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Wilkes National Host for Campaign Events

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon News Editor

The presidential campaign trail will come to an end on Tuesday, but not without numerous stops from candidates and other politicians rallying for votes on our campus.

The Wilkes campus has hosted political events for Vice President Dick Cheney, Vice President hopeful Senator John Edwards, and former Democratic Presidential hopeful, Dr. Howard Dean, who was campaigning for the Kerry/Edwards ticket. In addition, events involving Diplomats for Change and a documentary film crew--both closely linked to the national "get out the vote" effort--involved the Wilkes campus and saw students interacting closely with national leaders in politics and media.

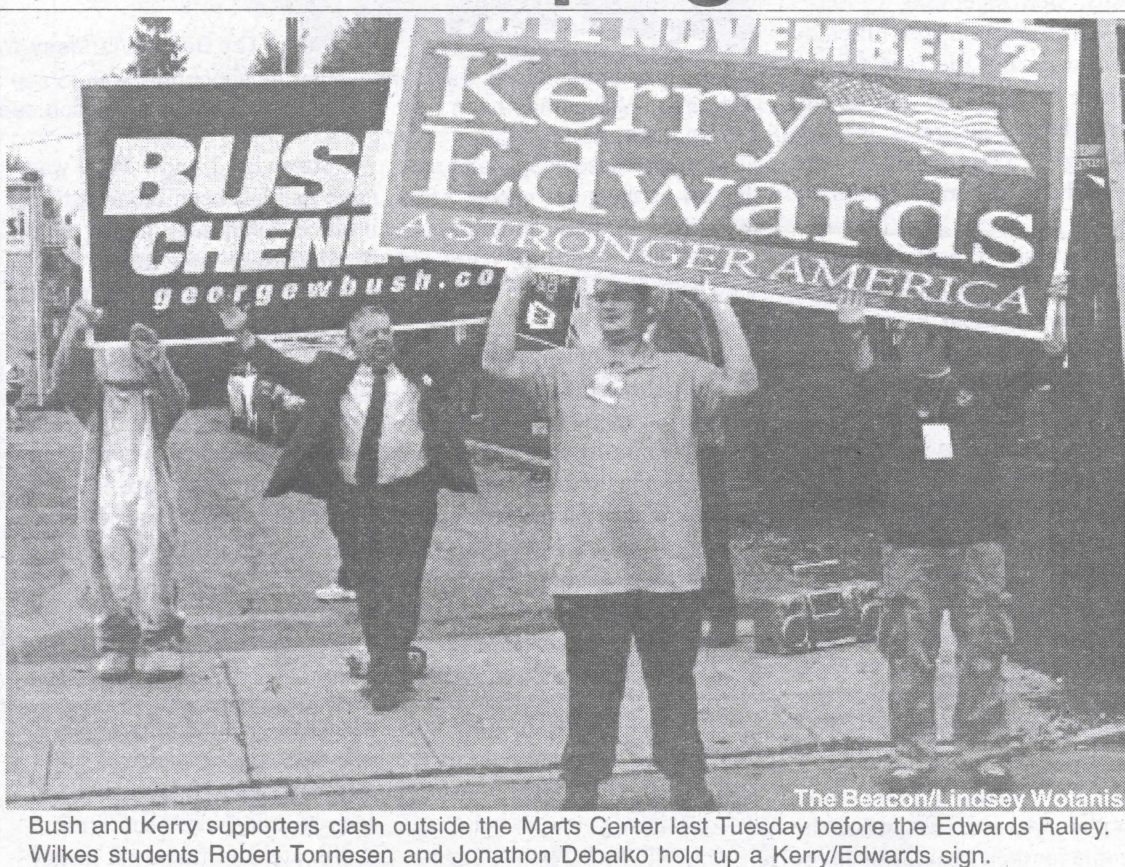
Because Pennsylvania is a swing state and every Electoral College vote will matter in this

year's tight race, Pennsylvania has seen much national attention across the board. However, Northeast Pennsylvania especially has proven a magnet for political hopefuls. While Northeast Pennsylvania offers numerous college campuses from which to choose, these individuals elected Wilkes as their venue of choice.

A lot of factors play into the decision of which venue would best accommodate their needs. Christine Seitzinger, Assistant Director of Marketing Communications, said safety concerns, format needs, and logistics all play a factor in the decision-making.

"Beyond the logistics, beyond the basics, the safety concerns, beyond the needs based on the format, beyond all that criteria I think that knowing that...we're an accommodating campus, we're an

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The Beacon/Lindsey Wotanis

Bush and Kerry supporters clash outside the Marts Center last Tuesday before the Edwards Rally. Wilkes students Robert Tonnesen and Jonathon Debalko hold up a Kerry/Edwards sign.

Giuliani, Dean Pitch to Local Parties in Eleventh Hour



The Beacon/Julie Melf

Former NYC Mayor Giuliani visited W-B last Thurs.

BY JULIE MELF
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Wilkes University opened its doors to yet another political heavyweight on Thursday afternoon.

Former Vermont Governor and Democratic Presidential candidate Dr. Howard Dean spoke at the Rite Aid Auditorium surrounded by Wilkes University pharmacy students and flanked by local Democratic leaders. Dean's pitch focused on John Kerry's plans for national security, creating new jobs for

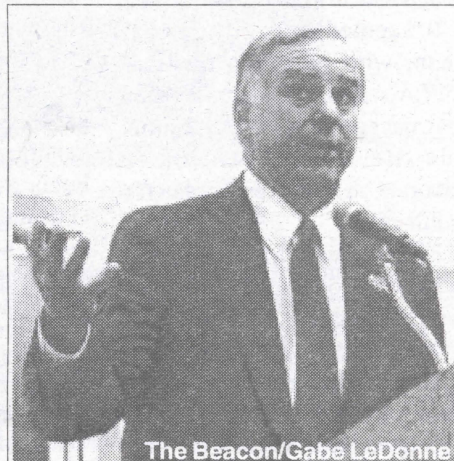
the nation and the area, and health care.

"We are the last industrialized country on the face of the earth that does not have health insurance for all of its people. We don't have to have a Canadian plan or a British plan or a German plan. We just have to have an American plan," Dean said.

The state of health care in the nation has become a major issue for this election and could be one of several issues to make or break either candidate in the race for the White House.

"People are dying in the United States because they aren't adequately covered with health insurance, and here we are spending money and fighting about things that don't impact that directly on the lives of the American people. Clearly we can do better, and there's plans out there to accomplish it. As Senator Kerry has pointed out in

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The Beacon/Gabe LeDonne

Howard Dean spoke on health care issues last Thursday at Wilkes.

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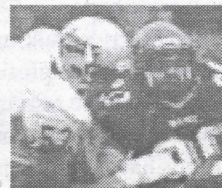


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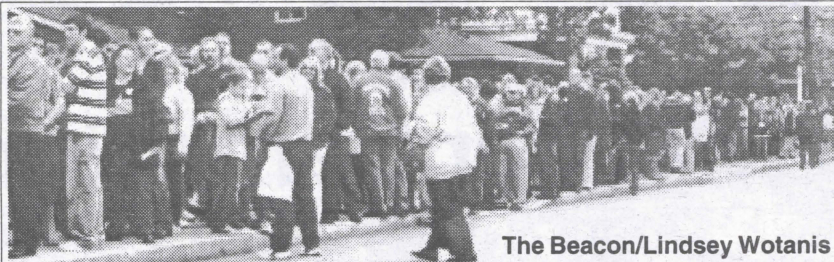
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active campus, and we're easily accessible. I think all of these things have factored into return visits," Seitzinger said.

Wilkes has remained officially neutral during the race for the White House by allowing candidates and party leaders among Democrats and Republicans to campaign equally here.

University President, Joseph (Tim) E. Gilmour, said that it is important to hear a variety of points of view. "Always our policy is to have...diverse points of view, because as an institution of higher education we should be seeing and hearing people of different places in the political spectrum. And that...is really beneficial because I think, particularly with the advertisements, there is so much stereotyping going on. People



The Beacon/Lindsey Wotanis
A long line forms outside the Marts Center as supporters wait to see John Edwards. Wilkes has been host to many politicians this election season.

need to see these people and see that all of them are people. So that's been our basic strategy, not to have any particular point of view only represented," Gilmour said.

While these events are aimed to help the candidates to get people in Northeastern Pennsylvania to vote for them, they are not the only ones that benefit. Wilkes has received local as well as national attention for hosting these events. Seitzinger said networks such as NBC, ABC, CNN, and the Associated Press have been present at these events.

"Statewide I know PCN was there and has been broadcasting it since Wednesday night. The local media was there. It's garnered a great deal of national attention," Seitzinger said.

Gilmour said he thinks the local and national attention has a positive impact on the campus. He said the University is benefiting by gaining exposure in the community, the increase of public relations, and the positive image of our facilities and campus.

"I think the reason it is happening, of course, is because we are in this wonderful place that

is a true battleground area. We're almost at ground zero and there are probably five of them in the country and we're getting this incredible benefit," Gilmour said.

The events have not only sparked interest nationally, but directly on campus as well. At each event students have been present and have volunteered or showed their support for candidates.

"Both campaigns have asked for students to be involved, if there is a young Republicans club or a young Democrat organization on campus. Any student leaders that have been active with the campaign, we can identify them and give them their names. Some of students served as escorts and volunteers the night of [the event] to help with seating or whatever the needs were. So in the planning they're not [present], but the day of [the event] many

the United States, and there are more opportunities for young people...I think that college students should take a good look at President Bush because I think that he's the kind of president who has a vision for the future and

students have been a great help to us," Seitzinger said.

Gilmour feels it is important to be a part of events like these. He said being a part of these events and meeting the candidates has made him more interested. He also hopes that students will feel the same.

"What I hope is that one of the outcomes is that more of our students vote and establish a habit for life," Gilmour said.

While Pennsylvania, in particular, Wilkes-Barre, has been in the limelight for the past few months, all of the preparation and all the rallying for votes comes down to one important day, November 2. Gilmour said he hopes that the candidates will make a return visit once the election is done. While the odds of that are more likely because of the previous visits, one thing is for sure; Wilkes played an important part in the 2004 Presidential election.

that's where college students should be pointed," Giuliani said.

With Tuesday's election being dubbed "to close to call" the results are sure to have every American on the edge of their seats.

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his plan, we can insure 98% of the people for their health care in the United States without any significant cost," explained Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski.

It seemed only fitting that Dean, who is also a medical doctor, spoke with Wilkes pharmaceutical students by his side. He further went on to elaborate on John Kerry's plan for health care.

"We expand Medicaid and increase payouts so pediatricians can still make a living for everybody under 25 years old. We expand Medicare and put a real prescription benefit in there that's associated with Medicare so it's not a giveaway to pharmaceutical companies. It stays in the people's pockets so that seniors finally have prescription benefits. And then we help small businesses with health insurance for people who can't get health insurance," Dean said.

His speech did come close to home for many pharmacy students who had the opportunity to hear Dean speak.

"A lot of people in America don't have health care right now, and like he said, other industrialized countries below us have comprehensive health care for everyone, and we don't, so I think that it's important that we do that," Stacey Securda, a Pharmacy P1 student said.

Less than an hour later, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani gave a speech at Republican headquarters on Wilkes-Barre Public Square.

Hundreds lined the streets of Public Square and packed inside of the headquarters to catch a glimpse of the man who led the city of New York during the tragedy of September 11th.

Giuliani's speech focused in on the fight against terrorism, another key issue in this election, and highlighted President Bush's accomplishments during his four years in the White House and attacked Senator Kerry's position on the war on terror.

"[John Kerry's] talking about almost 380 tons of explosives that may or may not be missing...and what he neglects to tell you is that our troops have confiscated over 400,000 tons of explosives, so

what he's complaining about is less than 1% of the explosives they have been able to find...to destroy, and have been able to confiscate, and frankly it makes the point of why we're there and why we're at war," Giuliani said.

Much like Dean's speech earlier that day, those in the crowd were energized by Giuliani's speech.

"[Re-electing Bush] is being able to have lower taxes and being able to have a better defense especially for the country. I'm really afraid as an investment advisor that Mr. Kerry will raise taxes and that'll hurt the progress economically that we've had, and I'm really concerned," Jamie Lake, Republican district committee member said.

In an exclusive *Beacon* interview after his speech, "America's Mayor" explained why college students should vote for President George W. Bush.

"Well, President Bush reaches out to college students all the time. He's increased the Pell Grants; he's created a lot more opportunity for work and jobs. In the last 13 months jobs have grown at almost record levels in

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Servicemen sue over overseas ballot deadline

HARRISBURG, PA: Two servicemen serving in Iraq and Kuwait filed a federal suit Wednesday seeking a 15-day extension for the return of overseas ballots. Sps. Steven J. Reitz and Sps. Matthew J. Schramm sued Gov. Ed Rendell and Secretary of State Pedro A. Cortes, asking the federal court in Harrisburg to order the national time and have the decision published for those serving in foreign coun-

Reitz is from Franklin and Schramm is from Schwenksville. The lawsuit said both gave their parents power-of-attorney authority to file for them.

In Pennsylvania, overseas ballots are mailed by county elections offices. The suit accuses Rendell and Cortes of failing to "implement and execute the distribution of overseas ballots according to federal and state rules.

According to a preliminary review of the plaintiffs' ballot application records, the administration found that both men were sent absentee ballots by their county elections offices within the past month, said Kate Philips, Rendell's spokeswoman. Reitz's ballot was sent by express mail on Oct. 13, and Schramm's was sent by regular mail on Sept. 21, she said.

Dog saves woman's life by calling 911

RICHLAND, WA: Leana Beasley has faith that a dog is man's best friend. Faith, a 4-year-old Rottweiler, phoned 911 when Beasley fell out of her wheelchair and barked urgently into the receiver until a dispatcher sent help. Then the service unlocked the front door for the police officer.

Faith is trained to summon help by pushing a speed-dial button on the phone with her nose after taking the receiver off the hook, said her owner, Beasley, 45, who suffers grand mal seizures.

Bill O'Reilly, producer agree to settle legal dispute

NEW YORK, NY: Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly said Thursday that he and one of his show's producers have agreed to settle their legal dispute in which she accused him of sexual harassment and he accused her of extortion.

"This brutal ordeal is now officially over, and I will never speak of it again," he said on his talk show, "The O'Reilly Factor."

Andrea Mackris, 33, who was a producer on "Factor," filed a lawsuit against the popular TV host on Oct. 13, alleging he repeatedly subjected her to off-color sex remarks and telephone sex talk.

Earlier that day, O'Reilly, 55 and married with two children, had filed a lawsuit in Nassau County accusing Mackris and her lawyer, Benedict Morelli, of trying to extort \$60 million from him and Fox to keep her sex harassment charges to herself.

Toddler struck, critically injured, by stray bullet

CAMDEN, NJ: A 2-year-old girl was critically injured by a stray bullet while she was riding in a car Thursday night and authorities said some possible witnesses are staying silent about it.

Yahnajeah Kirkland was in critical but stable condition Friday following surgery at Cooper University Hospital.

Kirkland was riding with her mother in the back seat of a sport utility vehicle driven by a friend when a bullet ripped through a side door.

Investigators believe that around 9:30 p.m. one person fired three shots from a cluster of apartment buildings in an area known for open-air drug markets. The shooter, authorities said, may have been involved with one of the drug-selling operations in the Centerville section of town.

Twin brothers score 1600 on SATs

LONG BEACH, NY: Of 1.4 million high-schoolers who took the Scholastic Aptitude Test in 2004, fewer than 1,000 scored a perfect 1600. So what are the odds that two students from the same household could ace the math and English tests?

But brothers Dillon and Jesse Smith from Long Island proved that the odds could be beaten.

The 16-year-old fraternal twins, seniors at Long Beach High School, aced the English and math tests after taking the SATs for the second time.

Jesse ranks third in their school's senior class; Dillon ranks 16th.

The College Board, which administers the SATs, said that only 939 students out of 1.4 million taking the SATs in 2004 scored 1600.

Wilkes-Barre Abounds with Ghostly Lore

BY JULIE MELF

Beacon Asst. News Editor

Bumps in the night...an occasional chill...a strange, ghostly light hovering in the back corner of the yard. Such occurrences are almost always associated with Halloween.

But while NEPA has never made a top ten list for the scariest regions in the country, local folklore and history suggest that the inexplicable may not be limited to the end of October here.

This is why this past Halloween weekend, The Luzerne County Historical Society hosted two events that not only taught local residents how colorful and prominent the history of our town is, but also illustrated the darker and more ghoulish side to Wilkes-Barre.

The first event featured the third annual Hollenback Cemetery Tour. The historic Hollenback Cemetery, located along North River Street and the Susquehanna River, has become the final resting place for many of the founding fathers of Luzerne County and Northeast Pennsylvania. Opened in 1855 the 25-acre cemetery has many stories to tell and is one of the oldest cemeteries in the area. Today it contains the remains of over 16,000 individuals.

This history lesson is one of a kind and members of the Historical Society make sure that no defaming of the deceased takes place during the tour.

"It's a respectful tour. I mean you're really relating to historic fact, you know? I mean, think about it: if you're in the cemetery 200 years from now, wouldn't you like somebody coming around telling your life story? It's kind of a cool thing, and it's not disrespectful. We make it very clear we're not there because [of]

Delaware and Chesapeake Halls were stops on the Murder, anything satanic or Mayhem, and History: A Chilling Tour of Downtown W-B.

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(sic)...We're there to tell historic tourism about very, very interesting people," explained Bill Lewis, a 1980 graduate from Wilkes University and board member for the Luzerne County Historical Society.

Some of the more prominent souls resting in the cemetery include three of the survivors from the Titanic and the Kirby, Stegmaier and Reynolds family to name a few.

"There are about 30 stops on the tour. It's about an hour and a half, and we point out the various graves and mausoleums that are within the cemetery gates while explaining the history of those particular families and what their importance was in the history of Luzerne County. It's a really entertaining and educating tour, and everyone usually goes away with an increase of their knowledge of some of the families

that have lived in Luzerne County," said Jesse Teitelbaum, Executive Director for the Luzerne County Historical Society.

The second event sponsored by the Historical Society featured a chilling walk through Wilkes-Barre called "Murder, Mayhem and History: A Chilling Tour of Downtown Wilkes-Barre." The historical tour focused on the ghoulish side of Wilkes-Barre and pointed out haunted houses, lost cemeteries, stories of executions, suicides, battles, and other tragedies that all have occurred in the Wilkes-Barre Area. The walk covered approximately 12 blocks in the greater downtown area, visiting sites of the area's most gruesome and ghostly past.

It should come as no surprise that a great portion of the tour was dedicated to the many historical events that took place right on Wilkes University's property, and of course, there were many tales of ghostly hauntings in several of the campus buildings.

Lewis was able to incorporate his experiences about Wilkes into the ghost telling tour. Chesapeake and Delaware Hall, for example, was built in the 1880s by Benjamin Reynolds and was one of the first multi-family housing units in the Wilkes-Barre area.

"Now there [are] many ghost stories about both of these buildings. When I was going to school here people would talk



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about being tapped on the shoulder, turn around, [and] nothing was there. There was also over the years an ongoing story about hearing low singing sounds at night, particularly on weekends," explained Lewis.

Lewis explained that just a few weeks ago he started pulling some of the older maps of Wilkes-Barre out and discovered that on the site of Delaware and Chesapeake Hall was the original First Baptist Church of Wilkes-Barre, which was there until the 1880s.

"So I like to think they're just having a little religion service on the weekends," chuckled Lewis.

To learn more or participate in some of the Historical Society's upcoming events check out their website at www.luzernecountyhistory.com or call 570-823-6244.

SG Execs Concerned Over Dwindling Funds

Large early allocations deplete budget

BY GABE LEDONNE
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Donations and club allocations made early in the semester—including those made to *The Beacon* and the crew club—has some Student Government (SG) members worried that there may not be enough money left for those needing funds toward the end of the semester.

SG Vice-President, Julia Buss, has frequently voiced her concerns about spending to SG members throughout the semester.

"My concerns began with, specifically, *The Beacon* donation," Buss said. During the Sep-

tember 8, 2004 SG meeting, SG donated \$4,876 to the student-run newspaper towards furnishing the organization's new offices in Conyngham Hall.

"For us, to give that much money away in the second week of school is a lot of money, and traditionally at the end of a semester is when we see the most fund requests, things like conferences. People might be presenting posters at a national convention," Buss added.

Of the money that SG allocates during its weekly meetings, the funds are broken into various categories as determined by SG Treas-

urer, Madhan Srinivasan. The funds include: the General Fund, All-college Fund, Special Projects, Conferences, Leadership Fund, Spirit Fund, and Club Start-up Fund. These funds total \$104,500.

Two of the accounts however, the Special Projects Fund and Spirit Fund, have already depleted their fall allocations.

"It does concern me for projecting the rest of the semester," Srinivasan said. "Things pile up...and I'm seeing two of our accounts already depleted."

Srinivasan pointed out though, that the Spirit Fund is of less concern because the group in charge purchased some items necessary for both this and in preparation for next semester as well.

The Special Project Fund's fall allotment was depleted from *The Beacon* donation, which exceeded the special project fall funds. As Srinivasan explained, he pulled the extra monies from other funds within SG's budget.

"The biggest thing about our accounts though," Srinivasan noted, "is that I can see us depleting our total account...Right now we have about \$12,000 in our All-college Fund (after funding Homecoming), but \$10,000 of that is going straight to Casino Night....so what's going to happen is that we're going to have really low funds."

The All-college

Fund is SG's largest pool of money; it has \$42,500 of the annual budget--\$21,250 for the fall semester.

Not all SG members share the same sentiments as Buss and Srinivasan though. Junior representative, Andrew Steinberg feels that the money has been used properly. He originated the motions for the two single biggest allocations this semester—that of *The Beacon*, and a \$3,000 allotment for the crew club.

"I don't see it as a big problem. We're giving it to the Wilkes community," Steinberg explained. "We've given the money as I feel was the right way in which [it] should be done. The amounts were right, in my opinion."

Steinberg also takes issue with the manner in which Executive Board has vocally opposed certain proposals.

"For the exec board to say that something isn't correct, that something doesn't deserve the funds, that they're asking for just because it's a \$5,000 request is wrong," Steinberg said. "It's still

the student activity that much money."

On those student activity office it bears noting that it receives nearly \$350,000 annually from those student activity funds, a fraction of those funds are at their disposal for student-based organizations.

Organizations on campus automatically pull their share from those funds, the first of which is Programming, which received \$151,500 this year, 43% of the total year.

Other organizations automatically receive a portion of the funds including (\$25,000), Community (\$12,000), including \$7,000 for Alternative Spring Break, Multicultural Student (\$11,000), and the Lecture budget (\$8,000). In part, many performers and speakers like Dorothy Dickson Darr, \$15,000 is also pulled from the budget to contribute to the Student Developmental Center.

Organization	Amount Budgeted for 2004-2005	Fall Allocation
Amnicola	\$25,000.00	\$12,500.00
Circle K	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
Community Service	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
Concert and Lecture	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00
Speech and Debate Team	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
MSC	\$11,000.00	\$5,500.00
Cheerleaders	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
SHAC	\$900.00	\$400.00
Commuter Council	\$2,500.00	\$1,250.00
IRHC	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
Res. Life Programming	\$3,500.00	\$1,750.00
Senior Class	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Junior Class	\$400.00	\$200.00
Sophomore Class	\$400.00	\$200.00
Freshman Class	\$400.00	\$200.00
Programming Board	\$151,500.00	\$75,750.00
SG General	\$14,000.00	\$7,000.00
SG All College	\$42,500.00	\$21,250.00
SG Special Projects	\$7,000.00	\$3,500.00
SG Conferences	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00
Leadership Fund	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Spirit Club	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
Club Start-up Funds	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
ASB Fund	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
St. Org. Secretary	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
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Student Development Introduces Three New Programs

by RUSMABEL
Correspondent

practical leadership tools, give lessons about group dynamics and provide opportunities to enhance communication and social skills.

The second program, the Tour Series will begin in spring 2005. With the Tour Series, Student Development officials hope to work with academic departments, club advisors, and student organizations to arrange tours or field trips to regional organizations that are either career related and/or culturally important.

The Emerging Leaders Program will begin in fall 2005. With the leadership program, students will work with a team that will create, plan implement and advertise one campus event. In addition they will successfully complete workshops dealing with ethical, leadership, motivation and conflict management theory. The final aspect to the Emerging Leaders Program will be that each candidate participating in the program will be provided counseling and assessment tools that will encourage him/

her to identify his/her strengths, weakness, interests and career options.

"The Emerging Leaders Program will provide a unique opportunity for hands-on leadership experience, which will emphasize planning and organization skills, creativity and decision making," Ruthkosky said.

In addition to the three new programs, the Student Development office has also redesigned the internship program for the spring 2005 semester. The new design was developed so the faculty can have the flexibility to outline an internship and leadership plan that meets the needs of each student. The new plan will have four main parts: diversity, communications, social responsibility and self-leadership. Not all departments are participating in these new modules, but the purpose was to provide advisors will the ability to choose what each internship student needs.

Ruthkosky was quick to point out that these programs "won't be successful with-

out the students" and that is the reason behind the Student Development Advisory Committee. The committee will be the voice of the Wilkes students to direct Student Development.

Some student organizations have already begun to use the new programs. The Programming Board helped financially to bring down the cost of the paintball trip, which is a part of the Adventure Program.

Stephanie Dickert, President of Programming Board, said the entire board "thought that it was a good idea" and that is why they choose to fund it. She added that it is nice when other departments try to help in planning events for students.

The overall purpose of these new and redesigned programs, according to Ruthkosky, is to "bring more purposeful, meaningful extracurricular and co-curricular activities to Wilkes" and that Student Development wants "students to leave Wilkes with a purpose."

Looking Back: W-B Welcomes Candidates, Supporters

Over the past two months, Wilkes-Barre has been host to numerous political rallies and protests. Now just one day away from Election Day, *The Beacon* dug through its archives to highlight the events that led up to the historic day -- November 2, 2004. For a look at the candidates' positions, check out page 6.

Counter-clockwise from left:

Senator and Democratic Presidential candidate John Kerry addressed a crowd of supporters at the F.M. Kirby Center on Tuesday, October 19.

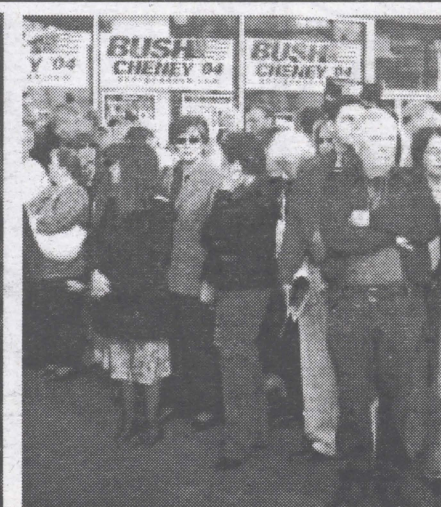
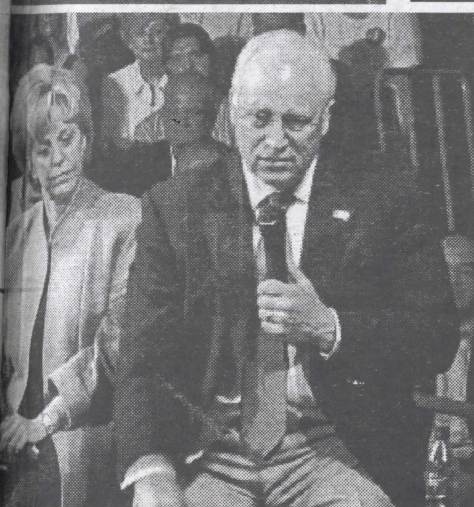
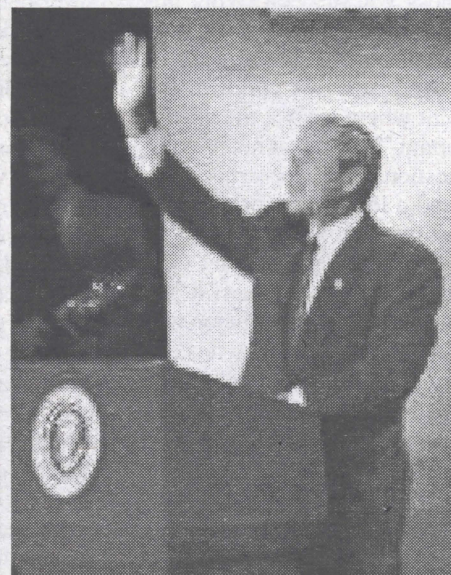
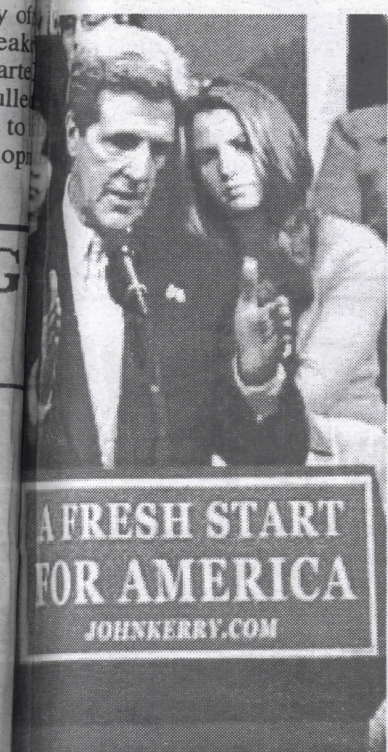
Vice President Dick Cheney and wife, Lynne, address a crowd a town hall meeting on August 25 at the Marts Center, Wilkes University.

A crowd gathers in front of the Bush/Cheney headquarters in Public Square as they await Former NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani's rally for Republicans last Thursday.

Kerry supporters rallied in Public Square as President Bush prepared to speak at the F.M. Kirby Center on October 6. Wilkes student Dave Scordino, sophomore biology major, protests outside the Kirby Center.

Senator and Democratic Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards invigorates a crowd of supporters last Tuesday evening in the Marts Center, Wilkes University.

President Bush rallies supporters at the F.M. Kirby Center on Wednesday, October 6.



Opinion

NOVEMBER 1, 2004

Casting Informed Vote Is Our Responsibility

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL STAFF

After many long, grueling weeks of accusations, promises, and political bickering, November 2 is tomorrow, and with it comes the beginning of the end in the race for who will become the next president of our country.

The time it has taken to get here seems unfathomable, especially because this campaign has been rife with smear tactics, name-calling and prominent issues that split the country down the middle. Even if you've never been interested at all before, you are this time around, or at least you should be. And unless you've been living under a rock, you have by now formulated an opinion.

And now we come to the point where we ask the all-important "To vote, or not to vote" question. *The Beacon* has dedicated a lot of newsprint in the past two months to a variety of political issues and voter education. This attention is because voting is the major way you (yes, YOU reading this editorial), are heard. Clearly, we at *The Beacon* argue that not to vote should not be an issue.

Sitting back reveling in the stupor of apathy is the worst thing that anyone who calls himself or herself a citizen of the United States can do. A democracy functions with the input of the citizens within it. Without this input some of us may find ourselves living in a country in which we are misrepresented. In some instances, there may be a number of reasons and a number of people to blame for the misrepresentation, but for the most part, if you don't vote, you have no one to blame for decisions with which you disagree. Yes, you did read right. *You* may be the reason you are being misrepresented, because in this society you are heard when you make noise, make decisions and vote.

Voting is a right that we possess and to not use it to our full potential can sometimes come back to haunt us. In this election especially, an election that is being rightfully pegged the

most important one in decades, to not vote could mean a major infringement on your personal views and rights.

This is not to say that you should run to the polls tomorrow morning and vote for the same candidate your best friend is voting for, or cast a ballot for the candidate in your party. If that is the case, as contradictory as it sounds, don't vote. An uninformed vote is nearly the same as no vote at all. Now, this may sound screwy, but bear with us. In order to make your voice heard, being informed about the candidates is the most important step.

Remember that saying, "think before you speak?" Becoming informed is the thinking before the speaking, or in this case, voting. If you run out and vote for the candidate who represents the party your folks have always voted for, for example, who is to say that you are voting for someone who shares your viewpoints on current issues in society? Granted, much of your base fundamentals may be the same, but what if you think differently on an issue such as abortion or stem cell research? If you possess a different opinion on issues such as these and then vote for the guy whose opinion is opposite, without knowing, how is your voice heard?

On the eve of the election this November 1, we at *The Beacon* feel it is our responsibility to educate our readers on our presidential candidates. The informational box on this page clearly outlines some of the major issues that are central to this years campaign along with where each candidate stands on this issue.

This is just the base information available to would be voters. So much other information is available and should be considered before going to the polls. A good place to start would be the candidates' websites, www.johnkerry.com and www.georgewbush.com.

The most important thing you can do tomorrow is vote. Get up an extra half hour early or get your sandwich to go and stop over to the polls to cast your vote for president, and more importantly, make yourself heard.

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Candidates Weigh in on the Issues

Below is a basic outline of some of the major issues in this election followed by a brief description of the stance of each candidate on the issue. All information courtesy of MSNBC at www.msnbc.com.

George Bush

1. **Education** Brought the No Child Left Behind Act into legislation during his term and proposed and reformed many aspects of the elementary and secondary education.

2. **Economy** Has not made public a distinct plan for the economy in the next four years. Wants to cut the deficit, non-existent when he took office, in half within the next five years.

3. **Domestic Security** Argued that homeland security was his "most important job" and created the Department of Homeland Security. Supports all aspects of the Patriot Act and programs associated with it.

4. **War in Iraq** Initiated and authorized the invasion of Iraq.

Won approval and \$87 billion dollars from Congress in order to help maintain both military operations and aid in Iraq.

John Kerry

1. **Education** Supports education reform, but has issues with dependency on testing as the means of assessment and reform. Has a plan to budget \$3.2 billion to establish after-school programs for children.

2. **Economy** Plans to cut the deficit by half in four years, using a "pay as you go" plan to restore the budget and fiscal discipline. He states that health care and jobs are central to his plan and plans to create 10 million jobs in his four years in office.

3. **Domestic Security** Plans

to act on the recommendations of the 9/11 commission being elected. He possesses a five-point plan for security improvement and plans to evaluate and revamp aspects of the Patriot Act, some which infringe upon our liberties.

4. **War in Iraq** Kerry has a four-point plan for Iraq, but no clear timeline for withdrawing troops from the country. He voted for an early bill cutting the \$87 billion, but voted against its final revision. He supported going to war. However, makes a clear distinction between a Senator's duty to support a decision on the President's final decision.

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BY BRYAN RILEY
Beacon Columnist

Tomorrow, I urge all to vote, and to vote for George W. Bush. The President has a four year term, a task that cannot be completed in one year.

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the President has won wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, saving 50 million people, and capturing or killing 75% of Osama bin Laden's forces. He has destroyed the al Qaeda base, building a strong coalition of 31 nations for support in the Iraq war and even stronger coalition for the Afghanistan war, and raising the military pay by \$1 billion.

The opposition claims that the President has made some mistakes during the War on Terrorism, but has yet to name a war in history that has been a mistake-free. After inheriting a declining economy from President Clinton, he has created 11 million jobs in the months following the 9/11 attacks. He has more incentives for the economy to recover than any other President in history.

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Why Bush, Why Now?

BY BRYAN RILEY
Beacon Columnist

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The opposition claims that the President has made some mistakes during the War on Terrorism, but has yet to name a war in history that has been a mistake. After inheriting a declining economy from President Clinton and losing a million jobs in the months following September 11, the President responded with tax cuts, more incentives for small businesses, and recovered the economy. The economy is

now moving in the right direction with 1.9 million jobs created over the past thirteen months, a 5.4% unemployment rate, a new U.S. record of 140 million Americans now working, and home ownership at an all-time high. Even with the recession, two wars, and corporate scandals, our economy is growing three times faster than the rate in Europe.

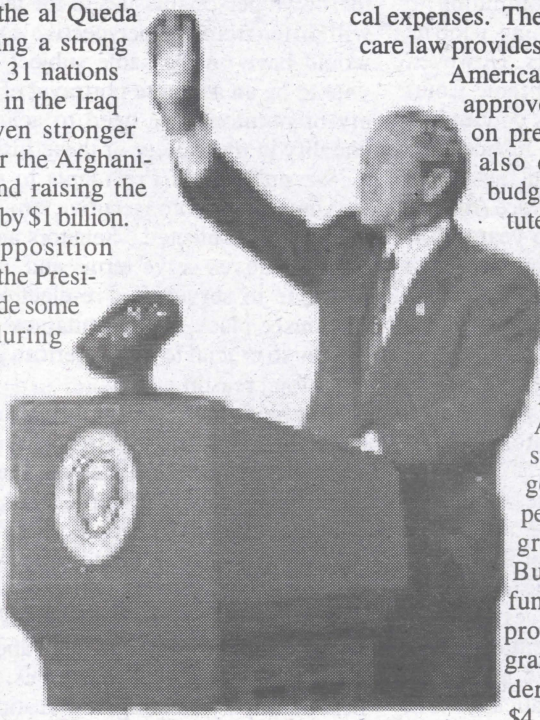
President Bush has signed Medicare reform which includes more prescription drug benefits, more health care choices, and new tax-free health saving accounts that will allow Americans to save for medical expenses. The President's new Medicare law provides the nation's seniors and Americans with disabilities with approved cards for discounts on prescription drugs. Bush also doubled the research budget of the National Institutes of Health and is the first President to allow some federal funding for stem cell research.

As for education, George Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act (gaining bipartisan support) which sets the goal of having children performing at their proper grade level. President Bush has increased the funding for the Pell Grant program, which provides grants to low-income undergraduate students, by \$4.1 billion.

The President has proven that he makes decisions based on what he thinks is the morally right decision. George Bush does not make decisions based on polls, on advancing himself politically, or on what is

popular in other countries of the world. Kerry has been politically calculating by now opposing most of the President's legislation that he once supported.

President Bush will be waiting tomorrow on Election Day for the majority of voters to say "I actually was thinking of voting for John Kerry, before I voted against him."



Kerry Offers Stronger, Safer, More Progressive America

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
Beacon Asst. Op-Ed Editor

I have mentioned that John Kerry was not my first choice for the Democratic nomination. I have also told friends that I would rather vote for a certain monacled, top-hatted cartoon food product than for George W. Bush.

While both of these statements are true, they reflect an incomplete and rather pessimistic view. John Kerry is not Howard Dean or George Bush, but this does not explain why I am voting for him. Since I have spent much time criticizing what Bush has done wrong, here, in this eleventh hour, I want to focus on the number of things that I think Kerry would do right.

Obviously I do not believe Senator Kerry can fulfill all of the promises he is currently making, but (and this is the last time I'll mention him), neither did President Bush. Or Bill Clinton. History shows that being elected has a way of making candidates break their promises. This says something rather depressing about how accountable we hold politicians, but that's for another discussion at another time.

By examining them, we can determine which promises are likely to be kept and which promised reality we would prefer. With Chief Justice Rehnquist now diagnosed with thyroid cancer, and several other judges nearing retirement age, the idea that the next president will have a profound effect on the Supreme Court by appointing more than one Justice is not speculation. The promise made by John Kerry to appoint Supreme Court Justices who would uphold all of our existing liberties, including freedom of religion and the right to reproductive freedom, will almost unquestionably become reality.

The idea that liberals want to use the Supreme Court to ban prayer and the Bible is an outright lie; what we believe is that no one should be forced into faith. This idea is actually in congruence with the doctrines of most religions, and is also more effective in getting people to be genuinely spiritual than mandated prayer.

And, while the right to an abortion is quite a hot topic, there is no reason to believe that if abortion were outlawed the

number of abortions in this country would decrease. What would increase, however, would be the number of back-alley abortions, and, therefore, the number of abortion-related casualties. The way to reduce abortions is not through an outright ban on safe, legal abortions, but rather through proper scientific education about sexuality, conception, and birth control.

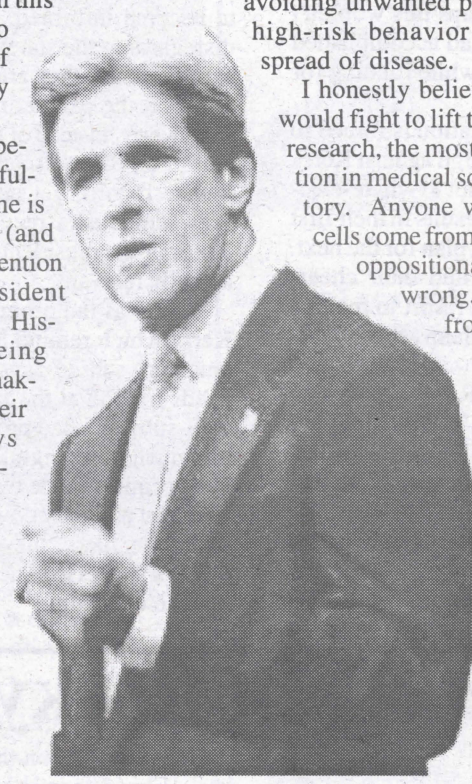
John Kerry does not support abstinence-only education. Thinking that horny teenagers are too stupid to figure out how their bodies work on their own is dangerous, because what that they probably won't figure out on their own is the methodology of avoiding unwanted pregnancies and the high-risk behavior that leads to the spread of disease.

I honestly believe that John Kerry would fight to lift the ban on stem-cell research, the most promising innovation in medical science in recent history. Anyone who says that stem cells come from abortions, the main oppositional argument, is flat wrong. Stem cells come from frozen embryos fertilized in vitro—embryos that would otherwise be thrown away.

Social issues aside, I believe that John Kerry would do his best to reduce our whopping deficit and keep America safe. Call him what you will; one thing that his record shows

consistently is that he fights for balanced budgets, even when doing so was unpopular among the Democratic party. If doing so means that our taxes have to go up, I would prefer slightly higher taxes to the bankrupt nation that our current level of spending is well on its way to producing. Financial security is the first step towards national security, and I think that John Kerry's leadership is capable of and needed to start altering the animosity currently harbored towards our country by most of the rest of the world.

This is going to be a tight election, and it is one that will undoubtedly determine the course of American history. It's a true shame that we are so swamped with rhetoric from both sides, but I honestly believe that after sifting through all of it, we can see that an America under John Kerry would truly be better on all fronts: stronger, safer, and far more free.



Beacon Poll Results

This week *The Beacon* asked: *What is the most important issue in this presidential election?*

The results were:

- The war in Iraq 14%
- Homeland security 28%
- Job losses to overseas companies 8%
- National debt 10%
- Health care 0%
- Education 4%
- Relations with foreign countries 2%
- Taxes 2%
- Trust in our political leadership 30%
- Environmental protection 2%

We want your opinions. Visit www.wilkesbeacon.com to cast your vote for next week's poll question.

*The poll was unscientific and does not claim to reflect the overall feel of students on campus. Results based on 50 responses.

A Successful Incumbent Doesn't Have to Campaign

BY BRITNEY KRAMER
Senior English Major

Throughout the three articles that Mr. Riley has written for *The Beacon*, he has yet to propose any substantial arguments in support of President Bush.

He has done a good job of promoting a negative campaign against his opponent instead of presenting the facts about either candidate. Because Bush has realized no positive results while in office, his supporters cannot validate his re-election and so must resort to mud-slinging and name calling of Presidential candidate John Kerry. Perhaps this wouldn't be necessary if Bush had accomplished the promises he made while running for office in 2000.

The Bush administration is forced to wage a negative campaign against Kerry in their desperate attempt to win re-election due to the lack of results in their first term and their lack of a plan for the next. The Bush campaign, and their cheerleader Mr. Riley, must resort to making manipulated and false claims about Senator Kerry.

For example, Mr. Riley claims that Kerry is a flip-flopper. Maybe Mr. Riley is confused by what the term means. John Kerry is intelligent enough to recognize the complexities of the issues. He does not make absolute statements that he is unwilling to compromise when new information comes available.

Based on Mr. Riley's definition of the

term, it is actually President Bush who is a flip-flopper. On national television during the second Presidential debate, Bush stated that drugs from Canada aren't safe and that is why he will not allow them to be imported into the United States. A mere five days later, during the third Presidential debate, Bush stated that he was trying to import the flu vaccine from Canada: President Bush flip-flopped!

Mr. Riley also said that he respected the people who have the prerogative to choose to disregard the veterans who are speaking out against John Kerry. I also have respect for people who take the time to become informed. These people are disregarding the statements of these veterans because they are basing their decisions on the official military records of John Kerry, instead of television commercials. Mr. Riley also attacks John Kerry's Senate record, yet neglects to mention President Bush's record as Governor of Texas or his presidential record which is actually relevant.

As far as the promises made by John Kerry which remind Mr. Riley of his elementary school days, I think Mr. Riley needs to look at the facts. John Kerry's well-substantiated promises for America are much more significant than the broken promises made by Bush. John Kerry hasn't let anybody down. When you consider the facts, the decision becomes clear; a successful incumbent should not have to campaign.

Should Supreme Court Justices be Forced to Retire?

BY CURRAN DOBSON
Beacon Columnist

Most people in America look forward to retirement as a comfortable time in life in which they may travel and not have to worry about monetary issues. Those of us able to retire early are considered lucky, as if we have achieved a higher level of success earlier in our lives than others.

It is unlikely that one would find an eighty-four year old man continuing to show up for his job each morning, a job he has held for twenty-eight years. However, the oldest of our current Supreme Court Justices is that age, and does continue to show up for work each day. Justice John Paul Stevens has served on the bench since 1976, second only to Justice Antonin Scalia, serving for thirty-two years. It is perplexing to me that we allow people of this age to serve for the length of time that we do in this country. I believe it is crucial to allow new standards of thought and opinion to be represented on the bench, so that various attitudes and votes can be expressed on important matters in this country.

None of the current Justices serving in this country are under the age of fifty-six, and none has been serving for fewer than ten years. Because former Presidents have appointed all of these Justices, they do not represent the changing attitudes of our American nation. In a world after 9/11, America has changed dramatically. The men and women voting on some of the most crucial decisions in this new America

are well past an age for retirement and do not necessarily embody a sense of the whole of American politics and judgments.

The seven men and two women who serve as Justices for our country are not an accurate or fair representation of the mindsets and opinions of our nation. It is virtually impossible to vote on a crucial issue without allowing one's personal background to affect the decisions one makes. The majority of men on the bench will bring their own personal issues to the table that will differ from the perspective a woman would have on the same subject. For a vote to be an accurate portrayal of a variety of opinions, we need to achieve an equality in the variety of these Justices.

We only allow Presidents to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in this country, if re-elected. Senators and state representatives serve terms and can only continue to serve after re-election. We obviously place these limitations on the offices so crucial to our American government for a reason.

I believe that the term of a Supreme Court Justice should be treated no differently. Senators, representatives, Presidents and Vice-Presidents all serve terms that reflect the vote of the people. Why should we allow men and women to serve for thirty-two years without ever voting on whether or not we agree with their values? As a nation, we need to be educated about who is making crucial decisions for us. We can best do this by electing new Justices with new outlooks on the issues that matter most to us all.

Two Scoops of Rocky Road on a Waffle Cone

BY WICHITA LENG
Beacon Columnist

Imagine ordering a pair of shoes on the internet. You bill it to your credit or debit card. Then, seven to ten business days later you get the shoes in the mail.

How exciting to get a package in the mail and to open up a box and receive your pair of shoes. Now, imagine opening the box and instead of seeing your shoes for which you paid a great deal of money, you receive a pair of cardboard shoes with duct tape wrapped around the outside for support. Instead of a full leather upper top, you have construction paper and some Elmer's glue. To me, that is not a reasonable substitute and should not be acceptable.

Let's take this example and apply it to another form of business--the business of street repair. "Construction" has been taking place on Ross Street since before coming back to school in August. City officials have dug trenches and gouged out a quarter mile of road on Ross Street. I am not sure what they have been doing,

I have seen pipes on the curbs on random days. I have seen holes that were deeper than I am tall in the middle of the road. One thing I have not seen of late at this "construction" site is a single "construction" worker or any member of a road crew. That is unacceptable.

In the absence of any work being done on this road that seems to always be closed, which by the way doesn't stop people from driving on it, they have filled in these craters that they have dug up. However, they did not repave them. Doing so would make more sense than is possible in this city. Instead, public works officers have

filled in the holes with some red colored rocks they probably transported from the riverbank and some dirt from the park. These holes are very deep and are now

filled with rocks. The holes have not been paved or filled with any reasonable interim substitute.

So, frequent driving on these rocky roads is only impacting the rocks and forming shallow craters in which our cars can bot-

tom out. Alignment and axels of cars are also effected. If the city isn't going to pay

for some work to be done on Ross Street, then they should pay for all the damage that their half \$\$\$ tax paid road crew has done to fix the road. It just baffles me how the city would start a project, not finish it, leave giant holes, cover up the giant holes with rocks, and then pack up and go away. And if they did finish it, it's embarrassing.

It is embarrassing because every major player in this year's United States Presidential election, from the candidates to their wives, have come here to campaign and the only impression that I can imagine the city left on them was a hefty bill for their campaign bus to stop in at Pep Boys for realignment of their tires.

Maybe the city did it on purpose in order to receive sympathy from whoever the next President may be. Wilkes-Barre would receive large amounts of money from the federal government with which the city would go right into not finishing up more newly started projects instead of fixing the roads.

If that's the case, I'm Wichita Leng, and I approve this message.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski
A pothole grows in Wilkes-Barre.

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Wilkes Hits Drinking and Driving Head-on *One Student's Experience*

BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Correspondent

"It could never happen to me."

Denial is common among young adults concerning drunk driving accidents. But statistics don't lie. In fact, young drivers between the ages of 15 and 20 are more likely to be involved in drunk driving accidents than any other age group.

According to the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) website (www.madd.org), intoxication was to blame in 32% of all fatal traffic accidents involving 21-24 year olds in 2003. The site also notes that 22.8% of young adults aged 18-25 years old have driven under the influence of alcohol.

While drinking and driving poses a direct personal threat, others who may not have been drinking are also put in danger. Junior pre-pharmacy major, Chris Kiluk was involved in such an accident one year ago this month.

Kiluk was leaving his place of employment at around 10 p.m. He was traveling down the road and stopped at a red light. Seconds later, and without warning, a drunk driver plowed into the back of Kiluk's car.

Kiluk was in a state of shock, but the drunk driver was frantically banging on his door asking if he was okay. "As soon as I opened the door, I could smell the alcohol. His eyes were completely bloodshot. I was absolutely certain he was drunk when he apologized and said he couldn't tell if the light was green or red," said Kiluk.

Police later informed Kiluk that the drunk driver had passed out with his foot on the accelerator. The driver was fined \$8,500 and was placed on probation for



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

As part of Alcohol Awareness week, from October 18-22, a car that was involved in a drunk driving accident was placed on the greenway to remind students of the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

one year. He also lost his license for one year and was ordered to pay for and attend a drug detox program five days a week while on probation.

Unfortunately, it takes accidents like this for young people to realize the dangers of drinking and driving. Coordinator of Health and Wellness, Gail Holby, R.N. would like young people to come to this realization before it's too late.

Holby works to educate students, especially freshmen, about the consequences of drinking and driving. "Our main objective is to keep everyone safe," said Holby.

One of these ways is the "Safe Rides" program. This program provides Wilkes students with transportation from Posten Taxi if they are under the influence of alcohol. Students in need of this service should call the cab company and present their student ID to the driver. The ride is free of charge and the student's identity will not be reported to anyone.

"There is no reason for a Wilkes student to drive while under the influence with this

program in place," said Holby. Holby said the main goal is to let students know that it is okay to say no to a drink. However, in the event that a student does drink, the "Safe Rides" program is in place to keep them safe.

Alcohol awareness educators hope that students will simply say no to drinking irresponsibly. But those who don't have the willpower to say no often have to learn the hard way.

For Kiluk and others directly affected by drinking and driving, it was a difficult lesson to learn. "Whenever I hear someone talking about drinking and driving, I get so angry. I know what these people are going to do when they get out on the road," said Kiluk. "Sometimes, it takes a serious accident to make someone realize that it could happen to them."

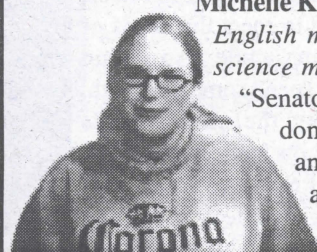
For more information concerning Alcohol Awareness programs at Wilkes, contact Gail Holby, RN in Health Services at extension 4730.

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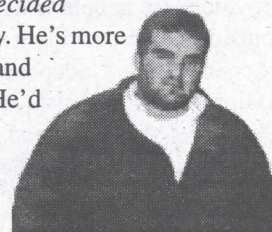
The Beacon's roving reporter, Meagan Brown, asked random Wilkes students: **Which presidential candidate would you rather spend your Friday night with?** Check out the responses below.

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English major/political science minor

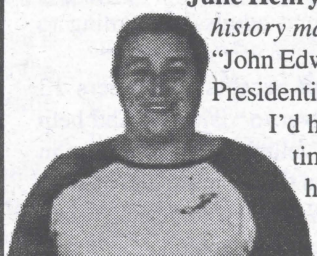


"Senator Kerry. I don't think Bush and I would agree on anything."

Jonathan Lazarchick, freshman undecided
"Senator Kerry. He's more for the under and middle class. He'd be fun to hang out with."



Julie Henry, sophomore
history major

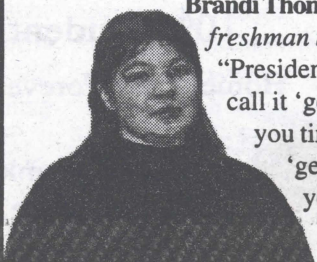


"John Edwards (Vice Presidential Nominee). I'd have a good time and he's the youngest one there!"

Kristen Bohan, sophomore biology major
"Neither. I don't like either candidate."



Brandi Thompson-Law, freshman theater major



"President Bush. Let's call it 'getting to hate you time,' instead of 'getting to know you.'"

Friendly Caregivers Provide Relief for Lonely Adults

BY JAMIE BABBITT
Beacon Features Editor

Loneliness. Ironically, it's a pervasive problem across this over-populated globe. And for the elderly, loneliness can sometimes lead to much bigger problems.

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area is populated by many elderly people who are not just lonely. In some cases, they physically cannot get around and need help with daily activities. The Friendly Caregivers program, a program associated with Catholic Social Services, was established to meet the needs of these local adults while also giving them a friend to spend some time with.

"In assessing the unmet needs among aging adults in the community, Catholic Social Services found that many older individuals feel cut off from the mainstream life. This disconnection results in lonely, isolated and depressed individuals. The Friendly Caregivers program... was established to provide these people with a link to the outside world, providing a happier more connected and independent life," said Ginger (Eslick) Walsh, '04 Wilkes graduate and Marketing and Recruiting Coordinator at Catholic Social Services.

The program is based on the same idea as Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The difference is that volunteers are matched up with "frail, homebound adults," according to Walsh.

The program accepts volunteers 13 years old and over to visit with and help out the elderly. Volunteers and clients sign up to take part in the program and then go through a brief interview and background check before being accepted.

Once they are accepted into the pro-



Photo Courtesy of Christina Peck

Friendly Caregivers volunteer, Christina Peck, with her client, Mary Palumbo. Peck has been a volunteer for a year and visits Palumbo every Friday for two hours.

gram, clients are then matched with a volunteer in their general area. Coordinators try to match their volunteers with clients with similar personality traits and interests. The program serves both Luzerne and Wyoming Counties.

"Once clients and volunteers are matched, caseworkers work closely with volunteers and clients, providing supervision, training and reassurance in order to keep the match successful and maintain a healthy match," said Walsh.

The only requirements of the program

are that volunteers spend at least one hour per week with their elderly client. They are free to do anything they like together, such as household chores, running errands, playing games, or just talking.

One client, Mary Palumbo, is very appreciative of the time her volunteer spends with her. Christina Peck, a freshmen at Marywood College, has been spending two hours of her Fridays with Palumbo for the past year. Together, the two play cards, sit outside on nice days, eat snacks, and share pictures.

Peck also helps Palumbo with some

household activities. Because of her recent operation, it is difficult for Palumbo to bend down and lift things. Palumbo said every Friday she puts her laundry in the washing machine before her volunteer arrives, and then Peck helps her put clothes in the dryer once they are clean.

"I like her a lot. We get along very well... She's a big help to me," said Palumbo.

Peck began volunteering as a part of her senior project in high school. She did some work with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and read about the Friendly Caregivers program, and became involved in that as well.

"It's nice to help them out and it's not hard. Some people just need someone to talk to," said Peck.

Walsh believes that the program is a rewarding experience for both the client and the volunteer. "Most people don't realize that they have the power to make a better and brighter tomorrow simply by giving up a few hours of their time. Spending just one hour per week with a client really makes a difference in a person's life. They become more fulfilled just because they now have a friend to socialize with," said Walsh.

Friendly Caregivers is a program funded by the Bureau for the Aging and the Diocese of Scranton. To sign up to become a volunteer, call Catholic Social Services at 822-7118.

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Ed Dept. Ushers Large Class of Student Teachers into Field

BY ALAINA FIFE

Beacon Correspondent

The education department is busier than usual this fall. This year, the program has one of its largest groups of student teachers in the field for a fall semester.

Thirty-two education majors are currently student teaching this semester, which is more than double the size of the 1996 student teaching class when Dr. Barbara Bellucci, Ed.D., began here at Wilkes. In that fall semester, there were only 14 student teachers.

Bellucci said in order to get into the education program, a student must complete a total of 48 credits. These include English composition and literature, six math credits and introduction to education. A student must also have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher to be accepted into the program.

"Teachers are held to a higher standard than most," said Bellucci. This rigorous standard is partly because of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The act is an effort at federal educational reform that requires highly qualified teachers in schools. As such, grade point averages, continued education, and outcomes assessment are strictly monitored.

Members of the education department at Wilkes University take great pride in pre-



Photo Courtesy of Connie Wotanis

Adrienne deFuria, senior elementary education and history major, is student teaching in a fifth grade classroom at Mid Valley Elementary Center in Throop, PA.

paring their students for teaching in today's schools.

In order to be certified to be a student teacher, many steps must be taken. The students spend a number of hours in a classroom observing and doing structured assignments. This is called field practice.

All education students are also required to go through a background check that investigates criminal and child abuse records. Once a student has passed this, they are assigned a school to begin their student teaching.

The first two weeks of the semester are

spent in class here at Wilkes. Then for the next fourteen weeks the students attend their assigned school and begin teaching. They are required to make lesson plans that stand up to the Pennsylvania Department of Education Academic Standards, according to Bellucci.

Lastly, before a student can become certified to teach, he or she must pass a series of tests called the praxis exams. The students are tested in reading, writing and math. They will also have to pass additional tests depending on whether they are elementary or secondary education.

Some people may wonder why students would choose to go through such a rigorous process. Bellucci said, "I can't think of anything more rewarding than teaching."

There are even some who choose to go the extra mile like senior education major, Christina Fleuras. She is in the process of obtaining both secondary history certification and special education certification.

Fleuras said, "I may have started down this path in order to make my resume richer. However, it is really I who have become richer as a result of the experience."

Teaching is a calling and many students here at Wilkes University are willing to rise to the challenge in order to pursue a career that is rewarding not only to those who are learning but also to those who teach.

Annual Dorm Presentations Reinforce Safety Issues

BY JOSEPH DEANGELIS

Beacon Layout Artist

October is the month for several things that students can count on: Halloween parties, midterm exams, brisk weather, and the annual Public Safety educational programs.

During the past month, Public Safety officers have made their annual pitch for safety presentations to individual dorms and commuter students for safe living on campus.

"They're very general," said Matthew Yench, the Manager of Community Relations and Quality Assurance. "They're the kinds of things your mom and dad told you before you went off to school, but we're here to reinforce those tips."

For many students, this is the first time that they are living away from home and Yench feels it is necessary to remind students of these tips as they get settled into a normal routine. The presentations, that will be given at every dorm on campus, are to remind students of basic tips for safety such as being aware of walking on campus at night, safety in the dorms, reminders of the campus alcohol policy, and how to pre-

vent thieves from breaking into students' cars.

Yench notes that there are some familiar, yet important messages in the presentations:

- Be aware of the surroundings when walking at night through the campus
- There is safety in numbers--go out and come back as a group
- Walk in lit areas free of obstructions and away from walls with openings in them
- Close doors when there is no one in your dorm room. Ask people for identification if you do not know them and they are trying to get into your dorm. "If you don't know who they are, you don't know who you're letting into your building," Yench said.
- Residents should always carry their keys with them and lock their doors whenever the room is vacant, even if it's for a short period of time.
- Residents should not prop the doors to the residence halls. This will help keep intruders out. Public safety officers check each and every dorm building to make sure doors are closed. If doors are propped, the

dorm will receive a fine. "You don't want it to come down to that but sometimes the monetary way kind of hits home a little hard," said Yench.

• Drivers should make sure no valuable possessions are left in plain sight in their car. This is the main reason why break-ins occur. "The less you have in plain sight, the more likely they will pass up on your car. They are not going to take their time and sit there and rifle through your stuff if they don't see anything available," Yench said.

So far, it seems that the presentations are opening student's eyes on safety issues on campus.

"I definitely saw that they were paying attention and listening," said Jamie Malt, junior sociology major and R.A. on the fourth floor of Evans Hall. "I think that no matter how much you think this stuff is boring or you know it all already, you still pay attention because one day something could happen to you."

Other students got to know Public Safety officers better.

"Some of the girls didn't know what Public Safety did for us besides writing tick-

ets, so they were glad to hear about everything they offer to the students," said Erica Buchholz, junior psychology major and the R.A. of Waller North. "Now that they know the things they do for campus, I think they are more willing to go to them with questions."

For the most part, the crime on campus is minor, such as vandalism and break-ins, said Yench. However, these presentations also raised issues of assault and rape.

"Public Safety spoke about how about 90% of all rapes go unreported, which is a big problem," said Buchholz. "I think some of the girls had never considered the possibility, but Public Safety let us know that they were available. They also said that if we didn't want to go to them we can always go to campus counseling, or a professor or advisor we trusted."

The last break-in in a dorm building was almost two years ago, and occurred during a break. That was when security did not do rounds while students were away. Also, Yench says that students should be free to come over to Public Safety with any questions or concerns.

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Gillespie Influences Both Theater and Literary Worlds

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

Dick Gillespie has spent a large part of his professional life as a leader in the theater world. He taught and directed at Towson University, and is currently teaching acting for non-theater majors here at Wilkes.

However, once exposed to the political and social challenges in Haiti, and more specifically, the influential yet under-recognized Toussaint Louverture, his focus shifted from solely theater to a brilliant career as a writer. His many achievements include founding the theater program at Towson, writing *Papa Toussaint* and *The James Adams Floating Theatre*, and directing countless plays.

The Beacon recently had a chance to sit down with Gillespie to better understand what drives his creativity.

Q: How long have you been at Wilkes?

A: I've been here for over two years. I am married to the Provost, Maravene Loeschke. She came here in July of 2002, and I came with her. I'm retired, so I can go anywhere.

Q: What have you done at Wilkes, and what do you do now?

A: The only thing I've done at Wilkes is my first semester here I taught a speech course, and then as they began to expand the outreach of theater, for two semesters now I have been teaching acting for non-theater majors. The only thing I've done as far as the theater program is concerned is I take pictures of the productions.

Q: What are your greatest passions?

A: My greatest passion is creative work, any kind I can do. I want to define the world in a different way than people have seen it defined before. Anyone who is driven to be creative has a way of seeing the world that is very personal. Not everyone will be moved by it, but some will be. My other passion is my wife. She is one of the most amazing

people, and exciting to live with.

Q: How do you feel about being seen by many people as a writer?

A: This is interesting. People here know something about the books, particularly the Haiti book, but also people begin to see me here as something of a photographer. If I were to define what it is that I have done the best work in my life, it's theater directing. I'm directing a show next May at King's, but otherwise I've been here two years and never directed.

Q: You have done great amounts of research on Haiti. How did that come about?

A: When I was doing my doctoral work, after I got out of the Korean War, I wanted to take a course with a man who was a Professor Emeritus in American public address...He was the kind of person that everybody would say I had to take a course with while he was still there; the man's so brilliant. What we had to do in the course was to write a critique on an American speech, some public speaker, and I don't know why, by some accident, I chose a speech about Toussaint Louverture. I had never heard of him. Toussaint Louverture is one of the greatest men that ever lived. The problem is he was black, and he was born a slave. He was important in freeing the slaves in Haiti. It was the first and only successful slave rebellion in history.

Also, when Napoleon Bonaparte became an Emperor, he knew he was going to need an empire. He decided that he was going to build a slave empire in the West Indies, in the western part of what is now the United States--all of what was encompassed in the Louisiana Purchase--also possibly Mexico, and he

was working to gain relationships with the slave owners in the South, to spread his slave empire there. One person stopped him: Toussaint Louverture.

He led the defeat of the largest army ever to leave Europe at the time. After that happened, Napoleon sold the Louisiana Purchase to us: that's two-thirds of our country we wouldn't have had if Toussaint had

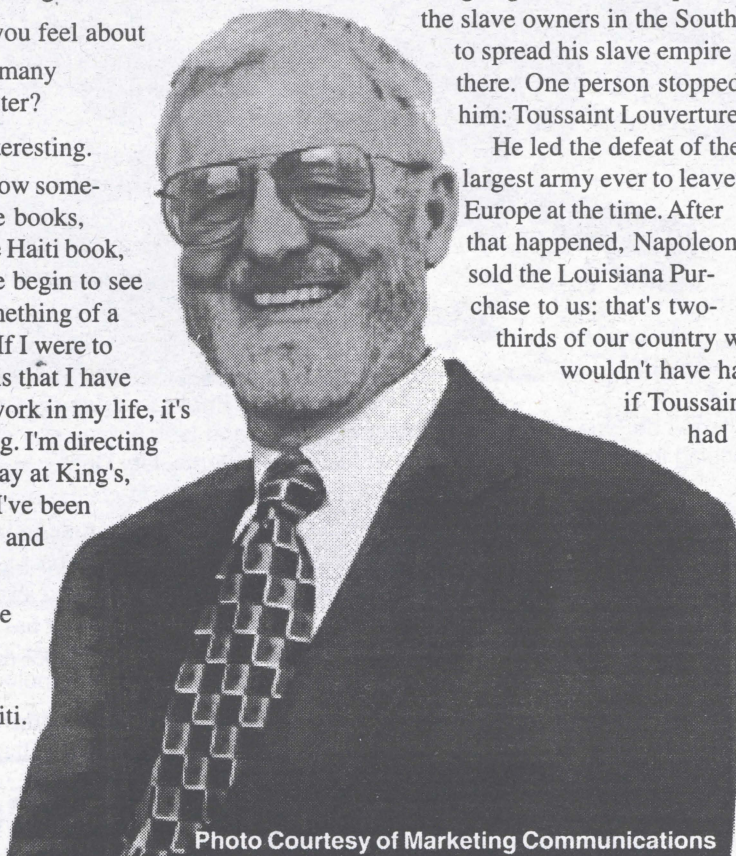


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been defeated. I got so fascinated by what I read about this man, this speech, I said, 'I have to do something about this,' so I wrote a play, because I'm in theater. But I couldn't do in a play what I wanted to do because I couldn't get the scope of it. I finally said I had to write a novel. I spent over 30 years on it from the about beginning of 1954, when I discovered Toussaint Louverture. My book was finished probably in the late 1980's.

Q: Have you ever been to Haiti?

A: The most recent time was this past summer, but I did my research in the late 1970's and early 1980's.

Q: What do you hope to accomplish with your

research?

A: I wrote it [*Papa Toussaint*] because I found it as something I initially didn't understand, but as I worked on it, I began to understand I was dealing with something in there that I was dealing with in my own psyche. There were three things: revolution, racism, and religion. Through research I was able to come to terms with these issues. All writers write about themselves.

Q: What are your personal goals?

A: I want to create. I'm working on my third book. It's a history of Maryland railroads, but it's coming slowly. My real career is directing. I was a college professor, but what I did was direct. I listed about 80 plays, but slowly more come back to me. I probably directed about 100 plays. My reason to direct is I believe I have something different to say than has been said before. I want to get stories that haven't been told and tell them in an honest, accurate way based on research. When done right, they upset preconceived notions of what the story was.

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CD Review: The Blood Brothers' *Crimes*

BY KRISTIN LUCZAK
Beacon Correspondent

In a recent review, Mark Hensch asks an important question: "What do you get when you cross postmodern poetic prose that borders on genius with insane guitar riffs," and vocals that could cut you like a knife? You guessed it: The Blood Brothers. (<http://www.rocknworld.com/5s/2004/bloodbros.shtml>)

Bad politics makes for good art, and The Blood Brothers' latest, *Crimes*, offers 13 anthems for the disaffected. This is their fourth and follow up album to *Burn Piano Island*, *Burn* and though critics were skeptical that the band couldn't possibly pump out another hit record, they were proved wrong.

Crimes is another example of noisy non-conformist art, that will scare any and all pretenders who just throw out the factory made pop-punk crap bands that pollute college radio stations. The album may just be the riskiest to hit the emo/punk/hardcore genre in a long time.

The most potent song on the album is "My First Kiss at the

Public Execution" a menacing, wicked, and disturbing song, as the title implies. It will change your pre-conceived concepts of how people can relate to love nowadays.

The Blood Brothers challenge what punk should sound like with, "Love Rhymes with Hideous Car Accident." It has sinister guitar chords, a mocking chorus, and some of the band's classic time signature styles. It is quite possibly the most vicious pop song ever recorded.

"Celebrator" is a catchy little tune and "Live Fit the Apocalypse Cabaret" is an underscore that rambles with crazy pseudo-jazz riffs and insane piano.

The album hit stores on October 12, and The Blood Brothers are on tour now, owning every gym floor, community center riser and all age stage they play.

Crimes is sonically arresting and charged with intent. It's also the perfect fix for a dope sick rock scene that is jonesing for nostalgia and a new sound. I would recommend it, but only for those who are seriously looking for an ear bleeding, intense joyride to a musical masterpiece.

Acclaimed Maestra Gisèle Ben-Dor to Visit Wilkes

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

Wilkes University's Visual and Performing Arts Department will host Maestra Gisèle Ben-Dor on Thursday, November 4. The maestra will speak to students and members of the community from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.

"It's an opportunity for our students as well as anybody else who's interested to have a working conversation with a person who is in the heart of professional music," said Philip Simon, Instructor of music education.

Ben-Dor, who is currently the Music Director of the Santa Barbara Symphony, as well as the Director and Conductor Emerita of the Boston Pro-Arte Chamber Orchestra, will be in the Wilkes-Barre area as a finalist in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic auditions for a new symphony director and conductor of music.

Ben-Dor will address professional issues as well as more personal aspects of being one of the few women in the profession of conducting and composing. "I would think that the opportunity for students and faculty and staff

to meet and hear a woman leader in her field would be something that is appropriate and of interest to all, especially to young women on campus, because quite frankly there are very few women conductors," said Dr. Ellen Flint, Associate Professor of music.

"I think that as a symbol and a representative of women in leadership roles, her presence here on campus would be inspiring regardless of the actual profession in which she is engaged." Simon added, "We are talking about someone who is a real pioneer, along with three or four other women in her profession who are well known as conductors at the national and international level."

Ben-Dor has led the New York Philharmonic, the London Symphony, and the Israel Chamber Orchestra among countless others, and has received tremendously positive reviews. "We are most fortunate and privileged to host a presentation by internationally acclaimed conductor Gisèle Ben-Dor," said Dr. Terry Zipay, Chairperson of the Visual and Performing Arts.

For those interested in seeing Ben-Dor in action, she will be conducting a performance on November 5 at the F.M. Kirby Center.



New Releases

BY JESS NIEMIEC
Beacon Correspondent

Gallery of Sound:

Artist:
Dogs Die In Hot Cars
Title:
Please Describe Yourself

Artist:
Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds
Title:
Abattoir Blues/Lyre Of Orpheus

Artist:
Michael McDonald
Title:
Motown Two

Artist:
Simple Plan
Title:
Still Not Getting Any

Cinemark:

Ray 10/29/2004
Saw 10/29/2004
Birth 10/29/2004

Blockbuster:

White Chicks 10/26/04
Dawn of the Dead 10/26/04
Control Room 10/26/04
I'm Not Scared 10/19/04

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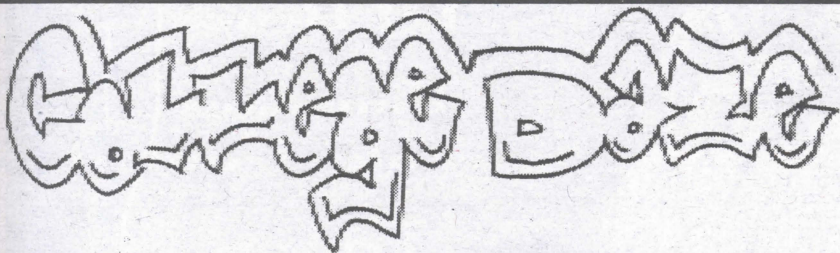
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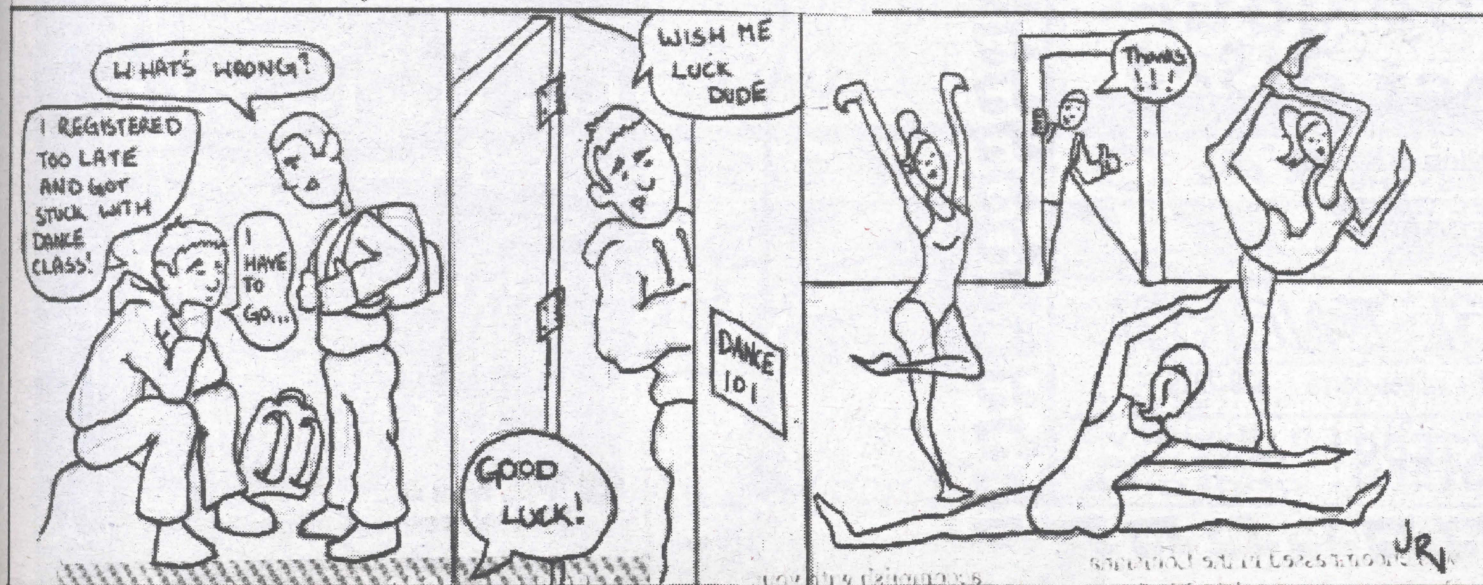
Kingdom Under Fire: The Crusaders 10/12/04

Game Cube:

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 10/21/03



College Daze By Jason Nickle



Out to the Movies: *Team America*

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Correspondent

It's not too often you go see a film where the genre can be defined as part comedy, musical, action, and adventure all rolled into one.

However, Director Trey Parker must have had all these characteristics in mind when he decided to make *Team America: World Police*. You may recall the name Trey Parker and producer Matt Stone as the creators of "South Park." Parker and Stone once again assume the challenge of putting a wacky spin on important political issues for the entertainment (and possibly education?) of their audience.

In the movie, "Team America" is an international police force dedicated to maintaining global stability. The team learns that a power hungry dictator is brokering weapons of destruction to terrorists. The so-called heroes embark upon a chaotic mission to save the world. To help destroy the terrorist network, Team America recruits up and coming Broadway star, Gary Johnston, to go undercover. Although Johnston is re-

luctant to sacrifice his promising career, he realizes his acting talents are needed to save the world. With the help of Team America, Johnston gets himself into more than he ever bargained for. Oh yes, and did I mention that the characters in the film are all portrayed by marionettes?

Although Trey Parker and Matt Stone have shown their cinematic talent through creating unique designs in the film's setting as well as the marionettes, *Team America: World Police* will probably not make any top ten list. Unless you enjoy graphic and crude humor with violent images, and strong language all involving puppets, then *Team America: World Police* is probably not going to be high on your list of must-see movies. It proves to be as chaotic as one might imagine "saving the world" could be, and then some. Some of the political humor is fairly amusing, but very rare. South Park fans, you will no doubt be in all of your glory!

This movie is rated R and receives three kernels.

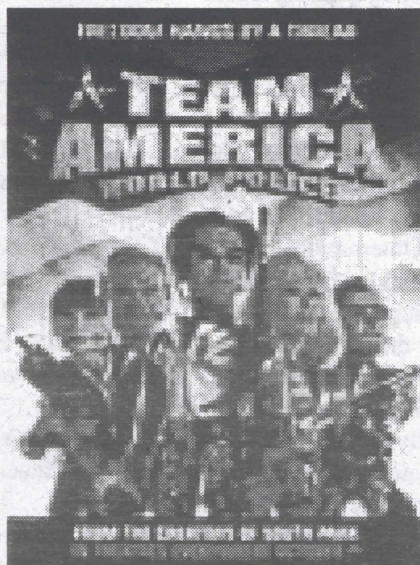


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This Week in History

BY MYLES RUMBEL
Beacon Correspondent

November 1

All Saints Day

Anthony Kiedis born, 1962

November 2

Monsters, Inc. released, 2001

November 3

Former professional wrestler, Jesse Ventura is elected Governor of Minnesota, 1998

November 4

Filming wraps on *The Misfits*, starring Marilyn Monroe and Clark Gable, 1960

November 5

At age 45, George Foreman becomes the oldest heavyweight champion, 1994

November 6

Actor Ethan Hawke born, 1970



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Quick and Easy Eats for Cheap

This Week: Pizza Pretzel

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

Ahh, pizza... it's one of the favorite American (sort of) meals among college kids, and pretty much everyone else. Although it's always a tasty treat, who has time to do the whole hand-tossed thing in that hour between classes? Often, there are instances where the need for sauce and cheese kicks in, but preparing a pie just isn't practical.

The pizza pretzel is a handy solution to the Italian craving that appears from time to time, and with a cooking time of less than five minutes, there's no longer an excuse to settle for anything else.

Pizza Pretzel

Here's What You Need:

- Frozen Soft Pretzels
- Mozzarella cheese
- Tomato Sauce
- Seasonings (optional)
- Paper plates

Here's What You Do:

1. Pop the pretzel in the microwave for 50 seconds, or 10 seconds less than the suggested time.
2. Heat up sauce until it is warm.
3. Top pretzel with sauce and cheese.
4. Sprinkle on seasoning.
5. Put pretzel back in the microwave for about 15 seconds, or until cheese is melted.
6. Let cool, and enjoy!

Programming Board

November Calendar

November 2

Tarot Card Readings

11 a.m. - 2 p.m., HSC Roth Concourse

November 4

Singer Scott McKenna

11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Rifkin Cafe' &

Mindy Davis Jewelry Sale

10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., HSC Roth Concourse

November 7 and 21

BINGO

8 p.m., HSC Ballroom

November 16

Speaker Coach Herman Boone of "Remember the Titans"

7 p.m., HSC Ballroom

November 20

Ice Skating

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

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November 22

Pizza Wars

9 p.m. - 11 p.m., HSC Ballroom



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SMOOTHIES HOT CHOCOLATE

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CHIPOTLE PORTABELLO

Gaming Inspires Friendship, Competition in Commuter Lounge

BY RYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Correspondent

The world of video games has become a force to be reckoned with, both socially and commercially.

USA Today has noted the recent addition of video-game courses to several universities, in addition to the development of schools completely dedicated to video-game design in Washington and Florida. After viewing the video-game situation from a social perspective, Pew Internet Research reported to MSNBC News that "almost half of college students who play video, computer, or online games admit that it keeps them from studying 'some' or a 'lot.'" This national trend has not left the grounds of Wilkes University untouched. In fact, video gaming has appeared where very few might expect it: at the Commuter Lounge.

The Commuter Lounge, located in the basement of Conyngham Hall, is home to a small band of people willing to sacrifice life, limb, and classes at the altar of PlayStation 2. Of the five men regularly in the lounge, two of them declined to be interviewed and one wished to remain anonymous because he was skipping class when the interview took place. Since the start of fall semester, they have gathered around the Commuter Lounge television set to

compete in various video games.

Junior Rich Hannick claims to spend two hours a day behind a controller. They play games such as Madden 2005, NCAA 2005, and NBA Live.

"The games started this semester," said Hannick, who was driving the Carolina Panthers to a score when the interview took place. "Last semester we might play once a month, whenever someone brought a PlayStation with them. Now that it's here all of the time, we play a lot more." Hannick, also vice president of Commuter Council, notes that the club purchased the Playstation 2 last spring at members' requests to allow for more entertainment options at the Lounge.

Hannick, a business major, claims the time spent gaming has not affected his grades. Sophomore Neal Jackloski agrees. "Affected my schoolwork?" he asked with a grin. With a flourish he revealed the notes he was reviewing while awaiting his next turn at Madden 2005. "Not at all," he said with conviction.

Jackloski, who is undeclared, has been playing video games all of his life. He began with original Nintendo and continues to play with zeal. "I like playing football, and I like playing games," he says. The solution, of course, is Madden 2005. Jackloski, like Hannick, plays about two



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Students Neal Jackloski, Andy Mosley, Rich Hannick, and more playing videogames in the commuter lounge hours per day, almost every day.

Why do they play it so often? Why use PlayStation in the Commuter Lounge instead of doing something else? "Because it's fun," says Hannick. "I like the competition that happens in a game."

PlayStation also created friendships between the five of them. "We weren't friends until they put the PlayStation down here," claimed the anonymous class-skipping member of the group. "The Commuter Council

gave a lot of kids a chance to get together and play when they did this," said Jackloski.

The group also stands by their gaming skills and issues an invitation for all of campus to join the intense competition going on in the heart of Conyngham Hall. They can be found during most afternoons in the Commuter Lounge, playing as long as their schedules will permit them...and sometimes longer.

Pro Athlete Video Games Enhance Effects, Draw Players

BY NEAL SANTOSKI
Beacon Staff Writer

In the advent of "reality television," video game designers are rising to the challenge of extending stories and heightening effects for today's gamers.

The goal in the latest releases appears to be to make the player feel as if he or she is actually interacting with recognizable sports figures and feeling the effects of specific plays. Put together with enhanced sound and visuals, recent releases are raising the bar for other games.

For example, Ray Lewis joins a list of other pro athletes to grace the cover of Madden football 2005. Video games are now using images of pro athletes on the game cases as a marketing ploy to attract more consumer recognition. For NCAA Basketball 2004 fans and prospective game buyers saw Syracuse star Carmelo Anthony on the game cover.

In addition to the recognizable faces on the game covers, actual characters have been crafted and real sports announcers' voices are used to enhance the reality of the experience. John Madden's voice has announced the game since the Madden Football game came out. But with the addi-

tion of Pat Summerall to the announcing booth in the game, the newest version has become more interesting. Instead of one voice a player finally hears some of the same diverse opinions that might be heard during Monday Night Football.

In the last few years, as graphic sophistication has increased, sports video games have begun using renderings of actual sports figures as characters in the game, as opposed to simply using their recognizable numbers. One thing that has sparked this revolution is how much technology has advanced in the last few years.

In fact, graphics have improved so much that players report feeling like they are inside the video game. When the quarterback passes the football a player in the role of the receiver players can feel the hit when tackled thanks to advancements in the controllers with the addition of the dual shock. With this, the hit is amplified and makes the gamer jump when it happens. Even the team's lockerroom celebration has been incorporated into the games to extend the experience for the player.

Another addition to the football video game arena is "training camp." The player travels to a team's training camp and the

teams have set stations. In one example of a challenge, a player in the role of quarterback needs to throw the ball at a target while avoiding tennis balls trying to sack.

In most sports games, plots now have "hidden" characters or stages in the game. In "WWE Here Comes The Pain" designers have brought back older wrestlers. Many wrestling fans were happy to find two in particular, Sergeant Slaughter and The Undertaker. Previously, WWE also introduced

the entrance videos and music for the wrestlers to come to the stage. The addition of the entrance theme mimics how the actual wrestlers come out on the television broadcast.

Video game distributors have also been marketing new online play. With an adaptor that needs to be purchased separately, a player can gain access to online play. A player can compete against people of the same skill level or higher.

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Monday Night Matchup

Miami Dolphins vs New York Jets

BY TYLER JENKINS
Assistant Sports Editor



from being down 31-7.

But this game shouldn't even be a game. I'm going out on a limb and doing something I shouldn't do; I'm going to predict a blow out. The Jets should win this game easily.

The 5-1 Jets

suffered their first loss of the season to the Patriots last week in a close game, 13-7. Last year's Super Bowl champions and this year's front runners were up against the ropes in this all-out dog fight.

With the weapons that the Jets have, they should have a field day with the Dolphins. Curtis Martin is running like he was three years ago when the Jets were AFC Super Bowl hopefuls. Back from last season's

wrist injury, Chad Pennington has been fantastic. With speedy receiver Santana Moss and this year's standout Justin McCareins, Pennington has what he needs to win.

The Dolphins, on the

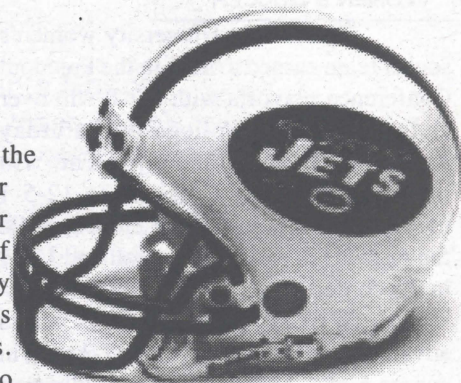
game.

Not only do the Dolphins not have their star running back but for the first three games of the season they switched quarterbacks like shoes.

They had no standout that was better than the other, and they went into the game and performed horribly.

This week is not going to be a good week for the Dolphins' quarterback, whoever they put in. The Jets defense has been playing outstanding this year. They have a strong front four and the secondary is playing up to a whole new level. One mistake and it could be 6 points going the other way.

For the Dolphins to win



they would have to play flawlessly, which they don't look capable of, and they would need a big night in the air and on the ground. And if they get all that, the Jets would still need to choke.

This week's prediction, Dolphins 10 Jets 35.

In last weeks edition of Monday Night Football one of the teams names was misspelled. The Beacon would like to thank those who pointed out this mistake. The correct spelling of the misspelled team is B-E-N-G-A-L-S.

Prediction:
Miami Dolphins: 10
New York Jets: 35

other hand, have offensive problems everywhere. Earlier this year they lost their best receiver David Boston to injury and their star running back, Ricky Williams, to drugs or retirement.

Williams, apparently afraid that he was going to test positive again for drugs opted to retire and walk away from the

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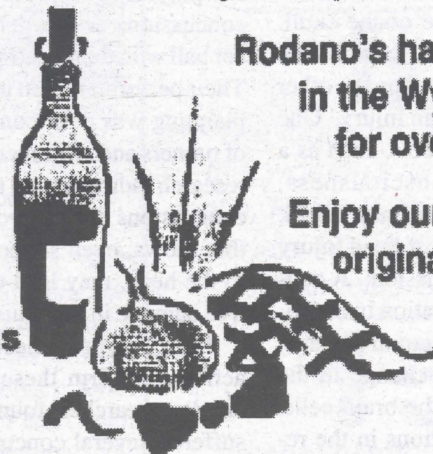
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COLONEL'S SPORTS BRIEFS

THE WEEK IN REVIEW



WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Wilkes University women's soccer team earned a berth in the Freedom Conference playoffs with a 2-0 win over Delaware Valley College on Saturday afternoon at Ralston Field. The win improves the Lady Colonels to 12-5-1 overall and 4-2-1 in the conference, while the Aggies fall to 5-11-1 overall and 1-5-1 in the conference.

Wilkes held a 16-2 shots advantage, while also gaining a 7-3 edge in corner kicks. Lady Colonels goalkeeper Katie Green stopped both shots she faced to pick up the shutout win.

VOLLEYBALL

The Wilkes University volleyball team prepared for the Freedom Conference playoffs with a 30-23, 30-16, 30-26, win over Albright College in a non-conference match on Saturday. The win improves the Lady Colonels to 15-13 overall, while the Lions fall to 13-18.

Jillian Focht had 15 kills and five blocks to lead the Wilkes attack. Amanda Harlan contributed 11 kills, while Megan

Riley had 10 kills, 12 digs and three aces. Alicia Vieselmeyer added nine kills and Denise Cole had 10 digs. Lady Colonels setter Nicole Hahn finished the match with

MEN'S SOCCER

Wilkes University claimed the final Freedom Conference men's soccer playoff berth with a 3-1 win over Delaware Valley College on Saturday afternoon. The Colonels improve to 8-6-2 overall and 3-3-1 in the conference, while the Aggies fall to 0-18-1 overall and 0-6-1 in conference play.

Delaware Valley held a 21-9 shots on goal advantage and a 8-2 edge in corner kicks. Wilkes goalie Mike Leaman, making his first start in goal this season, stopped nine shots to earn the win. Chris Zirpoli had four saves in net for the Aggies.

FIELD HOCKEY

Erin Henry scored the only goal of the contest midway through the second half to lift Wilkes University to a 1-0 non-conference win over ninth-ranked Montclair

State University on Saturday afternoon at Artillery Park.

The win improves the Lady Colonels to 9-9 heading into Wednesday's Freedom Conference semi-final game at Drew University. The Red Hawks see their record fall to 12-5 overall. Henry tallied the game-winning goal at the 48:48 mark of the second stanza when she redirected a cross from Lindsey Thomas past Montclair State goalkeeper Robyn Apicelli.

Wilkes held a 15-13 shots advantage. The Lady Colonels also earned a 10-8 edge in penalty corners. Lady Colonels goalie Hillary Weber came up with eight saves to notch the shutout win. Apicelli finished the afternoon with eight saves for Montclair State.

FOOTBALL

Freshman quarterback Al Karaffa threw three touchdown passes and the Wilkes University defense limited Lebanon Valley College to 170 yards in

total offense to lead the Colonels to a 38-0 Middle Atlantic Conference win on Saturday afternoon at Ralston Field.

Wilkes posted their third straight victory to improve to 5-3 overall and 5-2 in the conference. Lebanon Valley, which has lost ten straight games against the Colonels, falls to 3-5 overall and 2-5 in conference play.

Trichilo, who moved into fifth place on the all-time Division III career rushing list with 5,632 yards, finished the afternoon with 108 yards on 26 carries. Karaffa threw for 184 yards after hitting 11-of-19 passes for the Colonels, who rolled up 463 yards in total offense. Burgette had four catches for 61 yards and Jordan had four receptions for 60 yards.

Kyle Follweiler led a balanced Wilkes defensive effort with eight tackles, including two for loss, and a half a sack. Mike Bolsar chipped in with seven stops and one tackle for loss. Tyler Henninger had five tackles, two of which came behind the line of scrimmage, and one sack.

KNOCKING NOGGINS MAY HAVE LASTING IMPACT

BY ED SCHICATANO

Assistant Professor of Psychology

A hit to the head during a sporting event may be worse than you think. New studies scrutinized the issue on a scientific level and found that head injuries create changes in mental function that may, in fact, be long term.

Many athletes receive a blow or jolt to the head in contact sports such as football, hockey, boxing and lacrosse. These hits typically are not hard enough to actually penetrate the skull, and are called "closed-head injuries."

They also can cause the brain to bruise as it impacts the other side of the skull. This "contra coup effect" is responsible for the major damage incurred on the other side of the brain following an injury. One or more of a number of effects, such as a brief loss of consciousness, lightheadedness and dizziness, may follow. The diagnosis for this type of head injury is generally termed a concussion. A concussion is a temporary alteration in neurological function without structural damage, resulting from momentary change in the chemical surroundings of the brain cells. This would include disruptions in the release of neurotransmitters, some of which are excitatory (speeding up electrical firing in the neurons they signal) and others inhibitory (slowing firing down).

Recent studies reveal specific insights

into how these hits can have serious, sometimes lasting, effects on brain function. Many of the new studies detail problems with memory and attention. In one study, researchers gave a series of written and verbal tests to college football players before their season started. Those who experienced a concussion during play were re-tested. The athletes' performance in the areas of verbal learning, memory and speed of information processing was noticeably worse for up to five to seven days after the blow.

Another study examined amateur soccer players who previously experienced concussions or just generally hit the soccer ball with their head as part of the match. Their performance on tests of memory and planning was poor compared with scores of runners and swimmers. Furthermore, the research indicated that those with the most concussions did the worst. This suggests that blows, even supposedly minor ones, to the head, may lead to lasting, cumulative damage in the brain.

More recent studies that measure brain activity confirm these findings. For example, researchers found that athletes who suffered several concussions had weaker activity in brain regions that play a role in certain memory functions. Not surprisingly, their performances on memory tasks were significantly compromised.

For athletes who have suffered from

three or more concussions, significant changes in the brain's electrical activity are noted, and typically these alterations are accompanied by observed cognitive troubles, such as memory loss and slight attention deficits. Further studies have shown that the effects produced by these injuries probably are cumulative, and may even turn into long-term deficits that are not reversible.

Thus, even though a blow to the head may reveal no major damage outside the head, there still may be some problems inside the brain. In all cases, neuropsychological testing should be done to assess



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Football players tackling one another. the extent of the damage, and precautions should be taken to prevent further damage.

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CATEGORY LEADERS

WEEKLY RECAP

FIELD HOCKEY

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

VOLLEYBALL

Serving Aces: 1075 Nikki Hahn
Blocks: 51 Alicia Vieselmeier

FOOTBALL

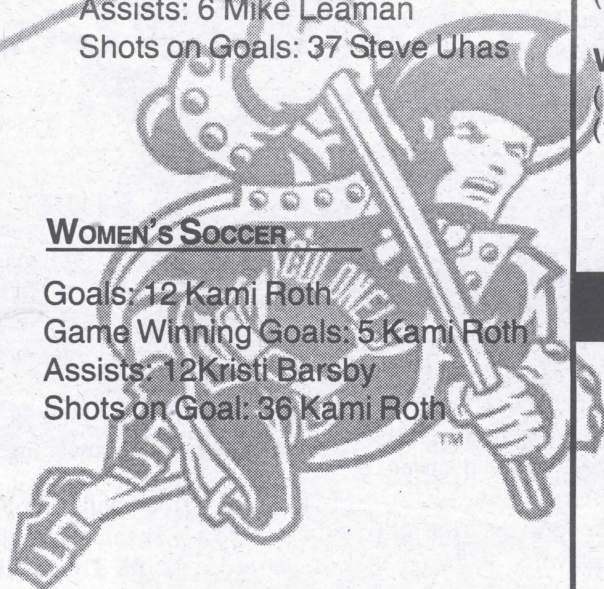
Rushing: 1480 Brett Trichilo
Receiving: 474 Jim Jordan
Punt Returns: 177 Bo Tkach
Tackles: 68 Kyle Follweiler

MEN'S SOCCER

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

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Goals: 12 Kami Roth
Game Winning Goals: 5 Kami Roth
Assists: 12 Kristi Barsby
Shots on Goal: 36 Kami Roth



Men's Soccer

(10/27) Wilkes 1 King's 0 (ot)
(10/30) Wilkes 3 Delaware Valley 1

Football

(10/30) Wilkes 38 Lebanon Valley 0

Women's Field Hockey

(10/26) Drew 4 Wilkes 3
(10/30) Wilkes 1 Montclair State 0

Women's Soccer

(10/26) Wilkes 3 King's 1
(10/30) Wilkes 2 Delaware Valley 0

Women's Volleyball

(10/26) FDU-Florham 3 Wilkes 0
(10/30) Wilkes 3 Albright 0

THE WEEK AHEAD

Football

Saturday
1:00 p.m. @ Delaware Valley

Wrestling

Saturday
11:00 a.m. vs Johns Hopkins/York

Wilkes Freshman Shines in QB position *Karaffa brings aggressive pass attack to offense*

LUKE PISARCIK
Beacon Staff Writer

Coming into the season, freshman Al Karaffa expected to learn a lot by playing behind two quarterbacks with more experience than he had.

Karaffa accepted the role as a backup quarterback for the Colonels.

But that all changed three weeks ago when the Colonels trailed Moravian 26-7 at halftime. Head Coach Frank Sheptock was looking for an offensive boost. Sheptock put Karaffa in the game, and he hasn't been taken out since.

Karaffa now has two collegiate starts and he has led the Colonels to back-to-back victories. Karaffa has impressed coaches and fans with his recent statistics. He has thrown 24-32 passes complete for 462 yards and three touchdowns while having no interceptions.

The offensive line includes Kris Kaufman, Fran Quinn, Jeff Thompson, Matt Begansky, and Kevin Wetzell. They have been giving Karaffa enough time to pick apart the secondary and have success. "The line's been playing great and our receivers are making plays," Karaffa said.

With three sophomore receivers in the lineup for the Colonels, Wilkes' future seems bright. Sean Sholtes, Jim Jordan, and

fellow Scranton area product Stephen Burgette provide the big play abilities the Colonels need to mix the pass in with the rush.

The passing attack that Karaffa brings to the table gives the Colonels a new aggressive method to work with on offense. In Karaffa's two starts the Colonels' opponents can no longer stack the line of scrimmage and expect to run. Karaffa has made his opponents aware that he can create a big play, like he did against Juniata a week ago. He hooked up with Burgette on a 67-yard strike.

"Just like old times," Karaffa said. "Trichilo ran a play-action and the whole Juniata team went towards him. Coming around after the roll out, I saw Stephen wide open. I almost got scared I was going to throw it over his head. I just got him the ball and he did the rest with it."



Colonels starting quarterback, Al Karaffa looks for an open receiver.

With Karaffa under center and tons of potential at the receiver position the Colonels and their fans have a lot to look forward to in the next couple of years. With the running game more than doubling the pass game with senior running back Brett Trichilo this season, that will all change next season when Trichilo and fullback Kyle Gallagher both graduate. "You can't help but say, 'Wow, we've got something special here again,'" Sheptock said. "As long as everybody continues to work, he can help put us at that next level that we're always striving to get to."

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

38

Number of points scored in Saturday's shutout win over visiting Lebanon Valley.

3

Goals scored by the men's soccer team in their win over Delaware Valley to earn them a playoff birth.

8

The total number of saves that women's field hockey goalie, Hilary Weber had in the Colonels 1-0 shutout win over Montclair State.

15

Number of total wins for the women's volleyball team.

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Field Hockey Team Prepares for MAC Playoffs *Lady Colonels on upswing after tough mid-season matches*

BY ANDRIENNE RICHARDS
Beacon Correspondent

The Wilkes University field hockey team began its season with a 4-0 record and was ranked 20th in the nation.

But recently, the team's record has fallen to 8-9 overall and the team has slipped from the national rankings. "There was a four game stretch right after we were ranked that there was just no explanation for," Head Field Hockey Coach Todd Broxmeyer acknowledged. "We had four games of unlucky plays and unlucky officiating."

The Lady Colonel's schedule didn't help matters. After the early successes and immediately following the national ranking, the schedule increasingly became harder when the Wilkes women faced some of the top 20

nationally ranked teams.

"The record and scores of the games we lost don't necessarily do justice as to how we played as a team," said sophomore midfielder Alisha Cain. Cain added that once other teams heard of Wilkes's national ranking they were fired up to bring their "A" game, not to mention brewing old rivalries.

Once the team dipped in the win-loss category, it seemed unavoidable that the team morale might be affected. Broxmeyer added, "Players take it a little bit harder at times. It's harder to go to practice, but you need to pick up the pieces and play harder."

But with careful attention to teamwork and encouragement from each other, the Lady Colonels refused to give up. One of the ways the team picked up the

pieces along the way was to set some important goals.

With an 8-9 record the team sees their record improving from last year when they ended 7-11. According to Broxmeyer, ultimately, the field hockey team is playing at a higher level of play than they did last year, partially because of this year's strong freshmen class that added speed, and the experience from returnees. Already Broxmeyer is looking at including All-state players from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Maryland on next year's roster.

Another goal the team set was to make playoffs. Although they lost to Drew University last Tuesday, because Scranton beat King's, 1-0, it still gives Wilkes a berth into Freedom Conference



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playoffs. Wilkes will enter playoffs with a 3-3 conference record and seeded fourth. The possibilities for an exciting finish do not end here. If the Lady Colonels can capture the title of Freedom Conference champions, they will

automatically be qualified for the NCAA tournament.

"Our ultimate goal would obviously be to become national champions, but at this point we tend to look at the nearest future," junior midfielder Melissa Quinn added.

Campus Calendar

MONDAY (11/1)

*Antique Appraisals 6 p.m.
HSC 2nd Floor in the Miller
Conference Room

TUESDAY (11/2)

*Election Day - Get out
and VOTE!!

*Wilma Carroll Tarot Card
Reader 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
HSC Concourse

*Day of the Dead (Dia de
los Muertos) 11 a.m. - 2
p.m. HSC Miller Room

*Commuter Council NYC
Bus Trip. Tickets on sale
every Tuesday and Thurs-
day 11-1 HSC Info Desk

WEDNESDAY (11/3)

*Volleyball @ Lycoming 7
p.m.

*SG Meeting 5:30 p.m. HSC
Hiscox Room

THURSDAY (11/4)

*Mindy Davis Sterling Silver
Sale 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. HSC
Concourse

*Scott McKenna, singer, 11
a.m. - 1 p.m. Rifkin Cafe

*Gisele Ben-Dor Discus-
sion 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Dor-
othy Dickson Darte Center
Senior Graduation Meeting
for January Graduates 11:15
a.m. Breiseth 205

FRIDAY (11/5)

*College and High School
Leadership Conference
8:30 a.m. at Penn State
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tion will be provided

*Casino Night 8 p.m. HSC
Ballroom

SATURDAY (11/6)

*College and High
School Leadership Con-
ference 8:30 a.m. at
Penn State Wilkes-
Barre - Transportation
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*Wrestling w/Johns
Hopkins/York 11 a.m.

*Football @ Delaware
Valley 1 p.m.

SUNDAY (11/7)

*No events scheduled
for today

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