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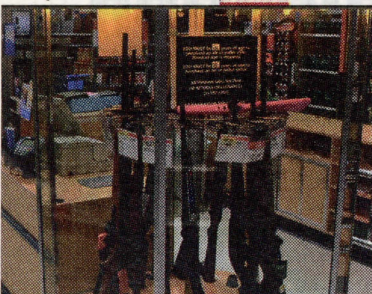
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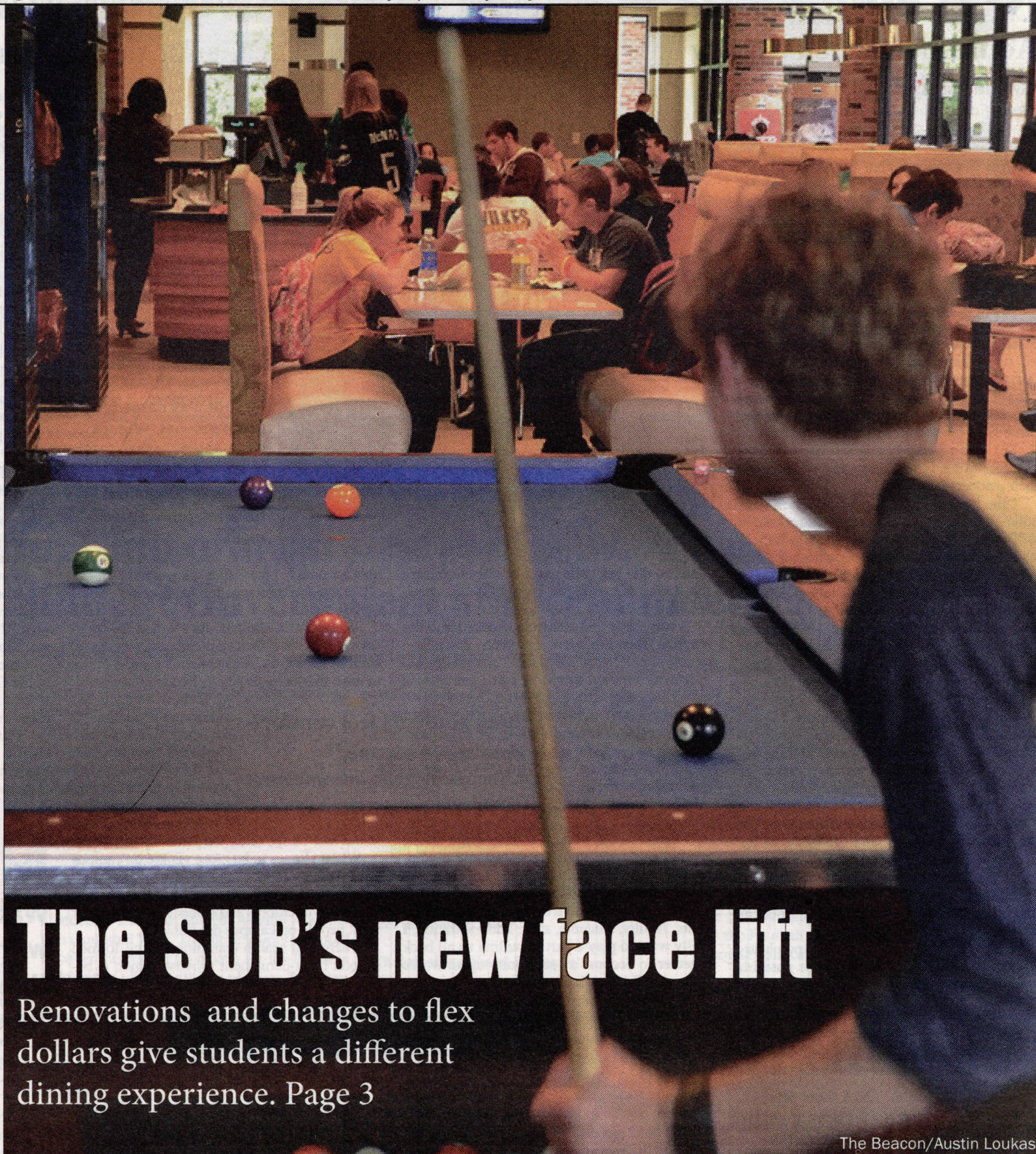
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New admin changes aim to improve communication

Adjustments include new interim provost, inclusion of academic deans in president's cabinet

By Christine Lee
News Editor

With the start of a new year, new faces join the Wilkes administration.

Associate professor of chemistry and department chair Therese Wignot has been named interim provost following the resignation of Reynold Verret. In addition, all academic deans will now serve in the president's cabinet for the 2012-13 academic year.

Over the summer, Verret announced that he would be leaving Wilkes to join Savannah State University in Georgia as that school's chief academic officer in August. Following his resignation, Leahy met with the Faculty Affairs Council and appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of three faculty members and three administrators to recommend candidates for an interim provost.

FAC chair Justin Matus describes Wignot as eager to lead the faculty and understands their perspective.

"She has the right disposition, she's very collaborative, a good communicator and is willing to listen," Matus said. "She'll help with the faculty morale and be a strong voice for the faculty in the president's cabinet."

Wignot earned her B.A in biology and Ph.D. in biochemistry from Lehigh University. She has been at Wilkes since 1989 during which she served as department coordinator from 2000-05 and department chair from 2005-11.

Since 2000 she has been the director of Science in Motion, a grant-funded science program that gives Wilkes the opportunity to extend outreach to area schools. During her time at Wilkes she has served on a variety of committees including serving as student athletic representative and FAC.

"She has a very good understanding of the concerns of faculty and she has a desire to help the university fill this very important role," Executive Assistant to the President Jack Chielli said. "She's a very approachable individual and very concerned with student success."

Wignot said her initial reaction upon hearing she would be considered for the position was "complete shock" but felt honored and



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Associate professor of chemistry and department chair Therese Wignot was named interim provost. Wignot will hold the office while a nationwide search is conducted for a full-time replacement.

flattered that her colleagues on the committee felt it was something she would be appropriate for.

"I was really and sincerely shocked initially but then when I met with Dr. Leahy and talked to him about what his goals for moving the university forward and what part I can play in that I actually got excited about it," Wignot said. "And then was again somewhat shocked but thrilled when he asked me to serve in this position."

Wignot said she wants to help bring all the constituents back together to become a community again to discuss issues and ways to move forward as a community.

"I really want to help to bring all the constituents, faculty, students, staff, administration, I really want to play a part in pulling us all back together to become a community again where we're all talking to one another, listening to one

another on what the issues are and how we can all move forward together as a community," Wignot said.

Wignot said she has always had an open-door policy as a faculty member for students, even as chemistry department chair and hopes to have this same policy as Interim Provost.

"I think students felt comfortable coming to see me," Wignot said. "I always tried to listen and then come up with a solution that took into account the student, faculty and administrative issues and I hope to do the same thing here."

Wignot hopes to be more visible on campus after she gets adjusted to her new role by walking around campus buildings and talk to different faculty members and student groups to hear what people on campus are thinking.

There is a search committee being formed to look for a permanent provost, which is being chaired by Vice President of Student Af-

fairs Paul Adams. Adams said members of the search committee are being identified.

Ted Marchese of search consulting firm AGB Consulting has been identified as the search consultant. Marchese previously served as the search consultant on the last Provost search.

Adams said the search process would resemble the search for President in terms of soliciting thoughts about the position for the candidates. Marchese and the search committee will come to campus to get a feel for the campus and solicit feedback about the search for provost.

"One of the first things (the search committee) will be doing is helping Dr. Marchese write a prospectus, which is a multi-page description of the University which is intended to set the stage and familiarize any candidate with the state of affairs at Wilkes University so they can make a good judgment about whether or not there is a good fit for Wilkes," Adams said.

Adams said there is no search for recently departed Associate Provost Vernon Harper and Director of Undergraduate Education Dr. Ellen Gregorie as he said it should be up to the Provost him or herself to choose his or her staff.

In addition to the new interim provost, all the academic deans will now serve as official members of the president's cabinet for this year. This includes the deans of all the colleges and Library Dean John Stachacz.

Chielli said having all the academic deans in the Cabinet is a reflection of Leahy's desire to be more transparent, to build trust and get more input from the faculty.

"During this interim period where we don't have a permanent provost, having additional academic voices can only help us get input from the faculty," Chielli said.



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Watch an interview with Dr. Wignot on thewilkesbeacon.com.

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New year brings new changes to campus dining services

By Shawn Carey
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Rifkin Café may look a little different, that is because it is. The café has undergone a renovation and it has everyone noticing.

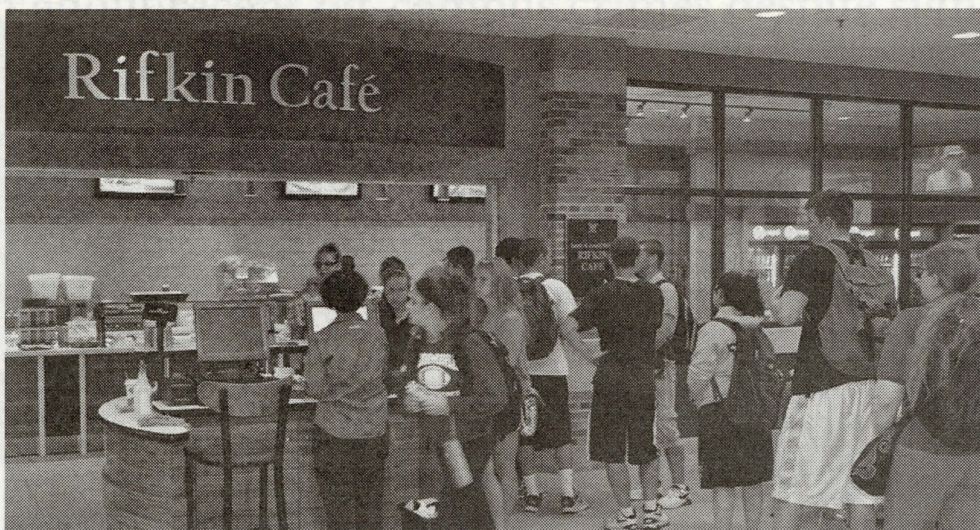
A recent remodeling over the summer included tearing down the walls that separated the game room on one side and the lounge on the other, and turning it into one big space for students to study, eat or hangout.

"I think it came out awesome!" Procurement director Justin Kraynack said. "It now gives a nice flow from one to the other."

Administrators are not the only ones noticing the new changes. Students have also noticed and commented on the renovations. Sophomore Criminology major Tiffany Spencer commented on the project, "I think the renovations look great! It has really opened up the first floor of Rifkin and lets the students interact more with each other."

The process to renovate the area began about twelve months ago. The Food Committee started planning the renovation of Rifkin Café and also discussed renovating Colonel Gambini's Café. Then in January of this year, they began discussions with the Student Activities Committee of Student Government. The idea for what is in place today did not actually happen until the end stages of the planning.

"It was roughly \$200,000 for the whole project," Vice President of Finance and Gen-



eral Counsel Loren Prescott said. "It evolved into this idea of one interconnected space to encourage students to move between the café and the game room and the lounge."

Kraynack said there were two goals in mind with the renovation project. The first goal was to give Rifkin a nice face lift. The second was to finish the renovations to the Student Union Building that were already begun, starting with the second and third floors to give a new feel to the SUB. Kraynack said new flooring to the café to finish the project.

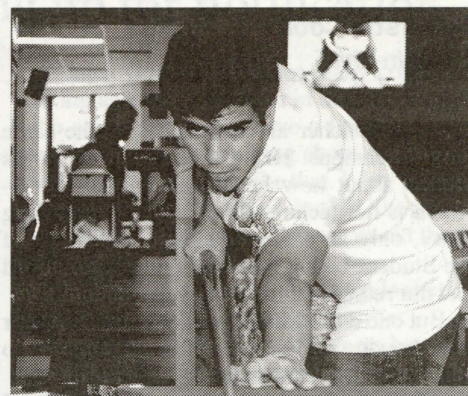
Food Service General Manager Ron Wil-

liams also approved of the renovations.

"I think it looks great, it's opened up so much," Williams said. "It is a completely different environment down there."

With the new renovations to Rifkin Café, Late Night dining services have also moved to the newly renovated café. Late night dining used to be on the third floor cafeteria but has moved to the brand new Rifkin Café. Students are now able to hang out with friends and satisfy that late night craving from a long day of studying.

Also new to the food service is a program

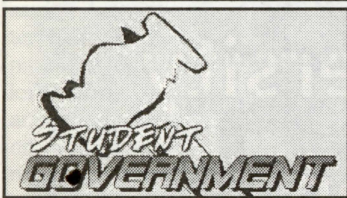


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Right, students line up for lunch at Rifkin Café. Above, Tom Ring plays pool in the renovated game room.

for the students and local businesses. Beginning this year, students are now able to use their dining flex dollars off campus at local restaurants. Flex dollars are now being accepted at Subway, Sheetz and Maer's BBQ to name a few.

"It is something that students and businesses have asked for years, most extensively in the past five years," Kraynack said.

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By Christine Lee
News Editor

Meeting Aug. 29 called to order 6:01 p.m.

Treasurer's report:

All College: \$35,000

Conferences: \$2,500

General Funds: \$20,000

Leadership: \$600

Spirit: \$2,000

Student Government Total: \$60,100

New Business:

Library Update:

Library Dean John Stachecz reported that the automatic front doors should be finished soon. The 24-hour, seven days a week access door is currently in operation and has a sign on it stating "after hours door." He also reported that printing issues are being addressed and new printers are being purchased including a color printer.

Fund Request Form Update:

A constitutional change was approved to change the Club Fund Request form to Non-Club Fund Request form. New rules were announced: clubs need proof of projected costs and forms are due by midnight on the Friday before meetings on Wednesday.

Swim Club officially recognized as new student club by Student Government at recent meeting

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting September 5 called to order at 6 p.m.

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Wilkes Alumni Fund Request:

Alumni Director Mirko Widenhorn and several students from the Student Alumni Association requested \$500. The money would be used to cover the cost of 50 tickets for the Reunion Celebration which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. during homecoming weekend. A motion was made to allocate \$500 for student tickets and was passed 19-0-6

Wilkes Summer Research Conference Fund Request:

Students who did summer science research requested funds to send 10 students to go to San Francisco for an international biology conference in January. The request for \$2,500 was made to cover registration, hotel and travel fees. A motion to give \$1,400 for registration

of up to 10 people was passed 21-0-4.

Wilkes Swim Club recognition:

Members of the newly formed Wilkes Swim Club asked for SG recognition. A motion was made to recognize the Swim Club as an SG club and passed 23-0-2.

Students in Free Enterprise Request:

Members from SIFE requested \$800 to go to a Summit in Arkansas during the weekend of Sept. 11. The donation would cover the cost of hotel stay and part of the travel fee cost. A motion was made to allocate \$400 to SIFE for travel fees and passed 19-4-2.

Cheerleading Fund Request:

Cheerleader Meribeth Derkach originally requested \$800 for new pom-poms. In her second request the amount had dropped to \$750 due to bake sale profits. A motion was made to allocate \$750 to cheerleading and passed 20-0-4.

Club Day Fund Request:

SG President Kris Rivers requested \$500 to help Student Development on behalf of SG. The cost would cover associated costs for club day. A motion was made to allocate \$500 to Club Day and passed 22-0-3

Homecoming Fund Request:

Secretary Amber Konopka requested \$17,450 for Spirit Week the week of Homecoming. A motion was made to allocate \$17,450 for Spirit Week and passed 22-0-2.

Fall Fest Fund Request:

Vice President Ian Foley requested \$3,000 for Fall Fest. A motion was made to allocate that amount and passed 21-0-3.

Spirit Committee Fund Request:

Senior class president Meribeth Derkach on the SG Spirit Committee requested \$545.66 for the Football Game Tailgate Party. \$2,000 is normally allocated.

Old Business Updates:

Fund request forms have been updated. Clubs requesting money from SG must have detailed budget breakdown and proof of where their money comes from in order to be considered by SG.

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Public safety enforces parking policy with ticketing and towing

By Kirstin Cook
Editor-in-Chief

Ryan Baicher always parked in the same spot on campus. He would even brag to his friends about how he parked in this spot, — which is not technically a designated parking space, only an empty space between rows of the Student Union Building parking lot — and had not received a ticket all year.

But one day while the senior business major was showing off, he entered the parking lot to find his car on a tow truck.

"I freaked out," Baicher said. "At first I tried begging the guy to take it off the lift. Then I offered him 20 bucks. When that don't work I just started cursing at him."

Baicher got a taste of the parking policy on-campus, which is enforced by Public Safety. The policy supplements the permit selection process conducted by Residence Life, and involves warning and eventual towing for campus parking violations. This method of punishment is a way to enforce parking rules and distribution on campus.

According to Jerry Rebo, manager of Public Safety, Baicher is not the only student who parks in undesignated locations.

"You name it, they park there," Rebo said.

Rebo said parking violations range from parking on grass and sidewalks, parking without permits and parking in the wrong lot, up to the more serious violations of parking in fire lanes or handicapped spots without a permit.

• Campus parking permits are allotted by Residence Life through an application process. Residence Life Director Elizabeth Swantek identified four main priorities to granting parking permits: students who are student-teaching, have an internship, attend nursing clinical or have pharmacy rotations.

"Wilkes University only gives out about 300 passes each semester," Swantek said.

Permit applications are sorted by credits, GPA and whether medical need is a factor.

"There are also students who have medical needs that we have an exception for, for example if they need to get to doctors' appointments back home and have no other way," Swantek said.

Then, there is the distinction of academic need to a certain parking location, or mere want.

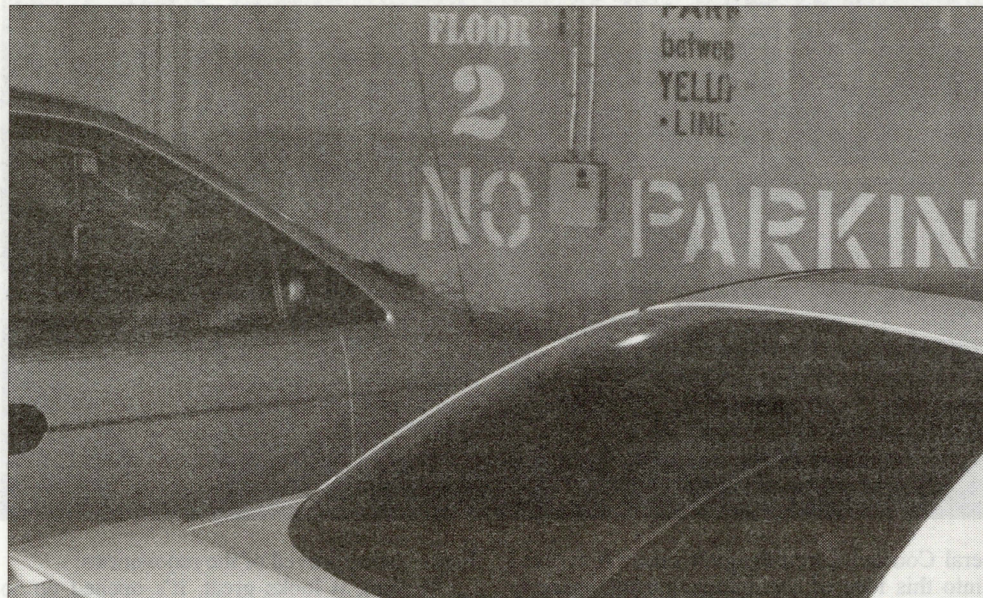
Rebo said there's not an issue of students not getting spots, it's just an issue of students not getting spots they want. He said many students try to avoid being placed at the Ralston Field parking lot, but that is unavoidable.

"Almost everyone can get parking if they ask for it, but it's not all on this side of the river, and that's what the students sometimes don't understand. We can't give 100 percent on this side of the river, we just don't have enough spots," Rebo said.

Rebo said 80 spots were granted to the Ralston field lot last semester, compared to about 20 applicants that actually preferred that lot.

"That's a very small percentage that want it, but that's just the nature of parking. You only have so many parking spaces."

Ralston permit holders have a financial advantage, as their permits cost \$40 a semester



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Public Safety said there are issues with students parking in places labeled as no parking zones, such as the cars above parked in the University Center on Main parking garage.

compared to \$120 for other campus lots. The clear disadvantage is the location, but Rebo said the shuttle services the lot from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. He also added that Public Safety is able to transport students after hours.

"If they call 2 o'clock in the morning and they park over there, we'll go over there and pick them up," Rebo said.

Despite these options, Ralston lot permit holders have declined.

"Ralston permits holders have dropped over the years, and we still have a lot of parking over there left," Rebo said. "That's why I can't understand people that are getting tickets say they can't get any parking — it's not true. There's plenty of parking over there."

Because many of Ralston's 325 spots remain open, Rebo said he doesn't understand why people still park where they're not supposed to or when they don't have a permit. He said it's important for students to follow the policy because they're taking spots that other students paid for.

"It's not fair to people who pay," Rebo said.

One issue that comes up is the conflict of campus events and parking availability. Rebo said students might be inconvenienced when looking for spots during events.

"They're going to have to search, but some students want to park next to their class, and they don't want to walk a block or two," Rebo said.

But Rebo said he receives very little complaints about parking during events. He said if students are really having trouble finding a spot, they can notify Public Safety and usually get approval to park elsewhere.

"As long as you tell us where you're going to park, we usually say go ahead and park there for the day."

Without approval, Rebo said students are subject to punishment. He said three to five tickets are given as warning before Public Safety gets towed.

"We try to be helpful and we try to be lenient," Rebo said.

remember getting them," Baicher said.

Instead of paying a \$25 parking fee, he paid between \$150 and \$200 to get his car back.

"Don't park just anywhere around here," Baicher said. "You might think you're safe but when you least expect it they will get you. Then you're 200 bucks broke."

To add salt to his wounds, Baicher said fellow students at the Wilkes SUB front desk was not very friendly when he tried to find out where his car was taken.

"I went to the help desk to try and get information on where to go and they had no information for me and were not very nice," Baicher said. "My dad had to call a couple places before he could find my car."

Despite the inconvenience, Baicher said he understands the need for parking enforcement.

"My first reaction is to say that, yeah, it is really unfair that they get cars towed because we're college students we don't have the money to pay for it," Baicher said. "But I guess if someone is constantly parking illegally then yeah they deserve to get towed."



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9:00pm Mavericks at Work
Classic Arts Showcase

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6:30pm Revit. Of W.B.
7:00pm An American In Normandy
8:00pm Kirby Lecture-D-Sousa
9:00pm Classic Arts Showcase

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7:00pm Lincolns of Springfield

8:00pm Kirby Lecture-Kris Jones
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8:00pm J.C. Watts
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8:00pm Gov. George Pataki
9:07pm Philadelphia 2000
Classical Arts Showcase

Public Safety: Emergency text alerts flawed but effective

Not all students notified about recent off-campus crimes despite signing up for notification

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News Editor

At 1:30 a.m. on August 27, a male Wilkes student had his laptop stolen from him when he was using on a porch at 363 S. Franklin St. That same week, five Wilkes students were injured and sent to a nearby hospital after two separate incidents of assault by non-Wilkes students.

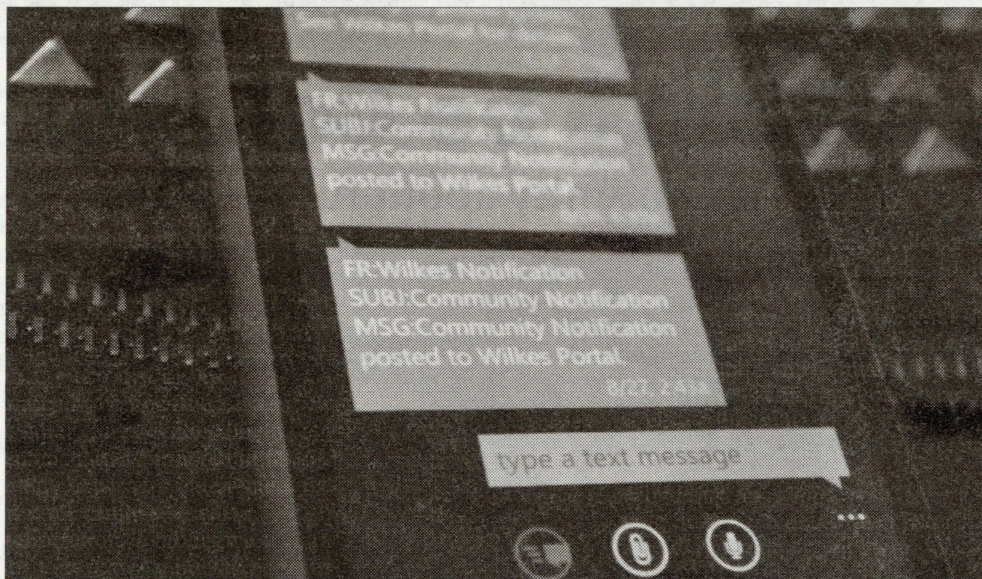
The assaults were believed to be the same in both assault instances and the assailants allegedly attacked the students after being expelled from an off-campus party at an apartment near Academy and South River streets.

Last year, there were incidents like assaults and robberies near campus. Senior integrated media major Ethan Pidcock had no idea about these incidents because he did not receive a text alert. Instead, he was informed by his concerned parents.

"I didn't get a message, and I thought I was signed up," Pidcock said. "I've gotten alerts in the past, but didn't know about the armed robbery on campus until my mom called me."

Not all students missed the alerts. Junior pre-pharmacy major Sean Ryan said the text alerts are effective because of their convenience.

"It's great not having to look up delays or cancellations," Ryan said. "It's also great to know what's going on and what to look out for on our campus. It makes me feel good to know that our administration does something



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The university's text alert system is meant to keep students informed about the crime committed on and around campus.

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Wilkes Public Safety manager Jerry Rebo said emergency notifications were posted within the hour of the incident. However, some students who claimed they were signed up for

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- Sean Ryan, Junior P1 Pharmacy Major

alerts, did not receive any information.

Wilkes University utilizes E2Campus, an emergency notification system that alerts students and faculty of imminent dangers, such as a fire or criminal activity. It also notifies students if school is canceled due to severe weather.

The Beacon asked Rebo and Interim Director of Facilities John Pesta why messages might not have been received.

Pesta, who handles the text alert system, said students must renew their membership with E2Campus every two years. However, most students are likely to forget their user name and password, but these can be reset by emailing him at John.Pesta@wilkes.edu.

Rebo said the text alert process starts by contacting Student Affairs after an incident occurs. Upon verification with Paul Adams, dean of Student Affairs, the alert is sent.

Alerts are sent in three ways: text, email and flyer. All three methods are not required by law, but Wilkes always applies all three methods, Rebo said.

Pesta said alerts are only used for emergencies and breaking news. Petty crimes do not warrant alerts, he explained.

"It takes away from the mind set that this is important," Pesta said. "We don't want that to happen"

Regardless of these off-campus incidents, Rebo said crime is not an issue, since Wilkes has a lit-campus and always has officers on patrol.

"Thank God we don't see many criminals walking around campus, or in our buildings," Rebo said. "We might have a homeless guy sometimes, but I am talking about drug dealers, thieves and people like that. I don't know if there's an invisible fence, but I'd like to say it's because of our patrol. You see us out there all the time."

Public Safety's patrol duties include checking campus buildings and facilities.

"We don't stand on street corners because there are buildings on campus with millions of dollars of equipment in them," Rebo said.

Alert notifications must disclose information about crime on campus because of the Clery Act -- named after Jeanne Clery, a student who was raped and murdered in 1986 at Lehigh university. The act was created specifically to promote crime awareness.

It requires institutions to give timely warnings of crimes that represent a threat to the safety of students or employees. Institutions are required to publish their policies regarding timely warnings in their Annual Campus Security Report due Oct. 1 each year.

Before 2004, Public Safety had to manually set up flyers and send alerts through email, but now they have an easy way to reach out to students digitally. Since switching to E2Campus, Wilkes has been able to provide timely information to our university community as a whole.

In order to subscribe to the services, you must have a Wilkes Email Account. Users can subscribe at wilkes.edu/pages/2611.asp

Awareness is part of the prevention, Rebo said. While students can get used to always feeling safe, they should be aware of their surroundings.

"A lot of students think, it won't happen to me, but there are bad people out there," Rebo said. "There is crime everywhere you go. Let's face it. You gotta deal with it."

Public Safety is advising students to be aware of their surroundings and to take reasonable precautions to protect themselves.

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Facilities hopes building demolitions make campus more 'green'

By Abbey Haldeman

Assistant News Editor

The science building renovations are hard to miss, but there are some other forms of renovations going on around campus that may be slipping under the radar. During the week of Aug. 20, demolition began for a couple of buildings that used to be part of campus. But with new renovations comes new space. Green space, that is.

Collins Hall and a building located 266 South River St have both been demolished. While Collins Hall had been used as a residence hall in the past, it has proven to be an inadequate space for such use due to its size.

266 South River St. was bought and ana-

lyzed by the university somewhere around eight months ago. This piece of property was even smaller than Collins Hall which made it of no use for residential life either.

Due to the fact that neither building is needed or usable by the university at this time, they were both demolished and will be turned into additional green space for the campus community.

Another piece of property owned by the campus was supposed to be torn down with the other two. 247 South Franklin St, just off the Henry Student Center parking lot, was to torn down as well.

"That's in bad condition, it needs a lot of work, somewhere around a million dollars worth of work. And it just didn't seem like that

was the best investment for university dollars at the time," John Pesta, Director of Capital Projects and Planning, said.

The demolition of this building has been put on hold due to Asbestos in the building. The dates for the demolition are not yet known. What will become of this space though will initially be more added green space.

"That block of land on Franklin Street would be ideal for that," Pesta said about the possibility of these lots becoming residency halls someday.

While the university didn't look at this as a way to make up for the loss of green space due to the science building, they did feel the campus, as a whole, needed some added green space.

While it is not available for use yet, green space will be available for Wilkes University community. At this time, they are spreading topsoil and planting grass seeds.

When the university is given the go ahead for use of the space, students and faculty will have the advantage of utilizing the areas for various activities. They hope to add picnic tables and benches to the areas so that students will be able to enjoy them.

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Working together to be Colonel

President Leahy addresses Wilkes community about future plans

By Patrick F. Leahy

Wilkes University President

I want to thank the Beacon editorial staff for providing me with an opportunity to address their readers in the semester's first edition. Wilkes University is very fortunate to have such an informative and well-read, student-run publication.

There is no one more enthusiastic about the start of this semester and of becoming the newest member of the Army of Colonels than I am. The opportunity to be the president of this extraordinary institution is the highlight of my professional career.

I am humbled by the trust everyone has given me, and I am energized by the many possibilities to make Wilkes an even better institution.

I also want to thank everyone for the warm welcome you've given to my wife, Amy, and my four children. We already feel part of the Wilkes family.

During my first months on the job, I intend to get to know as many people in the Wilkes community as possible. I plan on meeting with every academic and staff department and will be someone students see often at campus and athletic events. With my two young sons in tow, I will be hard to miss.

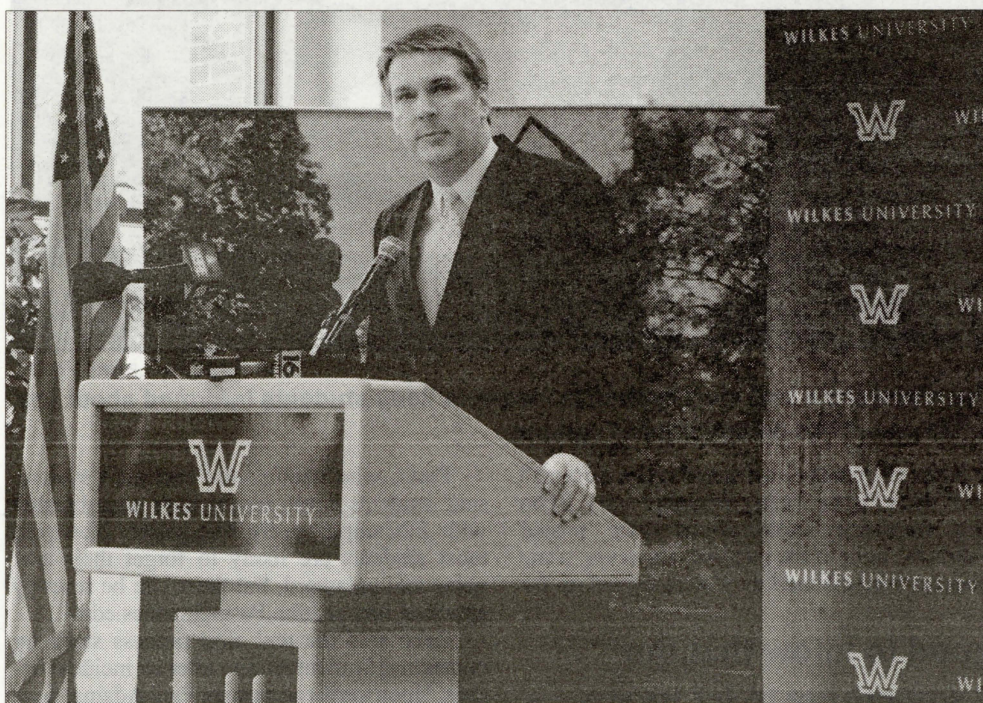
I also am actively involved in learning what is unique about the academic and co-curricular programs that are at the heart of what we do. My impression so far is that Wilkes is an institution singularly focused on student success.

From the professors who take the extra time to collaborate on research with students to the coaches who mentor their athletes after wins and losses – from the advising staff who carefully craft curricular and co-curricular opportunities for our students to the facilities staff who keep our campus beautiful – everyone here works in some fashion or another to make our students successful.

I've learned that Wilkes is eager to innovate. It's part of who we are. We know that to keep our education affordable we must be on the lookout for new opportunities. That is why we created an innovative pre-engineering program that allows talented high school students to get an early start on an engineering degree here at Wilkes.

We are a community that cares deeply about each other, and I am certain we will build on Wilkes' tradition of working together to find ways to invest in our academic programs so that both our students and our region continue to thrive.

As many of you know, I will be installed as



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President Leahy speaks to students faculty and staff after being announced as the sixth president of Wilkes University March 12. He officially assumed the office July 1.

Wilkes' sixth president on Sept. 15 at the F.M. Kirby Center. I am extremely grateful for all the help that has gone into making this event special for Wilkes and my family.

There will be several days of celebration that I encourage everyone to attend. The Faculty Scholarship Showcase at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts promises to be particularly fulfilling. We will showcase the extraordinary scholarship of our faculty. This is a can't-miss event.

I also hope to see you at the Campus Installation Party Friday night in the Henry Student Center. Everyone is invited to stop by for refreshments and to enjoy the music.

This coming year will go fast but we will get an enormous amount accomplished. We will graduate students with doctorates in pharmacy and bachelor's degrees in English, engineering and earth and environmental science, to name a few.

Underclassmen will advance to the next grade in nursing, accounting and education. And along the way, we will do our best to have fun, stay safe and Be Colonel.

Thank you.

Patrick F. Leahy, President

Schedule of Events

Installation Day Schedule

Friday, September 14

8:00 P.M.
Campus Installation Celebration
| Henry Student Center, second floor

Saturday, September 15

11:00 A.M.
Installation of Dr. Patrick F. Leahy | F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts

12:30 P.M.
Reception | F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts Lobby

2:00 P.M.
Wilkes University vs. Albright College Football Game | Schmidt Stadium

BEACON POLL

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Last week's question:

No poll results to display in this issue.

This week The Beacon asks:

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- Very difficult
- Somewhat difficult
- Not difficult
- I do not park on campus
- I was not aware that people were having difficulties parking on campus

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Modern medicine: Prolonging life or prolonging death?

By Carly Yamrus
Opinion Editor

Nobody talks about death. We close our eyes to it; change the subject. Ignore and deny. Don't talk about it, don't write about it. Maybe if we don't think about it, it won't happen to us.

Because we don't acknowledge death, we are often faced with difficult decisions when the time does come. Many questions suddenly yet not so suddenly arise with the beginning of the end. Should we utilize advanced medical procedures and drugs to put up a fight or should we acknowledge our inevitable fate?

In what circumstances should we fight? If we choose not to fight, does that mean we giving up? Symbolic terms such as "winning" and "losing" are almost always used when talking about illness and dying.

Many people choose the fight, no matter the circumstances, because nobody wants to lose.

As humans we have the right to life. With that right, we go to extreme measures to defend it at all costs. And the cost is very, very high.

The amount of money spent on terminal patients is astounding. Your bill when you die can be between thousands and several hundred thousand of dollars if you spend your last days in a hospital or hospice. According to a CBS

news "60 Minutes" documentary, "The Cost of Dying," Medicare spent more than \$50 billion on people with degenerative diseases, chronic illnesses, Stage-4 cancer and other fatal conditions.

There are certain circumstances in which fighting to live is most definitely an option. There are also certain circumstances in which continuing the fight is comparable to torture. Are we prolonging life or prolonging death?

Patients with terminal illnesses succumb to toxic treatments that devastate their bodies. Desperate last-minute treatments, transfusions and other invasive procedures are costly and usually produce an array of ruinous side effects that debilitate the patient further.

With the health care we have today, we have painted an unrealistic picture of what goes on in the hospital. We look to health care to fix us. Surely the technology and medicine we have developed will save us from ourselves.

At an early age, we learned that doctors make us better. Go to school and become a doctor so that you can help sick people be well again. The question of "How long do I have to live?" becomes "How long will I try to stay alive?"

Accepting death as part of life does not mean you gave up, it means you gave in and recognized it as a natural part of life. You can't



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Desperate, last-minute treatments and procedures are costly and often make the dying experience worse than it needs to or should be.

choose when your time has come or how it will happen, but you can sometimes choose a better way out. There is only so much that can be done to help sustain life in the final months or days.

After the procedures become unreasonable, maybe the best thing to do is to just be comfortable. Let loved ones express their love

and support instead of having them helplessly watch and do nothing.

I don't think dying is the worst thing that can happen to a person. Dying without dignity is.

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Online courses vs. classroom learning: Internet cheats education

By Lyndsie Yamrus
Assistant Opinion Editor

The things we've accomplished and the advancements we've made as a human population is astonishing. The world is a much different place now than it was a decade ago, which in the grand scheme of things, is not a very long time.

One of our most valued creations of all time, the ever-popular internet, has completely

changed the way we live our lives, and very quickly at that. I remember like it was yesterday how long it would take for a single page to load on the Internet, and here I am today, multitasking Facebook, Twitter, email, Google and various other tabs, all at once and within seconds.

I really appreciate the Internet, and yes, it is an extremely revolutionary tool that has improved the world we live in immensely. However, we have become rather obsessed and increasingly dependent upon it -- enough

to believe that nearly anything can be obtained online. A thorough and valuable educational experience is not one of them.

As we all know, there are many advantages to the online route. It is much cheaper than going to college. You can learn at your own pace. You can work at your own speed. You can take the class virtually anywhere and adjust your work to fit your lifestyle. You can eat a steak in your pajamas while you take a test, which are always "take-home." You can easily Google something you don't know.

Does anyone remember what life was like before the Internet readily spit out knowledge when you asked it to? I certainly do not. I grew up in the middle of this explosion we now call the digital age.

Prior to the Internet, you had to actually use the library. You had to do research! Which involves actually reading the books. What a concept. I'm a firm believer in reading books for information.

Books are classic. I'm "that guy" who walks out of the library with a stack of eight books dating back to the '70s and older. People think I'm nuts. But you learn more because you have to read the book instead of skimming over Google hits and using CTRL+F to find keywords pertaining to your paper topic. The Internet cheats education.

My belief is that there is a definite level of respect associated with traditional classroom-style learning. The process has generally remained unchanged for many years: an individual who has attained extensive knowledge and experience in a given field passes that knowledge and experience to others.

If you don't understand something, you can raise your hand, ask any question for clarification or further direction, and receive an answer

almost as quickly as you asked.

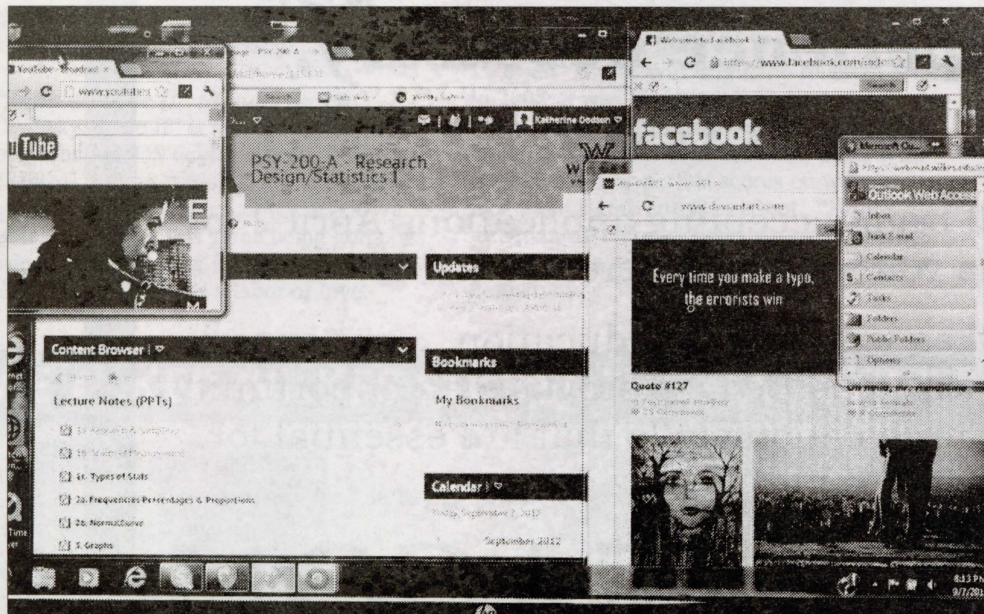
You have others next to you to motivate you and support you. There are people to impress and people who could potentially make an impression on your life, or vice versa. You don't just learn subject matter when listen to and work with others. You develop as an individual because you collaborate with different people who see things from different perspectives.

Interaction between individuals is highly necessary and adds an entirely new dimension to learning. You can talk the material out, face-to-face, with someone who knows what they're talking about. The self-teaching, Google-everything-you-don't-know-or-understand method will leave gaps in your education. You'll miss things.

You really only learn the course material when you study for courses online. The knowledge you acquire is mostly limited to what is written in the required textbook -- knowledge that probably won't change your attitude or opinion or the way you think in general. Typed dialogue loses the emotion and passion of the lecture as well. Your professor doesn't truly know you because all they can see is a name on a computer screen.

Professors stimulate creative thinking and application in a way that would not be as effective if taught online. They often add personal stories, insights and ideas that encourage students to have new insights and build new ideas. A lecture should inspire, and people are the ones who do this. Not textbooks, and certainly not a search engine either.

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The Beacon/Kat Dodson

The Internet is a powerful tool, but should not be used to replace traditional methods of teaching and learning.

Second Amendment is out of touch with modern technology

By Kirstin Cook
Editor-in-Chief

Fear is a common reference in gun control debates. Many gun supporters say those who want increased gun control are motivated by fear.

I agree. I'm afraid of guns. I'm afraid of walking down the streets of Wilkes-Barre and being caught in the crossfire of gun violence. I'm afraid of mentally-ill students shooting innocent bystanders on campus. I'm afraid of psychopaths storming into a crowded movie theater with assault rifles.

In light of the heinous crimes reported this year, we should all be afraid.

The numbers are chilling. According to CNN, there were 11,493 homicides by firearm in 2009 alone. That's because there were 310 million nonmilitary guns reported in the U.S. in 2009.

Sure, it's a constitutional right to own a gun. More specifically, the Second Amendment to the Bill of Rights states: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

But let's put this into context. According to About.com, this amendment was created in 1791. That was back when the most commonly used gun was the flintlock. In order to fire it, you had to load it with gunpowder, place a ball on a patch and used a ramrod to move these items down the barrel.

Nowadays, guns are more efficient and more deadly. Guns with rapid-fire technology and high-capacity magazines are freely available,

even on the Internet.

Do we really need a 100-round gun to protect our homes from burglaries? USA Today states that even police officers usually only carry 10 to 12 rounds.

According to USA Today, a 100-round magazine gun is one type of weapon James Holmes used at the Aurora theater shooting. He bought it legally from a website.

Criminals often are not even the target of these advanced guns. An article on CNN.com stated that having a gun in the house basically doubles the risk that a household member will kill himself or herself. Americans are 50 percent more likely to fatally shoot themselves than be fatally shot by a criminal.

Yet, misinformed opponents of gun control cite countries like Switzerland, which has high rates of gun ownership coupled with low rates of crime. They say, "if there were as many armed Americans as there are armed Swiss, America would be a much safer country."

The funny thing is, there's actually a larger percentage of citizens in America who own guns than in Switzerland. Yet, we still have crime rates that are worse than some developing countries. So, clearly, there is no correlation between the two.

As IBTimes states, the cause of Switzerland's lower crime rates is more likely the lack of drug trade and social inequality, two major factors that increase violent crime frequency. I don't see how our stockpile of firearms is helping with those problems.

Part of the reason there are some many guns in America is how easy they are to get. Typically you can walk into a store and pass an instant background check, unless you're

registered under the National Instant Criminal Background Check System as ineligible. Recorded mental instability is grounds for disqualification.

However, many states keep mental health records confidential, making it impossible to restrict mentally unstable customers. Even states that do report mental health background do not have an effective system.

Take Virginia, for instance. The FBI reported in 2007 that Virginia had released more mental records than any other state, but yet somehow a certain Virginia Tech student was able to legally buy a gun and kill 32 of his classmates and teachers.

That shooter, Cho Seung-Hui, had been determined to be mentally ill and a danger to himself and others, but that didn't stop him from being eligible to purchase a gun, leading to the massacre in 2007.

Some claim that even if you limit guns, murderers like Seung-Hui would still access them. By that logic, we should make illegal drugs readily available as well. Even if criminals would still access firearms illegally, restrictions would inherently make it more difficult, especially for those who are mentally ill and don't have any connections to gangs.

The Second Amendment doesn't provide any of these restrictions. In 1791, there was no need for limitations. But, because technology has made guns more dangerous and more accessible, our constitution should adapt to modern reality. Guns are advancing; it's about time our laws start advancing, too.

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Indie games offer cheap entertainment for students

By Cody Bauman
Staff Writer

After a long summer, gamers are ready for some new releases to feed their desire for digital bliss. With a new semester here, though, money can be tight. This is where the realm of independent and downloadable games comes into play.

These bite-sized games are normally smaller experiences when compared to big titles such as "Call of Duty" and "Madden." Nevertheless, they can bring just as much enjoyment for a fraction of the price. Perfect for college students with a limited budget looking for a way to kill the time.

Indie games are games made by small, independent developers and are normally self-published. These independent developers can sometimes comprise teams as small as one or two people. While the teams may be small, that doesn't necessarily mean quality has to be sacrificed. Games such as "Braid" and "Bastion" are highly regarded as "must-plays" for even seasoned gaming veterans.

Here are some of the best indie games currently available, listed by console:

iOS

"Cthulhu Saves the World" (RPG, \$1.99)

"Cthulhu Saves the World" is a game which many old-school gamers will appreciate for its throwbacks to the RPGs of yesteryear. Meanwhile, new gamers will enjoy it for its tongue-in-cheek humor. This game is a spoof of all the great 16-bit RPGs of the Super Nintendo era and that's what makes it so much fun. It manages to feel new and different while still having that same air of nostalgic familiarity about it.

"Infinity Blade II" (Action, \$6.99)

"Infinity Blade II" is an action game that shows what an iOS device can do. It runs off the Unreal Engine, which is the same game engine used by such titles as "Gears of War," "Fable." On top of this game being gorgeous, the deep and intriguing fighting mechanics makes this one shine as a labor of love.



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Cash-strapped gamers looking for a cheap way to kill time can feed their need without breaking the bank. Indie games offer fresh fun at bottom-dollar prices.

Xbox 360

"Braid" (Platformer, \$10.00)

"Braid" is considered to be the very title that broke indie games out of their niche audience, and for good reason. This game showed that one programmer (in this case, a man named Jonathan Blow) could not only create a well put-together and executed game, but also weaves a story of intrigue.

When "Braid" was originally released back in 2008, it was Metacritic's highest-rated Xbox Live Arcade game and was also among the top 10 Xbox 360 games of all time. With perfect and near-perfect scores on websites like Giant Bomb and GameSpot, "Braid" turned heads. It quickly became a must-play for any gamer worth his or her weight in gold coins.

"Braid" offers a fun ride, keeping the gameplay fresh enough to continually lure players back for more, even as the difficulty steadily increases.

PS3

"Journey" (Adventure, \$14.99)

In "Journey," players take the role of a wanderer trudging through the rugged desert towards a giant mountain as it emits a giant beam of light. As players travel, other wanderers may help them out or show them secrets, but the nature of these wanderers is not revealed until the end of the game.

This element of mystery, and its conclusion, is one of the aspects of "Journey" that will make players reconsider how they view their entire play-through experience.

PC

"Bastion" (Action/RPG, \$14.99)

"Bastion" is the epitome of what every game wants to be. It seamlessly melds together tight gameplay, an interesting story, provocative music and an eye-popping art style to make a game that is more than the sum of its parts. Every facet of this game lends to another element and just heightens the whole experience to a new level, which is something that truly separates this game from the rest of the pack and lets it shine as one of the best indie games ever made.

"Spelunky" (Platformer/Adventure, Free)

"Spelunky" is a "rogue-like" platformer that puts players in the shoes of an Indiana Jones-esque explorer searching deep caverns for treasure, dames and ancient secrets buried away from the rest of the world. In "Spelunky," the player only gets one life, with just four hits to that life per play-through. Even with your limited life, the game doesn't hold any punches. Arrow traps, bats, ghost, cave-men and more do everything in their power to bring this short game to a close that much quicker.

Something "Spelunky" manages to do very well, though, is almost never make dying an aggravating experience. The levels are randomly generated and as players progress, they slowly learn how to deal with each type of monster and trap as well as how to spot some of these devious death-dealers before they even have a chance to trigger them. This game's difficulty only adds to the reward.

Conquering each bite-sized level makes every death feel like it was a step into the right direction towards ultimate victory. "Plants vs. Zombies" (Tower Defense, \$9.99)

PRO TIP: All PC games in this article can be found using Steam, a free download service for video games that routinely has sales and special events where almost everything in-stock is discounted.

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WE ASKED WILKES STUDENTS WHAT DOWNLOADABLE GAMES THEY'RE ADDICTED TO:



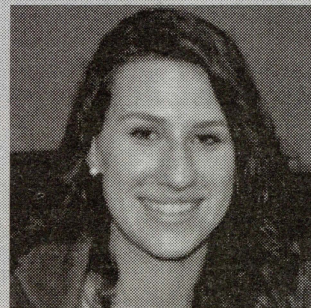
"Temple Run"

Meaghan Skelly,
Freshman
Pharmacy



"Angry Birds"

Patrick Killian,
Junior
Computer Science



"Song Pop"

Kim Price,
Sophomore
Biology

HOMETOWN PUNKS GO 'GREEN'

By Bill Thomas

Arts & Entertainment
Editor

Out of the underground and into the limelight, the last few years have been a whirlwind for Kingston-based punk band Title Fight.

The band members have been on the cover of Alternative Press magazine. They've toured with the likes of Rise Against and New Found Glory. Just this summer, they played alongside everyone from Every Time I Die and Lostprophets to Anti-Flag and The Used as

part of the 2012 Vans Warped Tour. Now, the group's highly anticipated second full-length album, "Floral Green," is due to hit shelves on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

It's safe to say the guys in Title Fight are counting their blessings. At the same time, they're determined to keep sight of what's important and not let success go to their heads.

"We're trying to grow as a band while still hanging on to the things that keep us who we are," guitarist Shane Moran said. "I think it's just important to not get duped into the kinds of things environments (like Warped Tour) might tempt you with."

You have to realize what makes your band special, what sets you apart, and you have to hang onto those things. We're staying with what we're comfortable with and not letting any of this stuff change us."

That said, Title Fight – which also comprises bassist-vocalist Ned Russin, guitarist-vocalist Jamie Rhoden and drummer Ben Russin – isn't afraid to push the boundaries of its comfort zone or explore new territory musically.

For "Floral Green," Moran said it was important for the band members to maintain a balance between the stylistic progression that keeps things fresh for them and the familiar sound that fans have come to associate with Title Fight.

"There's definitely been a growth," he said. "We just really tried to push ourselves to write something that was exciting and challenging for us. We're not really interested in re-writing the same music, although there are similarities. Every-

TITLE FIGHT

HIGH-FLYING POST-ROCK

By Bill Thomas

Arts & Entertainment Editor

If there's any truth to the old adage that says still waters run deep, then it's not surprising that the music on "Fathoms," Empire of the Sea's nautically-themed 2010 debut, is of a moody and meditative sort. For a follow-up, however, the group decided to shed the maritime trappings of that album, as well as the murky, monolithic am-

bient-metal style that accompanied it, in favor of something lighter.

Enter the upbeat post-rock of "Skywatchers," EOTS' new EP, released just this month.

It's a sound that soars.

"Me and Bill actually worked together for two years and, when-

ever we'd go on break, we'd walk around the building and watch the birds flying around," guitarist Mike Flaherty said.

The "Bill" he's referring to is fellow guitarist Bill Check who, along with drummer Michael Tyahur and Flaherty's bassist brother Patrick, comprises the Wilkes-Barre foursome.

Flaherty continued: "We got to thinking, what if there was a family of birds, each from a different species, but all living together?"

The concept allowed the band to create its own mythology on "Skywatchers," one that in turned allowed them to explore various

archetypes through its "bird family." Each of the EP's four tracks is named after one of their aviary inventions: "Mother Hawk," "Father Owl," "Sister Sparrow" and "Brother Crow."

The change in EOTS' musical style is also a direct result of the subject matter. Whereas "Fathoms" submerged the listener in an ocean of atmosphere and sonic textures, the trajectory of the new EP is aimed squarely skyward. The music constantly races toward bigger and brasher crescendos, which only seem to propel the music on further, the intent being to

EMPIRE OF THE SEA

thing we write has to be interesting and new to us."

Evidence of that can be readily heard when comparing "Floral Green" to its predecessor, 2011's "Shed." The brighter, more agile style of that album has given way to something denser and darker, a change Moran said was deliberate. Still, not every aspect of the evolution exhibited on "Floral Green" was premeditated.

"It can be hard for us to even be aware of it, because we come from this weird frame of reference where we're right in the middle of it," Moran said. "We live with this stuff. We'll be working on ideas a year before they show up on a record, so when you play the records back to back, I guess it's more apparent. But, for us, it's just where we are as a band."

As Title Fight's music continues to grow, so too does its audience. In sup-

port of "Floral Green," the band's upcoming tour will take the hometown punks all over the world, including dates in England, France, Italy and Germany among others.

Despite all that globe-trotting, Moran said the band makes sure to stay abreast of goings-on in the NEPA scene.

"When we're in Japan or somewhere like that, I miss home a lot, but I never feel disconnected or out of the loop," he said. "All of our friends are in local bands. That's who we talk to: people who do art, photography, play music or deal with venues. That's our world."

For more information, visit title-fight.net.

By Bill Thomas
Arts & Entertainment
Editor

One look at Dennis Condsta, frontman for Wilkes-Barre band Astorian Stigmata, and it's obvious that this is a guy with a fully developed aesthetic sense. Whether onstage strumming a guitar adorned with hand-drawn illustrations or lurking in press photos with a top hat on his dreadlocked head and a black umbrella in hand, Condsta leaves an impression. He looks like a character torn from the fever dream of a morbid Victorian poet.

"I think having a distinct visual style is extraordinarily important," Condsta, who is also a photographer, said. "You can give someone a birthday gift in a blank box and they'll just be like 'Uh, thanks,' or you could give them it in a really cool, decorated box and they'll be like 'Wow, this is awesome.'"

Even still, Condsta acknowledges that the visual element is there to complement, not supplant, that which matters most.

"The music is obviously the most important thing, but it's cool to put something around it, to put it in a different context that makes it a whole experience," he said. "It's just fun, to have a look, to try and create something that's more than just music."

It's the music that does the talking on the band's recently released EP, "A Dark Summers Sunrise." The band's two incorporate a lot of structure within, which is different from most post-rock bands," he said. "Most post-rock bands will just let seven minutes of guitars go on with this big build-up that ends up dying out. We're more into using actual riffs and doing something with them."

EOTS will perform alongside Ethereal Collapse at The Crimson Lion in Wilkes-Barre, on Sunday, Sept. 16.

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GOTH STYLE, INDIE SPIRIT

most oft-cited influences, Modest Mouse and The Cure, are still readily apparent. But there's something else there, too.

"This album is much darker, heavier, faster," Condsta said. "It's also a lot more keyboard-based, more atmospheric, going a little more toward an industrial style, though I hate to use that word. It's still very much indie rock."

"Indie," of course, is short for "independent," and it's that part of the indie-rock tag that Condsta and his longtime friend and band-mate, D.J. Laury, value the most. Astorian Stigmata has always operated under a DIY ethic. Condsta and Laury book their concerts themselves. They bring their music to life in makeshift bedroom recording studios. The music video they released for the EP track "The Dancing Dead" was shot entirely in a basement. It features the band members smashing blood-smeared instruments among flickering lights.

"If someone gave us a million dollars to go make a video," Condsta said, "I'd probably give them \$999,000 back, go buy lunch and then make the same video."

For now, with no charitable, millionaire goth-rock connoisseurs in sight, the tenebrous twosome will continue soldiering on one day at a time. "A Dark Summers Sunrise" is

currently available online via iTunes, with a follow-up already planned for late fall. No outside help needed.

"It's just how we are. I couldn't imagine being any different," Condsta said. "We do everything ourselves and have full creative control. We have no budget. We do the best we can. That's what you have to do if you want to get the message you want out there. You have to do it all yourself."

A pause.

"You don't make much money doing that, but that's not really what it's about."

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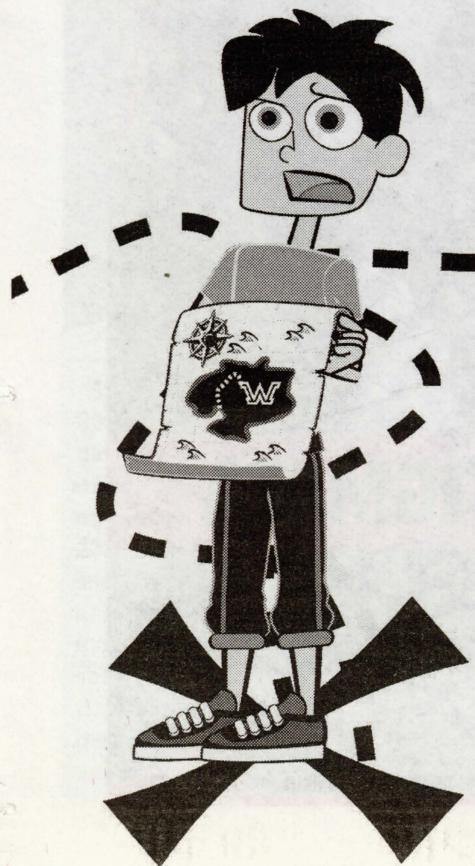
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THE 101

New to Wilkes-Barre? Here's some hidden gems and not-so-hidden hotspots that'll help you retain your tenuous grip on sanity when finals week hits like a ton of bricks.

Best spot to get your smoke on:
The Crimson Lion (37 E. South St.)

Grab your journal, your shoulder bag and your ironic 80s pop-culture tee and curl up at The Crimson Lion to write some poetry, sip some coffee and smoke some Starbuzz Purple Savior. Yes, the nicknames are ridiculous, but the flavored tobacco packs a heady wallop. The experience of smoking it in a hookah is unique, plus it'll make you look cooler than your cigarette-suckin' pals. Even if you don't smoke, The Crimson Lion is a chill hangout for the artsy-fartsy set, complete with paintings on the wall and occasional performances by local bands (see p.10-11 for perfect examples).



Every issue, Arts & Entertainment Editor Bill Thomas and Assistant Editor Jake Cochran indulge their vanity and give a thoroughly biased crash-course in whatever madness happens to be dwelling in their warped minds. Their views do not reflect those of The Beacon, its staff or Wilkes University. Blah blah blah. This week, **Bill Thomas** is tackling...

A WILKES-BARRE SURVIVAL GUIDE

Best spot to declare war on your liver and brain cells:
Hardware Bar (14 S. Main St.)

A night at the Hardware Bar is the closest thing to guest-starring on an episode of "The Jersey Shore" you're likely to experience in NEPA. It's a good idea to put a condom on your soul beforehand, lest you catch some kind of existential STD. Nevertheless, when you've just finished typing up a 12-page report on the sociopolitical implications of, I don't know,

stuff, and you're looking to completely cut loose and indulge your most excessive hedonistic impulses, there's no place more suited than Hardware Bar. Enjoy the loud music, overpriced alcohol and sweaty make-out sessions with scantily-clad strangers tonight; Worry about the consequences tomorrow.

Best spot to question your sexuality:
Twist (1170 Highway 315)

Ostensibly a gay club, that doesn't stop hetero folks in search of a party from gravitating toward Twist as enthusiastically as George Michaels exposes himself to undercover police officers in public restrooms. Whereas Hardware Bar is all about sleaze and sweat, Twist is, well, also about sleaze and sweat. But it's less cramped and less aggressive, plus a lot more colorful, flamboyant and fun. Drag queens are awesome. What more do you need to know?

Best spot to indulge in all things retro:
Musical Energi (59 N. Main St.)

Everything a hipster needs that can't be found at Salvation Army is here. Movies, music, funky posters, freaky oddities and, let's not forget, vinyl, vinyl and more vinyl! The place is loaded with vintage goodies and is overseen by an assortment of colorful characters. Talk to Jay, the owner, and he'll be happy to explain just how awesome vinyl records are and why mp3s are the tool of Satan. Talk to employee Rich and he'll tell you more about cult/horror/b-movie obscurities than you ever wanted to know. Ask other-employee Mark about his band Mock Sun and you may just discover some of the best local music NEPA has to offer.

Best spot to ogle naked chicks:
Gentlemen's Club 10 (205 Mundy St.)

Don't pretend you don't want to go, dude (or dudette, if that's how you roll). You know you do. Make sure to hit Amateur Night every first Thursday for your best shot at seeing that cute redhead in your Principles of Fundamentals class doing something she'll regret in the morning.



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OK, you're going to be hearing this one a lot, so best get it out the way first. It's not that hard. NEPA is "Northeastern Pennsylvania," and it's the best part of Pennsylvania. Not really, but we're supposed to say that to make ourselves feel better about not living in Philadelphia.

Heynabonics

A little outdated, but it still comes up from time to time. NEPA has its own regional dialect that falls somewhere between mush-mouth and redneck. Steps have been taken to remove words like "heyna" (meaning, roughly, "isn't it?") from local vocabularies, but they still pop up from time to time (you may notice we don't like to pronounce the letter "t").

If you're new to the area, don't bring it up or you might get smacked. Then you'll start talking like one of us.

The Sterling Hotel

Presidents have hung their hats here. So have hobos. Love it or hate it, this pain-in-the-neck is the reason you have to take a five-minute detour to travel one lousy block down River Street.

Part historical landmark, part eyesore deathtrap, the fact that it still stands defies not only repeated announcements from the city that the thing will be razed soon (no, really this time), but also damn near every law of physics.

Sheetz

These things are everywhere. Reliable for quick, cheap, made-to-order food that pleases the palate of those haunted by late-night munchies (or a telling lack of disposable income), Sheetz may seem like "just" a gas station mini-mart, but it's oh-so-much more.

Try their Shmiscuits and Shwings; You'll see where the obsession comes from.

Wawa

The sworn enemy of all good, red-blooded, true-blue Sheetz customers. If your friends go to Wawa, they are not your friends.

Luzerne County Courthouse

And you thought the Galactic Senate from "Star Wars" was corrupt. Made infamous famous for its role in the "kids for cash" scandal and subsequent inclusion in Michael Moore's incendiary documentary "Capitalism: A Love Story."

Old Forge-style pizza

The people of Old Forge would have you believe that NEPA is the "Pizza Capital of the World." It's not. That would be Italy. Or New York City, at least. Still, we Pennsylvanians do so love our pizza. In fact, my research indicates that there are more pizza shops per capita in NEPA than there are palm trees in the entirety of Florida. Trust me, that's 100 percent true.

Anyway, we've developed our own type of pizza, dubbed "Old Forge-style," which essentially equates to a thinner Sicilian fried in peanut oil, with a specialty cheese-blend instead of mozzarella.

Other regional foods you might stumble across include pierogies (fried dumplings with potato, onion, cheese or other fillings), haluski (fried noodles with sweet cabbage) and pagach (basically a pizza with mashed potatoes and onion instead of cheese and tomato sauce). Good luck.

JoePa

Let's not go there.

Res life staff makes adjustment into college easier

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According to the Residence Life office on Wilkes University's website, their goal is to foster a residential environment supportive of individual student growth and development through programming, training and the room selection process.

Director of Residence Life Elizabeth Swantek does more than that. She is in charge of the RAs, assistant director and graduate assistants. She works with facilities to make sure the buildings are in good condition and also deals with judicial and disciplinary affairs for on-campus residents.

Swantek also works with the living learning communities, where learning happens in the residence hall.

"We work with professors as well as the RAs on developing different living learning communities on campus," Swantek said.

A big part of Residence Life is the housing process for freshman. Residence Life does not just put random people together and hope for the best. There is a process and work involved with choosing who lives where their first year.

All first-year students must attend freshmen

orientation where they fill out a housing contract and take a survey. They have the opportunity to tell Residence Life a little about themselves such as studying and sleeping habits, if they smoke, if they share clothes, etc. This data is then compiled and organized into Excel.

Besides this survey, incoming freshman have another way of getting a roommate.

"At orientation, they have an opportunity to meet someone," Swantek said. "If they get along, they can fill out a form saying they want to live together."

Those students that find someone they would like to live with are then taken off that Excel spreadsheet. At that point, Swantek and the assistant director go from who put down their housing deposit first and use the surveys to pair up those remaining students.

Residence Life also goes over their handbook to see if there needs to be any new rules or regulations or if any current ones need to be modified.

One rule that has already been set in stone and passed by the university is now requiring the incoming freshman of 2012 to live on campus



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Assistant Director Danielle Kern, left, and Residence Life Director Elizabeth Swantek preparing for the new year at their office on the third floor of Passan Hall.

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Programming board opens up semester with fun for Fall 2012

Alyssa Stencavage
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Wilkes University's Programming Board has scheduled fun events and activities to kick off the 2012 fall semester. "We have a really enthusiastic board, and a lot of freshmen are interested in joining so there should be a good turnout. Our events are every Thursday, so hopefully we will keep building a bigger and bigger audience and keep the momentum going," said Jessica Short, president of Programming Board.

The first event, a barbecue and scavenger hunt, took place on Thursday, Sept. 6. The barbecue started at 7 p.m. right outside the first floor of the SUB near the parking lot.

The scavenger hunt was a photo scavenger hunt and began shortly after the barbecue at 7:30 p.m. Students were placed in teams of five and used their cameras or a camera phones to photograph different things around campus based on the clues. The hunt ended at 8:30 p.m., with the winners announced at 8:45 p.m. Prizes were given to the top three teams, so each member of the first team received a \$30 Visa Gift Card, each member of the second team received a \$25 Visa Gift Card and each member of the third team received a \$20 Visa Gift Card. In the event that there was a tie, the prize would have been given to the team who was done first.

Fall Fest Weekend is a three day-long

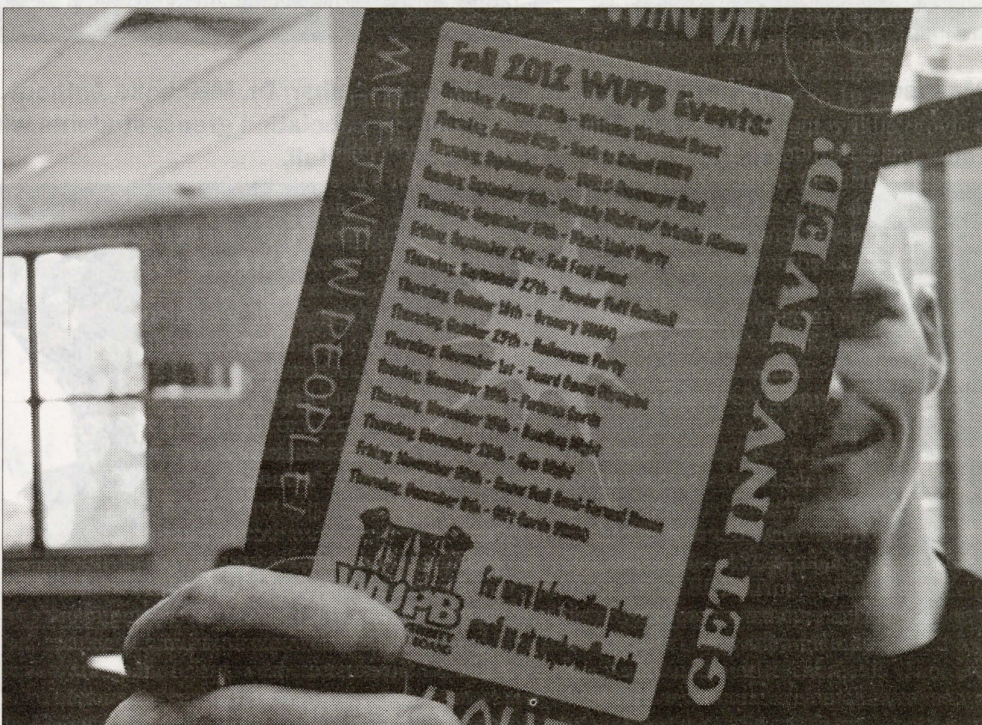
event run by Student Development, Student Government, Inter-Resident Hall Council, Commuter council, Off-Campus Council and MSC. It will go from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21. Thursday night will be Movie in the Marts, which is sponsored and run by IRHC; Friday night is the battle ball game, which is a mix of laser tag and paintball. For more information on battle ball, check out the website www.notpaintball.com. On Saturday there will be a carnival-like event, which will be sponsored by all the groups. Times of these other events will be announced shortly.

As of right now, the Powderpuff Football game is tentatively going to be held in either Ralston Field or UCOM. This event is going to be on Sept. 27 at 7 p.m., and signups will be on Sept. 11 in the SUB. Students will sign up by class, with freshman first.

Grocery Bingo, which will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18, starts at 8 p.m. in the first floor of the SUB. This will be the same style as regular bingo, except baskets of food will serve as prizes, which include everything needed to make different meals. There will also be baskets that are quick, easy and micro-wavable.

On Thursday, Oct. 25, there will be a Halloween party at the UCOM. Activities include a roller-skating rink, which will be brought into the UCOM, a costume party and a costume contest.

"This one is my favorite," Short said of the



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Halloween party.

The fun has only just begun, so join in while you can!



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This year, the Programming Board has magnets ready to remind students of upcoming events for this semester.

Wilkes Club Day 2012 offers new clubs

By Anne Yoskoski
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If you happened to be on the Greenway during this year's Club Day, the popularity of the event was indisputable. Introducing several new clubs and gaining membership for the pre-existing ones. Held on the greenway, the event had students flocking in at 11 a.m. on Sept. 6 to see what Wilkes has to offer.

"In addition to the approximately 81 existing organizations and clubs on campus, and those are just the clubs who signed up for a table," said Jamie Miller, Student Activities director, "new clubs are also looking for members." The most recent club was added at

the end of last year, the Veterans Club.

Currently, a Swimming Club is in the works and there's interest in starting other clubs, such as the up and coming Autism Speaks group.

In order to start a club at Wilkes, students have to make sure there is no other club like the one being discussed, and see a reasonable amount of interest from potential members. Then the group must present their idea to Student Government after filling out all the paperwork, after which they can be granted club status and received funding from SG.

Club Day is something many people look forward to, as it helps build a community on campus.

"Club Day is a great time for students to get

involved in Wilkes Culture," Student Government President Kristofer Rivers said. "It gives the clubs a chance to showcase what they are about and build new membership as well as help students see what is available on campus and meet new people."

New students, transfer students and seasoned Club Day veterans all had something to look forward to this year, whether it was gaining new recruits for their club or making new friends. When asked how involved a student should be in clubs, Rivers' recommended, "... that everyone try to attend Club Day and find at least one club to get actively involved in."



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Manuscript Society members (left to right) Kendra Kuhar, Dr. Mischelle Anthony, Gabby Zawacki, Miranda Baur, Dr. Sean Kelly, and Ashley Bringmann. The Indian Cultural Association greets students with cultural deserts from their Club Day table. Right, student line up for food outside of Kirby Hall.



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Tips encourage students to use caution for safety

Anthony Bartoli
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Due to the recent events that have taken place over the past two weeks on and around campus, Campus Security has offered some tips to keep you safe:

1. Always keep this number handy: (570) 408-4999. If you have an emergency, call it.
2. Don't walk anywhere alone, especially at night.
3. You are allowed to carry mace on campus. Keep it in an accessible place, such as on your key chain or in an accessible pocket of your clothing or bag.
4. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
5. Don't let your friends go anywhere alone, even if it's right down the street.
6. Always make sure your cell phone is charged, just in case something does happen and you need to call for help.
7. If you need an escort, call the number listed above. If you ever need a ride back to campus at anytime, for any reason, Public Safety

will come get you, no questions asked.

8. Make sure that the doors to your dorm building or apartment are closed behind you.

9. Try not to carry too much cash or extremely valuable things. Keep expensive items concealed or close to you at all times.

10. Lock your dorm, house, apartment and car doors.

Campus Security and the Wilkes-Barre City Police Department work side-by-side to help ensure student safety.

One thing students could do right now is go to the link <http://www.wilkes.edu/pages/2611.asp> and sign up for the Wilkes Emergency Contact System.

All you need to do is create a user name, enter your first and last name, create and verify your password, enter your phone number (must have a valid text messaging plan), agree to the terms of service, and click create account. It's that easy.

According to the Wilkes website: "Possible uses for this system will include closures and delays, community crime notifications, weather emergencies and power outages."



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Some students are under the impression that pepper spray is not allowed on campus, but Campus Security says students are welcome to carry it for extra protection.

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for both their freshman and sophomore years.

"We decided to look into the sophomore living requirement because most of our area colleges and our peer groups and aspirational groups have this requirement," Swantek said.

With this new regulation, students will live in the one of the ten residence halls for their freshman year and then move into upperclassman residence halls for their second year on campus.

"I am really glad that I lived on campus my freshman year because I got to meet a lot of friends," Makala Flottemesch, sophomore communications major, said. "I think with this new rule, students will be able to feel even more comfortable and feel more at home at Wilkes."

Wilkes has emphasized getting involved and

living on campus. Swantek and RAs feel it is important to get involved.

"It is a great way to make new friends by getting involved on campus and it also keeps you busy," Amber Konopka, resident assistant for freshman at Evans Hall, said.

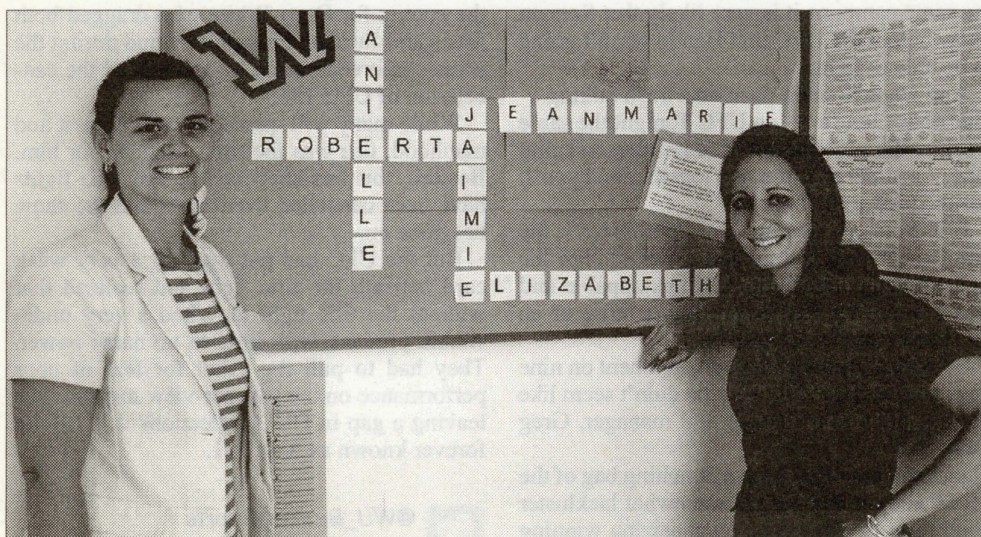
One of the jobs of resident assistants is to do hall activities to give residents a chance to get to know one another.

Swantek said that attending the RAs events along with getting involved with activities on campus is her best advice for incoming freshman.

"You will feel more attached to campus if you get more involved with on campus activities," Swantek said. "You will feel like you belong more if you found your niche or created your niche."



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Res life Assistant Director Danielle Kern (left) and Director Elizabeth Swantek (right) stand outside their office before preparing for a busy semester.

Questions about diversity?

Diversity is something that everyone will at some point encounter, and most likely something everyone has questions about. New this semester is a column called "Open Inclusion Dialogue with Office of Diversity Initiatives," welcoming student questions about diversity. Common diversity-related issues are : race, gender issues, stereotyping, disabilities, religion and culture.

Students who have questions are encouraged to ask the questions they have been curious about or have previously been afraid to ask.

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Ms. Erica Acosta, Associate Director of Diversity in the Wilkes Center for Global Education & Diversity will be answering your submitted questions. Don't hesitate, better yourself with information!



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Wilkes Colonels football season preview

By Frank Passalacqua
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"Through camp many players have performed admirably," Wilkes football coach Frank Sheptock said.

"I am impressed with our team's work ethic, maturity and focus. Our focus has been to play fast, play hard and to finish plays. The player's intensity, sense of immediacy and intelligence is what is sticking out thus far."

Wilkes University put together a memorable game to start the 2012 season.

Coming out with a 9-7 victory over Morrisville State College, it was kicker Jordan Fredo who delivered a clutch game-winning 18-yard field goal.

Fredo went 3-for-3 on the day and earned himself the MAC Special Teams Player of the Week award for his heroics.

The Colonels came out fighting from the beginning, allowing only 86 passing yards on defense while lighting it up for 287 passing yards of their own.

Behind that was Tyler Bernsten, throwing for 157 yards on 10 of 18 attempts.

Alex George had an impressive evening as well at quarterback, throwing for 130 yards on 15 of 23 attempts.

However, it was running back Andrew Regan making the highlights by going over the century mark with five receptions and 110 yards, tacking on to his 17 rushing attempts for 43 yards on the ground.

The Colonels' defense was remarkable. The D allowed only 225 total yards and gave up only one score on the entire outing.

Making sure to seal the game was defensive back Paul Gaffney, who recorded seven total tackles and prevented a late rally by catching the interception with nine seconds on the clock.

This was the ninth season opener victory for Sheptock. With the whole season still ahead of them, only good things are hoped to come to the Colonels.

Wilkes gained 41 freshmen this offseason and the coaches could not be more excited for what the future holds.

"The first year class is an impressive group," Sheptock said. "They have acclimated themselves well to the collegiate game and have handled their transition very well."

That many new players is a lot to handle, but the coaching staff has the needed experience to bring these young guys to the desired level. The team is looking to improve from last season's 4-5 record.

"We were very pleased with our offseason," Sheptock said. "We improved the team with recruiting and our veteran players demonstrated significant improvements in their physical conditioning."

The Colonels have an early Sept. 8 bye, but make their first home game appearance Sept. 15 against Albright College.

The Week 3 match-up will be the MAC Conference opener. Last year, Wilkes lost 26-65 and has a 1-4 record against Albright since 2007.


Looking to bring the first home game to an end with a W, it's the building process for any great team to succeed that Sheptock spoke of.

"I like our team chemistry and the maturity the team is exhibiting. Our seniors have done a great job bringing the team through camp."

In the season opener for Albright, the Lions came out on top with a field-goal, much like Wilkes, with a 29-26 win over Kean University.

Running back Ty Hughes for the Lions received honors for MAC Offensive Player of the Week with 142 yards and three touchdowns.

If the Colonels want to start off the season

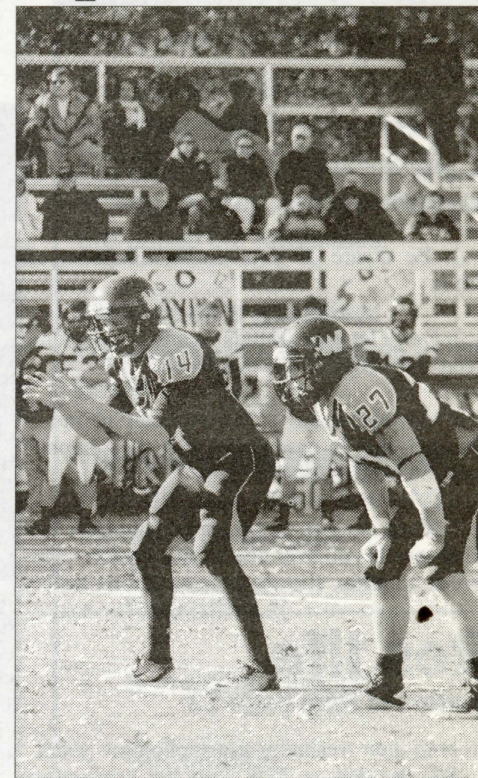
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	9/29/2012 1:00 P.M. FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON COLLEGE AT FLORHAM *	MAC
	10/6/2012 1:00 P.M. MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY *	MAC
	10/13/2012 1:00 P.M. LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE *	MAC
	10/20/2012 12:00 P.M. STEVENSON UNIVERSITY *	MAC
	10/27/2012 1:00 P.M. LYCOMING COLLEGE *	MAC
	11/3/2012 1:00 P.M. DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE *	MAC
	11/10/2012 12:00 P.M. KING'S COLLEGE * (MAYOR'S CUP)	MAC

2-0, it's the running game the team should focus on by shutting them down.

The 142-yard performance by Hughes is more yards than Wilkes allowed all together on the ground, so stopping him will be the key.

Be sure to come out to all the home games this season to show your support for the Wilkes Colonels.

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Wilkes University's football team had a memorable game to start off the 2012 season with a 9-7 victory over Morrisville State College. The Colonels make their first home appearance on Sept. 15 against Albright College.

Area 151: The UFC event that didn't happen

By Jake Cochran
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For years, every time a fighter signed a contract for the UFC, they could guarantee that come that date they would have a fight. But recently, for the first time in 11 years, the UFC had to cancel an event, prompting outrage from fans and fighters alike.

Dana White would say that Jon Jones, the current UFC light heavyweight champion, and his manager and controversial strategist Greg Jackson, have blood on their hands for the death of this event. But dig a little deeper and the problem gets much more complicated.

Jones was originally set to defend his title against former Olympian Dan Henderson, but when the typically indestructible Hendo blew out his MCL during a training session, the UFC had to scramble to find a replacement for the fight that was nine days away.

So the organization had to pull out all the stops and try to find someone to face Jones in just under two weeks, and a few fighters stepped up to the plate.

Middleweight contender Chris Weidman said he would take the fight, but the UFC pursued another former Olympian, Chael Sonnen.

Sonnen is known for his ability to sell a fight and has been called the best trash-talker in sports history, but he was coming off of a loss in a rematch to pound-for-pound king and longtime middleweight champion, Anderson Silva.

To the credit of the UFC, Sonnen was planning to make the move up to light heavyweight to face Forrest Griffin at the end of the year but honestly, they were giving a man who just lost a title shot at a lower weight class, a title fight at the next weight class, a weight class he hadn't fought at since 2005?

Adding to this, Dan Henderson said that he tried to work through the injury and said he

couldn't do it. Sonnen and Henderson train in the same camp, so it is very likely that Sonnen knew before the UFC that Hendo wasn't going to be able to fight.

And when Sonnen went on a trash talking tirade about Jon Jones on UFC Tonight the same week as the announcement of Henderson being hurt ... just put two and two together and you'll see the bigger picture.

But Sonnen signing the fight wasn't the problem; it was getting Jon Jones to sign the fight. Jones currently looked unstoppable and was looking for his fourth title defense of an incredible reign as champion.

So with a drastic change in opponent on nine days notice, defending his title didn't seem like the best idea to his coach and manager, Greg Jackson.

Jackson has often been a punching bag of the MMA community for his somewhat lackluster point fighting strategies, emphasizing winning fights over finishing fights and advising Jon to

not take this fight cemented him and Jones as the enemy for Dana White who dragged both Jones and Jackson through the mud during the press conference when he announced the cancellation of UFC 151.

While many will question Jones's merit and manhood, this was the right decision for him. Besides, this has happened before, title fights have been cancelled from cards and the show has gone on.

But the UFC had put together a very weak card beneath the title fight and realized that without the title fight they had a very undesirable product, with little to no name power. They had to pull the event for fear of poor performance on the pay-per-view market, thus leaving a gap in DVD collections that will be forever known as Area 151.

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Field hockey rises to intense competition early on

By Kirstin Cook
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The women's field hockey team at Wilkes is going into what may be its best season in at least three years. Coach Mollie Reichard said the athletes this year are off to a better start than the past two years she's been coaching at Wilkes.

"The group of kids that I have this year, in all honesty, is probably the best group that I've had since I've been here," Reichard said.

Reichard said this improvement is due to increased athleticism, hard work, good attitudes and a positive atmosphere. She said the athletes came into two-week preseason in better shape than ever.

Another reason the team is in such a good position is the amount of returning athletes. This year, there are only five freshmen on the team, compared to 11 new players on the roster last year. This helped make the preseason training go more smoothly, and allowed the players to work drills at a faster pace.

Despite their improvements, the team lost 3-2 against Washington College in round one of the Salisbury Invitational. However, it pulled through with a 3-2 win against Husson University.

The first weekend of competitions led to a loss in the season opener to SUNY Geneseo, 6-1.

"It was a little rough," Reichard said of the weekend.

But, the Colonels pulled through against Wittenberg in the second game of the weekend. With only 18 seconds on the clock, senior midfielder Lauren Pawling scored a goal to tie with Wittenberg 3-3. Freshman Lexi Thompson scored the winning goal after just over two minutes of overtime.

"The kids did a really good job at coming back and staying in the game, instead of letting one or two goals go and then having their reaction," Reichard said.

The team has already faced challenges with these first competitions, and it won't be getting easier. Reichard said the games leading up to the Freedom Conference will pit the athletes against tough opponents to try to prepare them for the goal of making playoffs.

"It's putting our kids against what should be good competition right away to challenge them," Reichard said.

Reichard is trying to give the team a competitive edge by placing them against teams that have a higher national Rating Percentage Index than Wilkes does and have done well in their respective conferences. She hopes this gives the players the chance to overcome mistakes early on and learn from them.

"You hit your kids hard to see what they're possibly made of and what their mentalities are, so hopefully once you, so that way once you get into conference play you have things adjusted, and your kids have been able to overcome things

that if it happens in conference play, they know they can do it again."

She said she hopes the challenge of these competitors will increase a competitive mentality for the girls rather than pressure when facing these accomplished teams.

"I don't think it should feel like pressure," Reichard said. "In my opinion, it should feel like more of a challenge, more of a reason to step up your competitiveness and your passion in the game because you know that you can go out there."

Reichard also said wins against these higher-ranked teams will pump up the girls' confidence, along with their playing skills.

"If you would win against a higher level opponent, to me that's just a boost to everything: your mentality, your play, your aggressiveness," Reichard said. "So to me it's just about going out there no matter who the competition is and going 100 percent all the time."

Reichard said upperclassmen have contributed to the positive atmosphere on the team. She said all the freshmen talked about how the elders made them feel welcome.

"I think that's one thing that's really great about the kids that they will tell you is they really feel like they're a family, compared to just like a group of people playing on a team."

The field hockey family will have to come together to beat out Widener this Friday, Sept. 14. Reichard said this will be a good game because Wilkes lost to Widener last year by just one goal. The home game will be at 7 p.m. Schmidt Stadium.

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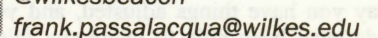
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Danielle Distefano, freshman utility, heads back to the goal after Wilkes goes on attack against Wittenberg University.



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Colonel Emily Saliba, junior utility at center, works with Danielle Distefano, freshman utility on the right, against Wittenberg University during a home game Sept. 1.



Getting to Know: Megan Binder, women's soccer

By Kirstin Cook
Editor-in-Chief

Meet Megan Binder, a freshman defender for women's soccer who already is looking ahead to an exciting college career. In high school, she was named all-county her senior year, and all-conference her junior year. The biology major from North Babylon, N.Y., said she already feels close to her fellow athletes at Wilkes, even though it's only been a few weeks since she met them. She said soccer is basically in her blood, because her dad played and her two younger siblings now play. Playing together is a whole family event for them. In the games, Binder is hooked on the competition of the game, and she's always trying to be the best.

When did you first start playing soccer?

When I was about 4 years old. Probably my mom just signed me up for it, something for me to do, and I just liked it a lot.

Why did you decide to stick with it through college?

It's always been a big part of my life, and I don't think I was ready to give it up yet. And it's still fun, so I still enjoy it.

What is your fave part about being on the team?

I like the girls, it's like a family. I feel very included. And it's fun and I like the competition.

How do you stay motivated in conditioning and competition?

I am very competitive. I always want to beat the person next to me, I always want to be first, I always want to be the best so I just keep pushing myself and it pays off. I get results, and if I get results than I'll keep going.

Are there any challenges you face in balancing sports and academics?

Yeah, balancing is hard, but it's manageable. I just have to get organized. I always have my planner, and have to have certain times for homework, certain study hours, and go to practice, and class.

What is your favorite part about competing?

It just gives you a good feeling, like all

the hard work paid off.

Do you have any moments you are especially proud of in your soccer career?

Probably just playing in college. It's what I've always wanted to do, so I'm pretty excited for the next four years.

Being a freshman, do you look up to the upperclassmen on the team?

Yeah, I just like how hard they work, and how long they've been here and all their experiences and stuff. It's cool listening to their stories and how they've achieved things.

Do you have any superstitions going into games?

I always have to put my left sock on first, then my left shoe, and then my right sock and my right shoe. And then I just have to listen to music and focus, not let anything distract me.

Do a lot of your friends come to support you at games?

Yeah. They're a cheering squad. Them and my family.

Is your family really into soccer?

Yeah, we always play. And my mom and dad always come. When we're bored we just go outside and play. All my siblings play. My dad played.

So did you encourage your siblings to get into soccer?

Yeah. I like forced them. I told my parents to sign them up.

What is your favorite pre-workout snack?

I like Clif bars. So much. My favorite flavor is chocolate chip.

Do you know what you want to do in the field of biology?

I want to be a physical therapist. A lot of people want to do that now.

How long have you wanted to be a physical therapist?

Probably since I was in ninth grade. I broke my ankle and had to go to physical therapy, and I liked what they did there.

What are you looking forward to the most in the next four years?

Everything. Just the whole experience, the journey.



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Megan Binder is shown tossing around a soccer ball. Binder is brand new to the Wilkes soccer team and looking forward to an exciting sport career. So far, she says being on the team feels like being a part of a family.

Intramural sign-ups approaching, don't forget and don't miss out!

Ever feel like playing a sport but didn't want to go through the hassle of all that running at practice? Do you want to exercise, but don't want to deal with going to the crowded gym? Well, intramural sign-ups are about to begin! Gather up all your athletic friends and hit the field! From flag football to softball, Wilkes Intramurals has it all. If there are enough participants, director Neal Biscaldi would like to even start up at Billiards and Bowling Tournament. If this interests you, sign up right away.

Fall Semester Sign Up Date:

- Flag Football Sign Up By Sept. 12, 2012 starts Sept. 16
- Coed Outdoor Soccer Sign Up By Sept. 14, 2012 starts week of Sept. 17
- Women's Softball Sign Up By Sept. 14 2012 starts week of Sept. 17
- 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament- TBA
- Billiards Tournament-TBA
- Bowling Tournament- TBA

Spring Semester Sign Up Dates:

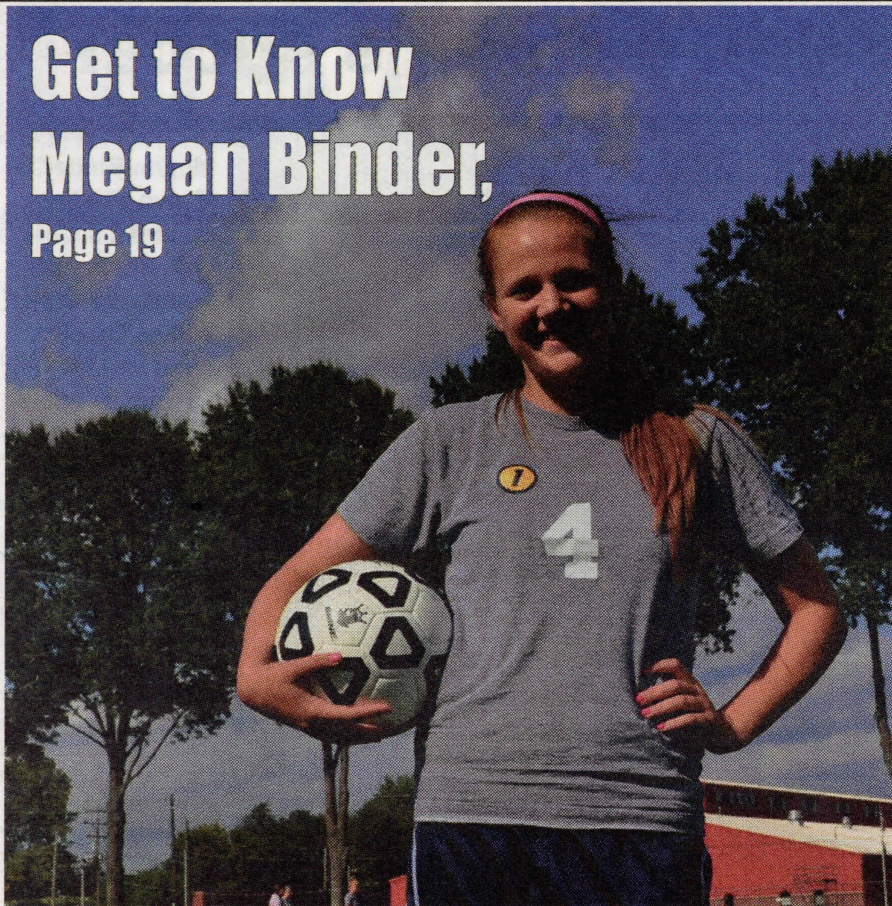
- Coed Volleyball - Sign Up By Jan. 25, 2013, starts Jan.. 28
- Coed Indoor Soccer - Sign Up By Jan. 25th, 2013 starts Jan. 30
- Coed Basketball- Sign Up By March 1, 2013 starts March
- Softball Tournament- Sign Up By April 12, 2013, starts April 17



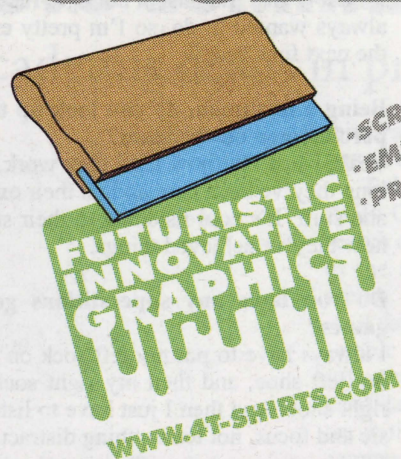
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