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NAACP head, diversity trainer speculate lawsuit connected to firing *University says firing of Director of Multicultural Affairs not racially motivated*

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Beacon News Editor

Ron Felton, President of the Wilkes-Barre chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), held a press conference last Friday to speculate how a controversial diversity retreat may have been used by Wilkes officials as a means of firing former Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs Andita Parker-Lloyd. Also in attendance at the press conference were Parker-Lloyd and diversity retreat leader Ronald Feldhun of New Jersey.

Felton alleged that university administrators fired Parker-Lloyd in retaliation for her "embarrassing" civil rights lawsuit against the Wilkes Barre Police Department.

"There are too many issues surrounding this case to make us feel otherwise," Felton said.

Parker-Lloyd was arrested for disorderly conduct following a February 16, 2006 traffic stop when she failed to return to her vehicle after asking an officer for his name and badge number. As *The Beacon* reported at the time, Parker-Lloyd was traveling to a restaurant with students following a multicultural event on campus, and she stopped her vehicle when the one behind her, filled with students, was stopped for failing to use a turn signal.

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Ron Felton of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People speaks to the press Friday at the Knights of Columbus. Andita Parker Lloyd and Ron Feldhun were also present during the hour long press conference.

Grant to increase police presence in downtown *Wilkes part of community policing effort*

BY SARAH DOMAN
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Anyone walking down South Main Street can see a difference since Wilkes University expanded from its traditional River Street/South Franklin Street boundaries.

Now that Wilkes students find themselves

on Main Street for day-to-day business, more lighting, more people, and now more police officers add to a new revitalized downtown.

The city of Wilkes-Barre has recently been awarded a \$250,000 grant, administered by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, to hire more police

officers to patrol the downtown.

This is a direct response from state and federal statistics stating that crime has gone up in more areas. "A lot of money was put into 9/11. What happened was after 9/11... money that had been traditionally funding additional officers on the street...went elsewhere. This is an attempt to get some mon-

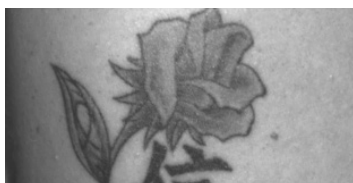
ey that was lost," said Christopher Bailey, director of campus and support services.

From the grant, \$100,000 will be spent on the street, including training for the officers, salary, and pension as well as programs.

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According to Gerald Rebo, manager of public safety, "They were planning on hiring five officers in the works for the first of the year anyway. But, it all depends on the financial situation."

The additional police presence in the downtown is a natural move to protect the newly revitalized and energized area. Rebo said, "When you start putting more people into the downtown there is more risk." Officials confirm that the city of Wilkes-Barre has a plan to put more officers on the downtown beat and also look at more modern and novel approaches to patrolling. City of Wilkes-Barre police officers will patrol on motorcycles instead of horses and are also considering bike patrol.

In addition to the promise of added police officers, downtown residents and business owners can expect to see a reduction in crime also thanks to the Wilkes University population. Bailey said, "Our mere presence has more impact

on what's happening in the downtown."

The Wilkes community, especially public safety, has helped to push less desirable elements out of the downtown. "When we took over the parkade, it was in real bad shape. There were drunks, prostitutes that we kicked out. Now, the police officers come down here more and work with us."

When it comes to crime, Bailey noted that "people have a greater impact on crime rather than police. There are more good people who are down here for good reasons. Staying active and watching out for each other, that's community policing. That's the whole concept, when the community actively participates."

Many wonder, however, what will happen if and when the grant money runs out.

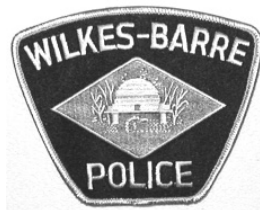
The \$250,000 grant will allow more policing in the downtown area. However, Bailey said, "When you rely on grants, the grant money is almost never permanent. If we do it, we've got to commit to keeping the officers and

we've got to find a way to keep the officers. We've got to make sure that funding is available come next year."

Between the efforts of the Wilkes and King's communities, the added law enforcement in the downtown will not go unappreciated. "When you have a mayor who reaches out and asks for help it's amazing what Wilkes and King's can add to Wilkes-Barre and what Wilkes-Barre can add to King's and Wilkes," said Rebo.

The grant money will allow the downtown area to remain populated and in safe condition. Bailey said, "The money we are getting on a state and federal level is being put to good use."

And, some students feel the same way. Senior history/secondary education major Matt Navin said simply, "How can it be a bad thing?"



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Five new police offers were added to the force as part of a new \$250,000 grant. City officials hope the money will allow the downtown to remain populated and safe.

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Bookstore employees pack up the remainder of the store before its closing on Thursday. The new bookstore is set to open in October.

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Homecoming week events boast 'Wilkes Believes'

BY NICOLE ZASTKO

Beacon Correspondent

Wilkes is set to welcome home its alumni and friends this weekend, and when they return, they may find a changed city and campus from what they remember.

This year's homecoming agenda offers a new theme, alternate activities during the pep rally and a different dance location.

This year's theme has been broadened from the typical school spirit idea to an overall unity message with the city of Wilkes-Barre. The concept is "Wilkes Believes" and ties into the downtown revitalization efforts.

Dean of Student Affairs and Student Government (SG) Advisor, Mark Allen comments, "I think we're capturing a better feeling of the Wilkes Barre community. With the cinema now open and traffic heading in that direction and shortly after homecoming the Barnes and Noble opening, it's important to stay consistent with that 'We Believe' theme in the area. Its a great message."

Voting for the 2006 Wilkes University

homecoming king and queen this year will be done online. The candidates were chosen through the nomination process and have been narrowed to ten males and females.

Candidates for king include: Andreas Chandra, Andrew Eckert, Dan Adams, Dave Scordino, Duran Porrino, Mike Meoni, Salman Punekar, Steve Uhas, Vincent Abbott, and Bill Steiner. Queen candidates are: Alisha Cain, Amanda Baronowski, Ashley Arcuri, Candice Davis, Christina Waldele, Courtney Amrhein, Jenna Strelecki, Kristi Barsby, Megan Fulmer, and Sarina Kapoor. Voting will be made available to all Wilkes University students October 2-4 through the Wilkes e-mail system.

Thursday, October 5 the greenway will hold its annual Pep Rally at 7:00 p.m. Because of university officials' concern for safety and lack of space due to construction near Evans, last year's car flip/bashing has been replaced by a giant piñata. Allen says that the piñata was a more subdued option that has been popular in past years.

SG Corresponding Secretary Jenn Cerra, says the custom-made piñata is "about four feet tall and made to look like a Lycoming Warrior." So even though smashing a piñata



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Students sell tickets for this year's homecoming events. The annual dinner dance will take place on Friday, October 6 at Genetti's from 6:00-11:00 p.m.

resembling Summer Wheatley is a disgrace in the Gem State, Wilkes will reward its pep rally goers with many prizes inside the warrior, including gift certificates, DVDs, music and lots of candy.

Other events planned for the night on the greenway involve pizza from Frank's restaurant, performances by the Wilkes cheerleaders and dance team, the homecoming court announcement [top three male and female vote-getters], all fall sports teams announced and the winner of the IRCH banner contest.

The homecoming dinner dance will be held Friday, October 6 at Genetti's from

6:00-11:00 p.m. Here, the court will be introduced, appetizers and dinner will be served, and a live DJ will provide entertainment. The DJ has a contract with all local radio stations and will be playing top songs of today. If anyone has any special requests, an e-mail can be sent to SG and the DJ will be more than happy to play songs requested. Choices for dinner are chicken francese, prime rib and pasta primavera. Dessert is a chocolate parfait.

The football game is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. The Wilkes Colonels will face off against the Lycoming Warriors at Ralston Field. Homecoming

king and queen will be announced at halftime by President Gilmour with a procession onto the field in different cars.

The sponsorship and programming aspects for homecoming are a team effort between SG and Wilkes alumni staff. SG is responsible for current student programming and the Alumni Office develops programming for returning alumni, faculty and staff.

Funding is dependant upon whether the events are undergraduate or alumni related, but will be combined for activities that both groups take part in.

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- Dean of Students, Mark Allen

Allen says that although in the past the two groups had

very distinct homecoming activities, in recent years they have come together in an attempt to have a common theme overlap in programs. For example, those undergraduates not attending the dinner/dance are invited to an alumni function in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom at the same time of the dance. The alumni staff has extended invitations via the Programming Board to see comedian Lewis Black Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Arnaud C. Marts Center.

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Residence Director position nixed, new HRA role assigned

BY ALISON WOODY

Beacon Asst. News Editor

Wilkes University's Residence Life recently overhauled positions by eliminating the Residence Director position while promoting one student to a new assistant role.

Until this semester, a graduate student has held the Residence Director position in Evans Hall, which provided a watchful eye over the north end of campus.

Residence Life officials sought to make the Residence Director a full-time position; however, budget constraints did not allow such flexibility. Gretchen Yeninas, Director of Residence Life, explained, "We wanted to expand what the position offered the employee, which is why we looked to switch it from a Graduate Assistant position to a full-time position. The full-time position would have allowed the person medical benefits. However, the full-time salary was beyond what my budget could afford."

One week before the start of school, it was already too late to hire a graduate assistant for the Residence Director position. "It was too late to start the process for a graduate assistant, so we went back to the drawing board and decided to go with a Head Resi-

dent Assistant," said Yeninas.

The Head Resident Assistant (HRA) position is now an undergraduate leadership role that will assume most of the general responsibilities of the previous Residence Director.

Out of the 40 current Resident Assistants, Jonathan McClave, senior mechanical

engineering major, was offered the new HRA position. Yeninas explained that the new role will differ somewhat from the former Residence Director. "The roles have slightly changed. The new head resident assistant will live in Evans Hall and be in charge of programming and scheduling meetings. While the new role calls for confronting problematic situations, the student will not be able to take disciplinary action as before. I didn't feel it was a good idea to have a student peer disciplining other students."

McClave agrees that his biggest challenge will be the transition to supervisor. "I feel the biggest challenge will be making the transition from a peer to a supervisor. However, I look forward to sharing my experiences with some of the other RAs who might only be in their first year and to work with not only the RAs, but the students as well."

Yeninas added that while Wilkes has never had a HRA position, it is not an uncommon role. "The HRA position is one that is used at many other colleges, so while it is new to Wilkes, it is not a new position nationally in Residence Life."

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-Gretchen Yeninas, Director of Residence Life

cal engineering major, was offered the new HRA position.

McClave stated why he was interested in applying for the new role. "I have been a resident assistant (RA) for two years now and I felt this would be a great opportunity and challenge for me. I just felt as though I was ready to take the next step as an RA."

"As an RA, I have dealt with a lot of interesting situations and have learned a lot from each of these experiences," he added. I feel that I will be able to help the other RAs handle similar situations," said McClave.



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Jonathan McClave, senior mechanical engineering major, will assume the new Head Resident Assistant position created by Residence Life. McClave has been a Resident Assistant for two years.

"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE "CONSENTING ADULTS?"

Legally speaking, for two people to have sex, you've both got to agree to it. That's called consent: a voluntary, verbal, positive affirmation that you both want to have sex.

Problem is, things get hazy if either you or your partner is drunk.

So keep these points in mind if you're drunk and horny, or you may find yourself sober and jailed.

Consent is not just the absence of the word "no."

So ask your partner if he or she wants to have sex. No answer means "no."

Even if you hear the word, "yes," explicit consent may not be considered legally established.

If you've been drinking, any sexual activity will still be considered assault in some states.

Remember you or your partner can change "yes" to "no" at any time.

If someone is passed out, he or she can't give his or her consent.

If you have sex with this person, you will be committing sexual assault. Period.

Don't think you can claim you were drunk and didn't know what you were doing if you commit an act of sexual assault. You will be held accountable for your conduct.

60% of college women who are infected with STDs, including genital herpes and AIDS, report that they were under the influence of alcohol at the time they had intercourse with the infected person.



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According to Felton, after the incident, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Paul Adams visited Parker-Lloyd at her office and suggested “she write a letter of apology to the City of Wilkes-Barre Police Department and he stay in her office assisting her with composing it, as stated by Mrs. Parker-Lloyd.”

Charges against Parker-Lloyd were subsequently dropped and no official police report currently exists. The names of the two police officers remain unknown.

Felton also alleged that Parker-Lloyd met with President Tim Gilmour for nearly five hours, to primarily discuss the importance of the University’s relationship with the city and future endeavors at Wilkes.

Felton contends that shortly after Parker-Lloyd filed her lawsuit, she received an official letter of warning from Adams regarding poor job performance at the University.

A statement released by university officials Friday noted, “The personnel action relating to Ms. Andita Parker-Lloyd had nothing whatsoever to do with the lawsuit she filed against the city.” University officials are legally and ethically prohibited, however, from discussing specifics behind any personnel matter or employment termination.

The packet of materials distributed to press by Felton, Parker-Lloyd and Feldhun Friday included a copy of Parker-Lloyd’s letter of termination signed by Dean of Students Mark Allen, her direct supervisor. The letter noted that Parker-Lloyd’s termination was due to her “lack of professional

judgment which caused risk to our students...”

In response, Felton noted, “I found it puzzling that Ms. Parker-Lloyd, who had demonstrated such concern for students during the February 16 traffic stop--that resulted in her being handcuffed, placed in a police cruiser, taken to the police station, mug shot and fingerprinted--would show any less concern when it involved some of the same students,” Felton said.

“I have no doubt in my mind, as a white person, that this is about Ms. Parker-Lloyd having embarrassed the University,” Feldhun said. “Racism exists, and I’m not going to stand by and let a woman be lynched 1950’s style in the South. It’s not going to happen on my watch.”

Felton concluded, “It’s just sad that good people who have con-

tributed positively to our community are being chased out of it. The Valley With a Heart is not showing much heart here.”

Wilkes’ diversity program has had its fair share of losses in the past month and a half. With the departures of former Director of Diversity Alan Zellner, University Advising Coordinator James Harrington and most recently Parker-Lloyd, the University is challenged to articulate its vision for diversity and multicultural education.

Gilmour acknowledged that Wilkes is in the early stages of developing a diversity task force that would offer a cross-constituency of students, staff, faculty and the larger community of Wilkes-Barre.

“We’ve lost these people, but over the next several months people will see that we’re putting into place what is an even stronger,

more integrated organization that will imbed diversity deeply into our culture,” said Gilmour.

In the meantime, Alberto Prado will serve as interim Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs, directing events such as Saturday’s viewing of the movie “Frida” to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

“I think he’s doing a great job,” said Amanda Kunkle. “It’s unfortunate it is only a temporary position.”

“I really think we have to see diversity as an essential element in any promising future for our institution because this world is going to become more diverse. And if we aren’t able to function effectively and have a community that appreciates diversity and actually capitalize on it, we’re not going to be in a position to thrive like we should,” Allen explained.

ITS implements new e-mail, spam-blocker, and virus protector

BY ALISON WOODY

Beacon Asst. News Editor

Over the summer, Information Technology Services (ITS) implemented three new systems that directly impact all computer users in the Wilkes community.

Users have widely hailed the new Microsoft Outlook e-mail system; however, the PureMessage junk mail detector and the Cisco Clean Access Agent have faced some problems.

Microsoft Outlook replaced the previous squirrel mail, while PureMessage has taken the spot of the spam-blocking Postini. While reactions to the new email system have been upbeat, the opposite has occurred for PureMessage.

Mike Salem, chief information officer of ITS, explained exactly what PureMessage is. “Sophos PureMessage is an integrated anti-virus, anti-spam, email management tool. It delivers reliable and proactive protection against inbound and outbound email-borne threats through a highly flexible and easy-to-use interface.”

“Wilkes chose PureMessage because it is one of the leaders in the anti-virus/anti-spam industry and is used by many world-class industries and major universities around the world,” he added.

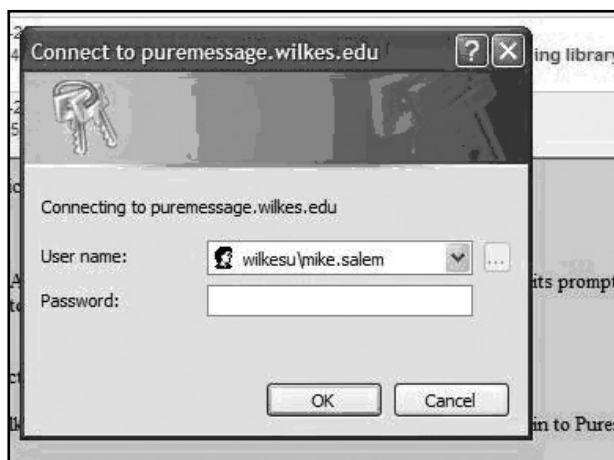
Students may be completely unaware that this program actually exists. To access PureMessage,

users must go to the ITS website and under Email, click on the “log into PureMessage.” In the user name field that then appears, type in “wilkesu\firstname.lastname” along with a password.

However, PureMessage has had trouble determining what mail is important and what is spam. Situations where junk mail is not being caught and important mail is being sent directly to PureMessage has caused some dissatisfaction among faculty and students.

Salem explained why this scenario is occurring. “Wilkes receives on average 40,000 messages per day, of which two-thirds are spam. Part of the process of installing a new spam filter is that it has to learn the spam patterns and be tuned to catch spam while allowing non-spam to pass. Every e-mail is assigned a numerical value. This value is referred to as the message’s score or it’s SPAM Confidence Level. Rules are set to filter messages with a score that is above a certain threshold.”

“We have started to adjust the settings so as not to filter out real messages,” Salem explained. “Based on a review of the mes-



sages filtered each day we will be raising the settings until we find the optimal filtering balance. If you remember back to when Postini was implemented there was a similar period of adjustment.

Tuesday, ITS will implement a new release of PureMessage that will offer more individual control over settings. “The new version will allow users to identify approved and/or blocked email address. PureMessage has also communicated that we can expect a 40-60% reduction in the amount of spam that our users are receiving,” said Salem.

Salem offered his opinion of the two new email systems. “In terms of the Microsoft email system, I have been using it for over 15 years and find it to be first rate. This summer we had several students from Student Government

pilot test the system. The feedback was that it was far superior to the system that Wilkes had.”

“PureMessage to date has not been as good as Postini but with the upgrade that will be made on October 3, I expect that it will equal if not exceed that of Postini,” said Salem.

Not all ITS problems stem from email. The Cisco Clean Access (CCA) software that was implemented in informative mode last May has now gone into full effect, thus inhibiting some access to the internet.

Phil Sampona, junior business administration major, cannot currently access his internet due to adware on his computer. “The new login program will not allow students to access the internet if they have any type of virus or adware. The login program was a good idea because it almost eliminates the school’s problems with viruses getting into our internet system,” he said. “However, if Wilkes plans on enforcing this, they need to have the proper ITS department to handle all of the computer issues that students are going to encounter. For instance,

I have some adware on my computer that needs to be removed.”

Salem defends that ITS has sent numerous notifications stating this situation would eventually occur. “There have been repeated communications that starting September 25, 2006, CCA will be placed in a full enforcement mode where non-compliance systems will be restricted from connecting to the Wilkes network until their issues are remedied. About 10% of the students living in dorms took no action and now are unable to connect to the internet.”

“I have authorized the extension of the hours of the computer clinic to be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for the next week to ten days so that students may have assistance in bringing their computers into compliance to ensure that the Wilkes community is protected,” assured Salem.

Sampona feels that even more action needs to be taken. “The computer help desk clearly does not have enough time to be able to handle the demanding problems that students are having with their computers. I think that Wilkes needs to hire at least one full-time ITS person that will be available 40 hours a week. Students absolutely need to be able to access the internet. This is clearly an issue that the university needs to look into and improve upon as soon as possible.”

Parking on campus needs a serious overhaul

University needs to privilege upperclassmen with parking

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL BOARD

Amidst all the change for the better in Wilkes-Barre and on Wilkes University's campus this school year, there is a glaring problem that university officials have yet to address adequately to date. If you drive a car to campus, you know what that problem is.

Parking.

It's a stressful situation, as it is at most urban campuses across the nation. Commuters complain they arrive late to class, no matter how early they leave their homes, because they have been driving

through the parking lots looking for an open spot for close to an hour. Still others who live as far away as Hazelton or Dureya complain they were simply shut out and unable to purchase parking passes.

Permits for Ralston Field sold out in under an hour at the start of the semester, yet some people claim there are empty spots in Ralston every day that are not being used.

And the only alternative for residents, commuters and faculty alike is to pay \$240 extra dollars to have a reserve spot on campus where drivers are guaranteed to find a

spot every day. But for already cash strapped students, an extra \$240 seems like a pipe dream.

While there are more free parking opportunities in downtown Wilkes-Barre thanks to the new movie theatre, these options require quite a bit of walking to campus. For students who have night class (or, as the seasons change, any class after 5 p.m.), using these lots means returning to cars on foot in the dark. And the shuttle does not offer rides from these locations back and forth to campus.

Finally, the last option currently available to students involves

street parking, either at meters or along the free areas. Using a meter every day adds up. Let's say, for instance, that a student spends five hours a day on campus, five days a week, for 15 weeks. Parking at a meter costs them \$281.25, not to mention the stress of wondering if they will actually find a spot every day. Likewise, the free street spots are few and far between, and students are never guaranteed to find a spot.

Clearly, the parking situation here is not working for every student, faculty member or staff member. If everyone on campus cannot be provided with adequate, safe, *affordable* parking, then some groups on campus should be voided this privilege.

Like the majority of other city schools or large schools (Penn State or St. Joe's, to name two), Wilkes should implement a parking plan that gives preference to upperclassmen, freshmen commuters, faculty, and staff. Parking should be seen as a privilege, one that students acquire as they move up in the ranks, not as a right that everyone can have. There simply is not the space on campus for everyone to park their cars, and so something must be done.

While this plan may anger some freshmen and while the university may be wary to alienate some prospective students, it is the only solution to the current problem, particularly as the university continues to bring in larger classes. If the university is able to purchase or build more parking space, a policy prohibiting vehicles among on campus freshmen and sophomore students could be revisited.

But in the meantime, Wilkes can solve this problem easily by using the common sense approach numerous other schools have.

Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 49 responses.

The Beacon asked:

If Wilkes-Barre had an extra \$1.3 million, how would it best be spent?

- Fix W-B Blvd, Main St. and Ross St. potholes - **23%**
- Bulldoze nuisance properties - **21%**
- Invest in Wilkes University law school - **14%**
- Pay off remaining city debt - **12%**
- Invest in riverfront development - **10%**
- Invest in drug crime prevention - **6%**
- Invest in community science center - **6%**
- Clean up Sherman Hills - **4%**
- Develop community homeless shelter - **4%**
- Invest in community art center - **0%**

Next Week's Poll

Question:

Who do you think will win the World Series?

- New York Yankees
- Minnesota Twins
- Detroit Tigers
- Oakland Athletics
- New York Mets
- St. Louis Cardinals
- San Diego Padres
- Los Angeles Dodgers

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Dr. Laura, you need psychiatric help....

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

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Friday, September 29 marked an important day in history for me. It was the first time that my ears burned after listening to CNN.

I had caught a terrible virus and decided to call off work and stay in for the night. I was just falling asleep in bed when *Larry King Live* filtered through my pre-REM sleep haze. The guest that night was the infamous Dr. Laura Schlessinger (who has a very popular syndicated radio show), and if I may be quite honest for a moment--the woman is a kook!

"Dr. Laura" calls herself a "recovered feminist," but she really should just change her title to "pro male chauvinist," because that's exactly what she is. Wide awake now, I watched as she made one outlandish statement after another. Some comments went along the lines of, "If your husband comes to you naked, you should go make passionate love to him! There is no excuse! You should do whatever he asks you to do." Another was, "A woman should never work when she has children. You must devote every second to your children."

Dr. Laura brazenly criticized women who worked. She claimed that women who were single moms were failures, and she referred

to their situations as "tragedies." She argued that women should only want to serve their husbands, and give them everything they needed. If women refused sex to their husbands, they were "bad wives." She also made a host of other outlandish statements that I think are too inappropriate for this paper. The bottom line: Dr. Laura essentially agreed with Larry King when he told her she was telling women to be slaves.

Now, I'm not a feminist by any means. I know men will get paid more than I will, and are stronger than I am. I also know as a general rule, men are more accepted in the professional world. It's a harsh reality, but I pick and choose my battles. I don't want to fight for all women across the board; I fight for myself. No need to go burning a bra. No sir-ee. However, the apocalypse will burn this Earth to ash before I ever am a slave to a man.

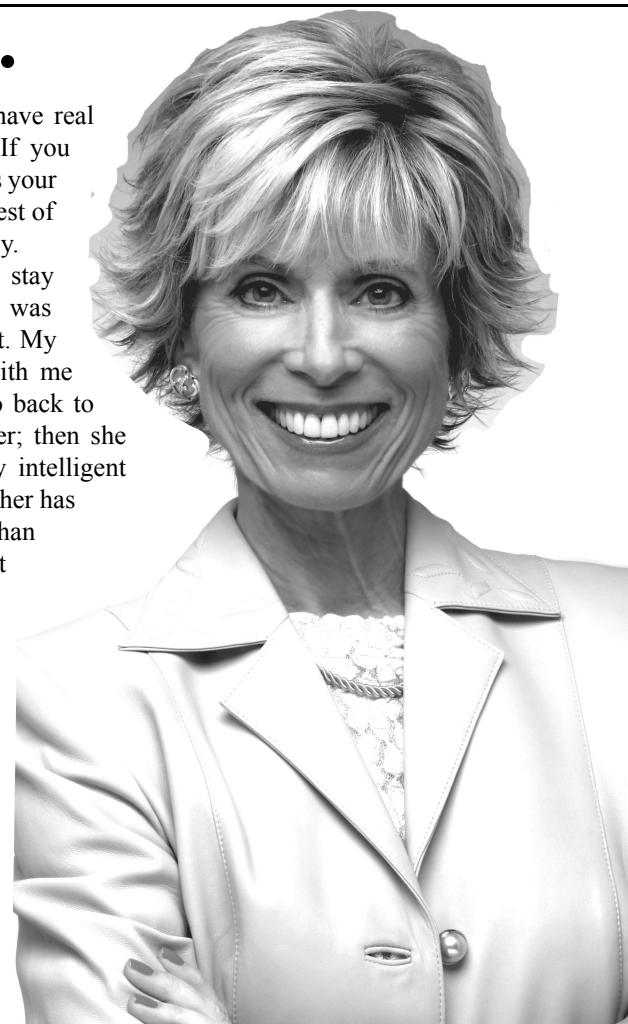
If I ever marry, I absolutely refuse to be intimate with a man whenever he feels like it. I'm sorry, but when does marriage require you to be a prostitute? Dr. Laura criticizes women who do not give in to their husband's every wish. Her excuse: "Women should *want to*."

Well, I'll give you a hint, sweetie, women are not orifices designed for unlimited, unrestricted use. We are real human beings,

who, if you haven't noticed, have real thoughts, feelings and ideas. If you want to cheapen yourself, that's your business. Stay away from the rest of us with self-respect and decency.

Also, I'm glad you could stay home with your son as he was growing up. That's really great. My mother couldn't stay home with me or my brothers. She had to go back to college when we were younger; then she worked three jobs. I'm a very intelligent and successful person. My brother has Autism, and is doing better than ever because of her. Wow. What a failure, and such a terrible tragedy.

I think all women should write a letter to Dr. Laura saying we don't want to be slaves to men. We are not going to sit at home and bake cookies. We're not going to spend countless hours letting men have free reign over our bodies because we are not toys, and we do not have the desire to bed toys. We are strong and intelligent, and we are free human beings.



Dr. Laura Schlessinger

Courtesy of 1590klfe.com

Sifting through the lies to find a viable U.S. Senator for PA

BY ROBERT DONAHUE

Beacon Correspondent

"I am Ricky Santorum and I approved this desperate message....!"

That is how Senator Rick Santorum should begin his campaign ads. Currently, he is considered to be the number three Republican in Washington, D.C. News pundits as recently as last spring heralded Santorum as one of a few "elite" politicians to watch. Some even predict Santorum will run for President. Think it's bad enough having George W. as president? Imagine President Santorum!

Thankfully the Democrats have a strong candidate to challenge Santorum. Current State Treasurer Robert Casey Jr., son of one of the best governors Pennsylvania ever had, is offering a serious challenge for the Senate seat. At the beginning of the campaign trail both candidates kept it clean, but we all knew it was not going to last long. Polls indicate that Casey's lead ranges from 10-14%, so it is obvious why Ricky is desperate.

The most desperate of Santorum's Senate appeal ads is one that portrays Casey's campaign contributors as criminals in a cigar smoke filled room. The ad depicts

several men playing cards in a smoke filled jail cell, all allegedly convicted criminals and top contributors to Casey's current race. That's some serious stuff there. What the incumbent neglects to mention is the fact that two of these men also heavily contributed to his current race for Senate, one has been dead for two years and none contributed to the Casey Senate campaign while they were indicted or convicted.

Who knows what else Santorum is hiding?

Santorum has been hiding his true residential status, his meetings with convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff and his strong ties to big businesses. Hopefully, Pennsylvanians are going to come out in large numbers and vote for the right choice...Robert Casey Jr.

Santorum is dangerous if he is elected again. Don't believe me? Just ask him why he voted at least 13 times against a federal minimum wage increases but says in his book "both parents are working,

when, if they really took an honest look at the budget, they might find they don't both need to." Pennsylvania has tolerated Santorum for too long. We cannot risk giving him another term to continue rubber stamping everything for Bush. Santorum should do what the people of Pennsylvania hired him to do...serve our interest and check the powers of the other two branches of government.

A Sight for Sore Eyes

Aleksander Lapinski



YOUR VOICES

Offer proper respect for those serving our country

Dear Editor:

Have you ever gone to a charity event and wondered who those people were who posted the colors?

Or did you wonder who those people were selling t-shirts for Wilkes-Barre at the Beach Boys' concert?

Or maybe you have just seen one of them walking down the street in uniform and observed them help out a random stranger. To answer the questions, these people are no ordinary people at all. They are the cadets and cadre members of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Army ROTC.

The ROTC cadet is a college student who takes an oath to serve his or her country after college. A lot of these cadets are also serving their local areas right now as well. A big service that the ROTC does to try to support the area is to post the colors at charity events. Event planners request the ROTC Color Guard because it looks professional. To bring the colors out at an event reminds the people that we are in troubled times and that there are people out there who have needs that are unaddressed.

To see these cadets, some of whom could be overseas within a few years, helps to remind people how good they have it. Whenever I see the Color Guard at an event, my chest swells with pride because I know what my fellow cadets will go through and what will be asked of them in the future. It still sends shivers down my spine whenever they play the national anthem at an event and those cadets execute a sharp "Present Arms!"

These cadets do a variety of activities at their colleges. Some are varsity athletes, others presidents of clubs and some are even members of the National Guard as well as being full-time students.

This is a lot of responsibility for some people, yet these young dedicated few decide to volunteer for charity events on the side, too. They are truly heroes and will always hold a special place in my heart. It takes a special kind of person to be an Army cadet because of the responsibility asked of them. Not only are they going to be leaders in the Army, but they will be leaders in a time of war. If you do not see them as true Americans and patriots, then I dare you to show me some. These cadets as well as the soldiers in our Army today are some of the finest Americans that our great nation has to offer and I pray that you keep them in your prayers and thoughts, and if you ever you see one out in the street, do not be afraid to talk to them and ask them for help. These Americans are proud to serve.

Jim Morrison
Senior History Major

Words are more powerful than people think, especially concerning diversity

Dear Editor,

When I was first approached about speaking to *The Beacon* about current diversity issues, I was very skeptical because I did not want to give the wrong impression about certain things. But I now see by keeping silent, I made a mistake. I would now like to take the opportunity to correct some misconceptions.

I will not get into detail about the retreat, but I did want to comment on something that was stated in the previous letter to the editor. It was stated, "If you cannot get knocked down and stand back up on your own two feet, then you are not fit to be a leader." Well, I would like to know who said that there were students who were unable to get knocked down and rise again. We all did. Each of us was hit with an individual situation where we all fell; each of us then rose up and now we stand together, stronger than before. I realize that *The Beacon* and local newspapers were gathering information from certain participants of that retreat but please keep in mind; all that information was gathered when we were still sorting out our feelings. We are all now in a better place and still are fighting as a united group for multiculturalism.

Secondly, the question was asked, how can someone criticize something they had not seen. My question is, how can you question someone's motives if you do not know where they are coming from? For anyone who thought that Assistant Professor Gina Morrison was blindly attacking the NWC performance, held in the beginning of the year, I feel you should know why she addressed the language used in that performance.

As a former Multicultural Coordinator, Gina Morrison is well informed on various ethnicities and cultures. Furthermore, last week she defended her doctorate which was based on cultural differences on certain types of campuses. Evidently, she also has the "right background". She was questioning the word choice because after the performance there was not much time left for a question and answer period to discuss any concerns about what students had just witnessed. She is not suffering from a "White Scare"; she is merely concerned about the idea that students will feel that this language is appropriate when in fact it is not. No matter the context it is used in, it is still inappropriate.

I understand that music lyrics contain these types of words, but that does not mean some people are not offended. To think that these words only have the power people give them is true, so understand that to someone who might think n*gger is okay, to others it is degrading. If no one speaks out against the way these words makes them feel, then people will continue to address people in this manner. Words are very important, if they weren't no one would care when someone says, "I love you" or "I'm sorry" or "You're a *itch." All these phrases mean different things to different people. Therefore, do not point fingers at someone who simply has the students' best interest at heart, instead be grateful that someone is looking out for all the students as a collective and not just one specific group. She wants us all to have respect. I do too.

I would like to end this with a quote by Rudyard Kipling; "Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind." Think about it.

Valerie J. Martinez
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Creative writing master's program receives state accreditation

Program attracts students from across country and campus

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Features Editor

Anyone who has visited the Wilkes web site in the past few weeks has seen the news that the university's creative writing program here on campus recently received state accreditation.

The first response may be to question what exactly state accreditation is, followed closely by, 'We have a creative writing program at Wilkes?'

The master's degree in creative writing--that recently received state recognition and boasts authors and graduates who have received awards and additional accolades--is not yet well-known among those who share a campus with it. James Warner was one of the first to graduate from the program last June, and after serving as a graduate assistant, now serves as program assistant to Dr. Bonnie Culver, director of the program.

Warner has completed a book of poetry titled, *Paper Hearts Made Easy*, and some of his poems have been published in anthologies. His book cover contained a quote from Phil Brady of Etruscan Press, the publishing house linked to the creative writing program. Warner explained that being associated with a publishing press is important to having a well-received program.

Warner explained that the accreditation process started about two years ago with focus groups to determine what courses should be a part of the curriculum.

"We talked about what as writers we wished we knew before," Warner said. "The creative writing program focuses on teaching craft, but also on the writing life itself."

He said the program still teaches the craft of writing, as many other programs nationwide do, but it also teaches lessons to be applied to practical real life, such as the process of pitching ideas and sending out query letters, as well as the task of balancing a full-time job with finding the time to commit to writing and progressing as a writer.

One full-time employee currently trying to balance course work and a job is Wilkes director of marketing, Jack Chielli. He said the program appealed to him from the first time he learned of it, courtesy of an information table set up in Kirby Hall, adding, "It just looked like a place where people would learn to write."

Chielli has a history in the field

of communications, with about six years spent in journalism, and more than fifteen in varying positions of public relations. His interests in writing outside of public relations now lie in poetry and non-fiction.

Chielli explained that even though public relations writing is very different from non-fiction writing which is also very different from poetry, the switch between styles is often made without even noticing. "If what you do on a daily basis has to do with writing, this helps," he said. The master's degree will also help Chielli get a job teaching, which is a possible plan of his upon retirement.

Switching titles from participant in the program to director of

marketing, Chielli explained that the accreditation lends credibility to the program for those who have never heard of it.

The accreditation was made official when the program graduated its first class in June, after a period of time spent on probationary accreditation.

Warner explained another unique aspect of the program was the use of online facilities including WebCT to unite mentors and mentees, and also to provide a forum for current students to interact via course specific message boards and e-mails.

The mentor and mentee relationships fostered by the program would be very difficult to sustain without the use of the online component, Warner said, stress-

ing their importance and effect on his writing. "It speaks a lot when mentors are concerned with getting the best out of our work."

The next step for the creative writing program is to attain accreditation to offer a master's of fine arts in the field. The process, which is currently underway, includes a feasibility plan of sorts, to feel out costs, identify potential competition, and make sure the program would apply to standards of the institution, as well as the Board of Education, making this process very similar to that which one would go through when proposing a new business.

Both Warner and Chielli had advice to offer to aspiring writers who may or may not enter the creative writing program. Chielli suggested a couple main points to adhere to on the road to success. "To be a good writer, you have to write every day. Second, you need good mentors to read your stuff. In the marketing department, we share stuff all the time and edit each other."

Chielli's final piece of advice was something Warner also felt was crucial to creating successful manuscripts. "The best pieces come from the very literate," Warner said. "It's important to read; to know roots and know influences."

He also pointed out the importance of not being easily discouraged by rejection. "We're writing personal things, but rejection can't be taken personally. It's not a reflection on quality. It also depends on the hundreds of different tastes of editors and space issues in magazines."



Courtesy James Warner

Upon the graduation of the first creative writing graduating class, pictured above, the master's program received state accreditation.

Non-student University Towers residents face changes in population

Some elderly opting to leave downtown complex

BY RYAN BROGHAMER
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Jeanne Mulcahy spent last Thursday afternoon helping her aunt pack belongings into boxes and preparing to move out of her home.

While not an uncommon occurrence in the city, Mulcahy's aunt is Alice Collins, an elderly resident of nearly 20 years at 10 East South Street, now known as University Towers.

Collins and Mulcahy face an issue that other residents of the University Towers complex soon will. Current leases in the building are being upheld, but many older residents are already on their way out.

"We're just sorry that my aunt has to move. She's lived here for 19 years, and it's been her home. It's hard to leave your home," said

Mulcahy, "[But] she doesn't want to live in a dormitory anymore."

Ann, who declined to give her last name citing personal security reasons, has lived in the building for eight years and is worried about her future living arrangements. "We thought that this was the last move we'd ever make. Everybody thought that they were settled for the rest of their life here - my goodness, some people have been here since the building went up."

At least one woman feels that the transition is a bit of a culture shock for some residents. Ninety-one-year-old Marguerite Bohn has lived in the Towers building for 12 years, and thinks that many residents can't handle the influx of younger neighbors.

"Maybe there is a little hostility toward the college [about the pur-

chase], but not at great manner. It's the fact that many residents are coping with kids now, and some people never had a child, never had one in college, so some of the residents don't understand it and they're moving out," said Bohn, who was quick to add that she's rarely had an issue with Wilkes students.

"I raised four children and my four children went to colleges and I know that it's away from home and mom and dad and stuff, but every young man or young woman that I have met here has shown me deference and good manners," she said.

A request for comment left at the University Towers leasing office was not immediately returned; however, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Paul Adams said that once the purchase becomes

official, the university will be in no rush to show current residents the door.

"We don't have the need to fill that building to capacity with students right away, so we're perfectly happy allowing those people who are already living at the towers to stay there as long as they feel it's a mutually satisfactory arrangement. If they're happy staying there, we have no reason to ask them to leave. If they're happy living with an increasingly 'college-age' population - because it will become that each and every year - then so be it," he said.

The university is also looking into assisting current residents find new housing.

"On August 15, [Vice President for Finance and Support Operations] Scott Byers and I met with

the tenants that were living there to try and allay some of their concerns and answer their questions," said Adams. "One of the things we talked about was putting together some sort of housing fair on the premises that would bring in different apartment complexes or assisted-living centers to come in and begin to share with the residents the other opportunities that are out there."

Adams acknowledged that while the diverse age range might cause concern for some residents, there have been very few problems.

"This is the fourth year we've been over there and each year we've gone with a little higher capacity and - knock on wood - it's been pretty good. When you think about the generational divide, it's been pretty good."



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Kelly '06 and Associate Professor of Nursing, Rita Ives.

Fall festival season kicks off with two big events

BY JACLYN FRANCESE

Beacon Correspondent

Now that the smell of fall is in the air and the leaves are changing colors, local fall festivals are beginning.

For some, it is a tradition to attend fall festivals for a day of family fun and entertainment. Hay rides, apple picking and pumpkins galore are just a few things that come to mind when thinking about fall festivals.

Wilkes-Barre and the surrounding area have festivals throughout the season and two events seem to symbolize the official “kick-off”.

Last Saturday, The Lands at Hillside Farms in the Back Mountain sponsored its fall festival that has quickly gained in popularity. It featured an art festival, harvest displays, a delicious chili cook off and many vendors offering unique craft items.

In addition, children had a chance to get up close and personal with the farm’s animals, and the stars of the show were Hillside’s famous cows who are responsible for the delicious ice cream so many in NEPA have come to love. Horses, donkeys and sheep were also on hand to meet and greet the guests. Hay rides were available to all and children had the chance to ride ponies.

“This year felt like a stronger turnout than the grand opening. We have not yet calculated the numbers so it is hard to tell [about the total attendance],” said Steve Franco, project manager of Hillside Farms.

Another great opportunity to attend a weekend festival will be at the 2nd annual Lion Brewery Oktoberfest. The tented event will be held this weekend on the brewery ground, and will include food, fun, music and, of course, beer. The brewery is located at 700 N. Pennsylvania Avenue in Wilkes-Barre.

Last year Oktoberfest was only two days, but the turnout was so great that organizers opted to extend the event to three days this year.

Therese Maxfield, sales/marketing director at Lion Brewery explained, “This year we have expanded a lot. We will have local bands, more vendors with food and crafts, and longer hours for brewery tours and beer tasting.”

Since Oktoberfest is scheduled during the Wilkes homecoming weekend, Lion Brewery will also cater to the university. From 4:30-6:00 p.m. students will receive a VIP bracelet and have access to the VIP tent. This is a great addition to the many events

Wilkes already has for homecoming weekend.

Oktoberfest will also include many activities, such as a keg rolling contest from 12-5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free and the cost of beer is \$2.00 for a 12oz. cup and \$6.00 for a 22oz. mug. Refills on

the mug are \$4.00. Soda will also be available for those who are underage.

Great events are happening right now in your neighborhood. Get out and enjoy what Wilkes-Barre and the surrounding areas have to offer during this great season that we call fall.



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The Lion Brewery, on 700 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, will host Oktoberfest during Homecoming weekend.

Feng Shui offers students decorating options with spiritual benefits

BY TABITHA HAPEMAN

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Everything on and in the Earth has an energy. All objects and people are interconnected and forever changing. The energies these objects and people emit need to be in harmony with one another in order for people to live happy and healthy lives. At least, that’s what Feng Shui practitioners believe.

The exact definition, according to Wikipedia.com, is “wind and water.” Feng Shui underwent many different incarnations and meanings, but all were based on the basic principles of harmony with the environment and others.

In order to achieve this harmony, architecture and object placement inside the home are altered. The architecture and decoration depends on the location of the home and the birth dates of those within it.

So, why should college students care? Well, some of the practices of Feng Shui

are just good sense. According to online sources about Feng Shui such as Circle-of-Light.com, the principles are based on Earth and individual energy, or chi, which may seem a little far fetched for most people of western origins. Some practices that use the philosophy of chi, however, are used by people everyday whether they realize it is part of Feng Shui or not.

Sophomore criminology and psychology major Alexandria Holland stated “I find that in most cases Feng Shui is actually pretty useful.” Holland has been implementing Feng Shui cures at home and while at college for a few years.

Not only those who follow eastern philosophy use Feng Shui to make sure their chi is flowing properly. Donald Trump hired a Feng Shui practitioner to help his architects and decorators design the Trump International Hotel in New York City. Oprah Winfrey also uses the practice to decorate her home and take care of her chi.

Feng Shui cures are the actual ways to implement the practice. Holland stated “My friend...wasn’t sleeping well...and he found it was because there was too much metal.” Facing the head of a bed towards the bedroom door, or moving a tall piece of furniture out of direct view are basic decoration practices.

According to the birth date and time of an individual, 4 points will be good luck and 4 will be bad luck. To calculate this, the birth time, or the closest approximation, of the individual is needed. These practices may be a little in depth for the beginner or for those who just want some decorating tips and not a philosophy to live by.

College students are stressed. This is a fact. There are demands that come with being a college student that can make even the most level headed person a little crazy. The practices of Feng Shui may be able to help with stress levels. Holland expressed, “It makes sense when you think about it...It’s based on common sense.

Start very basic in your bedroom. Where the head of the bed is placed, where mirrors are, what color the room is.” Environment has a major effect on mood, and changing just a few small things in the environment can greatly improve the mood of those who live there.

Feng Shui cures are practices that everyday people can put into use without studying their birth times or getting too in depth to the practice. Holland stated, “Be aware of clutter. Clutter traps your chi. It’s hard to concentrate when your room is really messy.”

Making sure the chi can flow freely in a room and through a person certainly can’t hurt a student’s mood. People should try to live in harmony with those around them and with the environment, even if that means moving the computer or putting the fish on the opposite side of the room. It certainly can’t hurt to try.

Body art can be statement of individuality with lasting effects

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To ink or not to ink? That is surely the question that runs through plenty of college students' minds.

Moving away from home for the first time, gaining responsibility and becoming more independent all lead to greater potential for experimentation, and what better way to rebel against the rules and confines of living with the parents than having a permanent reminder stamped on their "baby's" otherwise virgin skin?

The whole idea of rebellion seems to be one many individuals participate in. Junior English major Kate Baas got a tattoo at age 17 with her best friend. She had it done in order to rebel against her parents and regretted it immediately because "it wasn't something I put a lot of thought into."

"I regret my decision to get a tattoo, but I've accepted the fact that it's not something that defines who I am as a person," Baas said. "I just got anything. I knew that I wanted a tattoo, but I must admit that I probably should have waited until I found one with some significance."

She had plans to get a tattoo for about two weeks but decided on exactly what she was going to get just an hour beforehand.

But individuals get tattoos for many different reasons. Self-expression and sentimentality are two of the major reasons why many choose to permanently mark their bodies. For these people, the act of getting a tattoo seems to be more for themselves than for others.

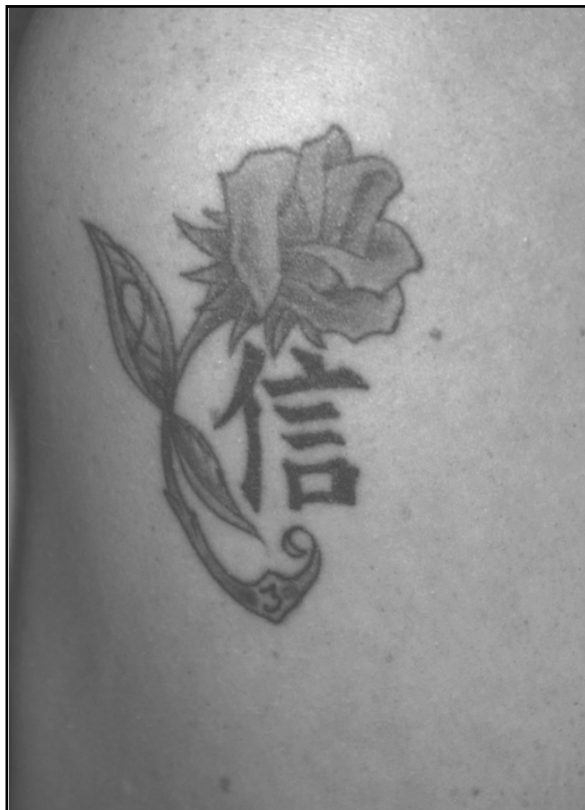
Kelly Cole, senior English major has three tattoos, a butterfly, a crescent moon with a star and a lily, all of which she loves. Cole got inked for the first time her freshman year of college and she has not regretted it since.

Her second tattoo is in a discreet location. "[The crescent moon with the star in the middle] is on my hip, which no one sees but I don't get them for any one else... I love it still," Cole said.

Cole had a lily tattooed on her foot just weeks ago. This tattoo was perhaps the most sentimental for her and demonstrates that, for many, getting a tattoo is more about preserving memories.

"[The lily] has special meaning and reasoning behind it... I got that one because of my great grandmother. Her name was Lily, and we named my baby cousin Lily and my confirmation name is Lily, so it just fit," Cole said.

A tattoo is commitment because removing it afterward is a



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Students often get tattoos as a means of self-expression or to preserve memories. For those interested in getting a tattoo, it is necessary to not only choose a tattoo parlor based on a reputation for cleanliness and sterilization but to also be sure of this decision before permanently marking the body

complex process. Many take a great deal of time contemplating the decision so they won't end up like Baas and others who have

regretted the decision.

Alisha Turull, a Junior communications major at King's College, was planning to get a tattoo but then changed her mind about the entire thing.

"It changed for the fact that I didn't have something that had enough sentimental value to put it permanently on my body. Until I have something with enough meaning, I'm not getting one," Turull said.

Jarid Schlichter, a tattoo artist at the popular Marc's Tattooing in Wilkes-Barre Township, stressed that it is important for an individual to think a design through before getting something done.

"Hopefully, [the person getting the tattoo] is trying to get something for themselves rather than follow a fad... you want to get it because you want to get it, not because you think it's a cool thing to do," Schlichter said.

When asked about the most common designs requested, Schlichter said that skulls, flowers, butterflies, fairies and traditional Japanese style tattoos are extremely popular. He added that the most common place for a tattoo is probably the bicep or lower back. As far as pain is concerned, Schlichter noted that everyone has different skin types, and what may be painful or difficult to do on one person may not be the same way on another person.

Schlichter also gave some pointers for those considering getting inked. He said that choosing a shop and an artist is probably one of the most important things to consider for health and safety reasons.

While she didn't put much thought into the design, Baas also kept this factor in mind and was careful about choosing the right establishment to have it done at.

"I researched places in the area and visited all of them before deciding," she said. The most important things she looked for were cleanliness and the skill of the artist.

Schlichter reiterated this idea and added that word of mouth can be a good way to find out about reputable places. He also stressed that someone interested in getting a tattoo should check out the potential artist's portfolio before making a final decision.

This Week in History

BY MICHAEL GIONFRIDDO

Beacon Correspondent

October 2

1967: Thurgood Marshall is sworn in by Chief Justice Earl Warren, becoming the first black justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

October 3

1995: O.J. Simpson is acquitted of the brutal 1994 double murder of his estranged wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

October 4

1957: The Soviet Union inaugurates the "Space Age" with its launch of Sputnik, the world's first artificial satellite.

October 5

1989: The Dalai Lama, the exiled religious and political leader of Tibet, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his nonviolent campaign to end the Chinese domination of Tibet.

October 6

1973: Hoping to win back territory lost to Israel during the third Arab-Israeli war, Egyptian and Syrian forces launch a coordinated attack against Israel on Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar.

October 7

1949: The Democratic Republic of Germany (East Germany) is proclaimed within the Soviet occupation zone.

October 8

1967: A Bolivian guerrilla force led by Marxist revolutionary Che Guevara is defeated in a skirmish with a special detachment of the Bolivian army. Guevara was wounded, captured, and executed the next day.

Note: All information provided by the History Channel and can be found at <http://www.history.com/t dih.do>

Saturday Night Live cuts cast members

BY MICHELE FLANNERY
Beacon Correspondent

"You're fired!"

The phrase usually heard on NBC's *The Apprentice* is now the mantra behind the scenes at another of the station's infamous television programs, *Saturday Night Live* (SNL).

According to a September 19 report on Variety.com, SNL had long ago confirmed the departures of Tina Fey and Rachel Dratch. However, several other players from the long-running late night television favorite have been fired thanks to budget cuts. The Variety article confirmed that Chris Parnell and Horatio Sanz, who were both with the show for eight seasons, have also been let go, as well as Finesse Mitchell, who had a three year stint with the program.

"It's always hard when you're giving up

good people." Lorne Michaels, the boss of SNL and guiding personality for 30 years, said in an article in the August 22 *New York Post*. According to the *Post*, Michaels will not be hiring any new cast members this season. Rather, he hired an unusually large cast last season so when the budget cuts came he'd still have an experienced cast ready to go.

Although many speculate that the program has been dwindling in ratings recently, especially among younger generations, the budget cuts may still come as a surprise. These slashes occurred just before the show's 32nd season, and the program is essentially a staple in NBC's line-up.

For some time, there was a great deal of confusion and even secrecy about who was being let go from the program. This led many to be uncertain about how it would actually affect the show.

Michael Fasulka, freshman biology

major replied, "It depends on who they fired."

Others agreed with Fasulka's view.

"I think it depends on the actors they fired, what skills they had, and the types of skits they performed, whether or not it will affect the show," Jaclyn Amey, sophomore pre-pharmacy major, said.

Some Wilkes students saw the cuts as a dramatic loss to the atmosphere of the show, regardless of what names would be slashed from the marquis.

"I think it will affect the show dramatically," said Gregory Fletcher, theater professor. "There will be four less voices that inspire the show." Fletcher has a friend that is one of the many writers that work on the script for *Saturday Night Live*. He says that the writers work closely with the actors when developing new jokes for the show. Therefore, Fletcher believes that "the voices will be missed."

On a lighter note, some cast members returning this season include Amy Poehler, SNL veteran Darrell Hammond and SNL "newbie" Andy Samberg. Also, with Tina Fey's exit from the show, Seth Myers is expected to become sole head writer for *Saturday Night Live*.

But Tina Fey isn't gone from television forever. The famed comedienne is coming out with one of two new shows this season that uses SNL as a back drop. Her show, "30 Rock," is also featuring another former *Saturday Night Live* cast member, Rachel Dratch. Dratch is concentrating her efforts full-time to the new show. The second show is Aaron Sorkin's *Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip*. These shows are expected to bring more attention to *Saturday Night Live* than in previous years.

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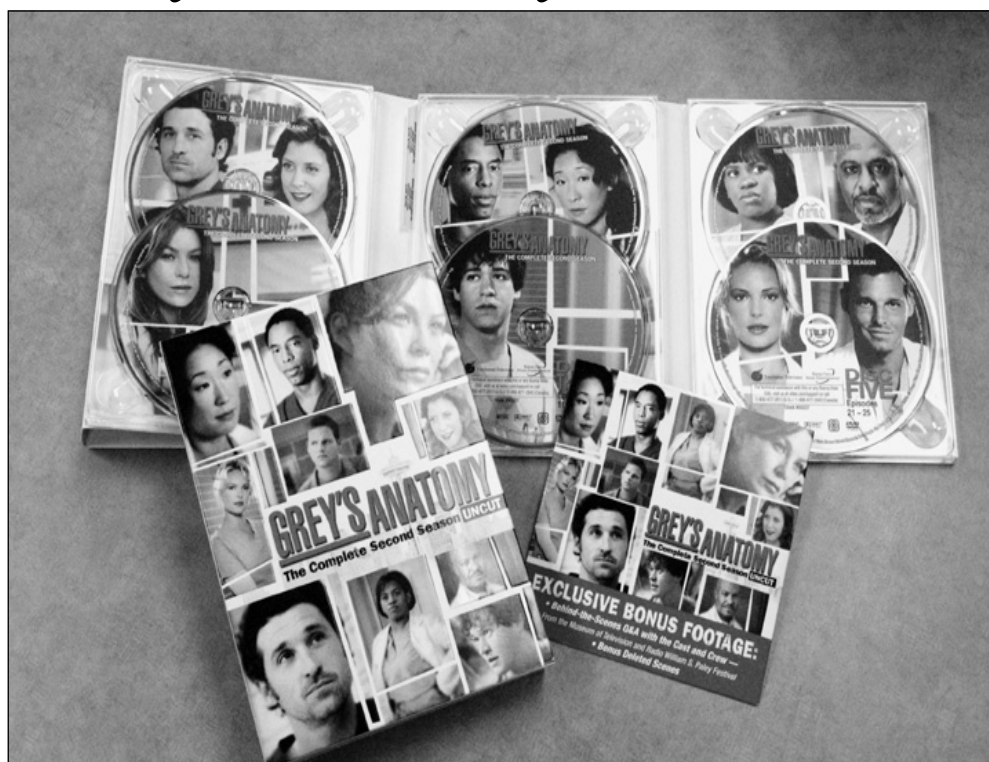
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Anyone who is particularly close with me knows I could wax poetic on *Grey's Anatomy* for hours, possibly even days. It should come as no surprise, then, that reviewing the Uncut DVD release of the second season wasn't exactly the most daunting task I've ever accomplished.

While a television show may be enjoyable on a weekly basis, actually investing in the complete series on DVD may not always be a worthwhile venture (*Laguna Beach*, anyone?). However, fans who are really invested in the program can understand the necessity that such a collection can become. What are snow days for, after all, if not for watching hours upon hours of mindless entertainment?

It should be said that, at \$49.99, the 6-disc collection of *Grey's Anatomy: The Complete Second Season Uncut* is a bit of an investment, at least for anyone else whose wallet is as terrifyingly empty as mine. However, with 27 episodes and enough bonus material to satisfy a *Grey's* addiction until the next new episode of the third season on ABC, it is well worth it.

Without giving a complete recap of the season (because, if you're thinking of spending this much money on the set, you obviously have probably already seen most if not all of the episodes it encompasses), let me just highlight some of my favorite aspects. Season 2 introduces us to some



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Grey's Anatomy: The Complete Second Season Uncut is likely to be a worthwhile purchase for any avid Grey's fan. The 6-disc collection comes with a bonus DVD of footage.

very influential characters as well as some memorable incidents. Who can forget the man who swallowed 10 doll heads? Or the explosion? And of course, this season is when we first met Mark, the man partially responsible for Derek (a.k.a. McDreamy) ending up in Seattle. We are also introduced to Denny Duquette, the heart patient who is arguably dreamier than McDreamy

himself, and Doc, the dog who helped make the relationship between Derek, Addison and Meredith even more awkward. George also earns the respect of his co-workers in episode 5 when he has to crack a patient's chest in an elevator.

One of the main selling points of the collection is the bonus footage. We all know that the extra features on DVDs very often

remain unseen. It should be noted, though, that the special features for *Grey's* are actually quite redeemable.

In addition to a plethora of unaired scenes, the collection also offers an inside look at "creating pink mist," which describes how the crew created the explosion that took place in Seattle Grace Hospital late in the season. There are also clips from *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, on which some of the actors appeared after the season finale last May.

A feature entitled "The doctors are in" shows some of the main characters answering questions from fans about their own characters and the show itself. "The softer side of Dr. Bailey" offers an in-depth interview with Chandra Wilson (Dr. Bailey). A set tour is given by James Pickens, Jr. (Chief Webber), and tons of useless trivia is offered to the curious viewer. For example, did you know that the MRI machine used in the show is real, and not a prop? Or that one of the stages they film *Grey's* on was originally used to film *American Bandstand*? You will never need to know any of the information they give ever again, but it's still fun to learn.

One other thing to keep in mind is that, since I purchased the DVDs at Target, I received a bonus disc that included a "behind-the-scenes Q&A with the cast and crew" and even more deleted scenes.

Overall, *Grey's Anatomy: The Complete Second Season Uncut* is worth the price tag, but probably only for die-hard *Grey's* fans.

Grade: A+

CD Review: The Rapture's *Pieces of the People We Love*

BY KYLE CORTRIGHT
Beacon Correspondent

To sum up The Rapture, three facts are all that is necessary.

First, there is a presence of spastic distortion-laden guitar playing. Second a Funktastic (yes I made that word up) bass riff, and finally, the presence of a cowbell (with a sax at times.) Yes that is, my friends, The Rapture.

The Rapture is an acid punk/dance quartet from NYC and not anywhere near ordinary, proven once again with new release *Pieces of the People We Love*.

Formed in 1999, The Rapture played various clubs before releasing CDs that earned the band some notice in the acid punk world. *Pieces of the People We Love* combines shrill vocals with amazing bass, percussion and guitar. Those familiar with The Rapture's last album *Echoes*, will not be disappointed if they are looking for more of the same.

Guitarist/lead vocalist Luke Jenner is an oddity in his own way. His guitar playing is loose and unorthodox, with raspy, whiny vocals unlike other frontmen. Percussion is handled by two members of the band, Vito Roccoforte, who is the drummer, and Gabriel Andruzzi, who bangs the hell out of a cowbell when not playing the saxophone. Their bassist, Matt Safer, pulls the songs together with smooth-flowing bass riffs. Some of his riffs are not

complicated by any means, but still incredibly catchy and given the spotlight at times to build up parts of the songs.

Pieces of the People We Love begins with the track "Don Gon Do It," where the band members sing over and over again "High, high as the sky. Low, low as it goes." To many, the lack of talent for lyrics is The Rapture's greatest flaw, but if the purpose of listening to The Rapture is to dance, why would listeners be trying to absorb meaning behind their words? Last time I checked, "The Electric Slide" wasn't being lyrically dissected by patrons of dance parties across America. To me, The Rapture was called into action to make danceable tracks for everyone to enjoy, not comment on the social situation of the world. They know their place in music, and don't attempt more than that.

The album offers its fair share of amazing tracks, each of which lure the listener into the catchy riffs. The best tracks include: "Pieces of the People We Love," "Get Myself Into It," and my personal favorite "Whoo! Alright-Yeah...Uh Huh." The guitar in this tune is erratic and kicks in with



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a steady bass and amazing percussion support from cymbals and cowbell. Even lyrically, The Rapture shows some chops here, and it is equally a track that is easy to dance to.

This album is one listeners will either love or want to never experience again. It's funky, it's unorthodox and just bizarre, but it gets the job done. If you want to dance, I implore you to give it a listen; you won't leave unsatisfied. Even The Rapture wants to change the way people dance to music as they state in "Whoo! Alright-Yeah...Uh Huh," "People don't dance anymore, they just stand here like this: They cross their arms and stare you down and drink and moan and diss." Hopefully, this album can change that problem.



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Trendspotter: Menswear for women

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO
Beacon A&E Editor

Man! I feel like a woman. That Shania Twain song isn't exactly going through the heads of most young women as they attempt to don the latest menswear inspired pieces to hit stores this fall.

Menswear is no new idea in the fashion world (Diane Keaton popularized the look in *Annie Hall*, 1977), but the newest pieces available play on a different volume that has been omnipresent since the fall fashion shows last spring and can be a daunting look to pull off.



This year's version of "Menswear for women" offers a loose configuration of trousers, vests, tops, sweaters, jackets and even shoes and accessories whose design is inspired by a more masculine cut, fabric and overall feel. On the runway, these looks can be hot, but they don't always translate well to day-to-day life. Factor in the new boxy and

wide volumes that showed up in many pieces on practically every runway and there is plenty of potential for being labeled a "fashion victim."

One classic piece that falls into not only the menswear category but also displays this new volume is the wide-leg trouser. Available in every texture and print, from herringbone to

pinstripe, this pant can have a streamlined effect when paired with the right top. When it comes to fashion, we hear the word "balance" constantly, but it couldn't be more necessary than when wearing a very heavy, wide piece like these trousers. The silhouette on top should be feminine enough to still show curves and should probably be much more fitted, like a ladylike cardigan or fitted button-down blouse with elegant detailing. A piece that perfectly balances the masculinity of the pants is a super-feminine tie-neck blouse. Think sexy secretary circa 1972. If you're daring and confident, you may be able to pull off a wide, boxy jacket on top, as some of the models in the fall shows did, but do so at your own risk.

Another piece that has become somewhat of a fashion staple this season is the grandpa cardigan. As the



name implies, this sweater is oversized and is truly a menswear inspired piece. Perfect for those days when you grudgingly roll out of bed and barely have enough time to grab a coffee let alone put together an outfit, the long, cozy cardigan looks sleek and put together when cinched at the waist with either a delicate or chunky belt. If you're not already completely sick of them, leggings or skinny jeans are great complements to the bulkiness of the sweater. For those of us who do not wish to bring the 80's back, menswear inspired trousers can also work with this type of cardigan, but only if the accessories lend a feminine quality to the outfit.

Platform shoes have made their rounds again in the trends cycle and are a great complement to any menswear piece. They automatically add femininity and style to an ensemble and allow the wearer to participate in a trend without taking too much of a risk.

If you manage to balance out the masculine pieces with feminine classics, you won't be able to get that Shania song out of your head for the rest of the day. Admit it, you kind of like it anyway.



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What's Happening

Monday, October 2

- "The Taming of the Shrew" at King's College at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3

- "The Taming of the Shrew" at King's College at 7:30 p.m.

- The Let Go performing at Slainte

Wednesday, October 4

- Alesana, Crash Romeo, Across Five Aprils, and The Finalists performing at Back stage at 6 p.m.

Thursday, October 5

- Under-21 night at Nightcaps, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Friday, October 6

- "Mischief at the Mansion" at Arts Youniverse (all day)

- Murder, Mayhem and History: a Chilling Tour of Downtown at the Wilkes Barre Historical Society Museum at 7 p.m.

- Sw!ms, A-Sides, Doses and the Mishaps performing at Cafe Metropolis at 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 7

- 21 Rounds, Maddog Surrender, Arsenal Mayhem, and Ambergris performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

- Murder, Mayhem and History: a Chilling Tour of Downtown at the Wilkes Barre Historical Society Museum at 7 p.m.

- Englebert Humperdinck at the FM Kirby Center at 7:30 p.m.

- September Sky, Title Fight, Coals to Newcastle, and The Latest in a Series of Mis takes performing at Cafe Metropolis at 8 p.m.

- Nate Hosie and Maybe Someday performing at Slainte at 11 p.m.

Sunday, October 8

- A Change of Pace, The Finals, The Morning Of, and Belvedere performing at Back stage at 6 p.m.

- Lewis Black performing at the Martz Gym at 7 pm

Banned Books Week



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Banned Books Week was held last week. Sponsored by the English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta, events included a reading in the Henry Student Center of books that have been banned throughout history. Senior English and education major Amanda McMahon is pictured reading in front of the Rifkin Cafe.

COMMENTARY

NHL Preview: A look at the upcoming season

Could this be the year for the Sabres?

BY KEVIN REED
Beacon Staff Writer

Lace up the skates and fire up the zambonies. The 2006-07 regular season is right around the corner.

The last time we left the NHL, the Carolina Hurricanes were celebrating their Stanley Cup victory in seven games over the Edmonton Oilers.

Last season marked one of significant change in the National Hockey League.

Coming off an extended lockout that nixed the entire 2004-05 season, hockey fought its way back into the limelight with rules changes that increased scoring and overall speed of the game. This year, the NHL is set to build off of its renaissance season a year ago. All 30 teams are retooled, re-energized and ready for the first drop of the puck, when the search for this year's champion begins.

Let's start by looking at the Eastern Conference. Co-MVP from last season, New York Rangers winger Jaromir Jagr, is looking to help his team recover from a very disappointing first round playoff sweep at the hands of the New Jersey Devils. The Rangers have added long-time Red Wing Brendan Shanahan to the mix, which should only solidify an already potent offensive attack coming out of Madison Square this season.

Another team looking to continue forward progress from last season is the Ottawa Senators. Pushed by offensive leaders Daniel Alfredsson, Dany Heatley and youngster Jason Spezza, there is no doubt the Senators will score enough to win. Their Achilles' heels have always been defense and toughness. And with last year's top defenseman, giant 6'9" Zdeno Chara, playing his games in Boston this season, Ottawa might have some trouble in those areas.

The dark-horse pick out of the East is the Tampa Bay Lightning. The '03-'04 champs seem to have most of the pieces in place to make a serious run at the Cup. They will need some young players to step up their

game if the Lightning want to strike twice. The Eastern Conference crown, no matter what, runs through Raleigh as the defending champs, the Carolina Hurricanes, are just as strong as last year's version.

Out in the Western Conference, co-MVP Joe Thornton of the San Jose Sharks is also looking to improve on their feigned romp through the post-season. The San Jose is another team with plenty of offensive firepower, but does little more than sneeze, and it's in their own net.

starter Manny Legace jumped ship to St. Louis, Detroit will have to do some experimenting in goal to get it right. The dark-horse pick out of the Western Conference would have to be the Calgary Flames. They always seem to just quietly go about their business and every year, they find themselves in the playoffs thanks to their defense-first approach.

Last season supplied one of the best rookie classes the NHL has ever seen and they are all looking forward to performing even

better in their sophomore campaigns. Led by Rookie-of-the-Year Alexander Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals and offensive magician Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins, both of whom scored over 100 points, last year's rookie crop will be hard to beat. Fellow Penguin Evgeni Malkin, who will miss at least the first four weeks of the season due to injury, is widely ex-

The Picks:

Eastern Conference

Northeast Division
Ottawa Senators
Buffalo Sabres
Toronto Maple Leafs
Montreal Canadiens
Boston Bruins

Southeast Division
Carolina Hurricanes
Tampa Bay Lightning
Washington Capitals
Florida Panthers
Atlanta Thrashers

Western Conference

Pacific Division
Dallas Stars
San Jose Sharks
Anaheim Ducks
Phoenix Coyotes
Los Angeles Kings

Central Division
Detroit Red Wings
Nashville Predators
St. Louis Blues
Chicago Blackhawks
Columbus Blue Jackets

Atlantic Division
New York Rangers
Philadelphia Flyers
New Jersey Devils
Pittsburgh Penguins
New York Islanders

Northwest Division
Edmonton Oilers
Calgary Flames
Vancouver Canucks
Colorado Avalanche
Minnesota Wild

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Art Ross (Top Scorer)
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Alexander Ovechkin, Washington Capitals
Daniel Briere, Buffalo Sabres
Miikka Kiprusoff, Calgary Flames
Jaromir Jagr, New York Rangers
Evgeni Malkin, Pittsburgh Penguins

When in the West, the Detroit Red Wings are habitually on the hunt. However, with some goaltending issues in Hockeytown as

pected to be the top rookie this season.

This season will mark the first consisting of an All-Star Game since the lockout. It will take place in Dallas in late January.

The first drop of the puck will be Wednesday, October 4 when the Buffalo Sabres face-off against the defending Stanley Cup champions, the Carolina Hurricanes. The game will be part of an opening-night doubleheader on Versus (formerly OLN, channel 35 on campus), with the nightcap featuring the Dallas Stars making a visit to the Pepsi Center to take on the Colorado Avalanche. For all you homers out there, the Philadelphia Flyers open up their schedule Thursday, October 5 on the road against the Pittsburgh Penguins.



NHL SCHEDULE

October 4th

Sabres vs Hurricanes 7:00 PM
Senators vs Maple Leafs 7:30 PM
Stars vs Avalanche 10:00 PM

October 5th

Maple Leafs vs Senators 7:00 PM
Islanders vs Coyotes 10:00 PM
Blackhawks vs Predators 8:00 PM
Capitals vs Rangers 7:00 PM
Canucks vs Red Wings 7:00 PM
Lightning vs Thrashers 7:00 PM
Flyers vs Penguins 7:30 PM
Blues vs Sharks 10:30 PM
Avalanche vs Wild 8:30 PM
Flames vs Oilers 10:00 PM

October 6th

Devils vs Hurricanes 7:00 PM
Canucks vs Blue Jackets 7:00 PM
Kings vs Ducks 10:00 PM
Bruins vs Panthers 7:30 PM
Canadiens vs Sabres 7:30 PM

October 7th

Canadiens vs Maple Leafs 7:00 PM
Sabres vs Senators 7:00 PM
Hurricanes vs Capitals 7:00 PM
Predators vs Wild 8:00 PM
Ducks vs Coyotes 10:00 PM
Devils vs Stars 8:00 PM
Panthers vs Thrashers 7:00 PM
Rangers vs Flyers 7:00 PM
Red Wings vs Penguins 7:30 PM
Bruins vs Lightning 7:30 PM
Islanders vs Sharks 10:30 PM
Blues vs Kings 10:30 PM
Blue Jackets vs Blackhawks 8:30 PM
Oilers vs Flames 10:00 PM

October 8th

Canucks vs Avalanche 8:00 PM

October 9th

Sharks vs Flames 8:00 PM
Blues vs Ducks 10:00 PM
Coyotes vs Blue Jackets 7:00 PM
Panthers vs Maple Leafs 7:30 PM
Thrashers vs Lightning 7:30 PM

October 10th

Flyers vs Rangers 7:00 PM
Islanders vs Kings 10:30 PM
Canucks vs Wild 9:00 PM

Wellness program sees faculty and staff hitting the pavement

Participants have logged 30,000 miles in the first six weeks

BY TIM JONES

Beacon Staff Writer

Faculty, staff and administration at both Wilkes University and King's College are taking a walk to a healthier lifestyle.

Employees from both schools have now hit the halfway mark in a 12-week wellness challenge, in which competitors keep track of the number of miles they walk over the period of time and compete in teams for prizes. The program's goal is to increase physical activity, promote a healthy lifestyle, and inform the public about the benefits that a small amount of exercise, every day, can have.

The competition kicked off August 10 on the Wilkes-Barre Public Square with a pep rally-like ceremony involving the schools' respective mascots and rally leaders Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tom Leighton, King's President Rev. Thomas O'Hara and interim Provost Dr. Bernard Graham representing Wilkes. The competition will end on November 2, and the winner of the grand prize

drawing will be announced during the Wilkes v. King's football game on November 11 at 1 p.m.

The more than 400 employees participating in the event are separated into teams of five to eight. Each day the teams log the average number of miles walked, measured by a pedometer carried by each person. At the end of the 12-week period, the school with the highest average of miles walked will be declared the Wellness Champion. Both institutions are encouraging competitors to walk at least ten miles every week. Prizes, ranging from movie tickets to gift certificates, are awarded weekly to the highest performer of the given week. Each team is also entered into a grand prize drawing, which has yet to be decided.

Through the first six weeks of Walking with Wilkes the teams have walked 29,794.95 miles, but this is not as much as King's, who has beat Wilkes through results released for the first three weeks.

Brigid Peet, Human Resources Coordinator and Wilkes spokesperson for the



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Faculty and staff are able to track their steps during the day by using a pedometer.

Walking with Wilkes competition, said, "The program promotes healthy activity and friendly competition between schools. It promotes school pride...Exercise is proven to reduce stress, heart disease, high blood pressure and stroke. Every step counts toward a healthier lifestyle."

For Wilkes' students and employees, the school provides free memberships to the Wilkes Barre YMCA and access to the 3,000 square-foot fitness room in the Marts Cen-

ter, which includes over two dozen cardio machines and a full supplement of weight training equipment. In addition, the newly constructed 38,000 square foot University Center on Main, or UCOM, provides students with tennis courts, basketball, a two-lane track and a rock climbing wall.

"Just the sheer number of employees that are participating in [the program] show it is highly successful," stated Christine Sietzinger, one of the team captains for Wilkes.

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GAME OF THE WEEK

NFL: Dallas Cowboys versus Philadelphia Eagles

The T.O. show rolls into the City of Brotherly Love

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Welcome to the T.O. Show, otherwise known as the Dallas Cowboys' 2006 season.

For those of you who thought, "I Love Me Some Me: the Terrell Owens Story" couldn't get any more melodramatic, over-the-top, or just downright ridiculous, prepare to be surprised.

On Tuesday night, football fans were given word that Owens, the Cowboys' star wide receiver, was rushed to the hospital following an allergic reaction to medication he was given for surgery he received earlier in the week.

No one had any idea of the circus that was to follow in the next twenty-four hours.

On Wednesday, September 27, it was reported that it wasn't an allergic reaction, but instead it was an overdose suicide attempt.

During the next several hours, the news-wire was abuzz with several reports about what really happened.

First, it was revealed that Owens' publicist made the initial call after he appeared to be non-responsive after taking too many pills. Then the paramedics arrived and determined they needed to take him to the emergency room. The police were there, too, claiming that Owens' did indeed answer "Yes" when asked if he was trying to harm himself.

A few hours later, Owens was released from the hospital and then proceeded to treat the nation to a press conference, at which he denied the entire suicide story and claimed that he was just a bit groggy when his pain medicine reacted with supplements he was taking, all while having a great big smile on his face.

Kim Etheredge, the aforementioned publicist, thoroughly embarrassed herself during her press conference, saying such things as, "He has 25 million reasons to live," referring to the \$25 million contract that Owens signed with the Cowboys.

If things couldn't get any more circus-like, Dallas head coach Bill Parcells had his turn at a press conference, and seemed to be just as confused as the rest of the nation, at one point saying, "I don't know what the hell is going on."

For Dallas fans, the question is: "What did we get ourselves into?"

For Philadelphia fans, the question is: "Will Owens play on Sunday, October 8?"

It's one of the most highly anticipated games of the season for either team, as it marks another chapter in one of the NFL's better rivalries, and more importantly, it marks the return of Terrell Owens to Philadelphia, less than a year after he was essentially run out of town.

Owens, who signed with the Philadelphia Eagles in 2004, was poised to be the one who delivered the City of Brotherly Love to its first major sports championship since 1983.

He was well on his way to doing that, and despite an injury that caused him to miss the last two games of the regular season and the first three rounds of the playoffs, the Eagles still made it to Super Bowl XL to play the New England Patriots.

Despite having 9 receptions for 122 yards, Owens' performance was overshadowed by a very mundane Philadelphia performance, which culminated in the 4th quarter "collapse" of quarterback Donovan McNabb. The Eagles were defeated by the Patriots, which led to the eventually calling out of McNabb at the hand of Owens.

The following season, the controversy continued when Owens demanded more money from Philadelphia, which was followed by Owens commenting that the Eagles would be much better with a quarterback other than McNabb in the huddle.

Shortly thereafter, due to his controversial behavior, Owens was suspended from the Eagles for four games, which soon resulted in the NFL ruling that Philadelphia could bench him for the remainder of the season, and his tenure with the Eagles was officially ended on March 14, 2006 when he was released from his contract.

It was only four days later that the rival

Cowboys signed Owens to a three year contract, thus setting in motion a match up that rivals the Red Sox/Yankees competition.

Despite all the controversy and fanfare, both teams must realize that this is only week four of a long season, and that there is a lot more football to play.

Philadelphia will be looking to rebound from its 2005 performance against Dallas, in which it lost both games. The Eagles look to do so on the arm of Donovan McNabb, who is back behind the center after spending most of last year on the sidelines due to injuries.

McNabb, who is performing well in the early part of the season, will be looking to target Donte Stallworth and L.J. Smith for the downfield assault, while Brian Westbrook will be taking the majority

of the handoffs from scrimmage.

Dallas quarterback Drew Bledsoe, however, isn't having as much success leading his offense, despite having Owens and veteran receiver Terry Glenn as targets. The backfield doesn't fare much better, as young running back Julius Jones will look to penetrate a somewhat tame Philadelphia defense.

If there is one advantage to the Dallas offense, it was the off season signing of kicker Mike Vanderjagt, who is one of the best kickers in the game.

The key to the game is the Dallas defense, which currently is one of the better defenses in the NFC. The Cowboys need to shut down McNabb and Westbrook and give their offense a chance to put the ball in Vanderjagt's capable feet.

Ultimately, the return of T.O. to Philadelphia will be nothing more than an opportunity to hear some very loud boos. Expect Owens to make one or two plays, but don't be surprised if his injured hand comes into play more than he cares to admit.

The pick: Philadelphia: 28, Dallas: 17

Double Take

Andee examines the stats that truly matter...

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

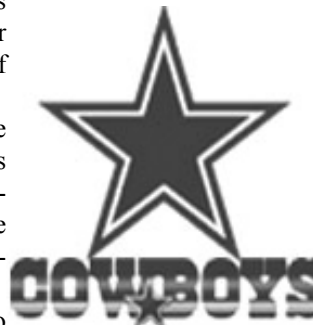
I'm a little biased, guys. I always hated the Eagles. Every year they try and try, and every year thousands of Pennsylvanians sulk in their chairs as the Eagles disappoint everyone once again.

I've had enough. The Eagles just need to stop playing altogether.

If you guys wanted a nice prediction for this game, you aren't getting one. The Eagles are going to lose because I said so! I've got my connections. It's going to be rigged.

I'm glad T.O. decided to switch over to the Cowboys. If he stayed with the Eagles any longer, he might have done something stupid like, oh, I don't know, tried to commit suicide. Oh, wait...

Anyway, as for the Cowboys, I've heard everything's big in Texas. So, yeah, "Save a Horse. Ride a Cowboy!"



Athlete of the Week:

Steve Uhas

BY ARIEL COHEN

Beacon Sports Editor

He gets the ball, looks, sets up the shot, shoots and he scores. He shoots and he scores. He shoots and he scores.

A little redundant, but the goals scored were essential to the men's soccer team last week and were the accomplishment that led to senior forward Steve Uhas being named *Beacon* Athlete of the Week.

Scoring one goal during a game in soccer is a big deal but scoring three times in a single game is nearly unheard of unless you happened to attend the Wilkes game against cross-town rival King's College.

Uhas got the ball rolling for the Colonels early in the first half of the game after receiving a pass from Andy Curry and placed his first goal of the day in the back of the net. Then less than 20 minutes later in the 28th minute of the match, Uhas took the ball

all by himself and drained his second goal to make the score 2-0. Uhas would make it a triple for the day adding his third goal of the game about 10 minutes into the second half of an assist from Greg Miller.

"Anytime you score three goals it's big, especially against your rival," said Mike Bridy about Uhas's performance.

Uhas was not going to settle for three goals for the week, though, as he would keep things moving during the 2-1 double overtime win against Susquehanna.

Sophomore forward, Matt Santarelli said, "Uhas has a lot of leadership skill and is always the 'go to guy.' Besides that, you want to try and get the ball to him because he will make something happen."

Uhas who leads the team with shots on goals and a total of five goals on the season heads back to the field on Tuesday as the team plays host to Messiah College.



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Wilkes senior forward Steve Uhas scores and scores against the opposition on the field.



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Several Wilkes students participated in a pick-up game of football on the greenway this past week. The greenway is a year-round arena for sports among students.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Women's Tennis

The Wilkes University women's tennis team finished Freedom Conference play unbeaten for the first time in school history after notching a 7-2 win over Drew University on Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Colonels, who will be the number-one seed and will host the Freedom Conference playoffs on October 14 and 15, improved to 11-0 overall and 6-0 in the conference. Drew fell to 2-5 overall and 2-4 in the conference.

Men's Soccer

Wilkes University improved to 3-0 in Freedom Conference men's soccer play with a tough 1-0 win over Delaware Valley College on Saturday afternoon. The win improves the Colonels to 8-2 overall, while the Aggies fall to 0-10 overall and 0-3 in the conference.

Wilkes held a 25-13 advantage in shots, while also securing a 9-3 edge in corner kicks. Colonels' goalkeeper Dominik Proctor picked up his fourth shutout win of the year by stopping five shots. Steve Richtmyer had 13 saves in goal for Delaware Valley.

Women's Soccer

Wilkes University notched an important 2-1 Freedom Conference women's soccer win over DeSales University on Saturday afternoon. The win improves the Lady Colonels to 7-2-1 overall and 2-0-1 in conference play. DeSales sees their overall record fall to 3-7 and their conference mark slip to 1-2.

Wilkes held a commanding 19-5 shots advantage. The Lady Colonels were also able to gain a 3-2 edge in corner kicks. Wilkes goalkeeper Liz Pauly was not required to make a save. Kelly Hinkle had eight stops in goal for DeSales.

Women's Volleyball

The Wilkes University volleyball team posted a 2-1 record to finish in third-place at the Hunter College Tournament on Saturday.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

77

Assists handed out by Nicole Hahn at the Hunter College Volleyball Tournament on Saturday.

4

Number of shutout wins so far this season for goalie Dominik Proctor.

11

Wins by the women's tennis team after beating Drew University 7-2 on Saturday to remain unbeaten both overall and in conference play.

19

Shots on goal for the Lady Colonels soccer team in Saturday's 2-1 win over DeSales.

Preview of the Week: Football vs Lycoming

BY CARLTON HOLMES
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Imagine this. There is nowhere to park, because tailgating parties are all over the parking lot. Thousands of faithful fans are screaming as the opening kick-off sails into the air. Fans are so faithful that they are afraid to grab a hot dog, because they might lose their seat in the crowded stands.

Penn State v. Notre Dame? No. Wilkes University v. Lycoming this weekend.

Ladies and gentlemen, expect that atmosphere and more as the Colonels football team hosts the Lycoming Warriors at Ralston Field before alumni, current student, faculty and football fans.

The last time the Colonels played at home they gave the fans a reason to run onto the field, posting an exciting 14-7 overtime win against Delaware Valley, and putting them at a comfortable 4-0 record. The Colonels will look to repeat that effort as they take on the evenly matched Lycoming Warriors.

"I believe what is essential in beating Lycoming is playing as a team. Lycoming has a very good defense and can make plays on offense," said Wilkes quarterback Allan Karaffa. To this point in the season, the Colonels have certainly been playing as a team, holding their opponents to less than two touchdowns per contest and scoring a total of 98 points in their first four games.

But those numbers haven't contributed to an over-confident team. In fact, the Colonels are looking to make improvements that will lead to a more dangerous attack. Middle Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year Frank Sheptock stated, "We need to concentrate on ourselves, and fix on areas that we could improve from the first four games."

The Colonels are now ranked 16th in the nation and their 3-0 record in the conference puts Wilkes first overall, while the Warriors are fourth in the conference with a 2-1 record. Dating back to last season, the Warriors have won seven of eight games by no more

than a touchdown per game, which coaches and players both predict will result in a hard body contest between the two teams.

"Defensively they are very strong and they try to take away what you do best," said Sheptock. With a balanced offensive attack, and a defense that is willing to shut just about any team down, Wilkes looks to strike a balance that will keep the Warriors guessing all day long.

Franklin, New Jersey native, Kurt Dunbar, stated, "Coach Sheptock is preparing us very well for the homecoming game just like he does for every game. He is preparing us mentally and physically so that we will be prepared for anything that they throw at us."

The Colonels evidently have reaped great results from Sheptock's preparation, and will be looking to victimize any opponent. Strap on your seatbelts, and get ready for an intense ride as the Colonels look to drive down the field against the Warriors at Ralston Field on Saturday October 7.



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Wilkes senior running back Tom Andreopoulos (8) will lead the charge against Lycoming on October 7th.

Campus Calendar

All Week

*Penumbra Exhibition, Sor-doni Art Gallery

Monday (10/2)

*Women's tennis vs. Baptist Bible - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday (10/3)

*Men's soccer vs. Messiah - 4:00 p.m.

*Field hockey vs. St. Vincent - 4:30 p.m.

*Pep rally

Wednesday (10/4)

*Women's volleyball @ Delaware Valley - 7:00 p.m.

*Women's soccer @ Kean -

7:30 p.m.

Thursday (10/5)

*Will the Real Affirmative Action Please Stand Up?, HSC Lobby - 8:30 a.m.

*Depression Screening Day hosted by Psi Chi, HSC - 11 a.m.

*Women's tennis vs. Philadelphia Bible - 3:30 p.m.

*Field Hockey @ William Patterson - 7:00 p.m.

Friday (10/6)

*Homecoming, Various locations - All Day

Saturday (10/7)

*Homecoming, Various locations - All Day

*Women's soccer @ FDU-Florham - 1:00 p.m.

*Field Hockey vs. FDU-Florham - 1:00 p.m.

*Football vs. Lycoming - 1:00 p.m.

*Men's soccer vs. FDU-Florham - 1:00 p.m.

*Women's volleyball @ Montclair State/William Patterson - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday (10/8)

*Homecoming, Various locations - All Day

*Lewis Black in Concert, Marts Gym - 7:00 p.m.

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There was no winner this week.