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N.E.P.A. a Hot Spot for Presidential Campaigns

BY KRISTIN KILE
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The polls suggest that this year's presidential race is proving to be as tight as the last presidential election, and this time Pennsylvania is in the spotlight. With 21 electoral votes up for grabs, candidates have been hitting this state hard--especially Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Wilkes played host to a Bush/Cheney campaign event on August 25. Vice President Dick Cheney and wife, Lynne, appeared for an invite-only town meeting at The Marts Center. Cheney also made a visit to Pottsville, Bloomsburg, and Williamsport for the Little League World Series.

Lt. Governor Bill Scranton introduced the Cheney family. "The Vice President wanted to come to NEPA and talk about jobs and economic development," Scranton said.

Cheney opened by speaking about the war in Iraq and justification for the decision to invade. He then opened the floor to questions. Topics such as health care, gas prices, drugs, education, and the economy were all touched on.

Senator John Edwards

"This election could affect not only the next four years, but the next 30 or 40 years," Cheney said.

The next campaign event would happen one week later, but this time it involved the Kerry/Edwards campaign. Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards, appeared before thousands of people at Kirby Park. The format for this event was different, since it was open to the public, but audience members could not ask questions.

"We deserve better than our leaders in this country...John Kerry and I have a plan for this country. We can do better," Edwards said.

Before the event, Edwards made a front-porch visit to a family who was affected by the closing of Technaglass. Edwards hit on familiar hot button topics, talking about health care, economy, and higher education. He also discussed his idea of the "two Americas," saying that this region has been living in the "other America." The "other America" reference acknowledges the working class and the under-privileged.

"John Kerry is ready to lead this



Vice President Dick Cheney

country...Hope is on the way," Edwards said.

Pennsylvania is an important state to both campaigns, and candidates are making sure their messages are heard in this race.

Dr. Tom Baldino, Professor of Political Science, said the Democratic Party has had a voter registration edge in Pennsylvania. Baldino credits the party's strength to the strong union in the state. However, the margin is closer this year than in the past.

"Democrats have a majority, but it's not as large as it used to be," Baldino said. "The Democratic party in this state has not yielded very many strong candidates over the last 20 years. The

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University Awarded \$1.7M Federal Grant

The Pennsylvania Department of Education awarded Wilkes University the huge grant for the Signature Undergraduate Experience

BY LINDSEY WOTANIS
Beacon Managing Editor

Good things come to those who wait. Last week, University administrators got some long awaited good news.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education awarded Wilkes University a federal grant in the amount of \$1.7M. This grant money will be used to bring alive the Signature Undergraduate Experience, a program that has been in the planning stages for more than two years.

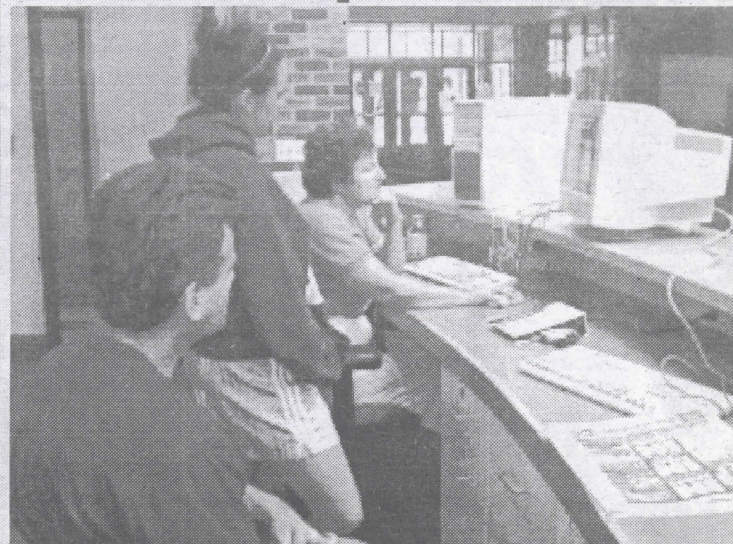
The funding, made possible by Title III, is part of the state's Strengthening Institutions Pro-

gram under the Higher Education Act of 1965. The University submitted the grant proposal last year, but failed to qualify for the funding. After some key revisions and additional research, the proposal was resubmitted in 2004. Nationwide, 260 institutions of higher learning applied for these federal grants. Wilkes University was one of 53 institutions awarded.

According to Dr. Maravene Loeschke, University Provost, this grant, which is highly competitive, will put Wilkes University on a different academic playing field, so to speak. "This is a

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Help Desk



The Beacon/Kristin Kile
Liz Roveda, senior biology major, takes advantage of the Help Desk's temporary location in the Henry Student Center.

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inability to field strong candidates has hurt parties over all."

Pennsylvania has not voted Republican since 1988, when it voted for George H. Bush. After that, the state went Democratic, voting for Bill Clinton back to back in 1992 and 1996, as well as for Al Gore in 2000.

Baldino said voters in Pennsylvania have a history of ticket splitting. "Instead of voting all Democrat or all Republican, PA voters have a history of voting for different people for different offices."

With such a tight race, both campaigns are spending an enormous amount of time and money to come out on top. Along with this come negative advertisements. Both sides have criticized the other for past decisions made and leadership abilities.

"If you ask anybody, most people would say they hate nega-

tive ads, but then they remember them and they'll vote on the basis of them," Baldino said. "They work."

Baldino said he predicts there will be far more negative ads in the next eight weeks from both sides. "It's going to get very nasty. It will probably get even more personal than it is now because they work."

If Bush were to win Pennsylvania and keep the same states he won in 2000, he would not only win the Electoral College, but the popular vote as well. This is something that Bush did not do in last election.

Young voters, now more than ever, are a target in this election. Candidates are aiming towards college students and hitting issues important to them. In a Newsweek.com/Genext poll conducted in August, results showed

Kerry leading Bush with 50 percent to 41 percent among registered voters under 30.

Another poll, however, tells a different story. A CNN/USA Today poll revealed that Bush had 1% lead over Kerry. Bush had 48% support among likely voters in Pennsylvania, whereas Kerry was trailing with 47% in the September 9 poll.

It is too close to tell right now who has the edge in Pennsylvania. Both candidates have the potential to run away with the state. The Kerry/Edwards campaign said there is a lot of time between now and November 2, so residents in NEPA can expect to see Kerry, Edwards, and their families return. Numerous calls to the Bush/Cheney campaign for specifics on return dates were unsuccessful.



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Lynne and Dick Cheney address a crowd member at the invitation-only "Town Hall Meeting" at the MartsCenter Gym on August 25, 2004.



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Senator John Edwards speaks of his "two Americas" at Kirby Park September 1, 2004 during a Democratic rally.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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Fine for Students Caught Drinking at Teacher's Home

PEARSALL, TX: Dozens of high school students cited for underage drinking when police busted a post-football game bash at a teacher's home have pleaded no contest. Forty-two Pearsall High School football players, cheerleaders and band members were fined \$65 each, a municipal court clerk said.

Police went to the teacher's home on August 28 after finding an unconscious female student by a road. She was treated for alcohol poisoning and released.

Authorities have not identified the teacher, who is suspended with pay pending an investigation.

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Fraternity Shut down After Student's Death

DENVER, Colorado: The Colorado State University chapter of a fraternity where a 19-year-old woman was found dead was shut down the same day the school's Greek system adopted rules barring alcohol from sorority and fraternity houses and some parties.

The Sigma Pi house was closed Thursday after university officials said an investigation turned up violations of alcohol rules during the past year.

Samantha Spady, a sophomore business major from Beatrice, Nebraska, was found dead in a lounge at the fraternity house Sunday.

Police suspect drinking contributed to her death and have ruled out foul play. The Larimer County coroner had not determined the cause of death.

Man beats Girlfriend with Gator; Goes to Jail

DAYTONA BEACH, FL: A man who swung an alligator at his girlfriend during an argument was sentenced to six months in jail.

Sheriff's officials said David Havenner was keeping the 3-foot gator in his bathtub and swung it at his girlfriend, Nancy Monico, 39, during an argument on July 16.

Havenner told investigators that Monico bit his hand because she was upset that they had run out of alcohol.

The alligator was later released into the St. Johns River, wildlife commission officials said.

Monument For Draft Dodgers in the Works

NELSON, British Columbia: U.S. draft dodgers who fled to Canada are finally getting some recognition--in Canada.

Artists and activists in this picturesque lakeside town have announced plans for a bronze monument and festival to honor them.

Dennis Klein, a sculptor and teacher at Kootenay School of the Arts, and artist Naomi Lewis have been chosen to make a memorial depicting Canadians embracing the hands of American resisters.

City Hall Thief Sentenced to 40 years

AUSTIN, TX: You may not be able to fight city hall, but you can steal from it - at least for awhile.

John David Woods has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for stealing more than \$100,000 from 24 city halls across Texas to pay off Internet gambling debts.

Prosecutors said Woods, 34, had developed a system during the three-year string of thefts: He would rent a car, drive to another town, sneak into the city hall and take all the money he could find.

Mary Jane Found Growing Outside Police Headquarters

GREEN BAY, WI: Deputies didn't have to go far to find this marijuana: It was growing right outside their Green Bay headquarters.

Green Bay television station WLUK-TV reported Tuesday that it received a tip and alerted the Brown County Sheriff's Department about the pot in a planter on the south side of the courthouse.

Overtime Law Changes Cause Concern

BY JULIE MELF

Beacon Asst. News Editor

Over the past few weeks a lot of attention has been given to overtime laws and their affect on the nation. But what exactly is the overtime law and why has it been getting so much attention?

According to CNN and Congressman Kanjorski's office, in March 2003, the Bush Administration's Secretary of Labor, Elaine Chao, announced a proposal that would significantly alter the nation's overtime pay rules. This act would change the administrative regulations governing the exemption of certain "bona fide executive, administrative, and professional, employees." This proposal caused considerable controversy.

More recently, on August 23, 2004, the Bush administration's final regulations on overtime pay went into effect. However, these regulations were short-lived. This past Thursday, the House of Representatives voted 223-193 to roll back the new Bush administration rules governing overtime pay.

"Overtime pay is extremely important to the millions of American families using the extra money earned by working overtime to cover their essential expenses. In addition to these costs, this money also helps many families to send children to college, save for their retirement, or even take a dream vacation," stated Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski.

According to the Department of Labor and Industry, the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) is the primary federal statute dealing with overtime pay. Originally passed into law by Congress in 1938, it requires that employers pay salaried workers time-and-a-half for hours worked in excess of 40 per week.

Exceptions were built into the act in response to both economics and public

policy concerns. For instance, employees that are classified as "bona fide executive, administrative or professional employees" are exempted from receiving overtime pay based on their job duties. What constitutes an executive, administrative, or professional employee however, has been left to the Secretary of Labor to define.

"The problem with all of this is government is deciding how much an individual is getting paid rather than the market," said Dr. Anthony Liuzzo, professor of business and economics and director of the Wilkes University MBA program.

Because of these changes, salaried workers earning \$23,660 annually or less are eligible for overtime pay. Middle class salaried workers who fall between \$23,660 and \$100,000 a year might lose overtime based on a duties test. This test describes the tasks that determine whether a worker is eligible or ineligible for overtime.

"I just don't think it's right. Some people sacrifice their lives and broke their backs for so many years to get these laws and they're just being totally railroaded," said Tara Priest, junior business administration major.

While many college students may find themselves exempt from the law, it may not be for long.

"When we get out, it will be entry level jobs, but that's just for the first few years. Eventually you will work your way up the chain of command and that's something you have to worry about," explained Priest.

According to Congressman Kanjorski, the U.S. Department of Labor advises that, where an employee is subject to both the state and federal overtime laws, the employee is entitled to overtime according to the higher standard. Pennsylvania is one of the states that has its own overtime regulations, which means Pennsylvania workers will see little change to their overtime pay.

Student Government Notes

Both the Student Political Action Forum and Lacrosse Team were approved by SG to be recognized as a club.

Motion passed to grant *The Beacon* \$4,876 to furnish their new office.

Homecoming weekend will be held on October 8 and 9. The dinner/dance will

be on October 8 and the pep rally will be held on October 9.

A meeting for freshmen interested in running for SG will be held September 13 at 3pm in the Hiscox Meeting Room. Nominations are due September 16-17 and elections will be held on September 21.

SG meets every Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Hiscox Meeting Room, 1st Floor of the Henry Student Center. Meetings are open to the public.



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very, very difficult grant to get. So, when someone receives it, it tends to move an institution up to another level of national recognition," said Loeschke. "People are going to be watching us [Wilkes], because people who get these are people on the move."

But it is the future students of Wilkes University who will benefit the most from this funding. Loeschke believes the program put in place with these monies will increase retention and student satisfaction, and also increase the number of students the University graduates.

The funding will provide additional resources in four areas: student academic support, an electronic learning portfolio, faculty development, and advising—something Wilkes is already hailed for in the academic community.

Both Loeschke and Dr. Paul

scripts, learning philosophy, resumes, writing samples, projects, and even artwork. Both students and their advisors will have access to the portfolio, which will streamline the advising process. Students will also be able to use the portfolio in the internship or job search process. "Most universities can't touch providing that," said Loeschke.

Finally, the grant will support faculty development, providing training on advising and the electronic learning portfolio.

According to Anne Pelak, Director of Grant Support, the funds will be released over a five-year period. Additionally, the grant provisions allow the University to put 20% of the grant in a restricted University Title III endowment, provided the University matches that amount through fund-raising efforts. Over five years, \$350,000 of the grant

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Dr. Maravene Loeschke
University Provost

Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs, feel strongly that a great advising program is critical to a student's academic, professional and personal success.

"Advising is about helping a young person plan a life. The more effectively we can do that, the more likely they will be able to achieve their goals," said Adams.

The new and improved advising system will put a more solid advising team in place in each of the four schools, giving students not only one advisor, but several mentors that will help guide them on their learning journey at Wilkes.

In addition to beefing up advising, the grant will provide funds to increase academic support in the more challenging academic areas, like calculus and organic chemistry, for example. More tutors will be available in and out of the classroom, and a coordinator will oversee the program.

An electronic learning portfolio will also be available to all incoming freshmen beginning next year. This portfolio (iWebfolio) will allow students to post their academic and extracurricular tran-

money will be put into the endowment fund and be matched by the University. That money will be earning interest over the period of the grant and beyond. "At the end of the grant, we'll have roughly \$700,000 in endowed funds which will contribute to ongoing support of Title III projects when the grant ends," said Pelak.

Those responsible for crafting this more than 60-page grant proposal included Dr. Maravene Loeschke, Provost; Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs; Tom Thomas, Director of the Learning Center; Blake Mackesy, Learning Specialist; Joan McDonald, Director of Institutional Research and Strategic Planning; and Anne Pelak, Director of Grant Support.

This grant is a major accomplishment for the University and will not only help to shape the undergraduate experience in years to come, but also increase the chances for getting additional grant money in the future. "It has the potential to be transformational," said Pelak.

Air Force ROTC to Close Wilkes Detachment

BY KEVIN FITZSIMMONS
Beacon Correspondent

In 2007, Wilkes University, along with four other schools, will be closing their Air Force ROTC programs. Two other universities will close their programs in 2005.

"ROTC, for as long as it's been here, has been a very valuable contributor to the community, and I think we all regret that they will not be here any longer," said Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs.

With the cost of college tuition climbing higher, ROTC scholarships serve as a solid form of financial aid for students who need it. According to Air Force ROTC Headquarters, over 7,000 cadets are on Air Force scholarships nationwide. An agreement has been reached that will allow current Wilkes freshmen with ROTC scholarships to complete their program and remain on track for graduation in 2008.

The AFROTC program as a whole has shown a 30% growth

in the last three years, according to headquarters. On the contrary, 20% of the detachments have held steady or declined in enrollment. A declining enrollment at Wilkes University is the major reason for the closure.

"Obviously they'll be missed. Whatever void they create, the challenge will be on us to find ways to fill it," said Adams.

Wilkes University's Air Force Detachment 752 is still accepting sophomores, juniors, or seniors interested in the ROTC as long as they will graduate by or before the summer of 2007.

Freshmen who are not enrolled in the program and are interested in competing for an in-college scholarship and enrollment allocation will still have the opportunity. However, they will not be able to activate it with this program. It will be necessary for them to transfer to another school and detachment by the end of their freshmen or sophomore year, according to information provided by AFROTC Headquarters.

The ROTC's lack of presence on campus will not go unnoticed.

"They remind us of the sacrifices people have been willing to make in support of the nation's freedoms," said Adams.

The ROTC program offered students interested in military careers an option in conjunction with academia. Even though the ROTC will be missed, the decision to close the detachment isn't surprising.

"They're like every other organization in this country, and they need to leverage their resources to the best of their ability," said Adams.

Wilkes University AFROTC Lt. Colonel Jane Vesperman referred all questions to Ann Easterling with Air University's Public Affairs. Although Vesperman and Easterling were quoted previously in another publication, both would not comment at this time and challenged the validity of those previous statements.



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Members of Wilkes' Air Force ROTC at the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Day.

Wilkes Restructuring Sees Major Changes in Several Offices

BY JULIE MELF

Beacon Ass. News Editor

This article is Part 1 in a three-part series reporting on the reorganizational changes that have taken place at the university during and since the summer. This section details the changes in the Student Affairs Office. The second part of the series will discuss the changes within the President's Cabinet and its affects on development initiatives and the capital campaign. The final installment will explore the University's policies regarding hirings and separations associated with restructuring.

This summer, in response to consultant recommendations, student surveys, and ongoing strategic planning, several offices on campus saw major change. Some made changes to the level of services, and some saw the separation of employees as part of a larger plan to change university direction in those areas.

After many discussions with his cabinet and approval from the Board of Trustees, President Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour announced changes in administrative structure that would take place at Wilkes. The first of those major changes, and perhaps the most evident to students is the restructuring of the Student Affairs department.

"Student Affairs was reorganized to better support the goals of the Signature



The Beacon/Gabe LeDonne

Phil Ruthkosky,
Director of Student Development

Undergraduate Experience. This reorganization was accomplished with no new funds," explained Gilmour.

Many new positions in the area of Student Affairs were created to carry out its functions. Philip Ruthkosky, who formerly served as the coordinator of Cooperative Education, heads the newly created Student Development office as its director. While he will still oversee internships and

cooperative education, his responsibilities will be expanded to include volunteer work, community service, campus interfaith, multicultural affairs, leadership programs and extracurricular activities.

"We are basically trying to take the extracurricular and co-curricular activities at Wilkes and enhance them, to not only add value to what you're learning in the classroom, but also continue to give you a sense of community, social responsibility, ethics, and developing your own sense of self-leadership," said Ruthkosky.

Ruthkosky is currently interviewing applicants for two additional new positions. The positions are for leadership development and community service, and both coordinators will reside on campus.

"Student life isn't between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. only. We want to bring back that opportunity to have involvement at night to develop more of a community atmosphere where students can have somebody helping them organize activities at nontra-

ditional hours," explained Ruthkosky.

A Wellness Coordinator is another new position that has been added and falls under the category of Student Affairs.

"When we received the resignation from Gail Minichiello (Coordinator of Community Service), it gave us an opportunity to look more broadly at the whole area of student development and how we can maximize our opportunities," explained Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs.

Minichiello resigned over the summer after being offered a job in Maine.

Offices all throughout campus have been affected by the restructuring. Alumni, Marketing Communications, and Student Activities are among many of the departments involved with these changes.

"As with any change, there will be a transition period for six to eight months in some parts for the organization. We believe this transition will be well worth the long-term benefits that these organizational changes will bring," said Gilmour.

Help Desk Moves South

BY JOSEPH DEANGELIS

Beacon Layout Artist

The Information Technology Help Desk has once again moved. Where, this time? Approximately 2,000 miles south of here.

All information technology (IT) services, including Help Desk operations, are now run by SunGuard, a computer technician company located outside Orlando in Maitland, Florida, that assists college campuses across the country with their computer needs. Students can now reach computer technicians 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling the Help Desk at 408-HELP (4357). The contact number has not changed; however, the calls are now routed to Florida and are answered by technicians who are not on site at Wilkes. This change is to improve Information Technology's ability to help students with computer needs on campus.

"You can get an operator really at any time during the day," said Tom Weeks, the Network Manager at Wilkes, about the new Help Desk. The previous Help Desk was located in Stark Hall and was only open during regular business hours. It was then difficult for a student to get help with his/her computer outside the usual business hours.

When a call is made to the help desk, a trouble-ticket is placed for a work-order on a student's computer that needs assistance. The technicians on campus only work on Level One problems, such as basic troubleshooting, finding PIN numbers, and finding e-mail passwords.

"We really don't deal that much with the student computers," said Weeks. "For most basic things we can go ahead and help out with that."

When more complicated problems happen, like hard-drive repairs or program in-

stallation, Weeks recommends that the student goes to a local repair shop.

"For the most part, we won't be able to do that," said Joseph Nalbene, lab manager for desktop support, on solving the more difficult problems. IT also offered support assistance in the Henry Student Center building for the first two weeks of classes. Technicians were on hand to fix any level one problems student had.

Every call placed to the Help Desk goes through the office of Gary Ingerick, the CIO for SunGuard. "We're really waiting [to see] how it works through this year," Ingerick said.

In order to get the general perception of how the new Help Desk is working, the IT department has sent out an on-line survey to students via e-mail. The results of the survey are not yet available.

"It really provides good feedback for how we're doing as an IT department," said Weeks. "I think the online survey is probably the best way to get the temperature and the pulse of how the community feels about us."

Ingerick, however, believes he has proof that the new Help Desk can be more effective. In the month of August alone, 58 percent of 1,108 trouble-tickets have been fixed.

Other improvements over the summer by IT include the installation of approximately 300 new Dell computers around campus. "Dell really provided the best mix of price and service," Weeks noted.

The new computers include 13 new Dells in the anatomy and physiology lab, 12 new Dells in the new psychology lab, 28 new Toshiba Tablets in the biology labs, 45 new Dells in the computer lab in Breiseth 006, 22 Power Books in Breiseth 002 and five new Dells in the Bedford computer lab. Upgrades have also been made to the computers in the Rifkin Deli and at the Pharmacy Information Center.

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Voter Education Most Important Step

in Voting Process

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL STAFF

A statistic regularly cited, especially in Presidential election years, is that 18-24 year olds are the least likely age group to vote. It's a depressing fact indeed, but a figure that would surely be more depressing, if it could be calculated, is the number of people in any age group who are poorly informed about what the candidates running for office actually stand for.

The airwaves and internet have become more and more saturated over the past year with so-called news about the presidential race, and as the election draws closer, the deluge will only grow in intensity. However, when we look at the information being presented to the American public, the vast majority of it is completely useless. The fact that John Kerry fell while skiing, or that George W. Bush fell off a dirt bike, has absolutely nothing at all to do with either man's capacity for leadership or their stance on the issues currently affecting the country.

If we are looking to point fingers and assign blame for this focus on trivial and irrelevant details, we have several places from which to start. But the largest portion of the guilt likely rests on the shoulders of cable television.

The Fox News channel has come under quite a bit of justifiable criticism lately for the huge degree of bias in their reporting, but that is not to say that the other cable news networks are objective angels. Whether conservative, liberal, or merely sen-

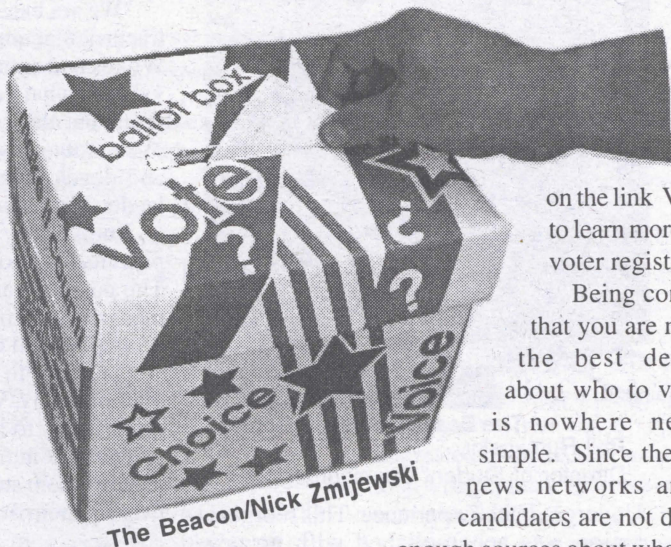
sational, there is no such thing as a completely unbiased news source. Because what we, as television consumers, come to view as "the news" is assembled and reported beings in search of high ratings, and each and every one of them has their own views on the subjects they report, it is impossible to get a completely objective view of just about anything.

This human fallibility, combined with the drive of 24-hour news networks to find new things to report, and the focus on brevity that a half-century of catch phrases and jingles has instilled into the American subconscious, makes for a political news atmosphere that is entertaining at best, and completely useless at worst. Any discussion of important issues is condensed into a 30 second sound byte.

And the candidates don't seem to be complaining, either.

This focus on the trivial creates a climate that allows both candidates to almost completely ignore touchy subjects. They give us feel-good quotes along the lines of, "My plan will accomplish X, Y, and Z," and the crowd goes wild. Nowhere is there an actual discussion of what exactly the "plan" is, and how exactly it will accomplish its goals.

While voting is the responsibility of all eligible citizens in a representative democracy like our own, the other, far more important facet of this responsibility is being as well-informed about the candidates we vote for as possible so that we can be confident that we are making the best choice for



our country. Actually voting is the easy part.

Not registered? No problem, the application process is quite simple.

There are a variety of ways you can go about registering to vote. Much of the application process is based in the area of your primary residence. Registering can be done in person at any designated county voter registration site.

If you are a resident of Pennsylvania, the Department of State website provides various credible links to designated registration spots throughout the state. The website also provides a link where actual voter registration forms can be downloaded and printed out, leaving the voter to do the last step, which is mailing the form to the local county registration committee.

And, because *The Beacon* stands firmly behind the belief that community engagement and activism is essential to any healthy democracy, readers can go to our website, www.wilkesbeacon.com and click

on the link 'Vote '04 to learn more about voter registration.

Being confident that you are making the best decision about who to vote for is nowhere near as simple. Since the major news networks and the candidates are not detailed enough sources about what is actually going on, the responsibility of becoming well-informed must be fulfilled elsewhere.

The internet can be an invaluable tool, if you know where to look. The candidates' websites are a good place to start, as they will often include a much more detailed version and explanation of their platforms than you will ever hear them give in public address.

Then, since there is no truly unbiased news source, read and digest what openly partisan columnists have to say. Read as much as you can on the issues, and on the candidates' plans to deal with the issues, by both adamant liberals and conservatives. Then read what they have to say about each other. Read as much as you possibly can. This will help you piece together your own opinions, to truly understand where the candidates stand on issues that are important to you, and to be confident that, come November, should you choose to put your newfound education to good use, you will be voting for candidates that best match what you honestly believe.

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Street Beat

As a student of Wilkes University, you spend a great deal of your time in the city of Wilkes-Barre. Plans have been made to begin construction on a movie theater in the city. *What effect do you think the new movie theater project will have on downtown Wilkes-Barre?*

David Straub

Junior, accounting major

"Having a movie theater downtown is better than having a hole downtown."

Paola Pardo

Junior, pol. sci./communications major

"I think that we should have one because not only Wilkes, but King's, too, would benefit. Plus, there are not a lot of things to do around here. It'll be fun."

Jessica Alinsky

Junior, political science major

"It will be beneficial to students, but also the public, because it will provide something to do. Plus, it is in walking distance of campus."

Lindsey Klish

Sophomore, pre-pharmacy major

"I think that a movie theater will hopefully bring a lot more to do downtown, especially within walking distance."

Matt Navin

Sophomore, history/ed. major

"I would hope for a downtown revitalization for the youth of Wilkes-Barre."

Ben Kushner

Senior, English major

"I think anything to revitalize the downtown area would be positive as long as they can take care of any traffic or parking problems that will arise."

Beacon Poll Results

The following are the results of a straw poll conducted by *The Beacon* on September 9, 2004 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center.

Are you planning to vote in the upcoming presidential election?

YES - 84%
NO - 16%

If yes, for whom will you cast your ballot?

KERRY - 53%
BUSH - 36%
NADER - 2%
UNDECIDED - 9%

Next week's poll question:

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

*The poll was unscientific and does not claim to reflect the overall feel of students on campus. Results based on 207 responses.

This past summer I was fortunate enough to embark upon a two-week cross-country car trip, the kind of time-honored pseudo-rite of passage that those in their early twenties commonly find themselves engaged in when it's finally dawned upon them that another week in Ocean City is about as appealing as, well, another week in Ocean City.

Armed with only a two-door Honda Civic, four road atlases, and half a week's worth of clean clothes (at the end of it I had a tee shirt that could have been used to play Frisbee with), two high-school chums and I pointed the car west and drove. And drove. And drove. So on so forth. When the dust settled, we had put 6,700 miles, 20 states, and an uncountable number of intensely strange experiences behind us. But do you know what the strangest experience of the entire trip was? We were (shockingly, appallingly, impossibly) actually happy when we got back to the Wyoming Valley.

Now, I know you're probably thinking, "Wait a minute Matt! Are you talking about the same desolate post-industrial ruin of a glacier path that I go to school and/or grew up in? That's plain ol' ridiculous!" Believe it or not, I speak the truth.

We talked on this matter for great lengths after the trip and discovered that, when it comes down to it, the Valley ain't half bad. Sure, driving through the Poconos isn't in the same league as traversing the majestic Rocky Mountains, and the Taylor Landfill is about as close as you're going to get to finding anything as awe-inspiringly vacant as the nearly endless deserts of Utah. And of course Pocono Downs is a laughable substitute to the decadent depravity of Las Vegas and the notoriously bizarre

Bourbon Street in New Orleans makes the craziest night at the Woodlands look like a chaperoned birthday party at Skate-A-Way.

Yet, despite all of this, and I mean *all* of it, we still agreed that we were happy to be back safe and sound in the Valley With a Heart (who coined that phrase?). Thinking about this some more on my own, I began to see how growing up and going to college in the Wyoming Valley had forced me to foster a type of psychosis that matter-of-factly asserted, "things are better elsewhere, and we're not being exclusive on this one."

Let's face it; the Valley isn't all that big and there aren't a whole lot of things to do that involve a wide variety of artistic or social facets. The frustration from this builds and I automatically began to believe that, yes, the grass is quite greener (which it can be in some places, but only some). But what this narrow minded and even naïve stance fails to consider is that all of these other "magically wonderful" places have their own downsides which, in many cases, are a whole hell of lot worse than the Valley's, and my road trip brought these factors to a sometimes grim surface.

I mean, in New Mexico alone we were nearly stabbed and robbed by hooligans at some quick mart in the middle of *absolutely* nowhere, and not even three hours later we almost drove off a cliff 10,000 feet up in the mountains because there hadn't been a streetlight for 200 miles and oncoming headlights took on the appearance of an alien spacecraft. Worse yet, the entire city of New Orleans is enveloped in a palpable stench that brings to mind rotting garbage, death, and exploitation.

I could go on and on with these examples but you should see the point by now. Just take it easy on the Valley. Hey, even give it a chance. There's more out there than you probably think, and, best of all, you don't even need to cross the country to find it.

THE Wyoming Valley: Hey, At Least It's Not New Mexico

BY MATT JONES
Beacon Asst. Op/Ed Editor

The Beacon/Lindsey Wotanis

Your Voices

I am writing to express my gratitude that the title of a Wilkes News headline has been changed from "Cheney puts family 1st" to "Vice President Dick Cheney Makes Campaign Stop at Wilkes University." Although the title and article were taken from Brett Marcy of the *Times Leader*, when broadcast on the Wilkes main web page, this presents an inappropriate political message for the University.

Granted, Cheney's family did take part in the event. However, I find it contradictory to state that any man who so vigorously supports an unjust war that has killed fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters on both sides a man who "puts family first" - especially on the Wilkes website.

The original headline appears to be another right-wing inculcation which conservative America uses to justify their insidious actions. Thankfully, the new headline on the website strictly addresses an article of news. I think that is of utmost importance for Wilkes University-to remain publicly apolitical at this time.

I am unsure why the Wilkes Marketing Communications Department covered this on-campus event yet chose to publish an article from Marcy on the university website. However, I thank them for making this change.

Christopher Pray
Junior, pre-med major

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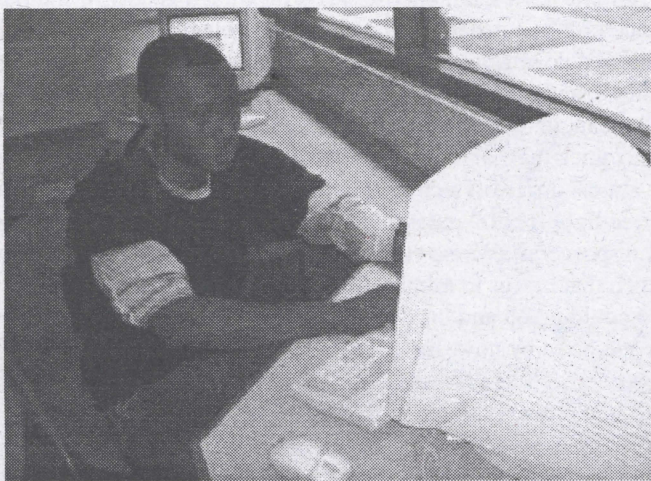
BY WICHITAHLENG
Beacon Columnist

In these fast times that we live in, what would happen if we hit a speed bump?

Sometime during the frenzied resident move in, Wilkes University's dormitory internet decided to reject its new patrons.

I first noticed it Sunday night, as did many of my new residents in the 325/327 S. River St. apartments. I am the Resident Assistant of that particular dorm. I received phone call after phone call wondering why the internet was not up and running. I told them that they could call the "HELP" line and that someone

there may better answer their queries. Some asked where the HELP line folks were located. For the first week, at least, I could say that there would be some support in terms of computer configuration at the



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Ricardo Williams searches the web at an Internet station.

Henry Student Center.

However, other than that, if you wanted someone from Wilkes to physically take a look at it, you would have to drive to our level one technical support center located in our neighboring town of, yup you guessed it, Orlando, Florida. I know I would not want to drive out there in the middle of hurricane season. But, I'm sure that there is someone around on campus to help us out... I hope.

When problems like these arise, we feel like cavemen living in the Stone Age; we're confined mice stuck with no escape in our cage dorm rooms. And yet, Wilkes is not the only place in the world that relies on the Internet, for it is a world wide web of dependency.

It's amazing how we as a society have become so dependent upon such an intangible object as the internet. Think about it, can you actually see the internet? Its reality is a jungle of wires, CAT-5 cables, routers, servers and flux capacitors. The resident students were fortunate enough to not have internet access in their rooms for nearly a week. At one point, we were able to search the internet on various web browsers, but could not get that damned AOL Instant Messenger to log on. I got calls about that, too. Some said, "What do I do? I don't have IM. I am so bored."

IM and the internet have allowed us to keep in touch with people we love, like, hate, or pretend we like but actually hate no matter how far away they are from where we are. Nevertheless, if these ties are broken, we go crazy. We have near riots because we do not know what to do without internet access. People freak out without their daily dose of internetazine 15 mg. suppositories. There are at least a thousand students on campus whom we can call on the phone or meet up with somewhere to occupy our free time and communicate with face-to-face. We also have computer labs with access. But instead, we choose to protest until something that is mostly out of our control is magically fixed.

I would not be surprised if internet became a new religion. Every Sunday morning we could sing songs about how great the internet is, or we could just download them. At night before bed, we could pray to the great Internet and let it know that we were ready to lay our heads to rest, or we could just put up an away message saying that we are sleeping. While in services at our computers, we could donate money towards not allowing the evil spirits of the internet to infiltrate our lives, or we could just give them our credit card number and download the newest pop-up blocker.

Third Party Votes Strive for Ballot Representation

BY J.W. DAVIES
Beacon Columnist

A few weeks ago, presidential hopeful Ralph Nader and running mate Peter Camejo were dealt a serious blow when the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania ruled that they were not eligible to appear as Independents on the state's ballot for the upcoming presidential election.

The decision was based on the fact that, in May, Nader had already accepted the nomination of the Reform Party, which, according to Pennsylvania law, disqualifies a candidate seeking to run as an Independent. Peter Camejo was also disqualified when the court found that he was a registered member of the Green Party in California.

Although this appears to be a simple misstep by the Nader campaign, it illustrates just how hard it is for a third party candidate to compete in a tightly contested, two-party race. With Pennsylvania as one of those "states to watch" in the election, it would not be surprising to see many John Kerry supporters seeking restraining orders against Nader and disallowing even a mention of his name in their polling district.

It was only a week after Nader turned in his application for nomination when Pennsylvania Democrats filed a suit asking for a review of his nominating petitions. The review, however, was never carried out since the court's ruling managed to take care of the "Nader problem" alto-

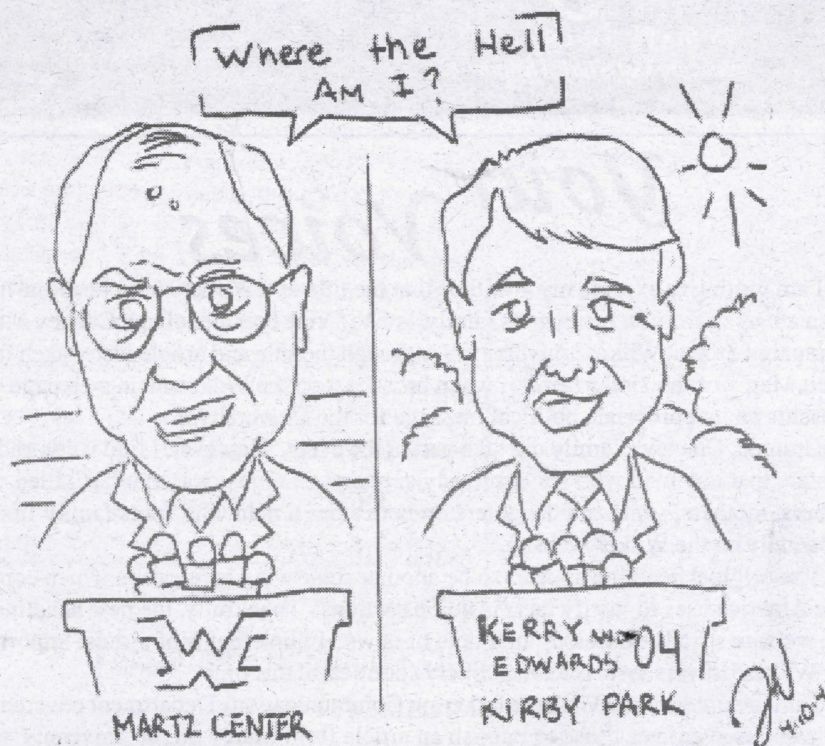
gether.

This could be a sign that Democrats fear they are losing their edge in Pennsylvania. In 2000, Al Gore had no problem taking the state by more than 200,000 votes and Nader posed no threat bringing in only 103,000 votes. It appears, however, that after four years President Bush has won over a considerable number of Pennsylvanians. It is also possible that Senator John Kerry just doesn't have the Gore factor, whatever that may be.

All violations of Ralph Nader's First and Fourteenth Amendment rights aside, this is not a total loss for Pennsylvanians who refuse to sell their votes to the rich white men. There are still a few third party candidates on the Pennsylvania ballot such as: Michael A. Peroutka of the Constitution Party, Michael Badnarik of the Libertarian Party, and David K. Cobb, the Green Party candidate from California. These candidates much like Nader, all suffer from a lack of exposure and campaign funding, but they are accessible. Each candidate has his own web site and their respective parties feature a great deal of information on their sites. It is the duty of any undecided voter, or even for those who already have their minds made up, to be as informed as possible before casting his or her vote.

Be aware of slick advertising. We do have choices and our responsibility is to learn about them and cast informed ballots.

Nickle for Your Thoughts



BY JASON NICKLE

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Early Planning Eases Housing Crunch

BY JAMIE BABBITT
Beacon Features Editor

Wilkes University's Strategic Long-Range Plan projects enrollment to increase to 4,000 full time students by the year 2010. This significant boost of students on cam-

temporarily at the Ramada Inn on Public Square (which is now used as "overflow housing") until rooms opened up on campus.

This year, however, planning took place much earlier in the year to make the housing

start of the year," said Yeninas.

Apparently, the early planning paid off. According to Yeninas, only two students had to reside at the Ramada Inn, and they were able to move onto campus the first week of classes when some beds opened up.

According to Mark Allen, Dean of Students, occupancy at Ten East South Street more than doubled and about 40 students now reside in apartments on River and Ross Street. Students were satisfied with their experience at the apartments last year, and Allen hopes for a similar reaction this year.

Additional beds were also added to Slocum Hall, the former ROTC building. In the past, Wilkes used the third floor as dorm space. This year, the entire building was transformed into a residence hall to add 30 beds.

While the smaller housing solutions are helping to ease the housing crunch now, the situation may become much tighter in the coming years. According to Allen, he and Yeninas are "already looking at projected numbers in an effort to identify suitable housing to meet our needs for the 05-06 academic year."

Although there are no plans for building a new residence hall as of yet, Yeninas feels that it may become an option in the future. "I think we're really getting to a point now that we really, really need to build something to make life easier for the students so we don't have them spread all over the place.

"There is discussion of building a new residence hall, but it's just discussion at this point. There have been no plans made and no holes have started to be dug on campus... But for the future right now, that's a big question mark," explained Yeninas.

According to Scott Byers, Vice President for Finance and Support Operations, that question mark is temporary. "We are at the beginning of developing a facilities master plan for the campus which would contemplate any new buildings or major renovations for the campus over the next ten years... Our intent is to have a final master plan by late January with many opportunities between now and then for community input and involvement."



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Lili Dibai and Cristine Corser in Slocum Hall, one of the newly renovated spaces to accommodate the growing numbers of resident students.

pus in the coming years is already causing Residence Life to feel the effects of the restrictions city campuses pose on housing.

With increasing enrollment comes the need for more housing. Each year as the numbers are increasing, Residence Life officials must come together to plan out where the students will reside.

Last year, the substantial increase in residential students forced Wilkes to seek off-campus solutions. Ten East South Street apartments were used as on campus housing for some students and a few stayed

process smoother than it was in the past. Wilkes had to plan for almost 100 more resident students than last year's 775.

According to Gretchen Yeninas, Director of Residence Life, the department began looking at the situation back in April, while last year the housing shortage didn't become a concern until July.

"Last year was a learning experience for us. So this year we were able to start a lot earlier and in the long run, it's actually worked out for us that we were able to get everybody reasonable accommodations for the

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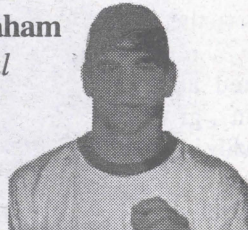
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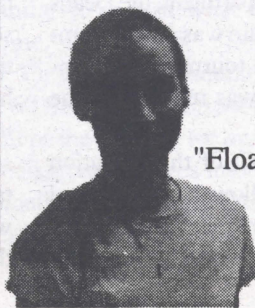
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Speech and Debate Endowed by Prof. Emeritas

BY VICKY WHITE

Beacon Asst. Features Editor

Thanks to the generosity of one man, the Wilkes Speech and Debate Team recently received a new lease on life.

Dr. Harold E. Cox, Wilkes University Archivist and Professor Emeritas of History, donated \$150,000 to the speech and debate team to ensure the continuance of the program at Wilkes.

The past four years have been dedicated to rebuilding what was once a program with national recognition. After a period of stagnancy for almost ten years, the team was reestablished and has been growing steadily in participants and strength since.

At that time, the speech and debate team began competing regionally and over a relatively

short period has reaffirmed that the team is "a force to be reckoned with," said team President Jessica Niemiec.

The team is currently ranked fourth in Pennsylvania, and has two members who hold district titles. Last year, the team had four members qualify to compete in the national tournament, the most prestigious tournament that is held, but because of the lack of funds, could only afford to send one member.

The ever-growing team had been faced with financial hardships since it was restarted. By petitioning Student Government, doing fundraisers, and relying on financial support from the Communication Studies Department, the Deans and the Provost, the team was able to compete in many regional tournaments. Unfortunately, the team was running on the bare minimum.

"The biggest benefit of this donation is that the money will allow them [the team] to attend national tournaments each year," said Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, Communica-

tion Studies Department Chairperson.

The team is able to draw interest from the capital of the endowed fund each year, which will amount to approximately \$6,000-\$7,000 a year. This money ensures that the team will be able to afford national tournaments, while continuing to rely on Student Government and other venues for the funding of regional tournaments. "For the local

plish everything that I was trying to do," said Cox.

"The team had a good nucleus and seemed to be rising from the ashes like a Phoenix. I figured that if we have something good now, let's give it a little money and see what it's capable of," Cox added.

The donation will also allow the speech



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The Speech and Debate Team poses with Dr. Harold Cox. (Left to Right): Dr. Harold Cox, Elvira Illiano, Julie Melf, Paul Jakubowski, Meagan Brown, Roger Raby, Keith Hubbard, Jess Niemiec and Lisa Dreier.

tournaments, we rough it. We put six people in a room and we get there how we can," said Niemiec, a senior communication studies major.

Cox's investment in the Wilkes speech and debate team this year came as a com-

and debate team to reinstate the collegiate tournament at Wilkes. Currently scheduled for February, the tournament aims to draw fifteen to twenty schools for competition. The tournament and an award will be named after Cox. The money is also going to be used to start a summer program at Wilkes for high school students.

Another benefit of the donation is the stability that it affords the speech and debate team in the years to come. The University has committed to hiring a speech and debate full-time coach, as the team has been largely student-run for the past four years. The first full-time coach will be hired for the 2005-2006 year, and will also be teaching some courses in public speaking in the Communication Studies Department.

Cox is notably modest about the gift. "Buildings fall down, doors get removed or renovated, a living memorial I think is better than a physical one. This will extend my fifteen minutes of fame to perhaps forty-five, but not any more than that."

I wanted something that could be done with a relatively modest amount of money that would hopefully have a major impact, not only internally but externally as well.

Dr. Harold E. Cox
Prof. Emeritas of History
University Archivist

plete surprise to the recipients, but he pointed out that it was a logical fit for what he wanted to do with his money. "I wanted something that could be done with a relatively modest amount of money that would hopefully have a major impact, not only internally but externally as well--preferably something that would benefit Wilkes' reputation in the liberal arts. After speaking with Dr. Elmes-Crahall one day, I realized that donating to the team would accom-

The Beacon would like to welcome the following new faculty members to the University:

Amy Bradley, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Jennifer Edmonds, M.B.A., Instructor of Business Administration

Gerard Emershaw, Ph.D., Instructor of Philosophy

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Sergio Pedro, M.A., Visiting Instructor of Spanish

Hernando Trujillo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry

John Michael Vore, M.F.A., Visiting Assistant Professor of English

Dr. Adam Welch, Pharm.D., Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Public Safety Changes Assessed

BY JESS NIEMIEC
Beacon Staff Writer

Last summer, the Public Safety office underwent a change that shocked many on campus.

Every position held by a University public safety officer was terminated, and a new, much more stringent interviewing and recruiting policy was adopted. Of the ten full-time and one part-time officer currently employed at Wilkes, only three were in service prior to the reorganization.

Many people wonder if such a dramatic change was worthwhile. According to Christopher Bailey, Director of Campus Support Services, it was. "I am completely confident it was the right thing to do. This change directly impacted people. First and foremost, I am here to look after the University."

The Public Safety office oversees all campus safety, fire safety, the shuttle service, patrolling, and the University service center.

This summer sparked a second round of changes within the public safety department that included the completion of 235 Training, which is the training for Pennsylvania certification. The implementation of this training was one of the main goals of the original restructuring last summer.

This summer also marked the implementation of the "use of force" policy,

which was unanimously accepted by Student Government last year, and then passed through the Board of Trustees. This policy gives officers the authority to respond to assault or injury with the use of force, which can be use of pepper spray, physical restraint, or the "asp" -- the police baton. They are also given the right to detain individuals with the use of handcuffs until local police arrive.

"Across the board, there have been positive effects," said Bailey. "These changes were directly drawn from student surveys, and because of their lack of confidence in the security, we had to provide better protection."

Informally, there have been many comments made by students and staff indicating they feel this change was for the better.

"What was done was necessary to get the caliber of officers way up," said Gerald Rebo, Wilkes University Patrol Manager of Operations. "The campus is now more secure, the people are more knowledgeable, and even the diversity of officers is now higher."

This new round of officers has three females in its ranks, while previously there were no women on the squad. The interview process for these new officers was much more extensive, as well, with an in-

depth background check and an extensive interview performed by three managers.

The sight and appearance of the patrol squad has greatly improved also. With the implementation of the bike patrol, in addition to the new bright yellow uniforms, visibility of officers has increased.

Also this summer, Bailey's jurisdiction widened, giving him added tasks as well. He now

ing contracts, print and mail room, insurance, and risk management. Because of this, there has been a new manager position created within that department.

With all of the changes happening in the realm of public safety at Wilkes University, the new patrol officers were just the tip of the iceberg. But, according to Bailey, these changes were done with the students' best interests at heart.

Bailey concluded, "The main goal of this restructuring was to gain competent officers that can be entrusted to protect and provide security for those on campus."



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Leah Senese, Public Safety Officer.

manages food and bookstore contracts, as well as all the vend-

JCC Offers Community Support to Jewish Students

BY JAMIE BABBITT
Beacon Features Editor

Each year, new programs are offered on campus and in the community in effort to motivate students to get involved in something they care about. Often, these programs help students to grow emotionally and socially and to discover their passions.

This year, members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre hope to see Jewish students in the surrounding area lead more active Jewish campus lives by joining in the Wilkes-Barre Community Hillel program.

The Community Hillel is an organization that seeks to unite Jewish students at area colleges and introduce them to the Jewish community in Wilkes-Barre, according to Paula Chaiken, Assistant Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre. It began in response to the lack of organized support for Jewish students in the area. Its intent is to fill that void, while also giving students the opportunity to "celebrate Jewish holidays and participate in activities with other Jewish students, and to find out about opportunities to travel to



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Members of the new JCC Program. From left to right: Paula Chaiken, Victoria Gurevich, Lindsey Infield, Michael Casey, David Brownstein.

Israel," said Chaiken.

Students participating in the program will take part in services and home hospitality for Jewish holidays, celebrate Ha-

nukkah with a party, and join in a Passover Seder, which is a ritual meal. Upcoming holidays, Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year), beginning on September 15 and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), beginning on September 24 will be celebrated by attending synagogue services and sharing a meal with a local Jewish family.

The program will also offer social action events,

which may be anything from a whitewater rafting trip to Israeli dancing, according to Chaiken.

Jeff Davidowitz, President of the Jewish

Federation of Greater Wilkes-Barre, hopes that Jewish students at nearby colleges will want to get involved. "College is a time of exploration and transition. We want Jewish students to be able to maintain and develop their Jewish identity, if they are interested."

Ariel Cohen, sophomore communications studies major, along with some other students at Wilkes have already shown interest in the program by attending the organizational meeting held on September 2.

"I am looking forward to [services and social dinners] because praying with people my own age is something I grew up with and here in Wilkes-Barre, there really is not that opportunity, so this will allow me to have something I enjoy in a setting similar to that of what I experienced at home," said Cohen.

The Jewish Community Center, located at 60 South River Street in Wilkes-Barre, will be the location for much of these event Chaiken encourages interested students to e-mail her at pchaiken@tsconnects.com to get involved.

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Lavan Celebrates First Emmy Win

BY NOAH P. REED
Beacon Correspondent

Tom Lavan, a 1999 Wilkes University graduate in Communication Studies, recently earned a studio-technical Emmy through his job with ESPN. In his five years since graduation, Lavan has worked for both WBRE Channel 28 in Wilkes-Barre and at ESPN.

So what is a Studio-Technical Emmy? "It's an all-behind-the-scenes award. [It acknowledges] everything it takes to get the show on the air: the filming, audio and video production and light shading," explained Lavan.

Lavan recently sat down with a correspondent for *The Beacon*, Noah Reed, and the following Q & A was the result of that conversation.

Q: What particular show did you win the Emmy for?

A: *This is Sports Center*. It was an all behind-the-scenes show on what I do at ESPN every day.

Q: How exactly did you get your job at ESPN? Was it luck or through an internship?

A: Being at the right time and at the right place, or some would say, "networking". I was working at WBRE at the time, and I overheard the conversation of someone in the hallway who said, "Yeah, I work at ESPN now." I stopped what I was doing and questioned the woman [about] how I could get a job there as well. The woman gave me her name and address and told me to send her my resume and she would get it to ESPN. Four days later Tony Valentino from ESPN called me. The very next day I flew to Boston for a three and a half hour interview. Four more days later, I had my job.

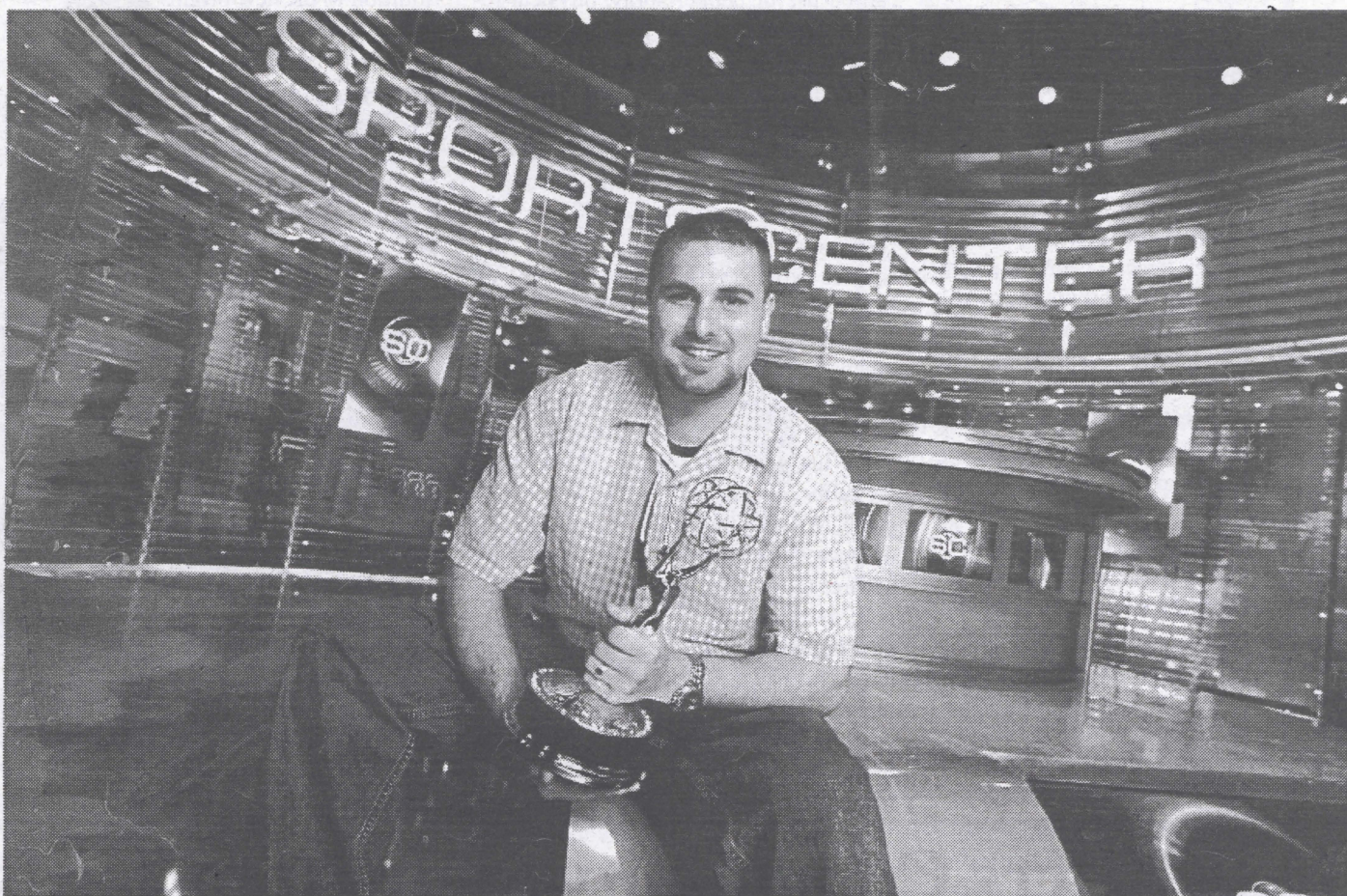


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Tom Lavan, 1999 Wilkes graduate, holds the Emmy he won for his work with *This Is Sports Center* on ESPN.

Q: What particular shows at ESPN have you produced?

A: I mostly do the *Six o'clock Sports Center*, but I do the *NFL Primetime*, *NFL Sunday Countdown*... You name it, I've done it. Every show is a different format and a different sport, so it's always something different. I don't think I will ever get bored with it.

Q: What do you believe leads to the success of so many graduates such as yourself?

A: There is so much to say, but the classes at Wilkes were great. In my Advanced Video class, there were eight students. You could gain a good relationship with your professor and an opportunity for hands on, closer working. The professor actually knows your name.

Q: What would you suggest that Wilkes do to better prepare its soon-to-be graduates?

A: I believe that the students have a bigger responsibility than the

University does. Students should take more control of their futures. Internships will allow you to learn the necessary skills, and to find out which field u really enjoy.

Q: Finally Tom, where is your Emmy sitting? Over your fireplace? On your desk at work?

A: Actually, I haven't received the actual Emmy yet. From what I understand it takes a month or two to engrave it, but I'm sure that I will put it somewhere interesting.

Emmy History**

- The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences was founded in June 1957
- Ed Sullivan was elected the first national President.
- It is currently the largest television industry professional organization in the world with over 13,000 members.
- The name Emmy is derived from "Immy", a shortened term used for the early image camera tube.
- The Emmy Awards will be televised this year on September 19, at 8 p.m. on ABC, according to <http://www.emmys.com/>

**All facts on the Emmy and Emmy History were taken from <http://www.emmyonline.org/emmy/history.html>



Quick and Easy Eats for Cheap

This Week: Poor Student's Pasta Salad

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO
Beacon A&E Editor

Picture this: you get back from a night out with your friends. You're starving, it's late and you're broke so you really can't afford a tasty restaurant meal. All you have is what's in your cupboard (do the crumbs count?).

Well, I've been there and let me tell you something: unless you are a five-star chef and plan on spending hours cooking (repeat after me: "I have a life...I have a life"), I'd bet anything you'll resort to what my friend calls "beerios" (beer and Cheerios) before you cook yourself something.

Thursday night I was about to resort to the beerios, but I figured I'd try to make myself something that actually

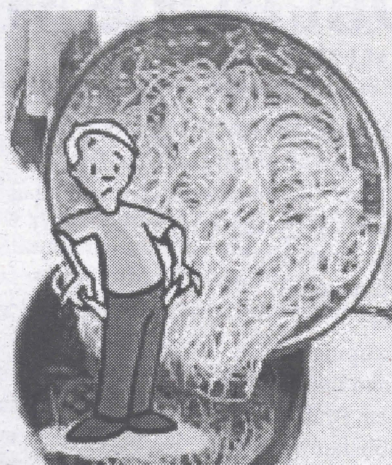
wouldn't give me a hangover. Here's what I came up with: Poor Student's Pasta Salad.

All you need is:

- ✕ 3 ounces of pre-cooked pasta (amount may vary according to how hungry you are)
- ✕ 1 can of mixed vegetables

Here's what you do if you are using a microwave:

1. Microwave two cups of water in a microwave safe bowl. Once it comes to a boil (usually 3-5 minutes), remove the bowl of water from the microwave, place the pre-cooked pasta in the bowl and cover the bowl with a lid. Wait five minutes, stirring the pasta occasionally,



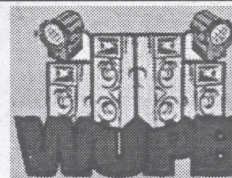
then remove excess water from the bowl and add vegetables.

Here's what you do if you are using a stove:

1. Boil two cups of water in a pot or pan. Once it comes to a boil, add the pasta and wait 3-5 minutes. Once the pasta is cooked, drain excess water and add the vegetables.

The average amount of pasta for one person is three ounces. If you are really hungry, you may double your portions (just remember, for every three ounces of pasta, use two cups of water).

Mmmm.... much better than beerios.



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Hot! New Releases

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BY JESSICA NIEMIEC
Beacon Correspondent

New movie releases at Cinemark

Cellular

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9/10/2004

New video/DVD releases at Blockbuster

9/7/04

The Punisher

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9/14/04

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9/28/04

Armored Core: Nexus

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9/14/04

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New CD Releases

Lamb of God

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Straight OuttaCashville

Out to the Movies: *Garden State*

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Correspondent

What better way to start out a new year than with hilarity and real-life emotion? *Garden State* delivers it all as Zach Braff (Dorian, on NBC's *Scrubs*) makes his writing and directorial debut.

Leaping easily beyond the small screen, Braff quickly establishes himself as a force to be reckoned with. According to the latest buzz, we could be seeing his name in the Best Director category this year at the Oscars.

Andrew Largeman (Braff) has struggled quietly throughout life in a lithium-induced fog, but has managed a moderately successful career as an actor in Los Angeles. Upon hearing the news of his mother's death in New Jersey, he is inspired to take a break from the pills to see what could happen. "Large," as he's known to friends, hasn't been home to

the Garden State in nine years, but is still unable to escape his domineering father and personal psychiatrist, Gideon (Sir Ian Holm, *Lord of the Rings*).

Large sees that many of his friends

Large needs. Thanks to her, he opens up in a way that the pills had never let him before, leading him to find the infinite abyss that is his life. *Garden State* also stars Jean Smart and Method Man.

Following in the tradition of such movies as *The Graduate* and *Rushmore*, Braff's heartfelt warmth and humor in *Garden State* is exceptional and will not go unnoticed. Not only is the movie a work of art, but the soundtrack, also produced by Braff, is also eclectic and noteworthy featuring songs by Coldplay, Simon & Garfunkel, The Shins, and Nick Drake to name a few.

Garden State is a movie that fits all elements (acting, music, writing, camera shots) together just

right. As a result, the tone of reality it strikes is compelling while remaining original. Bravo to Braff and his excellent achievement!

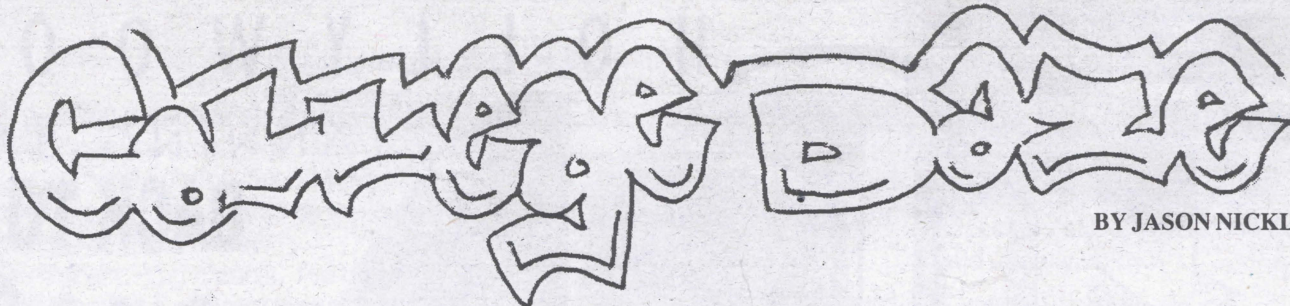
Garden State is rated R and receives a Thumbs Up!



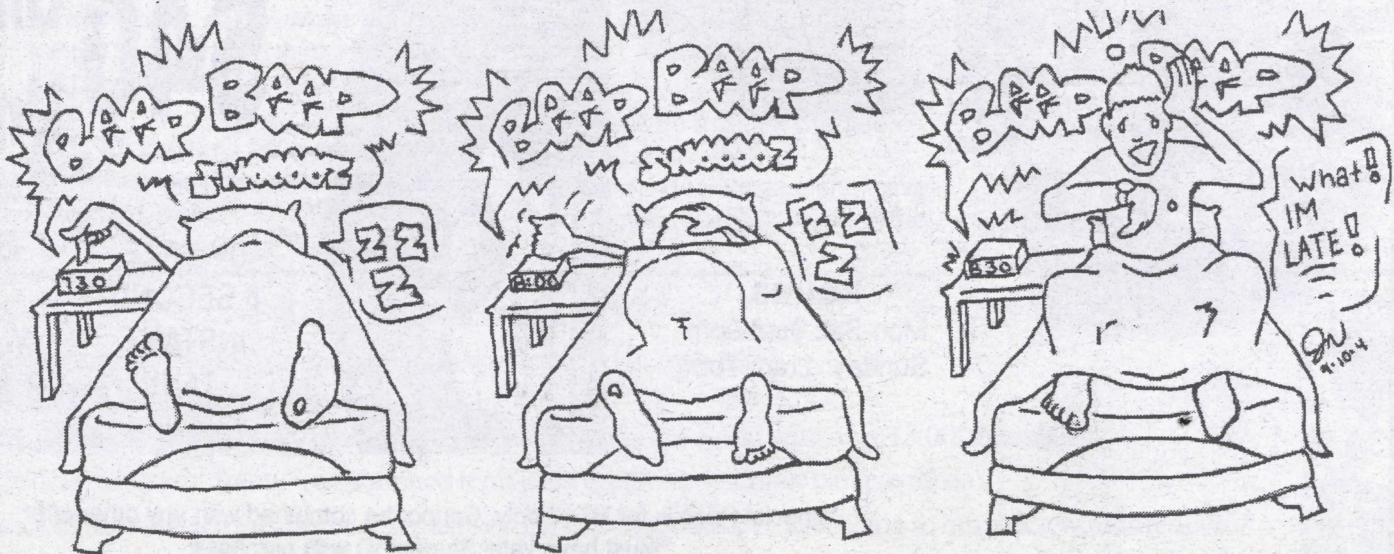
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Peter Sarsgaard, Natalie Portman, and Zach Braff

are living quite unique lives as gravediggers (Peter Sarsgaard), entertainers, and schemers. By a twist of fate, he meets Sam (Natalie Portman), a girl who couldn't be more wrong for him. Sam, however, turns out to be just what



BY JASON NICKLE



This Week in History

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

September 13
Beatles win 1st Grammy for Best Group, 1964

September 14
The MTV Awards are held for the first time, 1985

September 15
Birthday of Tommy Lee Jones, 1946

September 16
Birthday of Molly Shannon, 1964

September 17
Vanessa Williams first black woman crowned Miss America, 1983

September 18
New York Times begins publishing, 1851

September 19
Final episode of the TV series, *M*A*S*H*, airs 1983

Arts in Autumn Program Set

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO
Beacon A&E Editor

This year autumn will come early to the Wilkes University campus. The harvest season officially begins on Friday, September 17 with "Arts in the Autumn."

According to Dr. Diane Polachek, Department of Education Chairperson and coordinator of Arts in Autumn, the event is sponsored by the Wilkes University College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences to support student academic awards, and will be held from 6 to 10 PM on the second floor of the Henry Student Center in the Grand Ballroom. The evening will feature the watercolor talent of Tim Weaver and Bob Gaetano, the Wilkes jazz band, a poetry slam and a screening of one of the original black and white Marx Brothers films.

Tickets for the event are \$25. RSVP by September 10th. For further information contact Dr. Diane Polachek at extension 4684.

Downtown Block Party Scheduled

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO
Beacon A&E Editor

Wilkes-Barre's Public Square promises to come alive Saturday, September 25th with college students.

From 4:00 to 10 p.m., downtown Wilkes-Barre will celebrate one of its most important assets-the local colleges.

Students, staff, family and friends from the five local colleges and universities are invited to attend the Downtown Collegetown Block Party on Public Square, Wilkes Barre. Food, beverages, games and live music by Six Second Yellow and DJ Hersh will be provided. There will also be a three-on-three basketball tournament and other activities planned, which you can pre-register for by calling (570) 823-2102.

To find out more, contact the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce & Industry at intern05@wilkes-barre.org or by phone at (570) 823-2101, extension 148.

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Vieselmeier, Hahn Named All-Tournament Players

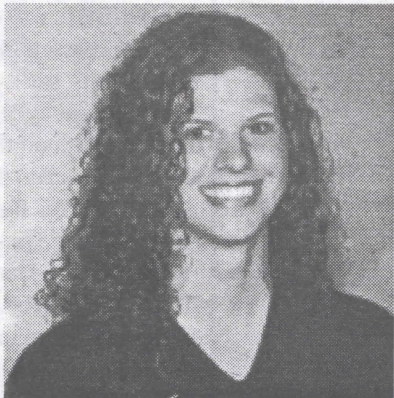
Volleyball team takes 2nd in King's tourney

BY GABE LEDONNE
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

If opening weekend for the Wilkes Volleyball team is any indication of what it is capable of, it could be a very good year.

At the Labor Day weekend tournament at King's College--which traditionally marks the start of volleyball season here--the Lady Colonels brought home the second-place trophy. It was the first time the team had done so in over a decade.

But in the course of the games, two of Wilkes' Lady Colonels



Alicia Vieselmeier

earned spots on the All-tournament Team. Both Alicia Vieselmeier and Nicole Hahn were recognized for their exceptional efforts during the two-day tourney.

Vieselmeier, a junior communication studies major, is no stranger to recognition. Coming to Wilkes after having been on the Class A New York State championship team her senior year in high school, she instantly became a standard on the court, and was named Freedom Conference Rookie of the Year in 2002.

Last year, Vieselmeier tallied an impressive 316

kills and 51 blocked shots, earning MAC All-conference second-team honors.

"We try to keep her in the game as often as possible because somebody who is such an impact player you want on the court," said Scott Van Valkenburgh, head volleyball coach.

Hahn, a sophomore pharmacy major, has also had an extraordinary early career at Wilkes. Starting as a setter in her freshman year, she set a new school record for assists in a single season with 836. In addition, Hahn is on track to beat the Wilkes record for career sets this week. If she keeps her current pace, she'll do so during the Lady Colonel's match-up against King's on Tuesday--just 7 games into her sophomore year.

"She's a different level setter than Wilkes has ever seen," Van Valkenburgh said of Hahn. "She's very consistent, and very accurate...She makes everyone else's job a lot easier."

Both Vieselmeier and Hahn, though, recognize that two players don't make a team, and attribute much of their personal success to the support and help of their team mates.

"We have to play as a team of six, not six individuals. Everyone has to trust each other, and we do," Hahn said. "Everyone is always supporting each other."

"We're all friends on and off the court."

We're always there for each other. That helps us out on the court a lot," Vieselmeier added.

The two stand-outs are indeed only a part--albeit a major part--of a steadily building and improving team led by senior captains Megan Riley and Jeanine Barber.

"They've really helped turn the program around from a team that's struggled for years and

years into a team that right now is on the verge of something great," Van Valkenburgh said of Barber and Riley.

With solid leadership and impressive talent on the court, Van Valkenburgh has high expectations for this year's team.

"When you have great leadership on the team...and someone like Alicia who's brought so much to this team, and then on top of that you bring in the best setter this school has seen, good things are going to happen."



Nicole Hahn

Women's Soccer Drops Game to L.V.

COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

Lebanon Valley College scored a goal in each half to earn a 2-0 non-conference women's soccer win over visiting Wilkes University on Saturday afternoon. The win improves the Flying Dutchwomen to 2-1 overall, while the Lady Colonels slide to 2-2 overall.

Lebanon Valley took a 1-0 lead at intermission thanks to a goal by Christine Schmidt at the 32:30 mark. Ashley Wells was credited with an assist on the tally. Kristen Hoover then gave the Flying Dutchwomen their two-goal advantage at the 79:11 mark of the second stanza when she scored off an assist from Keri Foster.

Wilkes and Lebanon Valley had nine shots on goal apiece, while the Lady Colonels established a 4-3 advantage in corner kicks. Holly Walton had nine saves in goal for the Flying Dutchwomen to pick up the win. Liz Pauly stopped five shots in net for Wilkes.

Also last Sunday, September 5, the Colonels led by Kami Roth, who scored three goals and Kristi Barsby who added two goals and three assists, beat Goucher College 7-1 at the Franklin & Marshall Tournament.

The next challenge for the Lady Colonels will be Wednesday at home when Wilkes takes on Elmira at 4:00 p.m.

Field Hockey Team Remains Unbeaten

COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

The Wilkes University field hockey team remained unbeaten with a 2-0 non-conference win over Richard Stockton College on Saturday afternoon. The Lady Colonels improve to 4-0 overall, while the Osprey fall to 2-2.

Wilkes got on the board at the 20:03 mark of the opening half when Carrie Stolarick scored off an assist from Megan Farrell. Farrell would then provide some breathing room for the Lady Colonels when she scored at 60:42 of the second half off an assist from Melissa Quinn.

Wilkes held a 10-6 shots on goal advantage, while also gaining a 15-9 edge in

penalty corners. Jennifer Cole and Hilary Weber split time in goal for the Lady Colonels. Cole had two saves in the first half, while Weber came up with three saves in the second stanza. Caitlin Nolan finished with five saves in goal for Richard Stockton.

Last Sunday, September 5, Wilkes University rallied from a one goal halftime deficit to knock off Neumann College in the championship game of the Wilkes Field Hockey Invitational at Artillery Park to win by a score of 4-2. The field hockey team travels to Misericordia on Tuesday at 7 PM.

Uhas Drills Two to Propel Wilkes Win

Men's soccer team routs SUNY-Potsdam 5-1

COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

Wilkes University received goals from four different players on their way to a 5-1 non-conference men's soccer win over SUNY Potsdam on Saturday afternoon at Ralston Field. The win improves the Colonels to 2-1 overall, while the Bears slip to 1-3.

Wilkes got on the board at the 12:34 mark of the opening half when Kyle Dukmen scored off assists from Mike Bridy and Mike Leaman. Steve Uhas followed with an unassisted goal at the 21:51 mark on a penalty kick to up the lead to 2-0.

The Colonels improved their edge to 3-0 at the 26:50 mark of the first stanza when Ryan Strange scored off an assist from Andy Curry. The Bears would cut the lead to 3-1 at intermission when Gary Lee converted a penalty kick at the 35:58 mark.

Wilkes scored the only two goals of

the second half to pull away. Sean Fisher knocked home a shot off assists from Bridy and Leaman at the 50:01 mark. Uhas then tallied his second goal, this time off an assist from Tim Butzek, at the 64:46 point.

Wilkes held an 11-8 shots on goal advantage, while also gaining a 7-6 edge in corner kicks. Dominik Proctor and Kyle Delp both played in goal for the Colonels, with both registering one save. Adam Youmelle had all five saves in goal for Potsdam.

On Sunday, Wilkes University and Frostburg State University battled to a 0-0 double-overtime tie in a non-conference men's soccer match at Ralston Field. The tie moves the Colonels to 2-1-1 overall, while the Bobcats see their record move to 2-2-1.

The Colonels take their game on the road on Wednesday to Baptist Bible at 4 PM.

Wilkes Drops 38-35 Football Decision To Albright

COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

Junior quarterback John Port threw for 336 yards and five touchdowns and the Albright College Lions took advantage of three Wilkes University turnovers to post a 38-35 Middle Atlantic Conference win over the Colonels before a crowd of 1,250 at Ralston Field on Saturday afternoon. The contest was the season opener for both sides.

Wilkes jumped out to a 7-0 lead on its first possession of the game. Senior running back Brett Trichilo picked up 25 yards on his first carry of the game to move the ball to the Albright 37. Three plays later Trichilo carried the ball into the endzone from nine yards out.

Albright would march 67 yards in five plays on its first possession of the second quarter to take the lead. Port again went to the air and found Holland for the 35-yard touchdown. Kaplan connected on the PAT to extend the lead to 10-7.

Wilkes would respond with a scoring drive of its own after taking over following the kickoff on their own 19. Three straight carries by Trichilo picked up 23 yards. Kyle Gallagher then followed with a 10-yard run and Trichilo picked up four yards to set up a second-and-six from the Lions 33. Porrino then hit Paul Bilous with a 33-yard scoring strike with 1:59 left in the half. The point after attempt was wide left and Albright held a 17-13 lead at intermission.

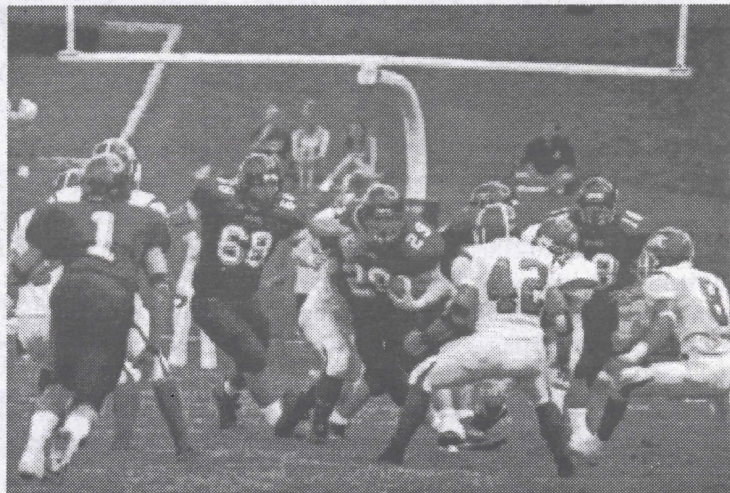
The game would stay that way until late in the third quarter when another turnover proved to be costly for Wilkes. After a good return by the Lions, Port was able to complete 22-yard pass to Cushman that moved the ball to the six. On the next play, Port found Mocey for a six-yard touchdown. Kaplan was successful on the extra point to give Albright a 24-13 lead after three quarters.

After holding the Lions on

downs, Wilkes took over on its own 40-yard line with 8:56 to play. The Colonels got a six-yard Porrino to Gallagher pass and a six-yard Trichilo run to move inside Albright territory to the 48. Porrino followed with a 25-yard hookup with Kevin Carroll to push the ball to the 23. After two runs by Mills netted 12 yards, Trichilo took a handoff and weaved into the endzone for an 11-yard score with 7:10 left. Devlin cut the lead to 31-27 with the extra point.

Albright came right back on its next possession with Port hitting all four of his pass attempts for 61 yards. The payoff came on a 17-yard Port to Mocey aerial at the 4:28 mark. Kaplan tacked on the point after to up the Lions lead to 38-27.

The Colonels would close the margin once again on their next possession, going 88 yards in 12 plays. Porrino completed seven passes for 66 yards, while also picking up 16 yards on a run.



Brett Trichilo punches through the defensive pack for a Wilkes gain on Saturday.

The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Porrino found Jim Jordan with a ten-yard touchdown pass with 1:58 left and then hit Carroll for the two-point conversion to make it 38-35.

After holding Albright on downs, Seth Kaplan hit a 12-yard punt for Albright that gave Wilkes the ball at its own 43 with only 15 seconds left. A 13-yard Porrino to

Jordan completion and a 10-yard pass to Sean Sholtes set the ball at the Albright 34 with five seconds left. But, a 51-yard field goal attempt by Devlin was off the mark and Albright walked away with the win.

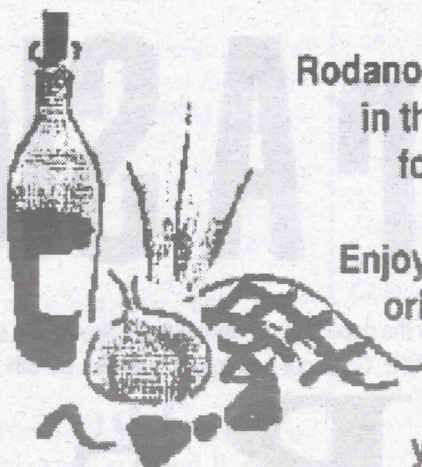
The team travels to Freedom Conference rival, Lycoming this Saturday at 1:30.

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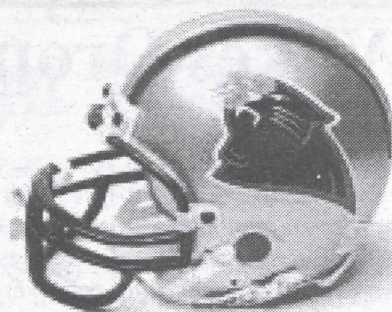
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Monday Night Matchup

Carolina Panthers vs. Green Bay Packers

BY TYLER JENKINS and ARIEL COHEN
Beacon Editorial Sports Staff



The long-awaited 2004-2005 NFL season finally got underway this past Thursday night with the Miami Dolphins taking on the Tennessee Titans, and the Titans stormed past the Dolphins 17-7.

That game, though, is nothing compared to the anticipation behind any Monday Night Football matchup. In the first full week of the NFL season the Monday Night Football madness heats up with the Green Bay Packers and the Carolina Panthers.

The Panthers are coming off a terrific 11-5 season while the Packers are looking for another strong season as well coming off a 10-6 record in the 2003 season. Carolina flew under the radar last year, but teams will be looking out for them this year.

The first test for the Panthers will be Bret Favre and his incredible talent as an

accurate quarterback. In the 2003 season, Favre played in all of the 16 regular season games and also started for both of the Packers post-season games. In addition to his perfect attendance record in last year's season, Favre also finished the regular season second in the NFC's passer rating completing 308 out of 471 pass attempts. The Packers also celebrated a successful year in which they made the playoffs but lost to the Philadelphia Eagles 20-17 in the second round. Before they try to make it there they have to deal with the Panthers on the biggest stage: Monday Night Football.

The big wild card in this game is Jake Delhomme, the Panthers quarterback, who is also coming off a remarkable season. He completed 59% of his passes, throwing for

over 3000 yards. Although Delhomme had a decent 2003 season, fans have to remember that Favre has been throwing that many yards for several years and shows no signs of slowing down. As far as quarterbacks go, with Favre the Packers have the clear advantage.

When it comes to actually passing the ball, Favre has two big targets, Donald Driver and Robert Ferguson. These are two of the best receivers that the

Packers have, and Driver, one of Favre's favorites, should see a lot of passes heading in his direction. The Panthers, though, have answers to Favre's receiver choices with the tandem of Ricky Proehl and Steve Smith. With the speed of Smith and the athletic ability of Proehl, Delhomme should have a good time picking his spots.

Prediction:
Carolina 28
Green Bay 24

It is not the runningbacks who are an issue in this game; it is the offensive lines that will determine who wins. If the line can block and allow each teams respective backs get through the holes they both could do damage. At the same time the offensive line has to let the quarterbacks have time in the pocket to find their receivers. That's the thing to watch for in this game. Watch to see how the offensive line does in keeping the other teams defensive out of the pocket and the team who does this the best will come up with the victory.

The prediction is a hard fought, close game but this time around the prediction is Carolina 28, Green Bay 24.

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WEEKLY RECAP

FIELD HOCKEY

Goals:
Erin Henry, 5
Game Winning Goals:
Carrie Stolarick 2
Assists:
Kortney Loss, Melissa Quinn,
and Carrie Stolarick, 3 each
Shots on Goal:
Erin Henry, 21

MEN'S SOCCER

Number of Goals:
Steve Uhas, 4
Game Winning Goals:
Andy Curry, 1
Assists:
Mike Leaman and Mike Bridy
Each with 2
Shots on Goal:
Steve Uhas, 14

FOOTBALL

Rushing: Brett Trichilo
189 yds average/game
Passing: Duran Porrino
232 yds average/game
Receiving: Jim Jordan
66 yds average/game
Kick Returns: T. Andreopoulos
35 yds average/game

Field Hockey

Wilkes 2, Richard Stockton 0
Wilkes 4, Neumann College 2

Womens Soccer

Lebanon Valley 2, Wilkes 0
Wilkes 7, Goucher 1

Womens Tennis

(9/11) Wilkes 6, FDU-Florham 3
(9/7) Wilkes 9, Keystone 0

Womens Volleyball

Wilkes 3, Ursinus 0
Alvernia 3, Wilkes 0
Marywood 3, Wilkes 2

Football

Albright 38, Wilkes 35

Mens Soccer

Frostburg State 0, Wilkes 0
Wilkes 5, Potsdam 1

THE WEEK AHEAD

Womens Volleyball

Tuesday - 7:00pm vs King's
Friday - 4:00pm @ Scranton
Tournament
Saturday - 10:00am @ Scranton
Tournament

Field Hockey

Tuesday - 7:00pm @ Misericordia
Saturday - 1:00pm vs Delaware
Valley

Womens Tennis

Wednesday - 4:00pm @ Scranton

Womens Soccer

Wednesday - 4:00pm vs Elmira
Saturday - 3:00pm vs Drew

Mens Soccer

Wednesday - 4:00pm @ Baptist Bible
Saturday - 12:00pm vs Drew

Football

Saturday - 1:30pm @ Lycoming

VOLLEYBALL

Sets:
Nicole Hahn, 267
(10.27 average/game)

Serve Aces Per Game:

Jillian Focht, 14
(.54 on Average)

Blocks:

Alicia Vieselmeyer, 13
(.50 average/game)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Goals:
Kami Roth, 6
Game Winning Goals:
Kami Roth, Christina Waldele,
and Kristi Barsby, Each with 1
Assists:
Kristi Barsby and Christina
Waldele, Each with 4
Shots on Goal:
Kami Roth, 18

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Singles:

Beth Horn, 1-1

Doubles:

Kelly Leach and Cassie
Malone, 1-1 each

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: MELISSA QUINN

FIELD HOCKEY

BY GABE LEDONNE

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

It has been a phenomenal opening week for field hockey's Melissa Quinn.

In the team's season opener against Susquehanna University on September 2, Quinn scored one goal and had one assist in the team's 4-2 victory. It was the first time Wilkes had defeated the Crusaders since 1999.

Then playing last weekend in their first game of the Wilkes Invitational, Quinn scored 3 goals and had 1 assist in an 11-1 win over Marywood. Quinn also proved herself in the championship game of the Invitational on September 5. She tied the game against Neumann College with a goal in the second half of the match, helping the Lady Colonels rack up yet another victory in a final score of 4-2.

In the team's most recent game on Saturday, Quinn provided an assist in the team's 2-0 win against Richard Stockton.

"She's an extremely technical player, so she really brings a lot to the table. She sees the pitch really well. Her attacking ability and her passing ability are outstanding," head field hockey coach, Todd Broxmeyer, said of the junior midfielder. "She's just an extremely solid player."

Quinn, who has played the sport since 7th grade, says that she feels as confident

as ever in her, and her team's competitiveness this year, attributing much of that confidence to an intense preseason training schedule.

"It was exhausting," Quinn said of preseason. "We were the only sports team here training three-times a day. Starting at 8:15 in the morning, ending at 8 at night."

"It's nice to get some kind of reward for it," Quinn added.

That reward is a perfect 4-0 season for the team so far. And for Quinn, she was named the season's first Freedom Conference Player of the Week.

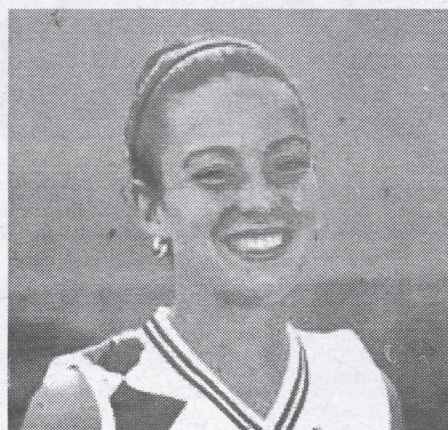
"For her to get that...it's really big, especially right out of the box," Broxmeyer commented.

Quinn feels that the team's success this season is also in large part due to feeling much more comfortable in their new style of play.

"Being that our style of play is so different from other teams, I think that helps us a lot," Quinn said.

Upon entering as the new head coach last season, Broxmeyer changed the team's strategy to what he calls, "small ball, with a big ball change up."

"It's much more of a moving chess match—not just what's referred to as a 'hit and hope.'" Broxmeyer explained. "Some teams will use just a big hit to try to get their at-



Melissa Quinn

tack. We try to work the ball and almost lull our opponent to sleep. We get them moving, confuse them, and then find the opening pass."

Arguably, the team's most difficult challenge using their new strategy this season was their opening game against Susquehanna.

"That was a big, big, big, win," Broxmeyer said. "It was a test for us, and a test we feel we handled beyond expectation."

Quinn feels much the same. "It was amazing. We played so well as a team. It showed the conference what to expect from us this year. It showed them that we're coming out to play."

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

189

Number of yards run by Brett Trichilo in Saturday's game against Albright. He scored three touchdowns in that match.

19

Amount of goals scored by the Wilkes Field Hockey team against their opponents since the start of this season.

3

Goals scored by Kami Roth in the womens soccer 7-1 win over Goucher College.

5

Combined assists this past week for Kristi Barsby and Christina Waldele in womens soccer.

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Lady Colonels Notch 6-3 Conference Win Over FDU-Florham

The Wilkes University women's tennis team earned a 6-3 Freedom Conference win over visiting FDU-Florham on Saturday afternoon on the Courts at Ralston Field. The win improves the Lady Colonels to 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference. FDU-Florham falls to 0-4 overall and 0-2 in conference play.

The Lady Colonels won two of three doubles matches to take a 2-1 lead heading into singles play. Sara Ryder and Beth Horn scored an 8-0 win at second doubles over Amina Doar and Eve Rodriguez. Kristin Kile and Cassie Malone followed with an 8-3 win at third doubles over Robin Hergesheimer and Sohed Salah.

After the Devils won the first two singles matches to take a 3-2 lead, Wilkes won the final four matches to pull out the win. Liz Roveda was a 6-2, 6-0, winner over

Doar at third singles. Kile notched a 6-0, 6-1, win over Rodriguez at the number-four position. Malone fought back from a set down at fifth singles to score a 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, win over Hergesheimer. Kelly MacDonald put the finishing touches on the win with a 6-4, 6-0, victory at number-six singles over Salah.

The Lady Colonels take a short trip to Scranton to play the the Royals in a Freedom Conference matchup on Wednesday.

Other Tennis Results

(9/7) Wilkes 9 Keystone 0

Singles: Kelly Leach (W) def. Shizuka Takagi, 6-0, 6-0; Sara Ryder (W) def. Judy Georges, 6-0, 6-1; Kristin Kile (W) def. Chari Slater, 6-2, 6-1; Cassie Malone (W) def. Erin Haggerty, 6-0, 6-0; Kelly MacDonald (W) def. Jamie Atkinson, 6-0, 6-0;

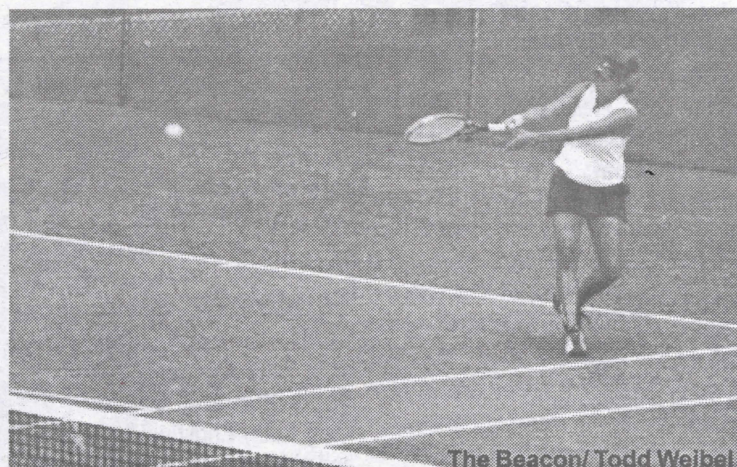
Beth Horn (W) def. Kristen Lawrence, 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles: Leach/Malone (W) def. Takagi/Georges, 8-1; Ryder/Horn (W) def. Slater/Haggerty, 8-0; Kile/MacDonald (W) def. Atkinson/Lawrence, 8-0.

(9/4) Drew 9 Wilkes 0

Singles: Erin Burke (D) def. Kelly Leach, 6-1, 6-1; Crystal Vo (D) def. Sara Ryder, 6-0, 6-1; Anne Luetzow (D) def. Kristin Kile, 6-2, 6-0; Fiona Burns (D) def. Cassie Malone, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); Dragana Trivic (D) def. Kelly MacDonald, 6-0, 6-2; Jennifer Williams (D) def. Beth Horn, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles: Burke/Luetzow (D) def. Leach/Malone, 8-1; Vo/Alex Holzman (D) def. Ryder/Horn, 8-4; Burns/Trivic (D) def. Kile/MacDonald, 8-5.



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Kelly Leach answers her opponent's serve, Saturday.

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Campus Calendar

TODAY (9/13)

Beyond the Wall Poster Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in HSC Lobby

TUESDAY (9/14)

Beyond the Wall Poster Sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in HSC Lobby
Club Day 11 a.m. 1 p.m. on the Greenway
Field Hockey @ Misericordia 7 p.m.
Volleyball w/ Kings 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (9/15)

Commuter Coffee Hour 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Commuter Lounge
Women's Tennis 3:30 p.m. at Scranton
Women's Soccer w/ Elmira 4 p.m.
Men's Soccer at Scranton 4 p.m.
Student Govt. Meeting 5:30 p.m. in Hiscox Room, HSC

THURSDAY (9/16) *Rosh Hashanah!

Commuter Social 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Commuter Lounge
MSC Hispanic Heritage Celebration 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in HSC Lobby
Tabla Drum Concert featuring Sandip Burman 7 p.m. at the DDD

FRIDAY (9/17)

Arts in Autumn 6 p.m. in the HSC Ballroom
Volleyball @ Scranton Tourney 4 p.m.

SATURDAY (9/18)

Habitat for Humanity Workday
Volleyball @ Scranton Tourney 10 a.m.
Field Hockey w/ Delaware Valley 1 p.m.
Men's Soccer w/ Drew 1 p.m.
Football @ Lycoming 1:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer w/ Drew 3 p.m.
MSC Pillow Talk Midnight - 2 a.m. HSC TV Lounge

SUNDAY (9/19)

MSC's If These Walls Could Talk 8 p.m. HSC TV Lounge

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