind turbines based on a variety of reasons



To the Editor:

We would like to respond to a recent article in *The Beacon* by Joseph DeAngelis [9.19.05] that criticized opponents of the wind park proposed for the Crystal Lake/Arbutus Peak Parcel. The piece quoted the paid consultant for the project (Dr. Ken Klemow), without interviewing any of the project's opponents. Our concerns about the so-called "Penobscot Wind Park" are based on a variety of reasons:

It places an industrial site, with massive infrastructure, within currently undisturbed forests in the watershed of an active reservoir.

The installation will require huge roads to be opened in the forest to facilitate the delivery of the 34 300-foot tall 200-ton wind turbines. It will require blasting deep into bedrock to create foundations for these massive devices.

The installation will further erode the capacity for water storage of what has already been considered a marginal watershed by the project's own engineers. There is also the potential for disturbance of point headwaters for several important cold water fish (CWF) streams; i.e. Little Nescopeck, Big Nescopeck, and Wapwallopen creeks.

We are concerned for the potential bird and bat mortality, and for the disruption of other wildlife lifecycles, especially in buffer zones surrounding vernal pools and wetlands, caused by the turbines and the related infrastructure. We are concerned that the system of roads needed for installation and maintenance of the site will allow ATVs and other recreational vehicles to visit areas of the parcel that are now essentially pristine. We believe that each turbine with the large volume of lubricant they require are a potential "point source" pollutant on the watershed. There is an irresolvable conflict of uses between the public's right to recreate on what is now county land, slated to become state forest, and the "wind park" operator's understandable desire to keep the public away from the dangers present on a wind energy site.

We are concerned about the effects of the turbines on nearby residents; including phenomena such as radio and TV interference, "light flicker," the "strobe effect" at night, potentially dangerous "ice throw" and noise issues that are often a problem at such sites. We think that local residents should be aware that property values adjacent to wind energy industrial sites are often adversely affected. Finally we are concerned that after twenty years (the typical life span of a wind turbine) that we could be left with a "wind park junk yard" on the banks of our reservoir if the operator dodges their responsibility for removal of the equipment and restoration of the site (this is a problem on the west coast, where wind energy facilities were first built in the early 1980's).

We believe that the best compromise would be a variation of the original wind site that Energy Unlimited proposed in 2000-2001 that was located mainly on the Penobscot Ridge, and away from the lake. We believe that any plan should be confined as much as possible to the use of existing roads and grid connections with the least degree of encroachment and impact on existing barrens habitat. People looking for more information about the potential impact of a wind energy industrial site on our watershed should visit Savecrystallake.org.

Henry F. Smith, Jr., The Board of Directors

Defend our Watershed, The North Branch Land Trust

Your Voices

Free Spirit is open to all

To the Editor:

As a co-founder of the club Free-Spirit: Gay and Straight Alliance, I would like to thank *The Beacon* for acknowledging our new club status [9.19.05 "New campus club gives voice to sexuality issues"]. I also would like to emphasize that the Free-Spirit club is open to any sexual orientation (meaning straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, those in question, etc.). That is the point behind the word *alliance* in our name. We would like to make it clear that anybody is welcome to join the club or simply attend meetings. For those interested, meetings are typically every other Tuesday at 12p.m. on the second floor of the SUB in the SG room. There is a meeting on Tuesday, September 27, and the meeting will be for officer elections, upcoming events and fundraiser ideas.

Thanks,
Mark J. Congdon, Jr.
sophomore

Creationist or not, haranguing museum workers isn't very Christian of you

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
Beacon Asst. Op/Ed Editor

For people who claim to be doing the work of God, creationists can really be jerks.

I was reading the news the other day and I saw an article about museums offering classes training their employees in methodologies for defending the museum's practices against belligerent guests eager to debate Darwinian theories.

So I looked into it a little more, and apparently it's becoming quite common for creationists to travel in groups to museums in order to challenge the exhibits on evolution there. There's even one group, B.C. Tours (an acronym for "Biblically Correct," not a reference to the archaic nature of their views), that organizes excursions with a "guide" who attempts to write off the presentations in evolution exhibits.

This just isn't nice. I don't see scientists organizing trips to churches and confronting clergy and congregation members. There isn't any group of atheists that I'm aware of that goes into religious services with a group leader loudly expounding on "alternatives" to the information being presented.

This may have something to do with the fact that scientists tend to recognize that religion and science are two completely differ-

ent and not mutually exclusive things. Many scientists do believe that the natural world was created by an all-powerful deity, much like the highly controversial concept of Intelligent Design claims, but they also realize that simple belief in something does not make it science. I'm sure that many scientists also prefer Pepsi to Coca-Cola, but they don't claim that Pepsi's superiority should be accepted as a scientific theory. They realize that science deals strictly not with opinions or beliefs, but with finding explanations for the natural world inside of the natural world.

In fact, that's the whole thing that makes science science and religion religion. Science, by definition, deals with the physical and the observable, while religion deals with the metaphysical. Saying "it rains because God makes it rain," a religious claim, does not necessarily negate the statement "it rains because condensation builds up in the atmosphere," a scientific one. If one believes in such things, there is no reason to assume that God doesn't make condensation build up in the atmosphere when he wants it to rain.

Why the debate over evolution, then? Why can't creationists just accept that if their God did create the world, he is perfectly capable of creating it in any way he wants? I mean, isn't that the whole point of omnipo-

tence, anyway? And I know it says in the bible that God took six days to create the Earth and that this is a major verse of scripture that creationists cite to say that the doctrine of evolution is biblically incompatible, but a day on Jupiter is way different from a day on Earth, so what's to say that a day wherever God lives doesn't happen to be equal to a couple million Earth years?

And, perhaps most importantly, why can't they accept that the role of science is to determine how things work, not the degree to which divine intervention may have made them work the way they do? These are all questions that creationists need to ponder before they decide to label themselves as creationists, let alone before they go badgering poor museum employees.

There is plenty of time and room for this debate in scientific journals, in public forums, and other acceptable venues. But no one likes taking crap at their job, no matter what their job may be, and whether or not they believe in evolution. I'd imagine that if there is a God, he'd probably want people to focus on things like recognizing how much they hate it when obnoxious people bother them at their own jobs and therefore stop being obnoxious in his name.

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Gas prices cause commuter frustration *Conserving is the key to a fuller wallet*

BY ALISON WOODY

Beacon Asst. Features Editor

\$3.49. It used to buy a double cheeseburger meal at McDonald's--enough fuel to get the average student through night class.

More recently, though, it has come to represent a different kind of fuel: the price of one gallon of gasoline. Gone are the days when \$5 would get students to their destinations and back. Filling the tank now means emptying the wallet for many commuter students.

Last week, gas prices eased briefly to an average of \$2.69 a gallon, but as off-shore oil rigs were shut down in the Gulf in anticipation of Hurricane Rita, wild predictions of \$4 and \$5 per gallon for this week have made headlines again.

The record-high rates are having a major impact on all of the Wilkes community, but especially the commuters of campus.

"It's unfortunate that a college student has to worry about the rise in gas prices, along with the stress of school," said Steve Martin, a sophomore pre-pharmacy major. "I drive an average 225 miles to and from campus each week. The gas prices are horrible, but what can you really do about the situation?"

Dr. Rob Seeley, Wilkes University associate professor of economics, explained the

complex issue. "The gas prices are creating a sort of double-whammy effect, creating short term inflation pressure that will filter through the economy," he said. "This causes slower production, which means less workers and high unemployment."

According to *New York Times* reports, after Hurricane Katrina hit, first time claims for unemployment rose to 71,000, which was the largest one week increase in over ten years. That jump was also larger than the one that occurred after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Also, the recent hurricanes along the Gulf Coast have shut down more than 28% of the total U.S. refining capacity.

Commuter Council President, Rich Hannick, is putting up with the recent gas prices, but is annoyed that he cannot enjoy a night out. "It has slightly affected me economically. I would not pass up on a trip just to save a few dollars on gas. Yet, some other things I like to do have been cut, such as going out to eat or going to the movies."

Seeley also seemed optimistic. "I expect further moderation over time once the assets are rebuilt. However, there are some good things to come out of this situation. It encourages people to conserve, encourages oil companies to search more exclusively for product, and makes other sources of energy more commercially viable."

Yet, until the gas prices stabilize, there are ways students can conserve.

First off, driving less equals more gas in your car and more money in the wallet. Therefore, riding a bicycle is now a more common way of getting around.

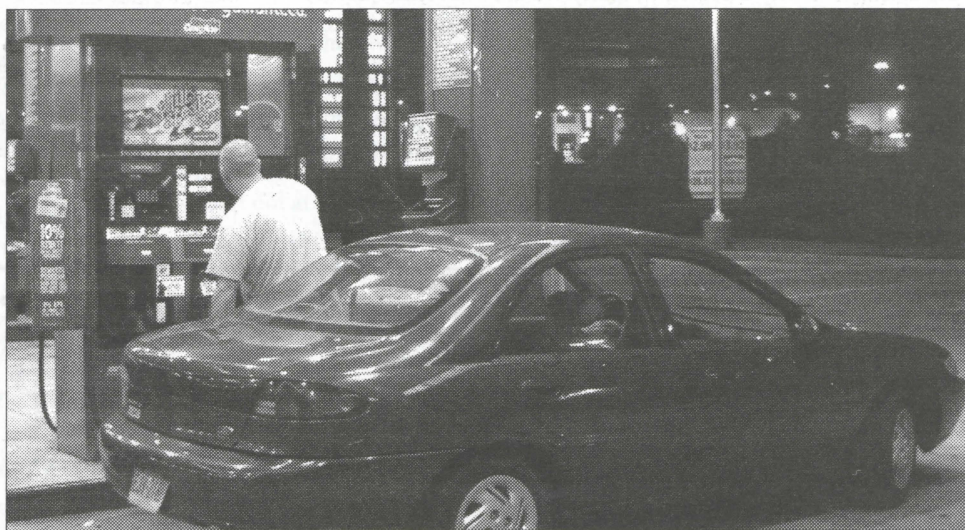
Second, combine errands. Several short trips can use up to twice as much gasoline than one long trip.

Third, use on-campus resources. Send mail,

work out at the gym, or take time to eat all while on campus rather than traveling a distance to accomplish the same task.

Fourth, put together a carpool. Find commuters who have the same schedule and ride together to campus.

Lastly, ride the bus. The bus has been an option to get to campus for a long time and it is extremely cheap. Two dollars a day is less than \$40 a week.

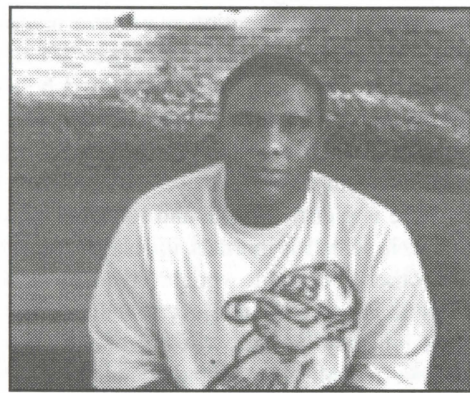


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Matt Burian, senior electrical engineering major, fuels up at a local gas station. Burian commutes to work everyday. While gas prices have recently declined, they are expected to rise to nearly \$5.00 per gallon.

Beacon reporter Nikki Yozviak was curious about what Wilkes students are thinking. Here is what she found out.

Tell Us... What trend from your childhood do you think should be brought back?



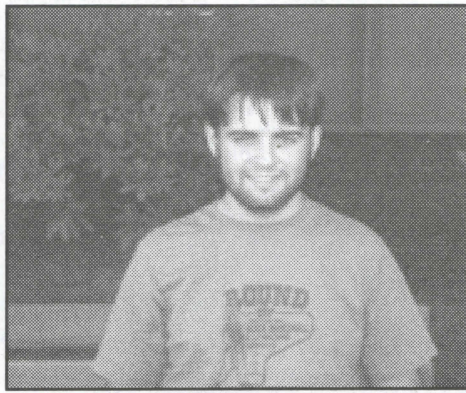
Randy Donatien - junior, criminology

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. I loved them when I was a kid."



Marissa Phillips - sophomore, communications studies

"Spandex and neon colored clothing- It's more fun when everyone dresses all bright and wacky."



Karl Kemmerer - sophomore, accounting

"The Ren & Stimpy Show. They tried to remake it, but they just didn't do it right. The original one was such a cool show."



Megan Sabol - freshman, pre-pharmacy

"Everything! Stuff was so much better back then."

Lion Brewery to hold first annual Oktoberfest

BY ERICALEO
Beacon Staff Writer

The Lion Brewery is locally spicing up the month of October by introducing its first annual Oktoberfest celebration.

According to a press release distributed by the Lion Brewery, Oktoberfest commemorates the Royal Wedding of Crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese that took place in October of 1810 in Germany. As German immigrants migrated to America, so did Oktoberfest, which involves fun, food, entertainment, and of course, beer.

This celebration is acknowledged all over the country and has grown to be one of the largest national public festivals.

Nancy Turner, Sales and Promotions Coordinator for the Lion Brewery, is helping to organize the event. Turner emphasized that the Lion Brewery is trying to shake off some stereotypes still adhered to by many locals and young beer drinkers regarding their products.

"We are trying to get past that 'my grandfather drank that' mentality," she said.

More importantly, Turner conveyed that the Lion Brewery believes Oktoberfest will establish some unity between community and the brewery, which is currently celebrating its 100th anniversary.

"We are trying to work with the city to bring tourism and things for people to do in the area," Turner noted.

Throughout Oktoberfest, the Lion Brewery will offer beer and soda tasting. Some of the products that will be available for tasting and purchasing are Pocono, Stegmaier, and Lionshead brand beers, as well as a variety

of the Lion's sodas.

According to the press release, as an added bonus the brewery has announced a limited edition Stegmaier Oktoberfest draft beer that will only be available at the event.

For entertainment purposes, Oktoberfest will feature traditional polka music from Joe Stanky and the Cadets and the George Turaske Orchestra (GTO) as well as an open mic and sing along with popular local group 20 lb. Head.

Local food vendors will be in attendance as well, some of which are preparing German cuisine to accentuate the theme of Oktoberfest.

Based on the turnout, the Lion Brewery is hoping to make Oktoberfest an annual event in the area.

"Judging by the e-mails and phone calls, it is going to be a successful event," noted Turner.

Oktoberfest will take place on the Lion Brewery's grounds, located at 700 Pennsylvania Ave. in Wilkes-Barre. The event will run from 5-11 p.m. Friday October 14, and noon-11 p.m. Saturday, October 15. Parking will be available, and IDs will be required at the door.

Also, for those who would like to get involved with Oktoberfest, The Lion Brewery is currently looking for volunteers to help with some unique activities. Some of these activities include "barrel rolling" and wiener dog (or Dachshund) racing. Turner urges Wilkes students and/or clubs looking for some competitive fun to contact the Lion Brewery at 823-8801 or e-mail her directly at info@lionbrewery.com.



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The Lion Brewery, located on 700 Pennsylvania Avenue in Wilkes-Barre, will hold its first annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15 as a way to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Students venture into the community this week to lend a helping hand

BY MEAGAN BROWN
Beacon Staff Writer

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

In King's terms, then, Wilkes students will be striving toward greatness this week.

From September 26-30, the Community Service office will host "Into the Streets Week," which is aimed at getting Wilkes students out into the community for service.

The week, which is part of a campaign taking place on college campuses across the nation, will encourage students to participate in a variety of service opportunities, and will commence with a party on the greenway.

Courtney Amrhein, a junior education major who works in the office, said, "This week is aimed at getting students together to help the local community." Students will be working at several different community resources in an effort to strengthen the community.

Projects for the week include feeding and cleaning animals at the SPCA of Luzerne County, working at the soup kitchen at St. Vincent DePaul, and bringing children from the McGlynn learning center to the campus.

Ann Loyek, Coordinator of Community Service, noted that the diversity of the projects have a purpose. "This gives students a chance to work together in a concentrated effort to do something for the community in a variety of ways," she said.

The junior class will be attending the soup kitchen as a group, while the Free

Spirit Gay and Straight Alliance will sponsor the McGlynn youth night. The junior class is also hosting the Party with a Purpose, on the greenway from 6-10 p.m. on Friday. The event is aimed at helping the Katrina Relief Fund. Students will pay \$3 for a wristband, with \$1 going to the food costs and \$2 going to the American Red Cross.

In choosing the agencies to work with, Loyek said she used previous contacts. "We have strong partnerships with agencies surrounding campus. We took into consideration schedules, what they could offer and what their need was. We are confident that a good experience will be provided for students since the groups are organized, friendly, and grateful for our help," she said.

Loyek also said that she is having no trouble filling slots. "Excitement is high and the response so far has been great. We've had so many people just stop by and express an interest. Plus, we are expecting to have our highest numbers ever for our service trips," she said.

The administration has been supportive of the goal of the Community Service office so far, said Loyek. "They are supportive, this is a tradition they want to see continue. They have shown support across the board for all of our service events, and they are interested in engaging students in civic responsibility to make the city the best it can be."

Loyek said there is always a need for student workers. "There is a continual need for community service in our community, and our office is to act as a bridge between the students and the local community."

Students wishing to sign up for events can sign up on the first floor of the Henry Student Center, or stop by the community service office.

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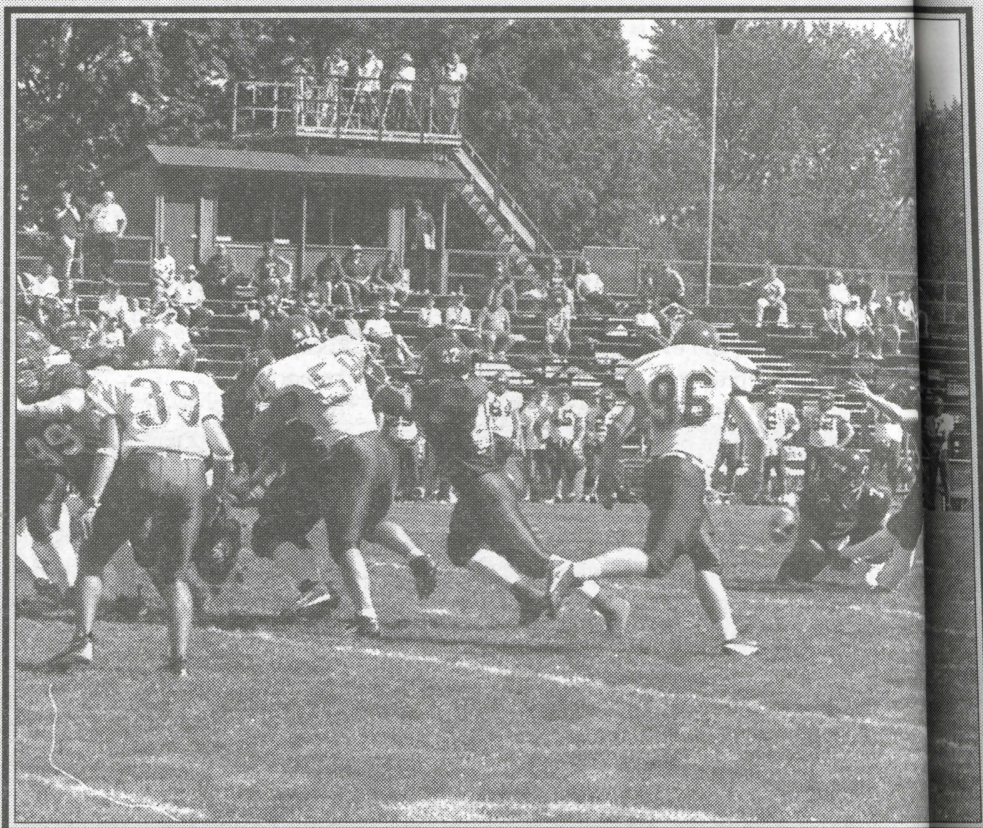
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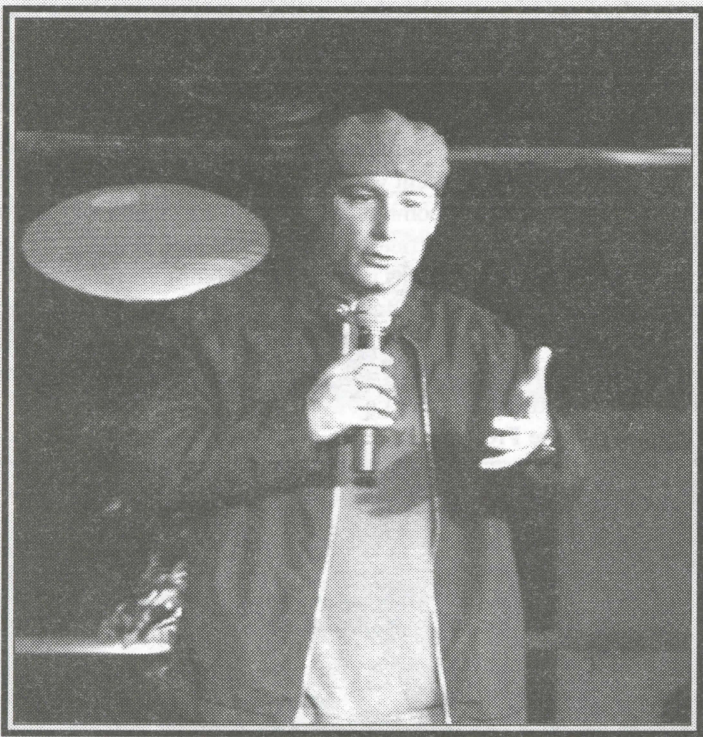
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First Place: Rifkin
Second Place: Waller South
Third Place: Sturdevant

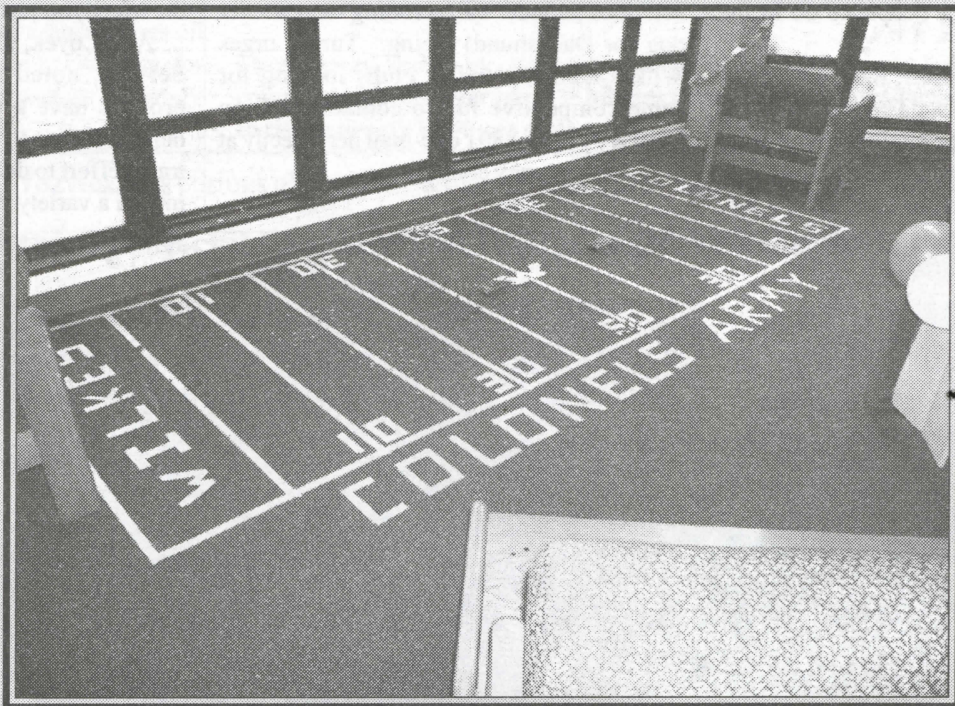


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Dorm Decorating Contest



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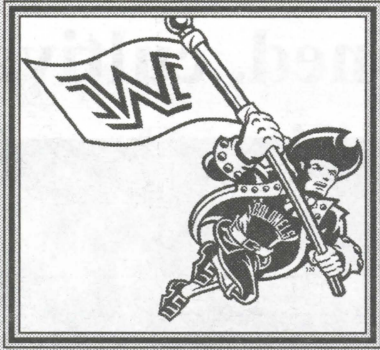
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**Comedian Dave
Russo Class of '93**

Dorm Decorating Contest Winners:
First Place: Evans 3rd floor
Second Place: Waller South
Third Place: Waller North, Evan 2nd floor



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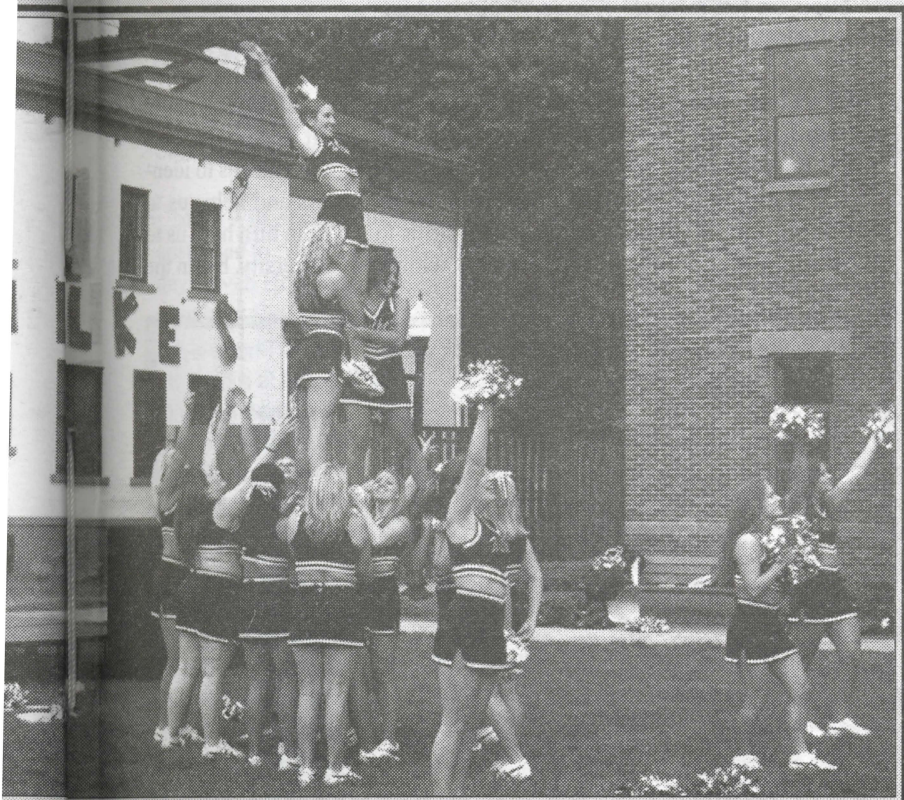
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Nguyen Nguyen Wins! Victory for Steph Victor!

Go Wilkes!



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Homecoming Court:
Megan Mance, John McClave, Arvin Narula, Ashley McBrearty, Nguyen Nguyen, and Steph Victor with President Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour.

Women's leadership styles defined, cultivated in program

BY ALISON WOODY

Beacon Asst. Features Editor

If asked to identify the world's great leaders throughout history, names like Mahatma Gandhi, Winston Churchill, and Abraham Lincoln immediately spring to mind. While the world has certainly seen great women in positions of leadership, it is often their male counterparts to whom history defers.

A handful of young women at Wilkes aim to change that.

The Young Women's Leadership Program, now in its second year, has not only helped bring some of the best and brightest female student leaders together but has also made it clear they are a force to be reckoned with.

The program was initiated by Wilkes University's Provost, Dr. Maravene Loeschke, who said, "My main goal is to have women go out into the world and make a positive difference. I really felt women would benefit from such a program that creates an opportunity to become one cohesive group."

The women chosen for this program need to embody the term "leader." Faculty members and women who were previously involved with the program nominate those who have shown strength, fortitude and ingenuity on campus. Afterward, there is an interview process and eventually, nine females were awarded a spot in the program this year.

The 2005/2006 class of the Young Women's Leadership Program includes: Shanna Allen, senior psychology major; Denise Cole, senior accounting major; Kristen Kleban, P-2 pharmacy; Sarah Herbert, senior communication studies/English major; Jenna Strzelecki, junior business administration

major; Sarah Doman, junior education major; Jan Nunemacher, senior education/English major; Nicole Witek, senior sociology/criminology major; and Rebecca Calimer, senior environmental engineering major.

Strzelecki said, "I became aware of the program through two students who participated in it last year. They said it was a great experience and they learned not only a lot about leadership, but mostly about themselves and the leaders they were destined to become."

Allen also added, "I became interested in the program after being nominated because it sounded very challenging. It seems like a great opportunity to learn and grow and gain experience in leadership, which is something I am personally interested in, as I plan to go to graduate school and get involved in teaching at the college level. Now that we have had our first meeting, I am really excited about what we will be doing this year."

The first meeting of the year was held on September 13. The meetings will continue once or twice a month for the remainder of the school year.

During meetings, women read about leadership, perform writing exercises, get involved with media training, listen to speakers, set goals for the future, and address ethics in leadership.

However, Loeschke pointed out that the main focus is for each woman to develop her own leadership style. "It is important that each woman understands [her] personal leadership ability. Leadership is something you develop--one is not born with it. This program helps them to become better leaders through mentoring and allowing the women to learn from people older than they are. Through discussions, they also learn from



TheBeacon/Sarah Herbert

Sarah Doman, junior education major, sculpts a model of her definition of leadership. Each woman then explained her sculpture to the group.

each other and grow as people. This program helps build personal and professional self-confidence."

Loeschke also pointed out that the program is run more like a classroom than a club. With the program, the women invite many people in to cover leadership topics and also have a dinner where each member is allowed to invite a female mentor. The culmination of the program is in April, at which each woman gives a public presentation for ten minutes on what type of leader they would like to become.

Loeschke noted, "Women have come into leadership late. If someone had guided me a little, I would have entered the leadership role a bit sooner. This is where the Young Women's Leadership

Program comes in. I love this program and I feel that the women look forward to it so much. It is very much a part of our lives."

"Prior to the first meeting, I truly did not know much about the program. However, after attending the first meeting I realized just how large of an impact the program may have on my future endeavors. After meeting the other girls involved in the program, I have a feeling it will be a fun and beneficial experience," said Kleban.

Strzelecki also feels strongly about the program. "I think that this program is a great idea. In today's society, women aren't really identified and given credit as leaders. This program helps young women like us to identify our potential as leaders and helps us to build strong skills that will in turn help us to lead not only within the university, but in the real world when we graduate."



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The 2005 participants of the Young Women's Leadership program are, from left to right: First row: Kristen Kleban, Sarah Doman, Rebecca Calimer, Denise Cole. Second row: Dr. Ellen Flint, Shanna Allen, Jan Nunemacher, Nicole Witek and Dr. Maravene Loeschke. Missing from photo are Sarah Herbert and Jenna Strzelecki.

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VPA to present Moss Hart's *Light up the Sky*

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Staff Writer

Audiences will get to experience not one, but two plays in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts' presentation of Moss Hart's *Light up the Sky*, opening this week.

The play revolves around another show that is being produced, showcasing the attitudes of the cast and crew before and after they go onstage. The Leading Lady, the Producer, and the Director are highlighted characters in this comedic look at artistic collaboration.

Stephen Benson will be returning to Wilkes to direct *Light up the Sky*. Benson directed last spring's *Tartuffe*, and said that when asked back, he was glad to accept the offer.

Terry Zipay, chairperson of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts, said, "It is a thrill to have guest director Stephen Benson back with us this fall. His spring production of *Tartuffe* was a smashing success and I anticipate another outstanding production."

This is Benson's third experience with *Light up the Sky*. He was involved once as an actor in the production, and once as director at another college. "*Light up the Sky* has some

trouble involving ego, risks taken, and tempers when things go wrong," Benson said. He explained that the play shows how theater is a collaborative art, and when this is the case, personalities sometimes clash.

Senior theater arts major, Denise Blacker, who will portray The Leading Lady, said audiences will really gain something from the play. "[It] has a good message. People can change if they are willing to work. You can get done what you want to achieve."

"There are some memorable characters and a distinct environment with a lot of ups and downs," Benson said. "In a larger sense, it gives an idea of what you need to do to excel as an artist, and what you can do when you really extend yourself."

The first performance will be on Thursday at 8 p.m., with additional performances on Friday and Saturday, also at 8 p.m. On Sunday, there will be a matinee performance at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15, \$5 for senior citizens and students, and free for Wilkes students who present their I.D. at the door. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at 1-800-WILKES-U, extension 4540.

Party with a purpose slated for Friday

BY MYLES RUMBEL
Beacon Assistant A&E Editor

Most Wilkes community members are accustomed to typical parties - birthdays, holidays, even Homecomings can spark a party - but how about a party with a real purpose? On September 30, the Wilkes University Junior class will hold its "Party with a Purpose" to benefit hurricane victims.

Junior class president Dave Scordino, who organized the event explained, "The idea came to me one night when I thought about just having a party on the Greenway. After Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, I realized this could be for good as well.

On campus, there have been a variety of efforts to help hurricane victims. For example, the Office of Community Service staged a bottled water donation. However, some students are looking for other means to aid victims. Others have opted to develop commemorative goods to raise awareness and

funds.

"After the hurricane hit, I just knew I wanted to do some thing else...so I came up with the idea of selling t-shirts," explained Chris Kiluk Commuter Council representative. Commuter Council is currently selling t-shirts, with all proceeds going to aid hurricane victims, and will also be selling the shirts during the Party with a Purpose.

According to Scordino, other clubs have signed onto the Party with a Purpose, including the biology club and the Inter-Residence Hall Council. However, Scordino is also opening this event to other local colleges, including King's College and College Misericordia.

"We're inviting them down to work with us," Scordino said. Party with a Purpose is scheduled for Friday, September 30, on the Wilkes University Greenway between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m. All of the profits will be donated to the Red Cross, to aid hurricane victims.

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The cast includes Carlos Candelario, Denise Blacker, Kevin Holbert, shown above during a rehearsal.

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A&E Profile

Amanda Lewis, Miss New Jersey contender

Highlighting contributors to campus and community culture

BY ADRIENNE RICHARDS
Beacon Staff Writer

"Here she comes....Miss New Jersey." Wilkes senior Amanda Lewis may not yet have the title in her pocket, but she's working hard to make the dream a reality.

Lewis was selected to participate in the Donald Trump-sponsored Miss New Jersey USA pageant, which will be held October 28-30 in Parsippany, New Jersey. If Lewis is crowned Miss New Jersey, she will represent the Garden State in the Miss USA competition, the second Wilkes student to have the honor. Melanie Bell (Class of '96) was also crowned Miss New Jersey.

The Beacon: How did you get involved?

Lewis: My mother called me up in the middle of March and was like, "Amanda, I did something. I got a letter in the mail saying 'your daughter could be the next Miss NJ USA' so I sent in one of your Glamour Shots and a fact sheet."

The Beacon: How many people compete?

Lewis: I found out that thousands of girls applied for this position, but only 45 are considered delegate state finalists.

The Beacon: If you're like me, you must have loved shopping for your outfits!

Lewis: Shopping for the pageant was a lot of fun!! There are four parts to this pageant: evening gown, bathing suit, interview and the opening number. I didn't need to get anything for my evening gown because I am using my prom dress from senior year of high school. It is a beautiful dress, and I am super glad that I will be able to wear it again. For the price that it was, my mom and dad are

extremely glad that I will be wearing it again, too.

The Beacon: Tell us more about what you bought!

Lewis: I tried on 25 different [swim] suits and all the girls in the store told me if they liked it or didn't like it. I ended up getting a black bikini with diamond rhinestones. It is sexy, but classy! My opening number dress either had to be red or pink. I found a dress just like I imagined at this store back home. It was awesome, even more so because it fit so well. It is a pastel pink fitted dress that has a flowy bottom. It will look great on stage when I dance in it. I got my interview outfit at The Limited. It was interesting trying it on, because I am not used to seeing myself in such formal clothes, but the suit that I got is a good catch.

The Beacon: Is it a myth that to be in a beauty pageant you have to be tall?

Lewis: It is funny that you ask that because that's one of the first things I asked pageant headquarters because I am only five feet tall. The lady told me that they do get a lot of short girls and the reason they look so tall is because they wear such tall heels. I always wear big heels so I think I will be ok.

The Beacon: Have you altered your eating habits or exercise routine to prepare yourself for the pageant?

Lewis: I was thinking about going on a diet and exercising all the time, but then I really thought about it and I came up with this conclusion. This is who I am and this is what God made me look like so if the judges don't like me then I am not made to win. But honestly I have just been watching what I

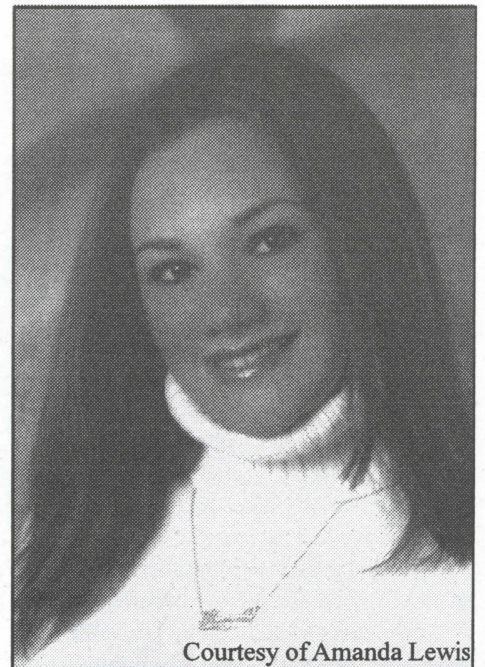
eat. In terms of exercising, I don't need to lose any weight, just tone what I have already. I am very active in the dance program at Wilkes so that is my only form of exercise. I dance six hours per week, and let me tell you, it is quite the workout!

The Beacon: Are you nervous?

Lewis: I would have to say no. I have been performing for 18 years and I absolutely love being on stage, having all eyes on me. I am very excited about the opening number, which will be a dance routine. There is no talent in the pageant, so maybe when they see me dancing I will catch their eye. Another thing that has given me confidence is my communication classes, especially with Dr. [Bradford] Kinney. He showed me that I can be the best that I can be and that I shouldn't be afraid to speak up and say what I think. All I have to do is have confidence and believe in myself, and with that, I know that I will be fine.

The Beacon: What do you hope to gain from this experience?

Lewis: I am going into this pageant with an open mind, ready for anything. As my Grandma tells me, "you have as good as chance as any other girl involved." As awesome and fabulous as it would be to be crowned Miss NJ USA, I am just going to have a great time with no expectations. I am hoping to learn from these experiences and make some new friends. It's not everyday that someone gets to participate in such an event, so I am going to make the most of it and have a blast. I am truly blessed for this experience



Courtesy of Amanda Lewis

Amanda Lewis will compete for the title of Miss NJ USA later this month.

I'm about to partake in.

The Beacon: Are you going to get any Miss Congeniality-type training?

Lewis: Through this pageant I will be working with a poise and interview coach, two great things that will help me in the near future. Working with an interview coach will be a fabulous way to get some pointers and tips for when I go on my real job interview. Then when I get a job I am assuming that I will be going out to dinners and such with my company, so a poise coach will help with my etiquette.

Student Development announces fall schedule

BY JACLYN FRANCESE
Beacon Correspondent

Last November the Wilkes University student leadership development team put together an advisory committee that developed numerous activities for students throughout the spring 2005 semester.

This fall, they are at it again.

Student Development officials recently released a long list of activities and trips available to all students this semester, ranging from local weekend entertainment to an overnight trip to Salem and Boston, MA.

Activities students enjoyed last spring will also make a return to the calendar. They include trips to New York City for a Christmas show, weekend movie events, and indoor rock climbing.

"Last year's New York City trip was great. I am definitely going again," said John Polson, a biology major.

Others like senior Michael Simon, are hoping for another chance to go skydiving.

"Skydiving was the most amazing experi-

ence of my life. If they were to strap another chute on my back, I would have gone right back up for another jump," he said.

Several new activities incorporated into this semester's schedule included a day trip to the Bloomsburg Fair last week, and this Friday, September 30, a trip to New York City to see the Mets vs. Colorado Rockies at Shea Stadium.

The committee is trying to keep the costs low for all the students. The baseball trip is \$10.00 and the \$25 price for the Salem/Boston trip includes transportation, hotel, tickets to the museums, and one group meal.

"These trips are a great way to have fun, explore culture and learn about health and wellness", said Philip Ruthkosky, Director of Student Development. Ruthkosky went on many of the trips last year and said he really enjoys having a great time with the students.

A complete list of events for this semester is located in the HSC at the information Desk. All of the trips have limits on the number of students allowed to attend.

Trendspotter: Cowboy Boots

BY MEGAN MANCE
Beacon Staff Writer

This summer's release of *The Dukes of Hazzard* not only had all eyes on Jessica Simpson, but on her trendy cowboy boots.

Worn with jeans, skirts, or even a dress, cowboy boots can accentuate any outfit and add a touch of western charm. If you're hesitant about the cowboy boot look, start off slowly by piecing a western button down shirt with a pair of jeans. The look will start to become more natural, and as it does, add some cowboy boots.

Cowboy boots, similar to the boots in the picture, can be found in all sorts of local retail stores. Deb, The Bon-Ton, and Kaufmans have all been spotted featuring cowboy boots in their respective shoe departments. In addition, they come with heels

or no, pointed toes or rounded, and in all different color combinations.

So if you're in the mood for some country girl charm, slip on a pair of cowboy boots for a look that's sure to impress. Yee-Haw!

Pictured here are indigo and tan leather boots by Frye, retailled at \$480.



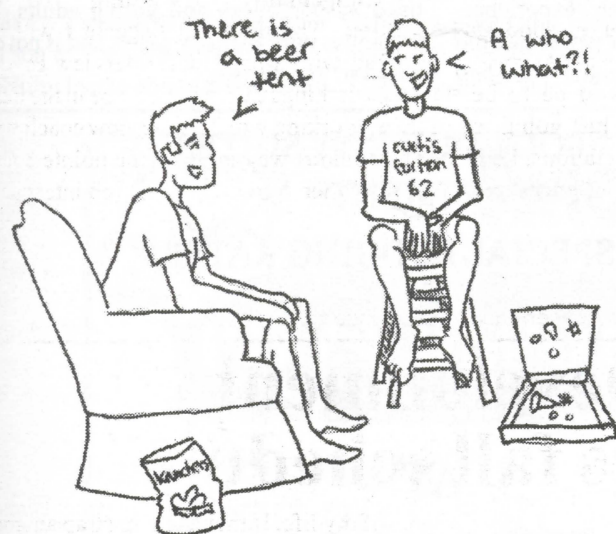
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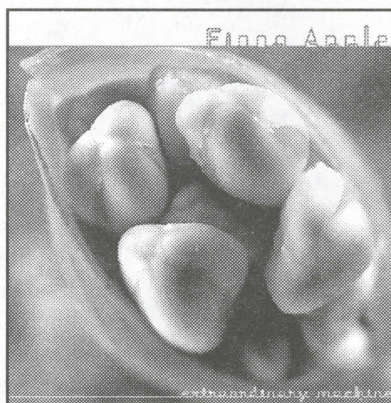
BY PAUL LESSANE
Beacon Correspondent

The mystery of Fiona Apple's *Extraordinary Machine* release has been a source of conflict and tension throughout the recording industry for the last few years. There was debate as to whether or not it was even worth releasing, but thanks to a crop of fans armed with pitchforks and rotten apples, Epic is finally letting the record see the light of day.

So, how does it measure up?

Now, a majority of what's here are demos that were reworked to justify the oil spill of the originals being pirated on the internet since about mid-2003. Record executives threatened not to put the record out if Apple didn't produce a laudable single because according to reports, the entire album was commercial suicide. Apple didn't let up, so Sony officials shelved the project. Two years later, after fans protested, Apple re-recorded the vocals, the tracks were 're-polished,' and Sony released *Extraordinary Machine*.

For a third Fiona Apple album, this thing is a joke. Gone is the playful lyrical slapstick that made her previous records provocative and intelligent pieces of class. Listen to the evolutionary progressions of her previous two albums. The chords, instruments, and words were all meticulously written, composed, and arranged by producers who knew what they were doing. Apple used to be a true perfectionist.



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Instead, what we have now is a has-been alone in a room with a piano, a four-track and a xylophone. Her once beautiful vocabulary has been reduced to atypical song-based, singer-songwriter slack. The songs are consistently sparse, with long winded titles that perpetrate bizarre rhythms with time signatures that don't match or ever seem to catch up with themselves.

Now, I hate to add insult to injury, but there really are no singles on this album. I'm going to have to agree with

the record company on this one. Although there is a Fiona Apple track listing, songs don't quite sit comfortably enough on the ear to be called radio-friendly.

The first decipherable language of "Oh Sailor" is either an attempt to recycle *Shadowboxer* or an ode to a failed tryst with some record executive on Halloween. "Red, Red, Red" has a few respectable verbs until you notice the words die after the first chorus. There's the struggling modular hoarse falsetto of "Get him back," which sounds almost identical to the barren storytelling of "Parting Gift."

Anyway, at least she's keen enough to pat herself on the back. Take the irony of "Oh Sailor's" plaintive cry: "It's undecided, coz I ruined it all, but I saved myself by never relieving you dear." Indeed.

This is a crude, uninspired, underdeveloped mess compromised by the reputation of its predecessors. It's like a before and after photo, only...not. But what this album really means is broken spirit. A shame.

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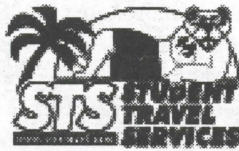
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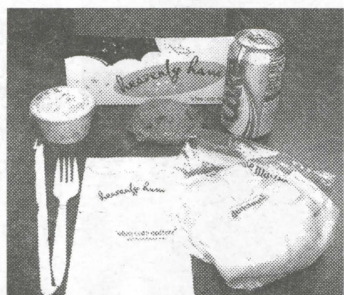


Dinner and a Movie

Heavenly Ham

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

Heavenly Ham is the Omaha Steaks of the pork world. Probably best known for its premium smoked and spice-glazed spiral hams that adorn holiday feasting tables, this establishment also offers sandwiches and other gourmet food items to go or stay.



The Beacon/Donna Talarico

Upon entering the bright store, I instantly smelled fresh bread and noticed a cooler straight ahead filled with pre-ordered hams and pies. After scanning a sandwich menu of more than just ham items (roast beef, turkey, chicken salad, tuna, veggie, ham salad) I chose the Heavenly Ham Original and made it a box lunch (even though it was my dinner), which included the sandwich, a side, a cookie and a drink. Total kudos to the presentation. The box was graphically appealing and held tight with a piece of scotch tape in good old deli fashion. I examined the neatly arranged contents (just like mom used to pack my She-Ra lunchbox): a Diet Coke on the left, my carefully wrapped sandwich to the right, and in the middle, a container of potato salad, a baggie with a pickle and a cookie. There was also a straw, fork and large napkin.

I unwrapped the pretty deli paper to find an inviting, colorful concoction. The crois-

sant was fluffy and flaky, and between it were several thick slabs of ham, a thick slice of Havarti cheese, leafy green lettuce, a red tomato and honey mustard on both sides. Visually appealing to the max, the taste coincided with everything I've seen so far.

To say this was a ham sandwich is an understatement, because when someone says they brought a ham sandwich for lunch, I envision soggy white bread, Miracle Whip and thinly sliced chopped ham from the discount meat counter. Instead, Heavenly Ham's deli sandwiches are made with thick slices cut from the very spiral hams they are known for. Topped with a sweet and tangy honey mustard, a premium cheese and veggies, it could not get much better. Except it did. The croissant, which from my observations was baked on the premises, was exceptional. Mmmm. A worshipper of the versatile potato (read: picky about my spuds), I give thumbs up to Heavenly Ham's salad made with red potatoes and real mayonnaise. And for someone who always chose Soft Batch over Chips Ahoy, I was quite pleased to find the Heath Bar Crunch cookie I chose to be soft and gooey.

Quality food and service, this is quite a dinner deal for \$6.95. I took a mental note that the box lunches are perfect for group lunch meetings. However, those looking for late-night snacks may not make it, as they close at 5:30 most days.

-Grade: A

Just Like Heaven

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

Ah yes, what a wonderful afterlife it can be! Of course it helps if you have the on-screen chemistry of Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo. These two make the new movie release, *Just Like Heaven* just that...a little piece of heaven.

Witherspoon plays Elizabeth Masterson, a workaholic physician who is overly dedicated to her job and nothing else, despite attempts from co-workers and her sister (Dina Spybey) to tell her to take a break and put some joy in her black-and-white life.

After Elizabeth is suddenly killed in a terrible accident, her apartment is rented out by a lonely architect, David Abbott (Ruffalo). It doesn't take long before David discovers that Elizabeth's spirit is still alive and is coaxing David out of her apartment. With neither of them wanting to leave, they find themselves stuck with each other. However, that may

not be such a bad thing after all.

Okay girls, get out the tissues and guys, quit rolling your eyes, because *Just Like Heaven* is a movie that everyone can appreciate. It still has the humor that anyone will love. In fact, it is quite surprising to find Jon Heder from the ever-popular *Napoleon Dynamite* in the movie, still his Napoleon-self giving the movie a "righteous" humorist twist.

Just Like Heaven leaves you with that warm and fuzzy feeling inside even though it may be a little bit predictable at times (hey, it is a romantic comedy, after all). Although viewers may be able to guess what happens at certain points, *Just Like Heaven* is definitely worth seeing with anyone.

It would be great to see Ruffalo and Witherspoon in more movies together. These two have the makings of a super romantic couple, probably one of the best on-screen chemistries I've seen yet. So take some good advice and go see *Just Like Heaven*. It is definitely a little slice of the sky.

-Grade: A-

Nothing But Net

This week on the web

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO
Beacon Staff Writer



Courtesy of Xanga.com

Avid internet users have probably heard of "blogs" (short for "web logs").

Thousands of people have them, and they are nothing more than a log of whatever the writer feels like sharing with a public/private community.

Xanga.com is an example of a site that provides web space in a blog format. Users can log in and write whatever they wish, given an ample amount of space. With such a simple format, why have blogs become so popular recently?

Xanga.com (along with multiple others) gives everyone an equal chance to publish on the web, whether it is the cathartic experience of ranting about a bad day, or an opinion piece about politics. All blogs can become public instantaneously.

Blog writing can be a healthy experience. It is a technological replacement to that old journal you used to hide under your bed

with all those personal thoughts in it.

However, with all of the positive aspects to blogging, a lack of censorship imposes a problem. A blog about "Uncle Fred's trip to Missouri" is now being viewed by society as "journalism". Conversely, articles published by legitimate newspapers via website are all of a sudden losing credibility.

Although a great experience for the "bloggers," blogs including poor grammar and distasteful stories are making the internet seem like a place for strictly novice writing.

Granted, many well-written blogs do exist, expressing valid opinions pleasing to readers. Sites like Xanga.com, however, are mostly used by teenagers and young adults. The writing is poor in many cases, and is not censored to any degree.

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Wilkes football thrives under new Offensive Coordinator

BY REBECCA SCHAAL
Beacon Correspondent

The new additions to the Wilkes football team for the 2005 season included more than the usual fifty freshmen. The team also gained a new offensive coordinator in Coach Tim McNulty.

McNulty had already dedicated fifteen years to coaching football before entering the Wilkes program. He began his career working with linebackers at Ridge Park High School in his home state of New Jersey. He then moved to linebacker coach at Mansfield University for a season before beginning a thirteen-year stint at the US Merchant Marine Academy. McNulty coached various positions at the Academy, eventually working his way up to head coach for the 2003 and 2004 seasons.

In April of last year McNulty made the decision to move his wife and son to Pennsylvania. Initially, McNulty had to contend with over

thirty applicants for the job of Offensive Coordinator for the Colonels.

When asked why he wanted to become a part of the Colonels Army, McNulty said, "All the things I was looking for in a football program were already here with what Coach Sheptock created."

Fitness Facilities Coordinator Keith Klahold and Head Coach Frank Sheptock were both involved in the interview process. According to Sheptock, McNulty was right for the job because he was "experienced and he came from a tremendously strong intuition; he also had head coaching experience."

Klahold added, "He was very well prepared; he had experience and came from a 'running game' style offensive team."

McNulty's colleagues are not the only ones impressed with what he brings to the offense. He has also garnered the respect of his team. According to offensive tackle Josh Hurlbutt, "He is a good addi-

tion; he brought a new up-beat attitude that we didn't have before...there is more enthusiasm, especially during practice, which boosts our confidence."

Under McNulty, the Colonel's offense has altered considerably. The 2004 Wilkes football team was largely a running team, with 501 rushing attempts to only 210 passing attempts. This year, however, McNulty has created a more balanced attack. The Colonels this season have nearly a 50/50 run-pass ratio, with 118 rushing attempts and 94 passing attempts. Despite the change in emphasis on offense, the team has still managed to control the clock and play the type of hard-nosed football that Wilkes has become known for.

McNulty commented, "When we start to become more comfortable with the system, we will continue to build what we do well and further expand an already great package."



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Junior Stephon Burgette fights an FDU defender for a pass in Saturday's game at Ralston Field.



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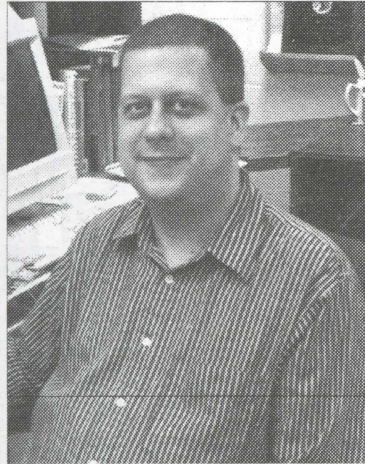
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Ask Dr. G: Fantasy football a game of strategy and stats



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski
Dr. G, fantasy football guru.

BY NEAL JACKLOSKI
Beacon Correspondent

Dr. Steve Gapinski, assistant professor of math and computer science, is currently involved in two fantasy football leagues, the Colonels and the Savants. His teams, the Prolate Spheroids and the Savants,

have a current record of 1-1 and are ranked 3rd of ten teams. For this segment, four questions were gathered from students around campus and were then passed on to Gapinski, fantasy football stats guru.

Q: Will the Steelers' running back Willie Parker continue to start, and what do fantasy owners do with "The Bus" and "Deuce?"

Dan Raspoli, junior

Dr. G: "I think Parker is going to continue to start. It might be the case of a young guy who fills in for a veteran and never lets go. As far as Bettis is concerned, he is still going to have reasonable value because of his role as a specialty man, meaning Deuce may never get back to the full-time role."

Q: Now that Kerry Collins has both Randy Moss and Jerry Porter to throw to, would you consider him a good or bad pick for your fantasy

team?

Dennis Ellis, junior

Dr. G: "Kerry Collins was definitely a gamble pick going into the draft. He never had good receivers, period. He's a guy who's prone to be sloppy with the ball, though he hasn't been this year. I think the people who drafted Collins are probably pretty happy with what he's done so far and they hope he keeps it up."

Q: Ben Roethlisberger has the highest passer rating in the NFL and doesn't throw for that many touchdowns or rack up a ton of yards due to the offense that the Steelers run. Is he a high risk quarterback or a solid starter in fantasy leagues?

Corey Scott, junior

Dr. G: "I don't think he'll ever give you big numbers because of the style of offense the Steelers run. I don't view him as a sloppy quarterback; I think he's steady. I just don't think you're going to get that ex-

plosiveness. Roethlisberger probably would best be used in a platoon situation, and I don't know if I would run him out every week. Your best bet will be to look at the matchups."

Q: What do you think is the most underrated position in a fantasy league?

Neal Jackloski, junior

Dr. G: "If you're required to start a tight end, that's the obvious one. Everyone can find a number one running back or wide receiver. If you're in a tight end mandatory league, I think the tight end could be the make or break position. If you have an elite one, you can go a long way."

Have a question for Dr. G? E-mail your Fantasy inquiries to beaconsports@gmail.com and receive top-notch analysis.

SOCCKER from BACK PAGE

Unfortunately for the Lady Monarchs, on Wednesday they will be playing a team that has neither statistical inconsistencies nor a lack of experience.

The Lady Colonels did not arrive at a 8-0 record by chance. Wilkes has outscored opponents 15-4 this season, with six different players scoring.

The Wilkes offense possesses the ability to score from almost any position on the field, making them much more difficult to defend. Defensively, goalie Liz Pauly has made 35 saves to lead a defense that has only allowed four goals in seven games.

Wilkes has also shown resilience and a penchant for revenge by coming back from a 1-0 first period deficit to overcome Scranton, who had defeated Wilkes 4-0 in last year's Freedom Conference semi-final playoff game.

The heart of women's soccer, however, is a team mentality. "We've got twenty girls all contributing in their own way," said Sumoski. "We've got seven wins right now because we have girls that won't settle for anything less."

Their success comes not from the play of one or two superstars, but from the teamwork of many. King's College has a young team with a potential to upset an unsuspecting team, but Wilkes is not planning to play down to anyone.

"We just want to do the best we can each game," said Friedman.

Fellow senior captain Jen Compton agrees.

"We're just taking it one game at a time."

Since one game at a time has built up to a 8-0 record, that doesn't seem like a bad idea at all.



Dr. Adams wore jersey number 66 and played offensive guard for the Colonels from 1973-1976. A Delaware Valley College game program listed Dr. Adams at 6'1, 180 pounds during his sophomore year.

Chattin' with past Colonels

BY RICH HANNICK
Beacon Correspondent

Wilkes has a storied history in many collegiate sports.

Some current Wilkes faculty and staff members were actively involved in collegiate sports during their years as students at the institution. This series looks at some of those former Wilkes athletes and the roads they've taken to get where they are now. This week *The Beacon's* reporter Rich Hannick sat down with Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Paul Adams, a former Wilkes football player.

The Beacon: How old were you when you started playing football?

Adams: I started playing football in 9th grade at Binghamton North High School in Binghamton, NY.

The Beacon: Who were your influences for playing football?

Adams: I had an older cousin who was a talented football player at my high school. I really admired him and so wanted to do what he did. That, combined with a great love of sports, led to me going out for the football team.

The Beacon: What brought you to Wilkes?

Adams: While I was born and graduated from high school in Binghamton, I lived in Forty Fort from the time I was seven to 14. During that time Wilkes enjoyed their great football winning streak. I followed the team and even kept a scrapbook of articles. I always thought about what it would be like to be on the Wilkes team. When I was a senior in high school I only applied to two schools--the local community college at home and Wilkes. I wanted to go away to school and wanted to try football.

The Beacon: Did you receive any accolades for your play?

Adams: For football in college, nothing more than my letterman's jackets.

The Beacon: What life lessons did football teach you?

Adams: I think there are great short-term benefits as well as life-long lessons. Certainly, while I was in season I managed my time much more efficiently. The routine the season provided offered me structure when I needed it most.

As for life-long lessons, I

learned to persevere in the face of adversity. During the four years I was a member of the team there were times when situations didn't meet my expectations or I faced disappointments--that was the case for everyone. Dealing with those situations and learning how to make the most of it, provided life lessons that provide valuable perspective and insight. Also, I developed a great appreciation for what it means to be a support player. I wasn't a starter, but realized that each and every member of the team contributes in an important way.

In a very practical sense, playing football at Wilkes helped me land my first position after college. I was hired by a principal to teach sixth grade because he knew one of my coaches who was on my list of references.

When I was an 18-year-old freshman on the Wilkes football team I could never imagine that one day I would be working so closely with the Wilkes athletics program. As Vice President for Student Affairs I have responsibility for the intercollegiate athletics program. Having experienced what it is to be a mem-

Vice President Dr. Paul Adams

ber of a Wilkes team, offers a perspective for me that I much appreciate. It's helpful for me to remember from time to time what it was like to be part of something bigger than just my own personal experience at Wilkes.

The Beacon: What is one piece of advice you would give to a Division III athlete who is graduating?

Adams: I would encourage them to take time to reflect on their experience - on both a personal and team level. Developing an appreciation for the relationships created, for the great moments experienced, for the life lessons learned, and for the pride instilled, are all values to be carried with us.

The Beacon: Did football ever interfere with your studies?

Adams: Football? Probably not. I'll admit that other distractions may have, however.

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BY NICK PODC
Beacon Asst. Sp

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Women's Volleyball big on heart, short on players

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Women's head volleyball coach Scott VanValkenburgh is certified in CPR, but he might be the one needing medical attention if one of his players gets injured.

"That would bring us back down to six [players]," VanValkenburgh said. "We've been lucky so far not to have any serious injuries."

The team, which started out with eight players during preseason workouts, was left with seven after one decided volleyball wasn't for her. Since then, the women have been doing everything in their power to generate interest.

"We've tried everything from word of mouth to putting up fliers all over our dorms. Unfortunately, it hasn't made a big difference," said senior middle hitter Alicia Vieselemeyer.

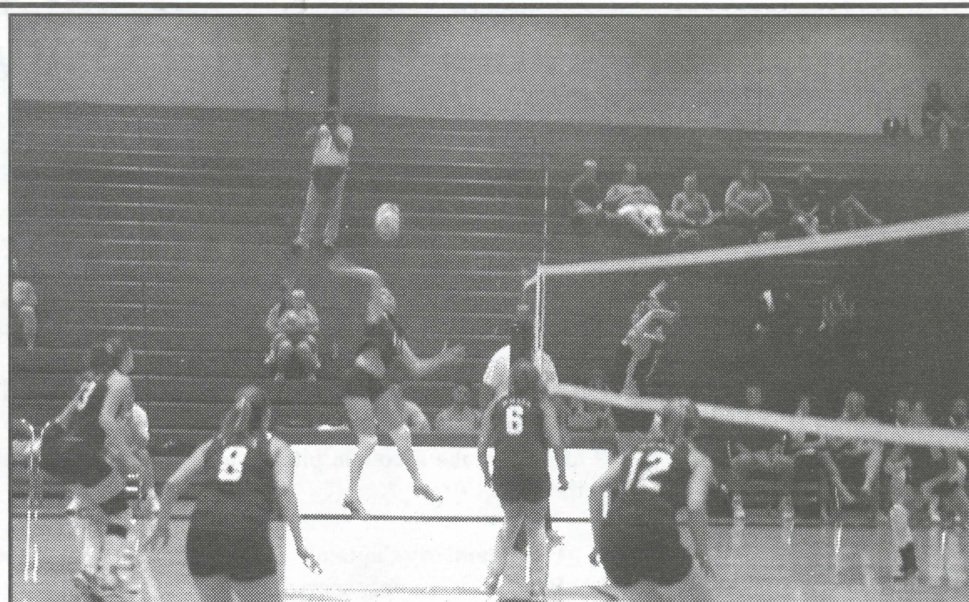
Despite their current situation, the team has

an overall record of 8-4 and remains competitive, even in its losses. This held true on Wednesday, when The Lady Colonels dropped a Freedom Conference match up against top-ranked Scranton 30-23, 30-25, 30-12. Alicia Vieselemeyer led Wilkes with eight kills, eight digs and five blocks, Amanda Harlan chipped in with six kills, Katherine Harrington and Jillian Focht had four kills a piece, and Nicole Hahn dished out 18 assists as she continues her quest to shatter her own school record of 1,097 in a single season.

"Some of the games on paper look like they've been pretty one-sided, but the scores are always around 28-30. There are only one or two games that we weren't in," VanValkenburgh added.

Right now, destiny lies in the hands of the Lady Colonels. Top-ranked Scranton was upset by DeSales in the first week which throws a wrench into the playoff picture.

"That loss puts a team that wasn't playoff bound in contention, and places a team that



Senior Jillian Focht goes up for a kill during a volleyball game at the Henry Gymnasium. The women's volleyball team is currently competing with only seven players on their roster.

was picked to win the MAC 0-1 in the conference," said VanValkenburgh.

VanValkenburgh, who earned Coach of the Year honors for leading his team to the conference playoffs last year, would receive even bigger kudos if the team made it again this year, particularly given the small ranks. When asked about the playoffs, VanValkenburgh

replied, "I believe when it's all said and done, as long as they perform well in the games they have to win, then absolutely they have the ability to make it. Our goal isn't only to make the playoffs, but to have a home playoff match as well."

Coach VanValkenburgh is 37-59 since joining the Colonels three years ago.



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COMMENTARY

GAME OF THE WEEK

Major League Baseball: Yankees vs Red Sox

World Series arrives early this year

Boston and New York battle it out one final time during the regular season

BY NICK PODOLAK AND
ARIEL COHEN

Beacon Asst. Sports Editors

Nick's Take:

No one ever knows what the baseball gods have up their sleeves. As easily as they giveth, they can taketh away.

They gave Boston a World Championship last year, and the Sox plan to defend their title...if they can get past the New York Yankees this weekend.

The Yankees, who haven't seen first place in the AL East since April 7, regained the top spot last Thursday after the Sox dropped a laughter to the lowly Devil Rays. Now, everything is at stake as the two put an exclamation point on the regular season Friday night at Fenway Park.

For a lot of reasons, this is the World Series. Nobody remembers that the Marlins won it all two years ago. Nobody talks about how the Sox swept the Cardinals in four games to end an 86-year drought. All people care about is the Yankees versus the Red Sox, and with the season on the line for both teams, the Fall Classic arrives early this year.

So, will hell stay frozen? Or will the ice melt and boil over for another 86 years of agony? Here's an in-depth look.

I Like it When You Call Me "Big Papi"

David Ortiz could very well be the first designated hitter to win the MVP award. "Big Papi" is batting .302 and leads the league with 46 homeruns and 140 RBI. He has eight dingers and 17 steaks in the last 10 games, carrying his team when they need him most.

The Sox also have arguably the best leadoff man in baseball with Johnny Damon. The shaggy centerfielder leads the league with a .318 batting average and is not

afraid to take a couple pitches at the plate.

O Captain! My Captain!

Baseball is the only sport outside of hockey that allows a team captain to wear an embroidered "C" on his jersey. Catcher Jason Varitek wears this badge with honor as he leads all American League catchers with 21 bombs.

Bullpen Blunders

With Keith Foulke done for the season and Curt Schilling starting, Mike Timlin takes on the closing duties. So far, he's been outstanding, posting a 7-2 record with 9 saves and a 2.25 ERA. However, his blown save against the Devil Rays last week questions just how much gas the 39-year old veteran has left in the tank. He's no Mariano Rivera, after all, and he might not even see the mound if the depleted starting pitching doesn't hold up.

And Boston ace Curt Schilling hasn't been the same since his ankle injury last year. He got lit up in Triple-A, stunk as a closer, and has an overall record of 7-8. Furthermore, everyone on the pitching staff has an ERA of over 4.00. Look for Tim Wakefield and Matt Clement to make crucial starts this weekend.

Prediction:

Even though the Sox come into Friday's game leading the league in batting average, RBI, runs scored, and slugging percentage, they have been slipping of late. The Yankees, on the other hand, have been surging, despite an embarrassing loss on Saturday against the Jays.

I predict the two go into Sunday deadlocked for first place with Schilling and Johnson on the mound. The outcome?

Look for the gods to taketh away from the Red Sox and giveth to the Yankees as the Bronx Bombers will win two out of three and go on to be the 2005 World Champions. Who

would've thought?

Ariel's Take:

With the Yankees loss to the Blue Jays last Saturday, the Bronx Bombers and arch rivals Boston Red Sox head into the end of the season locked in what most recognize as a classic battle for the top spot in the AL East.

As the two teams meet one final time to end the season, the New York Yankees are leading the 2005 series 9-7 and are looking to close out the season on top after crossing the 90 win mark against the Blue Jays on Friday. The Yankees and Red Sox both have nine games left including the three that they will play in the final weekend of the regular season.

Since Friday, though, the Yankees are seeing a few rotation changes both from the offensive and defensive point. The biggest news in rotation changes will be the return of Mike Mussina to the pitching staff

this coming Thursday. With this in mind, Manager Joe Torre decided to place 9-0 starting pitcher Aaron Small back in the bullpen for the last two weeks of the regular season.

Another major hurdle for the Yankees is the fact that Jason Giambi, their big first baseman, was once again placed on the injured list last Wednesday, putting Tino Martinez back at first.

Despite the few problems the Yankees are facing right now, they still are looking like a definite contender in post season with the chance to receive their 8th straight American League East title.

The last time the Sox and Yankees faced off against one another, the Yankees took two out of three but were outrun in the three games 13-11. In the final game of the series The Big Unit, Randy Johnson was able to pull off an incredible 1-0 win while only giving up three hits to the Boston offense. Rivera, who in my opinion is one of the best clos-

ers of all time, was able to seal the deal by striking out the first two batters and then struck out the pinch-hitter to complete his 37th save of the season.

For the Yankees, the core offense of Jeter, Giambi, Rodriguez, and Williams will help them to overpower the Red Sox and provide some homeruns in the final series of this year.

From the defensive perspective, as long as The Unit remains focused and their number one closer doesn't get injured or worse, the Yankees can hold back the Sox and win the American League East pennant.

Prediction: The Yankees will take 2 out of 3 from Boston, most likely the last two just so that after they give the Red Sox one more taste of winning, New York fans can walk away with their heads high after overcoming a tough and unpredictable season.

Double Take

*Sarah examines the stats that truly matter*BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Features Editor

This week's game of the week will surely be filled with tension as the Boston Red Sox take on the New York Yankees.

The fierce rivalry between the two teams is nothing short of thrilling...that is, to an outsider like myself.

I am definitely not a Yankees fan, but I enjoy all of the drama and tension that builds up when they play the Sox. For the most part, the Yanks are a bandwagon team. People who know nothing about baseball will claim to be a huge Yankees fan. I guess it is easier for them to blend in with all of the other

brainwashed fans.

Of course, it is awfully easy to like a team that pays top dollar to ensure a win. I guess they really screwed up when they brought A-Rod on board. In my opinion, he isn't worth what they pay him.

Now, don't get me wrong. The Yanks have had at least two good players in all these years. Who can forget Roger Maris, and my favorite, David Justice? Unfortunately, baseball hasn't been the same since Justice played. And we all know that while it may be "the house that Ruth built" it certainly became "the house that Roger remodeled."

So, am I rooting for Boston? Yes, absolutely. However, I'm not too fond of the Sox, either. After at-

tending a Boston game this summer, I got a taste of what the fans are like. Loud, obnoxious, sixteen year old girls who called all of the players by pet names such as "Trotty-boy." Gag me with a spoon. They are all probably devastated that their beloved Bellhorn has gone to the dark side.

I guess since the Sox pulled off a World Series win, they have started slipping in the same direction as the Yankees. After all, its easy to love a winning team, and that is exactly what people are doing.

The Red Sox seem like a better choice this time around, when in doubt root for the underdog. Go "Trotty-boy," and go Boston!

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SPORTS

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Athlete of the Week

Football: Kyle Follweiler

BY ARIEL COHEN

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Despite being a mere four games into the season, sophomore linebacker Kyle Follweiler has already established himself as one of the top linebackers in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

The 6'1, 218 lb. inside linebacker earns Athlete of the Week honors after a team-high ten tackles during Wilkes' 37-21 victory over FDU-Florham on Saturday afternoon.

The Beacon isn't the only organization to notice Follweiler's impressive play this season. The MAC website voted Follweiler the Defensive Player of the Week on September 17. On September 19, the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) nominated him the Southeast Defensive Player of the Week. Follweiler is currently leading the Colonels with 42 tackles on the season.

Teammates, while impressed with his statistics, are equally impressed with his leadership skills. "He is playing really well," said senior center Jeff Thompson, "not only with the number of tackles, but with his leadership ability as well."

Follweiler, however, is not as impressed with his performances. "So far this season I've been doing all right," he said, "but I could be doing a little better."

Follweiler also credits the defense for tough play against a high-powered no-huddle FDU offense on Saturday; "The defense is playing really well and working together as a team." Indeed, team-coordinated stunts and blitzes left FDU-Florham's offense shaken, giving Follweiler the chance to fly through



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Sophomore Kyle Follweiler is currently leading the defense in tackles with a total of 42 tackles including 2 for a loss in Saturday's game against FDU.

the line of scrimmage and pick up two tackles for a loss.

"[Follweiler] is a student of the game," said Thompson. "Although he was fast last season, he's even faster this season. He is all over the field, always getting himself to wherever the ball might be."

Follweiler is currently tied for fourth place in the MAC with Moravian's Chad DeFelice for most number of defensive tackles. The Colonels enjoy a bye week for October 1, but return to action at Lycoming College on October 8. If Follweiler can continue to build off of last week's amazing performance, there is no telling how far he will continue to lead the defense, both figuratively and statistically.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Sophomore Lindsay Thomas takes on two defenders at Artillery Park. The Lady Colonels are 4-5 after a 3-1 loss to Delaware Valley College on Saturday.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Football

QB Al Karaffa led the Wilkes assault on FDU-Florham, throwing for 283 yards and two TD's thrashing the visitor 37-21 at Ralston Field Saturday afternoon. The Colonels improve to 2-2 overall and 2-1 in the conference.

Men's Soccer

Steve Uhas did it again, scoring the game winner with 2:12 remaining to give Wilkes a non-conference victory over Susquehanna on Saturday. The win improves Wilkes to 7-2 overall.

Women's Soccer

Susie Zavistoski fired a pass from Kristi Barsby into the net with 1:51 remaining as the women's soccer team beat Susquehanna University 1-0. The Lady Colonels remain unbeaten at 8-0.

Field Hockey

Michelle Cernobyl's hat trick in the second half doomed the Lady Colonels as they dropped a 3-1-conference decision at Del Val on Saturday.

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team left Elizabethtown with a split Saturday, dropping their record to 5-11. After losing its first game to Ursinus, the team fought back against Mitchell, winning by scores of 30-20, 28-30, 30-20, and 30-26.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

5

Shutout wins by goal keeper Liz Pauly in the first 8 games of the women's soccer season.

83

Rushing yards by junior Tommy Andreopoulos in Saturday's win over visiting FDU.

6

Stops by sophomore goal keeper Hilary Weber in Saturday's field hockey game against Del Val.

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Kills by senior Alicia Vieselemeyer at the Elizabethtown Volleyball Tournament on Saturday.

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Game winning goals for Mike Bridy so far this season for men's soccer.

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Game Preview: Women's Soccer vs. King's on 9/28

BY RYAN DIPPRE

Beacon Sports Editor

The Wilkes women's soccer team continues its march toward the Freedom Conference title on Wednesday, September 28, at the Betzler Field complex in Wilkes-Barre.

The Lady Colonels, having already dispatched returning champion University of Scranton in a decisive 2-1 victory, look to improve their conference record when they roll into Monarch country to take on the women's soccer team of King's College.

The Lady Colonels, coming off the best start (8-0) in the eighteen-year history of women's soccer at Wilkes, are currently ranked fifth in the region. The ranking, the highest in women's soccer history, was taken in stride by the team. "We want to bump it up again," said head coach John Sumoski, referring to Wilkes' first jump from ninth in the region to fifth. "Our goal is to be nationally ranked."

In last year's game, Wilkes posted a 3-1 victory over the Lady Monarchs. "They've improved a lot from last year," said Sumoski of the cross-town rivals. "I expect a tough

game against King's."

Indeed, some players feel that the Blue and Yellow will be facing a completely different King's team than last year. "We heard they're a very young team," said senior captain Tara Friedman. "We don't really know how they play."

Friedman has good reason to wonder about the new King's team. The Lady Monarchs are in their second season under new head coach Scott Filipski. The team is currently 5-3 overall, with a conference record of 0-1. The Lady Monarch's have put up some impressive numbers, such as an 11-0 victory over Lincoln University, but consistency has been a problem. The team's defense has also given up sixteen points in eight games, while the offense was shut out twice. The team is also extremely short of experience, with no seniors and only two juniors to lead the team.

Yet despite all of the statistical inconsistencies, the Lady Monarchs have managed to push their record to 5-3, including an overtime victory against Baptist Bible College on September 22.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Senior Jen Compton, pictured above, was named MAC player of the week, along with goalie Liz Pauly. The Lady Colonels are currently 8-0.

King's has managed to show character despite the lack of experience on the team, and remains a force to be reckoned with despite the lack of upperclassmen.

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Campus Calendar

All Week

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MONDAY (9/26)

*English Only Discussion, HSC Ballroom -- 7 p.m.

TUESDAY (9/27)

*Banned Book Reading by Sigma Tau Delta, HSC -- 11 to 1 p.m.
*Women's Tennis vs. King's -- 3:30 p.m.
*Men's Soccer vs. King's -- 4 p.m.
*Women's Volleyball vs. Lycoming -- 7 p.m.
*Field Hockey @ The College of New Jersey -- 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (9/28)

*Banned Book Reading by Sigma Tau Delta, HSC -- 11 to 1 p.m.
*Women's Soccer @ King's -- 4 p.m.
*Women's Tennis @ Albright -- 4 p.m.
*Crossroads Coffee House, First United Methodist Church -- 7 to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY (9/29)

*Banned Book Reading by Sigma Tau Delta, HSC -- 11 to 1 p.m.
*Balloon Man, HSC -- 11 to 2 p.m.
*Grad School Testing Info Session, Breiseth 107 -- 11 to 12:30 a.m.
*Light Up the Sky, DDD -- 8 p.m.

FRIDAY (9/30)

*Pre-Med Day -- 8 to 2 p.m.
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HSC Ballroom (Reservations, x4823) -- 6 p.m.
*Light Up the Sky, DDD -- 8 p.m.

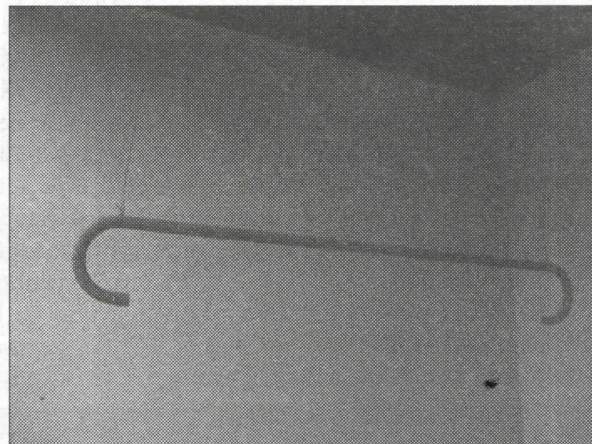
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*Women's Soccer @ Del Val -- 12 p.m.
*Field Hockey vs. William Patterson -- 1 p.m.
*Women's Tennis @ FDU-Florham -- 1 p.m.
*Volleyball @ Centenary/Maritime -- 1 p.m.
*Men's Soccer @ DeDales -- 3 p.m.
*Light Up the Sky, DDD -- 8 p.m.

SUNDAY (10/2)

*Women's Tennis @ Neumann -- 1 p.m.
*Light Up the Sky, DDD -- 2 p.m.

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