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University confirms first case of H1N1

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Online Editor

Wilkes University confirmed its first case of H1N1 virus, or swine flu, on Thursday.

Mark Allen, dean of Student Affairs, said, "In order to insure the privacy of the individual involved I do not wish to address specific, identifying questions. The student was seen and tested for the H1N1 virus at University Health and Wellness Services."

Allen added that health services has the capability to test for the H1N1 virus, but it takes time to identify the virus.

"Preliminary tests are able to identify whether or not a student has a flu virus," said Allen. "A more specific diagnosis of H1N1 requires additional testing and time. Students who test positive to the preliminary test and present swine flu-like symptoms are asked to self-isolate by returning home until the symptoms have cleared."

He added that several Wilkes students have been tested for the virus.

Diane O'Brien, director of Health and Wellness Services, said none of the other tested students' results came back positive.

She added that Wilkes is on the Federal Government's list to receive and distribute the H1N1 vaccine, but there was no set date for delivery or the start of distribution.

Allen said he urges students to take preventative measures to keep everyone healthy.

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Onorato announced candidacy for Governor

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The Beacon/Jacqueline Lukas

Dan Onorato stopped by Wilkes University during his recent public campaign to officially announce his running for the position of Governor of Pennsylvania. Onorato is shown meeting with students, faculty and public officials about his candidacy.

Dan Onorato came to Wilkes University on Wednesday, October 7 to officially announce his candidacy for governor of Pennsylvania. Due to the weather, Onorato moved his announcement from the River Commons to the lounge in the Henry Student Center. Approximately 45 people attended.

Onorato, 48, is the chief executive of Allegheny County, the second largest county in the state with 1.2 million people.

"When I came into office, the City of Pittsburgh was filing for bankruptcy," said Onorato. "Today, [Pittsburgh] is now a model for the country and the world to follow."

During his six years as the chief executive of Allegheny County, Onorato downsized his staff by 540 people, cut property taxes in his first year, and saw unemployment rates drop 2.2 percent lower than the national average.

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Pre-med students to present research at conference

BY NICOLE FRAIL
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After approximately a year and a half of conducting research alongside Dr. Linda Gutierrez, junior pre-med majors Derek Nye and Konstantina Papatomas will travel to Hollywood, Florida, to present their findings at the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation's Clinical and Research Conference in December. This year's topic is Advances in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD).

During the spring semester of Nye and Papatomas's freshman year, they each chose to assist Gutierrez, assistant professor of biology, in her ongoing research into colorectal carcinogenesis, or the transition from normal cells to cancerous cells located in the colon.

"[Tina and I] have been working with IBD in mice," said Nye. "Ultimately the end point to this is to find a cure... We are looking to see how IBD affects the colon

and colorectal cancer and what drugs we can administer, and what therapies we can administer, to alleviate the disease."

Before the team can come close to finding a cure, however, they must first identify factors that help fight the disease and along with those that make the disease worse. To do this, mice that lack Thrombospondin 1, an anti-angiogenic protein, are used in the

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Giunta '05 joins Alumni Relations staff as associate director

BY RACHEL LEGGIERI

Correspondent

Bridget Giunta '05 recently accepted a position as the associate director of Alumni Relations, one that allows her to do what she loves—stay active in the Wilkes community and be a big help to Wilkes's alumni and students.

Before deciding to return to Wilkes, Giunta worked in the Mayor's office in the City of Wilkes-Barre for four years as an administrative coordinator—a position that resulted from an internship experience during her tenure as an undergraduate communication studies major at Wilkes. There she handled things such as public relations and media coordination.

"I enjoyed what I did at the city, but I always kept my eye open for new types of challenges," she said.

When Giunta heard about the opening at Wilkes, she instantly knew it was the type of "new chal-

lenge" she was looking for.

"I've been involved with the Alumni Association since I was a student and I continued to connect with them after graduation," she said.

Mirko Widenhorn, director of Alumni Relations, said that Giunta has a perspective that could be beneficial to the Alumni office.

"Being a Wilkes alumna, Bridget can bring a different perspective to our office," he said. "She brings a strong constituent-focused orientation, which is a key element in working with some of our 30,000 alumni."

A big part of Giunta's position involves communication between the students and Wilkes alumni.

"Primarily, I serve as a connection between recent graduates and current students," she said. "I'm concerned about getting the current students involved, which will hopefully make them an active part of the alumni community

when they graduate."

Giunta added, "A lot of people who have graduated and gone out into different fields are always willing to come back and share their experiences with the students. I feel that's very beneficial because it's nice to hear it from someone who has actually lived it."

Another major part of Giunta's position is planning many of the events around campus, one being Homecoming.

"Planning events is something I've always loved to do," she explained. "It's another part of the job that makes it that much more enjoyable."

Giunta said that the work done by Alumni Services is something that is very important to the Wilkes community in helping graduates get more from their diploma than just an education.

"It's important to get the word out to students who have graduat-



The Beacon/Melanie Thomas

Giunta's (right) first event at Wilkes was organizing the Homecoming Parade, working with students to line-up participants.

ed from Wilkes who may not have visited back very often," she said. "There are so many great things going on here that they might not be aware of, so it's always nice to re-introduce people to campus who may not have been here in a while."

Giunta said she immediately felt comfortable in her environment, and explained it wasn't hard for

her to find a few familiar faces around the workplace.

"It has been a pleasure to have Bridget on our team," added Widenhorn. "She has made an immediate impact in our office through her dedication to Wilkes and our alumni. In her first week, she has already become a key member of our staff."

Pre-law society to host mock law school lecture in October

BY CATHRYN FREAR

Staff Writer

The Wilkes Pre-Law Society will be hosting a mock law school lecture on Thursday October 29 at 11 a.m. in Breiseth room 107 for any students interested in pursuing a career in law.

Dr. Robert Mensel, a professor at St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami, is presenting the lecture, as well as helping prepare materials for the attendees. According to Loren Prescott, dean of the law school planning initiative, "[Mensel] is in the process now of

preparing a one-hour course for all of the students who participate."

Prior to this year's mock law class, Dr. Kyle Kreider, advisor to the pre-law society and political science professor, used to take his pre-law advisees to a nearby law school every year, where they would sit in on a live class.

This year, instead of taking students away from campus, the law school experience will come to them.

The event will be a realistic law classroom setting and will demonstrate the differences between

undergraduate and law school classes.

"They will engage in more of a dialogue between the professor and other students, just like a law school," said Prescott. "It will be less like a lecture and more of a discussion."

Kreider hopes it will help those on the fence make the choice as to whether they want to actually enroll in law school.

"Law school is expensive. A lot of students don't know whether they want to attend, so if they get a small piece of what law school is

like, maybe it will help them in the decision making process," Kreider said.

Participants will be given material to study ahead of time so that they know what topics they will discuss when it comes time for the lecture.

"Since I was about 12, I wanted to be a lawyer," said Tara Kennedy, a junior political science major and secretary of Wilkes's pre-law society. "I want to attend the event because I feel it will be a great opportunity to get a first-hand experience of what it will be like in law

school."

Any students who would like to attend are welcome, even those not enrolled at Wilkes. At the moment, King's College students are expected to be in attendance. Four other surrounding schools have also been invited to participate.

"Initially [Kreider's] idea was to put on a program for Wilkes students," said Prescott. "Because this is an unusual program [...] I suggested we reach out to the other neighboring schools to see if their pre-law societies might have an interest."

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study.

“We have a specific strain of mice that relates closely to humans in this aspect of the disease,” said Nye. “We are administering a specific, natural protein to the mice to find out if it improves the disease at all.”

According to Gutierrez, the experiment is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Under the NIH’s guidelines, the use of mice in the experiment is acceptable as long as certain standards regarding the care of the animals are followed. For example, there are limitations to how long the mice are allowed to be uncomfortable due to the results of the experiment.

“Without animal studies, [humans] would not be as healthy as we are right now,” said Gutierrez.

According to Nye, the study is not yet complete but the team has turned up some “interesting results that show a trend.”

While the experiment allows Gutierrez to continue her research in her field of study, undergraduate participation in the process allows Nye and Papathomas to develop laboratory skills that many students their age across the country do not acquire until graduate school.

“We make a lot of microscope slides of tissues,” explained Papathomas. “That’s part of histology. A lot of people in the science world don’t know how to do that, and I learned how to do that when I was a sophomore in my undergrad career.”

She added, “You learn a lot of techniques, and you also learn how to not know what you’re going to get out of your results...

When you do research independently, you don’t have someone watching over you and you don’t know what’s going to happen, for example, to the mice. We don’t know when we look under the microscope if the cancer is going to be reduced or if it’s going to appear.”

Another thing juniors in college do not often get to experience is the chance to display the results of their own research at a professional conference. Through the representation of Nye, Papathomas, and Gutierrez, Wilkes will be the only undergraduate institution participating in the conference in Hollywood, Florida.

“It’s an amazing meeting because they could actually see doctors who were dedicated to basic research and clinical research,” said Gutierrez. “They can also see how the findings of basic research are used to improve the lives of patients.”

Gutierrez also emphasized the importance of interacting with professionals in the medical field, including pharmaceutical companies.

“It is both a clinical and research track conference, meaning there will be clinicians, doctors, professionals, as well as academics and professors, approaching the disease from both sides,” said Nye. “It’ll be a great networking opportunity for us. Not only for myself and Tina, but for the Wilkes community, as well.”

Papathomas agreed and added, “Because we’re both planning on being physicians in the future, we think that it’s a great opportunity for us to be able to see both the lab work involved in treating these types of diseases and cancers as well as the interaction between the physician and the patient. You

taxpayers,” he said.

Community colleges are also important to Onorato’s campaign. He said that it’s important to recognize that not all people need a four-year degree or may want technical training. Onorato has re-vamped the community colleges in his area and would like to see it done state-wide.

Onorato will make four-year colleges and universities a priority because, he said, a student’s financial situation should never be the reason that they do not attend college. He would like to make it financially affordable for students, and would like to see students come out of the experience without a lifetime’s worth of debt.

“I’m going to stay focused on a goal that [college] has to remain affordable,” said Onorato.

Onorato wants to retain young people in Pennsylvania by creating jobs. He said that currently, Pittsburgh is retaining young people better than Boston because jobs are being created.



The Beacon/ Kerri Frail

Derek Nye and Konstantina Papathomas have been working on their inflammatory bowel disease research with Dr. Gutierrez since the spring of their freshman year.

get the benefit of both worlds by going to this conference.”

Nye, Papathomas, and Gutierrez will travel to Florida in early December to present the results of their research. Upon returning to the northeast, they plan to wrap up their

experiment and continue to work together to write a paper on their findings. The ultimate goal is to publish the paper in a peer-review journal. An abstract about their experiment will appear in an upcoming issue of The Journal of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases.

ONORATO

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He said that all of these accomplishments were achieved by challenging his own staff and changing the status quo.

Onorato’s goal is to make the state a good, business-friendly setting. He also wants to focus on the environment with smart, sustainable growth. Onorato said he wants to have good jobs and a clean environment.

Onorato also explained his plan for education.

“First of all, education is going to be one of the top four priorities of what I’m going to focus on as governor,” said Onorato. “It’s going to be a broad range of issues but there are three key areas: early childhood... community colleges... and finally, four-year colleges and universities.”

Onorato believes that early childhood education is important because he wants to get children into the learning phase earlier.

“It’s better for [children], it’s better for the

Although Onorato did not address issues concerning the state budget in his official announcement, he does have a plan for what he would do if placed in the situation.

“As governor, the pledge that I can make is that if I’m in a situation where the legislature does not pass a bill and was not signed on time, July 1, the first day of the new year, I will take the position that there is no budget, nobody gets paid including the governor, including the legislature, and including any other agency,” said Onorato. “This keeps the pressure on and makes everyone stay in Harrisburg.”

Onorato’s experience in Pittsburgh is vital to his campaign for governor of Pennsylvania. Onorato said he had cut jobs with “duplicated government” which means that the people were doing the same jobs within Allegheny County’s government system. This job cut made the system more efficient and less expensive. There were also five 911 centers in Allegheny County that Onorato cut down to one, saving the county \$5 mil-

lion on a yearly basis.

“You know, you judge people by their performance,” said Clayton Karambelas, Wilkes University alumni board of trustees member. “It sounds like he did a wonderful job in Pittsburgh and I hope we can get someone like that [as governor].”

Mayor Thomas M. Leighton had similar views on Onorato’s track record.

“I think Dan has a fantastic record,” said Mayor Thomas M. Leighton. “His problems in Allegheny County are similar [to those] in the City of Wilkes-Barre. He is a true leader in the state of Pennsylvania.”

Going into the race, Onorato feels confident.

“I’ve been in a lot of tough races in my life,” said Onorato. “I look at races as a competitive competition. I know what I have to do to put together a good campaign. I look forward to meeting the people of Pennsylvania and I’m going to be campaigning hard.”

SG purchased new chips for Casino Night atmosphere

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS

News Editor

On September 30, Student Government reported that new clay poker chips were purchased for their upcoming bi-annual Casino Night.

On average, about 350-400 students attend Casino Night.

Benjamin Beidel, treasurer of student government, said he purchased 25,000 chips for \$4,593.23 plus shipping and handling. He purchased the chips from inkhead.com, which recently made it to #560 of Inc. 5000's fastest growing private companies.

The Student Government logo was placed on the clay chips because Beidel and Nicholas Koch, president of student government, both agreed that if the Wilkes University logo was on the chips, it would have become more of a collector's item.

Beidel added that he wants to make the night feel like more of a casino atmosphere to add excitement about the event.

The money for the chips was allocated from last year's buffer fund.

David Sborz, former vice president of stu-

dent government, created a committee to decide what should be done with the buffer fund. The committee was made up of students from different majors and years, which would, in turn, bring different ideas to the table, explained Koch.

The plastic chips that Student Government was using for previous Casino Nights were purchased before Koch and Beidel attended Wilkes University.

"The problem with the generic plastic chips is that students keep bringing their own, which isn't fair to students [who don't]," said Beidel.

Beidel explained that Student Government used to have one box of chips, and currently, they have two boxes. This means that the chips kept accumulating over the years from students continuously bringing their own chips, in the hope of winning the expensive prizes.

"I haven't finalized all the prizes yet, but usually we have around \$10,000 worth," said Beidel. "I haven't purchased all the prizes yet, but I'm hoping to change up the prizes a little bit. I'm also going to make sure everyone has enough food and

drinks."

The money for Casino Night prizes are paid through an allocation of this year's budget, explained Beidel. The budget is voted on by the board.

Koch explained that making the event professional is important.

"We want to give every student the same opportunity to win the prizes; these new chips will help us do that," Koch said.

Beidel agreed, "We want to even the playing field in terms of prizes, because in the past, people may have taken advantage of the chips."

In addition to creating a fairer playing field, Koch, Beidel and Greg Castelli, vice president of Student Government, agreed that renting Casino Night items was becoming costly and purchasing the chips was a capital investment.

"It was costing [Student Government] about \$2,400 to rent tables and chips before everything was purchased. The rented [items] were not good quality," said Castelli.

Student Government has purchased numerous items for Casino nights including 16 blackjack tables, a roulette wheel and now,

the clay poker chips.

Table covers, used only for storage, will be purchased because they are important to the protection of the tables, also purchased by Student Government explained Koch. The money for the table covers was also allocated by last year's buffer fund.

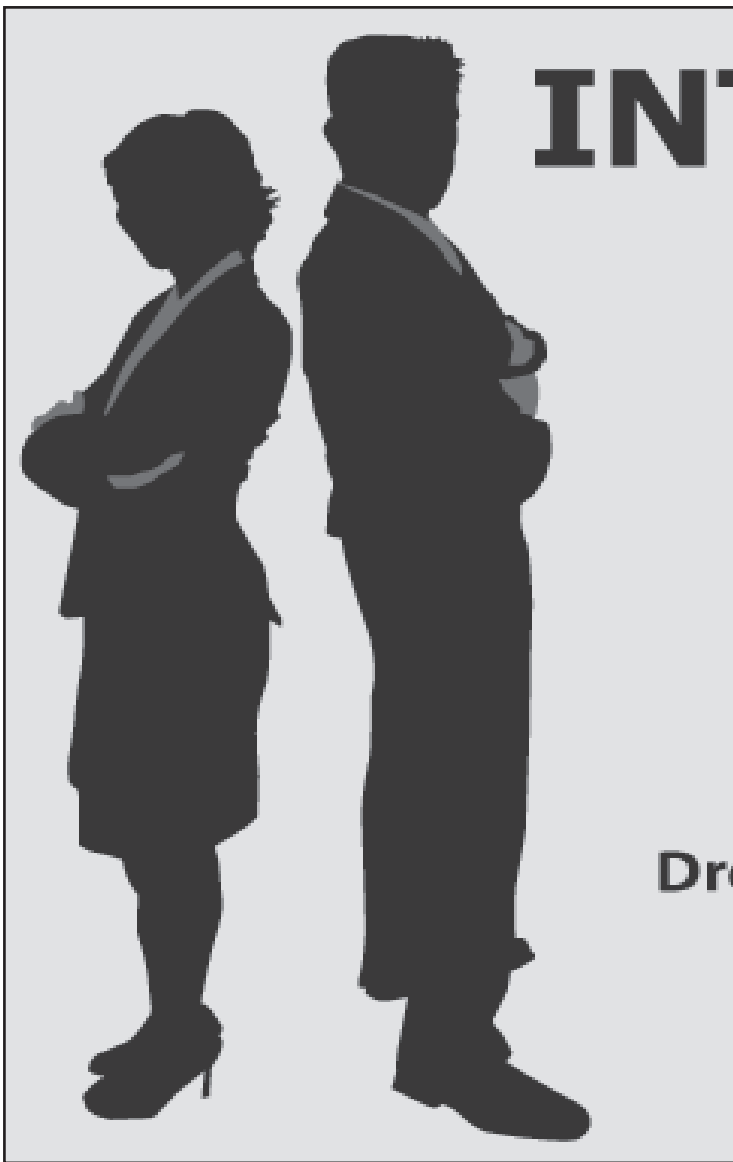
Any money not spent from the purchase of the poker chips and table covers will be placed back into the buffer fund for this year.

"The chips are not only used at Casino Night, but also during orientation and Texas Hold 'Em tournaments," said Beidel.

Clubs funded by Student Government can use anything that SG has purchased, like the Casino Night items.

This semester, Casino Night will be held on November 21.

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Wilkes to host fourth annual internship fair

BY APRIL BIELINSKI

Correspondent

Wilkes University's Career Services Department will host the fourth annual Internship Fair on Wednesday, October 22.

The fair, which is sponsored by Cooperative Education and Internships, will take place in the Henry Student Center's lobby on the first floor. This event will run from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Students interested in interning during the spring or summer of this upcoming year are encouraged to attend. Appointments are available to students who wish to create their resumé with Sharon Castano, coordinator for Student Development.

The purpose of this event is to help students learn to "sell" themselves to a potential employer.

"The opportunity for face-to-face interaction with prospective employers offers students the ability to see how they will work with different companies, and be able to find out what type of work interests them," Castano said.

The companies or businesses attending the fair are strictly interested in Wilkes Uni-

versity students, which is an advantage for attendees.

Since the fair began in 2006, the number of prospective employers in attendance has grown. Last year the University had 45 prospective employers attend. The majority of businesses came back because they had a positive experience at last year's fair, said Castano. At this year's fair, Castano hopes to have more employers attend.

Ashley Deemie, senior accounting and business administration majors, experienced how beneficial attending the internship can truly be.

"The Internship Fair is a great avenue for those students who are looking to obtain an internship in their field of interest and also network with various companies," said Deemie. She was able to land a full-time internship position at Target for the Summer of 2009. After completing her internship, Deemie was offered a full-time position after graduation in May 2010.

"It is comforting knowing that as I finish up my senior year at Wilkes, I will walk into a job already having invaluable firsthand knowledge and experience through my in-

ternship," said Deemie.

Employers coming to this year's fair include Target, Luzerne County DNA Office, Intermetro Industries, WVIA TV, FOX 56, Cross Valley Federal Credit Union, Gabrielle Shetler, Institute for Human Services, American Red Cross, Mohegan Sun, Sanofi Pasteur, First Quality, Osterhout Library, Luzerne County Treasurer's Office, WB-S Pioneers, and Northwestern Mutual.

The Internship Fair can also be a great opportunity to meet and network for future full-time positions.

Whitney Roper, junior communication studies and political science double major, plans on attending the Internship Fair for the first time this year.

"The internship fair is an excellent way for people to find out what types of opportunities exist for them while attending college," said Roper.

Students attending the fair are encouraged to be prepared and plan in advance. A current resumé is recommended that has been approved by the Cooperative Education office, an advisor, or Career Services. Proper attire and good etiquette are encouraged.

H1N1

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"We have provided hand sanitizers throughout campus and will be adding more upon their arrival from the company," he said. "Judging from the necessity to refill several units, the campus community seems to be using them. Basic prevention methods are the first line of defense in the absence of the vaccine."

Allen also echoed the school's release regarding the virus, saying the school expects more confirmed cases of the virus as it becomes more prevalent in Northeast Pennsylvania.

"Judging from the growing number of cases in the area it seems to be inevitable that the H1N1 virus will have a greater presence on campus," he said. "We will be monitoring the situation closely and take the appropriate measures to keep the University community well informed."

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A call for no homework over break

Fall recess should be time for rest and relaxation, not more stress

BY THE BEACON
Editorial Board

Nothing can compare to the feeling of breaking away from the scheduled routine for an extra two day hiatus.

Without the periods designated as "recess" on Wilkes University's annual calendar, each semester would turn into a sprint where the possibility of mental burnouts and breakdowns would increase by a twofold. Each semester (at any university) is but one section of a marathon; one ingredient to the entire recipe; one battle within a four-five year war.

But even if we stay faithful in our class schedules and homework/studies habits, chances are that our required tasks to fulfill will build-up to a point where keeping the regiment is next to impossible.

Campus recesses are built into the calendar where these build-up points seem to be most likely to occur: "Labor Day recess" after the first week's reacquainting is done, "Fall recess" in preparation for midterm exams, and "Thanksgiving recess" for semester conclusion.

Although Wilkes University is caring enough to allot its students a few scattered days that are specifically designated for "break-time," these brief blocks of bliss end up being a time to play catch-up or complete an "assignment over break."

While we have a good idea of what students have to do in order to survive the semester on a day-to-day basis, having extra assignments piled on us over a recess period offers students nothing but continued stress and anxiety about getting them done.

This stress can seriously affect a student's academic performance, which ideally is the complete opposite effect that professors wish upon their students at Wilkes or any other college.

According to a 2004 study conducted by The National College Health Assessment, a non-profit research group, 32.4 percent of the 47,202 nationwide undergraduates surveyed viewed stress as the "number one impediment to academic performance -- more so than the common cold, depression, death of a family member, sexual assault or eating disorders."

ulcer, irritable bowel syndrome, ulcerative colitis) and can contribute to insomnia and degenerative neurological disorders like Parkinson's disease."

Why would professors want to potentially cause physical and mental harm to their students by overloading them with work, especially during designated recess periods? It seems unlikely that professors are not aware of these effects when they give assignments over breaks.

Most importantly, breaks are meant to be just that, a break. We cannot fully rest ourselves and prepare to accomplish the tasks

that are assigned to us without the energy to do so. Stress, again, plays a key role here. If students are stressed, especially about getting assignments done, they will tend to have an overall lack of energy.

In turn, they will become unmotivated to do the work assigned to them or to even complete an assignment at all. Becoming overwhelmed by assignments to the point that it causes physical and mental harm is counter-productive to the whole idea of attending college.

The Beacon feels that the Wilkes University faculty, and

college faculty in general, should take these factors into account when they decide to give their students assignments over breaks. It will not impede or disrupt the learning process to cut students some slack and lighten the work load a little during class recesses. This way students can return with fresh, rested minds and ready to work. Perhaps the faculty should take a long needed break, as well. We could all definitely use one.



The Beacon/Tom Reilly

Students study in the Greenway as they prepare for midterm exams in an effort to have a stress free fall break.

Stress itself can have a variety of physical and mental effects on students as well. The American Institute of Stress states that there are numerous emotional and physical disorders that have been linked to stress. Some of these disorders include "depression, anxiety, heart attacks, stroke, hypertension, and immune system disturbances that increase susceptibility to infections."

In addition stress can have direct effects on the skin (rashes, hives, atopic dermatitis,) the gastrointestinal system (GERD, peptic

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 13 responses.

The Beacon asked:

Have you used the new hand sanitizers placed around campus?

- Yes 77%
- No 23%

Next Week's Question:

Do you think that Wilkes professors give too many assignments over break?

- Yes, they give too many
- No, they are fair or reasonable

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Sexism remains an issue on campus



News Editor

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It's 2009. The world has come a long way--especially for women. But, for as far as we have come, it is astonishing just how far there still is to go. Sexism still exists, and examples of it can be seen right here in our own Wilkes community.

For example, last Wednesday, October 7, the junior class sponsored a powder puff football game. The concept of the game is girls play football and guys dress up as cheerleaders. My problem is not with the fact that the junior class was hosting a game of this nature; my problem is that the male students, dressed as cheerleaders, were given an incentive to come to the game.

According to an announcement released September 25 on Wilkes Today, male cheerleaders had the chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card for the best costume. My question is: why don't the women football players get any sort of prize? Being the news hound that I am, I went right to the source to get the answer.

Megan Dickinson, president of the junior class, said that the juniors agreed not to give

Speaking of examples, did you ever hear of those "CEO and office ho" college parties? At these parties, guys will dress up in suits, or something of that nature, and girls will dress in slutty business outfits. Guys are all covered up and they are the "CEOs," but girls must expose themselves and put on skimpy outfits only to be called an "office ho." And it's not even the outfits; that's not even the worst part. It's the fact that a man is automatically a "CEO" and a woman must be the "office ho." According to these supposedly "fun" parties, woman could never be CEO of a company. That's totally ridiculous in this day and age.

The real question becomes, why do women participate in this sort of thing? Stand up for yourselves ladies, and don't go to the party; by doing so you're just giving in to sexist culture.

Another example I heard about on campus earlier this year was the "Girls: dress like you just had a one night stand; Guys: dress like you're the man" party.

Just imagine, for one second, walking into the party looking like you just had a one night stand. It's so pathetic and I don't understand how women could ever be so disrespectful to themselves and their bodies.

We are college women; we should be giv-

It almost seems like we are going backwards and giving men bigger egos than they already have.

a Visa gift card to the women because they didn't want them to dress "too provocatively."

"We didn't want girls going all out," said Dickinson. "We just really didn't want girls dressing inappropriately."

Surprisingly, on October 4 (after my conversation with Dickinson) the rules had suddenly changed. Now, a \$20 prize would be awarded to both the best male cheerleader and the best female football player.

Well, in my opinion, the junior class could have been creative and thought of some other ways to acknowledge the female players with prizes for "the most energetic football player" or "the player with the most touchdowns" right from the start. Why didn't any of these ideas pop into the heads of the junior class? They just automatically assumed that girls were going to dress slutty if there was money involved? That's a pretty big--and ridiculous--assumption to make.

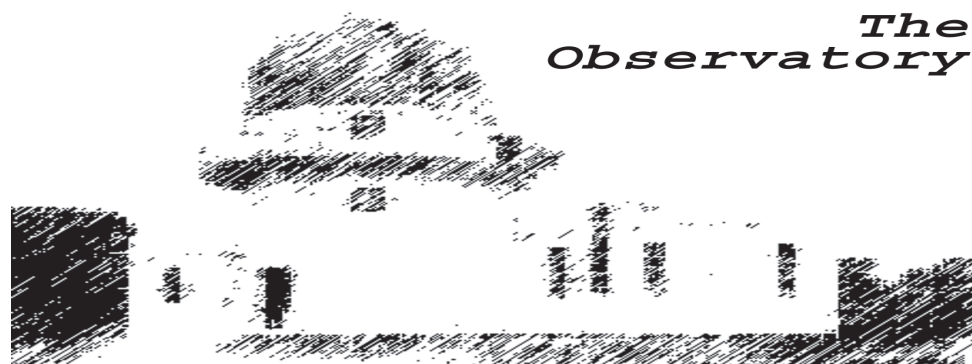
I'm not buying it. This powder-puff game is just another example of sexism, plain and simple.

ing respect to ourselves and other women, standing up for ourselves and our independence. We should not be dressing like we just came from a one night stand. Allowing these negative and disrespectful images of women to be perpetuated on this campus and throughout the country are what lead to discrimination and abuse--both verbal and physical--against women everywhere. If we dress and act like we have no self worth, we can't hope to be treated with respect.

Women have come a long way in this country. Ladies, there was a point in time when we could not vote. Today, our voices are equal and they mean something. We need to stop giving in to these ridiculous theme parties and innocent powderpuff games created with a sexist nature. It almost seems like we are going backwards and giving men bigger egos than they already have.

The issue of sexism in American culture is so much deeper than I can even go into with this simple editorial piece.

Ladies, respect yourselves. If you don't, no one else will, either.



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Keep drama out of the workplace



Opinion Editor

**MATTHEW
GOGAS**

For far too many times in my relatively short life have I seen what people commonly refer to as "workplace drama" or "workplace melodrama."

Althea DeBrule, a human resources executive that has made a career speaking about career development and management strategies at management conferences and leadership retreats across the country states that melodrama occurs when a "minor concern or conflict is embroidered and overstated in such a way that it becomes larger-than-life and blown way out of proportion to the original issue."

This is the clearest text book definition of workplace drama.

Now, there are those who, when they see drama unfolding at work, decide to make the grand proclamation, "I'm not here to get involved in any drama, I'm just here to do my job and go home."

In my experience it is those people who tend to create the most workplace drama. It is always the culprits that want to look innocent and look like they genuinely care about doing their jobs and going home, but they are sneaky. All it takes is a comment here or there from one of these people to create a conflict and then the drama train leaves the station and makes a couple of stops to pick up passengers as it navigates it's way through the workplace.

Do not let these sneaky people fool you. All I can say, dear readers, is that starting workplace drama or getting involved in it ultimately gets you nowhere and just creates a stressful, hostile work environment

for one person or everyone, which I am sure most of you already know. It also lowers productivity. If everyone at your job is standing around complaining, the work is not getting done. It is just that simple.

But why do we all do it? I still have not figured out the answer to that question.

If someone were to make the point to me that getting involved in drama at work made the job all that much more interesting, I would understand the surface of that argument, but upon looking at it in the most general context, I must to ask: why criticize or degrade your fellow employees? They are the ones who help you do your job if only indirectly by doing their job and sharing the workload. Should you not respect them for that at least, even if you do not like them?

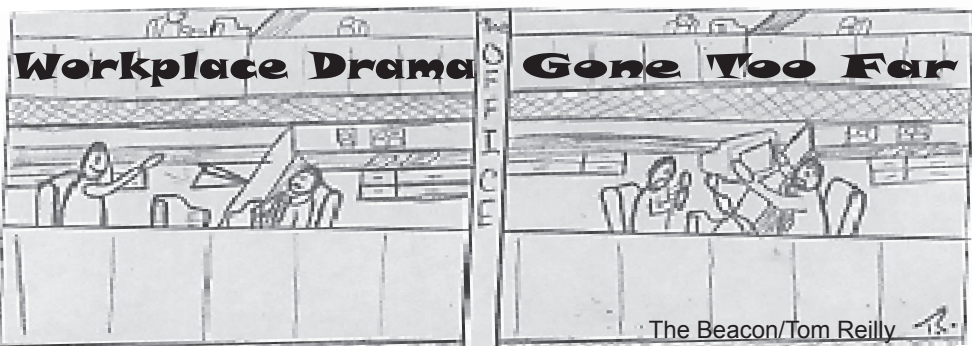
My answer is yes. I hope all of you would agree.

The first piece of advice I have for you if you ever see some workplace drama unfolding is do not get involved. Your curiosity will be your downfall. The second you hear your co-workers spectating and say "hey, what's going on?," is the point at which you become involved, even if you are just a spectator.

My second piece of advice is do not react to anything that is said to you or about someone else. If you react in any way that appears to be dramatic, you have joined the drama.

And third, your best bet is just to not say anything. Your co-workers might see this as the more mature route to take and follow suit.

If you follow this advice you will have a less stressful work environment and maybe, just maybe, you will go home from work in a good mood.



Work-Study: Can college students ever do both successfully?



Asst. Opinion Editor

**DAVID
LEWIS**

Between going to classes, fulfilling course requirements, and trying to cram for exams, it can be difficult to set aside time to sit down and enjoy something as simple as your favorite meal as a full-time student.

When a student adds a 25-hour off-campus work week into his or her itinerary, the balancing act which ensues becomes a difficult force to reckon with.

To say that a student should not hold a job at all while enrolled as a full-time student would be asking for something that is impossible to achieve. Students need money to pay for schooling and living expenses.

However, not having a job could mean better academic results in the long run.

According to Upromise Inc., the largest private organization dedicated to providing funds for college students, "40 percent [of students] report that work limits their class schedule; 36 percent report it reduces their class choices; 30 percent report it limits the number of classes they take; and 26 percent report it limits access to the library."

Unfortunately, being a full-time student without holding some sort of a job is not an attainable reality for more than 50 percent of the full-time student population of America. Since 1984, "the fraction of college students aged 16 to 24 who also work full- or part-time has increased from 49 to 57 percent," writes Jonathan M. Orszag of



The Beacon/Tom Reilly
Students work at the help desk in the Henry Student Center. This is just one of many jobs students take on campus as a source of income while going to school.

Upromise Inc.

The majority of the 57 percent of students working and also taking on a 12 credit or higher schedule fall under lower and middle class income brackets. According to David K. Randall of Forbes, President Obama released two proposals on October 7 that seek to lessen the financial burden on lower and middle class people seeking higher education by making 529 different college savings plans more accessible to these people.

Randall's report states that in President

Obama's financing proposal for colleges "a family contributes after-tax dollars into a fund and doesn't have to pay taxes on investment gains if the money is used for qualified education expenses like college tuition or room and board."

His current proposal would be beneficial, but the President should use a portion of those tax-dollars toward creating career oriented jobs that are specifically designed to work around a full-time student's schedule.

As righteous as the President's proposal

is, students will still have to find ways to pay for what is not covered in their plans, such as vehicle expenses to get to and from school.

If students must devote all of his time and energy toward their future, they might as well get a part-time job that relates to the field they are pursuing. While there are many jobs available that can teach valuable lessons and responsibilities to all who are willing to learn, students can turn to their college or university if they are searching for a job that will reward them with "real-world" experience in their field of concentration.

However, these jobs may lack the flexible schedules that students need. Jobs that have some form of career-development track/feature to them, usually lack the available hours for full-time students to make a decent amount of cash. Students are then faced with the choice of either waiting tables and making money, or working fewer hours a week and gaining specific skills that will benefit them in their area of study.

The bottom line is that we have to do whatever is within our means to get the bills paid. In the long run, however, it would serve us full-time undergraduate students well to have decent paying, part-time, career concentrated job experiences while still being full time students. Hopefully President Obama's proposals could include something about having flexible pre-career job hour programs specifically for full-time college students who need a steady income.

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Dorm recipes and other enticing treats

BY RUTH WHISPELL

Assistant Lifestyles Editor

Nobody really wants to eat the same meals and snacks over and over again. Sometimes change is for the better. We've gathered some interesting recipes to expand your dorm dining palate. All of these recipes can be made right from the comfort of your dorm or apartment kitchen. These recipes--all favorite selections of your fellow classmates--are guaranteed to satisfy your taste buds while widening your cultural knowledge of cooking.

The Beacon will feature new dorm room recipes each month. If you'd like to share one of your favorites, email it to lifestyles at wilkesbeacon.lifestyles@gmail.com

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From the kitchen of: Debra Brena Martínez

Debra Brena Martinez is a 26-year-old Brazilian who is part of the Intensive English Program here at Wilkes. Martinez shared a favorite candy recipe--Brigaderio. "Brigaderio is the most traditional candy in Brazil. You can find it at birthday parties, and it is the Brazilian version of a Birthday cake," said Martinez.



The Beacon/ Melanie Thomas

Brigaderio Recipe (A traditional Brazilian candy)

Ingredients:

- 1 Can of condensed milk
- 5 tbsp. unsweetened dark cocoa
- 1 tsp. butter
- 1 small container of chocolate sprinkles
- Some decorative Candy Wrappers

Directions:

1. First put the butter in the pan, turn the heat on low and wait until the butter melts.
2. Next add the condensed milk into the pan.
3. Add the dark cocoa and mix continuously until it begins to boil. If the color of the mixture seems to light, add two more spoonfuls of dark cocoa. Don't stop stirring because the mixture will burn.
4. When consistency thickens, turn off the heat and let mixture cool.
5. When the mixture has cooled down, apply a small amount of butter on your hands and roll a teaspoon of the mixture into a small ball. Repeat this step until all of the mixture has been rolled into small balls.
6. Pour the chocolate sprinkles into a bowl and roll the balls one at a time until they are all coated thoroughly with sprinkles.
7. Place each ball in a decorative candy paper and enjoy!

From the kitchen of: Khadijah Alrashed

Khadijah Alrashed is a 25-year-old from Saudi Arabia, who is currently living with her husband and son in Kingston. Alrashed is on level 4 of the Intensive English Program, and says she learned to cook Authority Fattouch in a cooking class in school in Saudi Arabia and also from her mother; it is a traditional dinner in Saudi Arabia.

Authority Fattouch

Ingredients:

Note - The ingredients in this recipe are based on the judgment of the cook.

- Tomatoes
- Green Peppers
- Lettuce
- Parsley
- Green Onions
- Dry Mint
- Lemon Juice
- Pita Bread
- Sumac
- Salt
- Olive Oil
- Vegetable Oil

Directions:

1. First cut the bread into 1 inch squares and deep fry in vegetable oil until golden brown. Drain the oil on napkins or paper towels and put aside.
2. In a bowl, mix together chopped vegetables.
3. Add the olive oil, salt, black pepper, sumac, and lemon juice.
4. Serve mixed together with the fried pita squares.



The Beacon/ Melanie Thomas

Khadijah Alrashed pictured with Authority Fattouch, an authentic Saudi Arabian dish

From the kitchen of: Samantha Hunter

Samantha Hunter is an 18-year-old freshman English major. She has been making lemon squares for her family and friends to enjoy for a few years now.

Lemon Squares

Ingredients:

- lemon cake mix
- 1/3 cup of brown sugar
- 1/3 cup of oil
- 1/3 cup of water
- half bag of chocolate chips

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a bowl, combine the cake mix and oil.
3. Stir until smooth, and then add the sugar and water.
4. Once again, stir until smooth and then add the chocolate chips.
5. Pour batter into backing pan then place in preheated oven at 350 degrees and bake for 20 minutes.



The Beacon/ Melanie Thomas
Lemon squares made by freshman Samantha Hunter

Students of the Week: Katie White & Brian Switay

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS

Lifestyles Editor

Homecoming weekend is a time for tradition. It is a weekend of old friends, older professors, and the annual activities that bring Wilkes graduates flocking back to campus each fall. Homecoming traditions carry over from year to year. One tradition that keeps enduring is the nominating and choosing of homecoming king and queen.

Choosing from the senior class, individuals are narrowed down to those fateful six, three men and three women, and eventually narrowed down to the king and queen.

The 2009 homecoming king, Brian Switay, and homecoming queen, Katie White, were chosen by their classmates because of their active involvement in Wilkes and their ability to connect with others. For their deep Wilkes pride, they are *The Beacon's* students of the week.

Switay is a senior communications major with a business minor, and White is a senior biology and secondary education double major.

The Beacon: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

White: Ten years from now I see myself teaching in a rural school district with a family.

Switay: I see myself working in Hollywood in the movie industry, but I just got an internship with the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey, so maybe I'll have a nice government job.

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

White: Passionate, honest, kind.

Switay: Outgoing, friendly, caring.

The Beacon: Finish this sentence: "My friends would be surprised to know..."

White:...that I considered being a music major before I applied to colleges.

Switay: ...how much my family and friends actually mean to me.



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Homecoming king, Brian Switay, and homecoming queen, Katie White, pose for pictures after President Gilmour announced them winners of Wilkes's 2009 homecoming court.



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Susan Hritzak comes full circle at Wilkes

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS
Lifestyles Editor

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Hritzak, Registrar for Student Services and a Wilkes grad from the class of 1981, has kept her ties to Wilkes both figuratively and literally.

"When it was my time to come to Wilkes in '77, it was kind of set up for me to have a work study job at Wilkes. I graduated from high school on a Thursday and the following Monday I began with the Registrar's office," remembers Hritzak.

Having the upper hand on her future fellow classmates, Hritzak took the position and filed papers and stuffed envelopes while simultaneously learning her way around Wilkes's campus.

"It was really nice, because before everyone else got there I could know which classroom was where or whose office was where," says Hritzak.

Hritzak was a local commuter student and the youngest of three siblings who attended Wilkes. Following in her big brothers' footsteps, Hritzak thought that if Wilkes was good for her brothers, then it was good for her.

"Basically, I chose to come to Wilkes for one of two reasons. My dad died when I was a junior in high school; I was 16. It was one of those things where when I was choos-

ing where to go to school I said 'Should I go away?' 'Should I stay locally?'" reflects Hritzak.

Deciding to stay closer to home, Hritzak jumped into the Wilkes lifestyles immediately. Her older brother had already had a position with the Registrar's office on campus. As he graduated from Wilkes in the spring, Hritzak began that following fall and embraced the Wilkes family immediately.

"My brother put in a good word with his supervisor about his little sis coming to school, and I kept that job all four years while I was at Wilkes. It actually turned into an internship my senior year," says Hritzak.

Hritzak worked for four tireless years as a business major. She also returned to Wilkes to obtain her MBA in 1988.

Beyond the projects and papers and presentations, Hritzak took time, like most students at that time, to relax and enjoy the spoils Wilkes set up for the students around campus.

Whether she was cheering at a football or basketball game or attending the latest dance or Wilkes-sponsored party, Hritzak and her fellow classmates of the class of '81 used the extracurricular activities to connect to one another.

"It comes down to supporting your school, school spirit, and getting that feeling of camaraderie," states Hritzak.

Hritzak has the unique perspective of seeing less student involvement over time at Wilkes-sponsored events and even sporting events.

"I think why they're not here for many extracurricular activities is because of, oh, maybe the economy. Students need to work to earn the money. It's very expensive to go to Wilkes. It's a great school, but very expensive. They are working to keep up with tuition," says Hritzak.

Hritzak notices the lower levels of students involvements around campus, coming to campus, coming to parties, coming to athletic events.

"Early on I know a lot of students would go to the basketball games or the football games. As time went on, I know many students had never even been to Ralston Field until graduation. That's where the ceremony used to be. I am like, 'What are you talking about! There are football games and there are soccer games. Why aren't you over there?'" comments Hritzak.

Hritzak remembers the annual Halloween party and Valentine's Day dance held each year in the Marts Gymnasium.

"You were allowed to walk into that Halloween party with either a six pack of beer or a bottle of wine or a fifth of something. Times have definitely changed," says Hritzak.

The changes Hritzak and her fellow Wilkes graduates who still work for Wilkes--affectionately self-referred to as "The Old Guard"--notice run through many aspects of her post-Wilkes career. Hritzak even notices the physical difference in dress of students.

"It's that maturity level. You [current Wilkes students] dress a little different, the way you go to class, or at least you should. We never wore sweat pants to class," remembers Hritzak.

There were some articles of clothing Hritzak and her friends at Wilkes were not without. She remembers running between the Guard Center (previously Parrish Hall on the corner of Market and River Streets), where her business classes were held towards campus in her Sergio Valente jeans and Candies flip flops.

"When I was in school, I had a business course in Parrish Hall, which was in the Guard Center down on the corner of Market Street and River Street at one o'clock.

Then I would have a two o'clock English lit course in Kirby Hall. And we would trek it in our Candies flip flops, and we would make it in ten minutes," recalls Hritzak.

Hritzak's time at Wilkes was filled with aggressive workloads and frustrating classes. Despite this similar pressure many students encounter, Hritzak took it upon herself to connect with her professors. For several reasons, Hritzak believes taking time to get to know one's professor is beneficial.

"I thought the professors were marvelous," says Hritzak. "I really got the exposure to the world from them. I may not have had the opportunity to travel like students do, but I would talk to my professors and use their life experiences and their knowledge to escape to those places."

Hritzak recalls one professor in particular who exposed her to New York City without ever stepping out of the classroom. "I had a business professor who was a buyer for a major department store in New York City, so he would come to class and teach us about 'the big city' as well as business," she says.

But, even though some things around Wilkes have changed, one thing has always remained the same. "It's a mutual respect between faculty and staff; that has not changed after all these years," says Hritzak.

Being a member of "The Old Guard," Hritzak takes it upon herself to continue the feeling of family that resonated with her when she began at Wilkes over thirty years ago.

Susan Hritzak continues to walk through the front doors of the Registrar's office. She continues to put down her bag and take off her coat. She will sit behind the desk of overflowing papers and continue to remain an integral part of the Wilkes family.

“ In her own words, Hritzak uses retail therapy:

One of my best friends, who is still my best friend, who was also a commuter, and we used to go to Burger Barn. We were working really hard on this one semester. It had to be in our senior year. I really wanted to make Dean's List. For whatever reason it was a particularly hard semester. We had just finished our finals, and we knew we were going to do alright. We studied hard. To reward ourselves, we went to the shoe store on South Main Street, and we went crazy! We bought ourselves three pairs of Candies and the like. We knew we had worked hard and aced our finals, and we decided to reward ourselves! ”



One on One with Ryan Stiles

“Whose Live Anyway” set to perform at the F.M. Kirby Center Oct. 15

BY BRIE FRIEDMAN
A&E Editor

When you think of “Whose Line Is It, Anyway?” which cast member from the Emmy-nominated television show comes to mind? Some would say Drew Carey. Others might say the talented Wayne Brady or Colin Mocherie. And, of course, the one and only Ryan Stiles.

Stiles, known for his hilarity and expertise in improv, is headed our way to perform at the F.M. Kirby Center located on the Square. He will be performing in the group, “Whose Live Anyway,” a touring version of the hit TV show “Whose Line Is it, Anyway?” The rest of the cast includes Greg Proops, Jeff B. Davis, and Chip Esten. I was able to get a hold of Stiles and conduct a brief phone interview. Here’s how it went:

The Beacon: Okay, so the first origquestion I have for you is: How long have you been doing comedy?

Stiles: (Laughs) I’ve pretty much been doing it all of my life. I quit high school to pursue it, so I guess it’s been about 30 years or so.

The Beacon: Wow. Where does your

sense of humor come from?

Stiles: Hmm. I’m the youngest of five brothers and my dad is a pretty funny guy. It just all trickled down to me I guess.

The Beacon: Since you quit school for comedy, what did you do from there? I mean, you must have had some crappy jobs.

Stiles: Oh yeah. I moved out when I was 17 but that was the “norm.” All of my brothers were moved out by then too. My first few jobs were working at bars or strip clubs—my parents weren’t too pleased.

The Beacon: So how was it that you got to be where you are now?

Stiles: I stuck with stand-up for about ten years. Then I moved on to Second City Improv Theatre for a few years of training. Steve Carrell, Tina Fey, anyone basically from Saturday Night Live- that’s where they trained. Then I moved to Los Angeles but I hate it there. You know I have this lake house now with my wife and three kids up in Washington and it’s just great.

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Photo Courtesy of Richard Elwood

Ryan Stiles, one of cast members from the popular improv TV show, “Whose Line Is It, Anyway?” will be in the downtown Wilkes-Barre at The Kirby Center ready to make the crowds belly laugh. Students get 50% discount with proof of student ID.

Review: WWE’S Monday Night Raw invades the W-B

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI
Asst. Sports Editor

Before I begin my review of World Wrestling Entertainment’s Monday Night Raw, which visited the Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza on October 5, please allow me to clarify two things.

No, I am not a die-hard fan. And yes, I know that wrestling is fake.

But when I had an extra \$17.50 in my wallet and nothing better to do on a Monday night, I figured that I could get a couple cheap laughs out of watching grown men and women smash each other in the head with steel folding chairs.

Before the October 5 show, I had been to one previous WWE event. It was more than ten years ago.

The company was still known as the World Wrestling Federation, Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson was filming The Mummy Returns,

and the building in which I saw the act no longer stands.

Imagine what it would be like to watch an episode of a television show, pay absolutely no attention to the program’s storyline for over a decade, and then sit down again to watch another episode of the show.

That’s exactly how I felt watching Raw.

I recognized three of the wrestlers, and the rest of the names, faces, and gimmicks were completely new to me. But even though I had nobody in particular to cheer for from my perch in Section 212, I still found the show enjoyable.

But was it worth the price of a ticket? Absolutely.

Being a part of a WWE crowd is an experience that I recommend everyone should have during their lives. The crowd consists of a very diverse mix of people who are all there to see what is essentially a live-action theatre performance.

During Monday’s show, I spotted an elderly couple, a teenage girl singing Miley Cyrus’s “Party in the U.S.A.,” approximately 200 men wearing Ben Roethlisberger jerseys, and was constantly reminded by the six-year old child sitting next to me which wrestlers he thought were performing sub-par.

And that was before Raw even started.

Raw airs live on the USA Network from 9-11 p.m. on Mondays, but crowds at the arenas are treated to a couple of tune-up tussles prior to the broadcast. The show at the Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza actually kicked off at 8:15 p.m.

When it finally came time for Raw, fans were treated to a ridiculous display of pyrotechnics that, surprisingly, didn’t set anything on fire.

Then, those 200 individuals wearing Big Ben jerseys got their money’s worth.

Roethlisberger, a two-time Super Bowl-

champion with the Pittsburgh Steelers, happened to be this week’s guest host. He emerged from underneath the massive video projection screen to issue his first decree of the evening.

Though he was greeted by a mixture of cheers and boos, he quickly endeared himself to the male population by ordering the female wrestlers to compete in a Diva Bowl.

Essentially, the 14 scantily-clad, attractive women just beat the crap out of each other. The winners? The audience.

By being the guest host, Roethlisberger was essentially given a “do whatever I want to and get away with it badge,” like the guy from Sector 7 in Transformers.

He forced the unwilling pair of the Big Show - who I am pretty sure is half-Paul Bunyan - and his partner Chris Jericho

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to fight the two members of D-Generation X in a tag team match.

When Jericho was about to lose the bout and tried to run away, Roethlisberger sent actual members of Pittsburgh's offensive line onto the stage to stop the cowardly Jericho from leaving.

I've never seen someone so afraid of Pittsburgh's offensive line. Great acting, Chris!

But in all seriousness, the emergence of the offensive line was a conveniently timed plot twist that gave the sold-out crowd a laugh.

The fans were clearly against Jericho's team, and when Jericho returned to the ring, he was promptly beat down by D-Generation X.

When D-Generation X won, Roethlisberger and his offensive line joined them

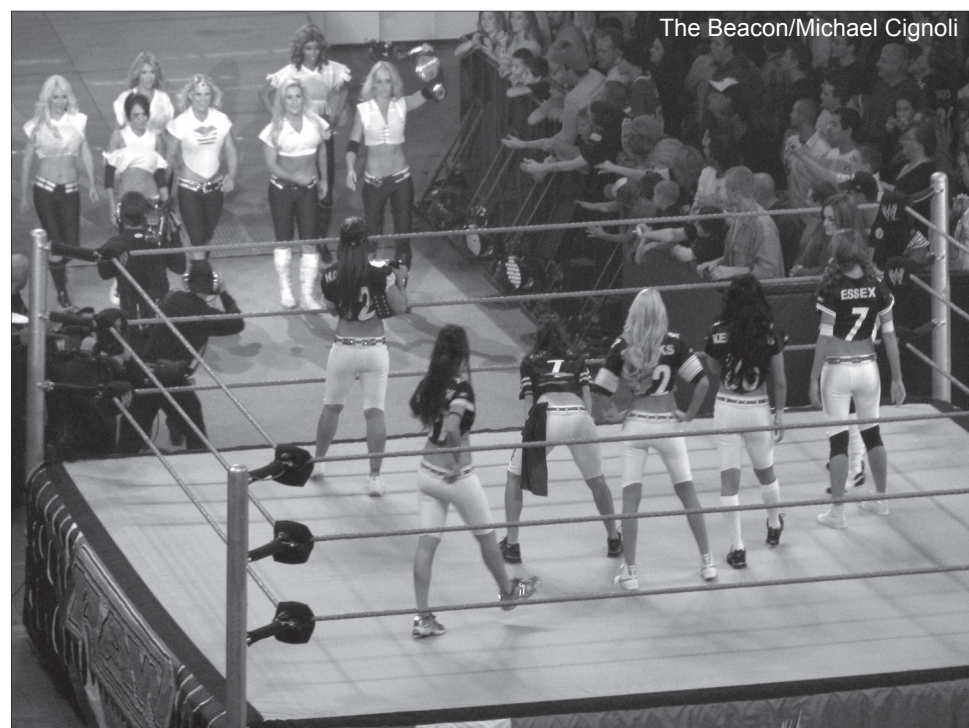
in the ring, and the group ended the show by making obscene gestures to the camera while fireworks exploded behind them.

It's an ending that only the WWE can pull off, but not one that will be repeated. No two WWE shows are the same, so the next time Raw visits Northeast Pennsylvania, I recommend purchasing a ticket. The pyrotechnics at the beginning of the show are worth the price of admission alone.

I give the event a B. It would have been rated higher, but the fact that a former contestant on MTV's The Real World named "The Miz" is now one of the WWE Champions brings my rating down a full letter grade. Not even a small person dressed as a leprechaun can redeem the WWE for that.

And yes, the show did have such a character. His name was Hornswaggle.

The Beacon/Michael Cignoli



During the October 5 episode of WWE's Monday Night Raw, held at the Wachovia Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre Township, guest host Ben Roethlisberger held a Diva Bowl. Here, one group of Divas, clad in Pittsburgh Steelers jerseys, awaits the arrival of their opponents. The Steelers group, led by WWE Divas Champion Mickie James, won the match. Roethlisberger and other members of the Pittsburgh Steelers helped guide fan favorites D-Generation X to a victory in the night's main event.

THE DEEVOQUIP!

BY DAVID LEWIS

Asst. Opinion Editor

Use the clue provided in order to decipher the meaning of the puzzle. The clue represents a letter that can be used to guess what other letters within each word are. Through the process of elimination and knowledge of vocabulary, solving the puzzle depends upon how well you can deduce the possibility of one letter equaling another. Once you assign a letter to equal another, the letter cannot be changed for the remaining letters in the puzzle. Good Luck!

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Faculty artists showcased at Faculty Art Exhibition 2009

Sordoni spotlights past and present faculty artists

BY KRISTEN KARPINSKI

Asst. A&E Editor

With the arrival of fall, faculty, staff, and students at Wilkes enjoy the changing colors of the leaves and the overall atmosphere that moves into the university. For some, this cooler air and color-filled season means football and hockey are finally here. For others, the anticipation of using the changing seasons in nature as inspiration for a new piece of art is overflowing.

Beverly Glennon, an adjunct faculty member of the Visual and Performing Arts department, expressed how nature offers her inspiration, "I find that observing simple things around me, especially in nature, the brightness of color or reflection of light on an object, shadows and highlights on someone's face or a peaceful landscape scene are the areas I find most interesting and motivational in my work."

On October 19, Wilkes will continue the long-standing tradition of the Faculty Art Exhibition in the Sordoni Art Gallery curated by Brittany Kramer DeBalko, interim di-

rector of the Sordoni Art Gallery. This year, the exhibition will feature nine artists from the present and past Wilkes Community: Jean Adams, Sharon Bowar, Nicole DePolo, Richard Fuller, Beverly Glennon, Bruce Lanning, Darlene Miller-Lanning, Herbert Simon, and Mary Lou Steinberg.

Interested to see what this exhibition has to offer, Steve Englesbe, junior business administration major, explained, "I'm pretty excited to go to the art exhibition. I was told about it by my ART 101 professor, Sharon Bowar. She is going to have some of her work on display and I'm quite excited to see it."

The Faculty Art Exhibition offers an opportunity for the faculty to showcase pieces of art that they have worked hard to complete. It is also an event where the faculty artists hope to inspire students to be creative and improve their artistic abilities. Some students may not feel confident in painting, but pottery is also an option to express creativity.

Jean Adams, instructor of Wilkes's pottery

classes, voiced her enthusiasm for the exhibition, "It is my hope that a lot of people will walk through [the Sordoni] and see [the Exhibition]. I know my classes will be down to see it. I would also hope that most of the other art faculty would take people through and I'm sure they will and, of course, we always want the community to see it."

At this year's Faculty Art Exhibition, guests can see various works of art done by the faculty such as oil paintings, acrylic paintings, collages, stoneware, mixed media (a combination of visual arts such as paint, ink, and collage), digital mixed media, welded aluminum designs, and "selections of a series about animal-shaped lawn ornaments" created by Bruce Lanning, ad-

junct professor of art.

Lanning also added, "I hope many students, faculty, and administration attend and ask the artists questions."

According to Lanning, being inquisitive may help to build a student's awareness about art and overall appreciation of it as well.

There will be a formal reception on October 25 from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. at the Sordoni Art Gallery where guests of the exhibition can meet with the showcased artists. The exhibition will run until December 13, allowing plenty of time for guests to come and enjoy the artwork of the Wilkes Art Department.

Sordoni Art Gallery

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The Sordoni Art Gallery will be the location for this year's exhibition. The gallery will be open 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

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BY TOM REILLY

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Play Review: "All is Fair in Love" capstone

BY BRIE FRIEDMAN
A&E Editor

Is it all fair in love? Jessica Lech, a senior theatre major, explored the topic in her senior theatre capstone titled, "All is Fair in Love," adapted and directed by herself. The cast included other theatre majors John Layton and William McGovern. The show was performed Friday, Oct. 9 for two performances only.

The capstone itself allows for creativity. Theatre arts majors are finally given the freedom and guidance to put out whatever

show they want, so long as it is reasonable and do-able. Some students are geared towards putting on shows that are the most fun. Other students are inspired by the message a show sends out. Or, simply, all of the above.

As implied by the title, the play dissects the many aspects of love. The play included scenes that were from well-known productions such as excerpts from *Good Will Hunting*, *The Notebook*, and *Pride and Prejudice*.

The show may have been more ideal for the hopeless romantics out there who could

appreciate the topics of the mushy content. The scenes were divided into categories. The first set of scenes was "Family Love." The second was "Dysfunctional Love." The third was "New Love," and the last set was titled "Epic Love."

The first set of scenes started off with a serious tone. *Hear My Voice* was a scene about a daughter trying to gain back her father's love after the death of her mother. The show flowed right into a scene from *All My Sons* and right into a scene from the classic movie *Steel Magnolias*, where the mother expresses her sadness over the death

of her daughter.

As the set of scenes continued on, it began to grow lighter, then almost crescendo and decrescendo again with a lot of emotion and tensions rising. As the show depicted a dysfunctional relationship between two gay men from *Angels in America*, it moved into the following scenes of sappy lovers falling in love.

Overall, the capstone was enjoyable through all the twists and turns, and the many different situations love inspires and causes. It truly was a "rollercoaster of love."

What's Happening Around Wilkes

BY KRISTEN KARPINSKI
Assistant A&E Editor

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

-Bog Swing Band @ The Bog, Scranton

- \$3 - 9:30 p.m.

-"Blasted" by Sarah Kane @ Paper Kite Press Studio, Kingston - 7 p.m.

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Thursday, October 15, 2009

-Dentdelion @ Arts YOUiverse - \$15 - 8 p.m.

-Cabinet @ The Bog, Scranton - \$5 - 10 p.m.

-Life on Repeat, Floral Terrace, The Spin Room @ Café Metropolis - \$7 - 7 p.m.

-Whose Live Anyway? Starring Ryan Stiles and the Cast of Whose Line Is It Anyway @ FM Kirby Center - \$14 students with ID, \$26.50-\$46.50 GA - 7:30 p.m.

-Jimkata @ River Street Jazz Café, Plains - FREE - 10 p.m.

Friday, October 16, 2009

-X-Terra @ Club JAM, Pittston - \$5 - 9 p.m.

-RYAT @ River Street Jazz Café, Plains

- \$5 - 10 p.m.

-The Sw!ms, The Owl Stations,

The Marshmallow Staircase @ Vintage Theater,

Scranton \$5 - 8 p.m.

-Third Friday Art Walk with Mark Rooney @ Barnes and Noble - 5-8 p.m.

Saturday, October 17, 2009

-The New Familiars w/ Special Guests @ The Bog, Scranton - \$5 - 10:30 p.m.

-Jesse Fink & more @ Club JAM, Pittston - \$5 - 9 p.m.

-The Breakfast, JMMD @ River Street Jazz Café - \$8 - 10 p.m.

Sunday, October 18, 2009

-Third Annual Evening of Jazz @ Scranton Cultural Center - \$50 - 5:30 p.m.

Monday, October 19, 2009

-New Found Glory @ Chameleon Club, Allentown - \$17 - 6 p.m.

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The Beacon: Mmmm, lake house.

Stiles: Yeah, I mean, LA is just a state of mind but it was great because of the people I worked with down there. And now I built my own theatre in Washington called The Upfront Theatre, which specializes in improv as well.

The Beacon: Sounds fantastic. Okay, this is a toughie. When was the moment you fell in love with Colin Mocherie? I mean, the connection is obvious between you two.

Stiles: (Laughs) I'd have to say I fall in love with him more every day. We actually grew up together in Vancouver. I haven't seen him in a few years but we still keep in touch.

The Beacon: The dynamic between the cast of "Whose Line" is really what makes the show enjoyable, aside from the talent. Are all of you still close since the show stopped three years ago?

Stiles: Oh yeah, I mean it's difficult because we're spread out with our own families, but they're all great guys and we pick up right where we leave off. Most of them live in LA and I'm all the way up here in Washington but we make it work.

The Beacon: Sweet. Currently, you're touring with "Whose Live Anyway," which is derived from the TV show "Whose Line." How does that differ?

Stiles: It's actually so much better on stage because TV is very limiting and you can't fit everything into the time crunch. There were so many games we couldn't do. Here on the stage we can be laidback, have more freedom and really enjoy the audience.

The Beacon: It's exciting you will be here in Wilkes-Barre performing. I saw a show that Colin Mocherie and Brad Sherwood did about two years ago at the F.M. Kirby Center as well. It was

fantastic. Have you ever performed in this area?

Stiles: No. I hate flying actually so I don't venture out east all that much, except if we're driving.

The Beacon: So, in the next decade or so, do you still see yourself doing comedy?

Stiles: Yeah, hopefully I'll still be alive and well. I've been doing this all my life. What else would I do? (laughs)

The Beacon: True, true. So, one last thing; I'm pretty petite and you're pretty tall. What are your thoughts about us having our own sitcom together?

Stiles: (laughs) We should be the scale that everyone should be in between.

Don't forget to have a good laugh this Thursday, October 15 at 7:30p.m at The Kirby Center on the Square for the comical performance of "Whose Live Anyway?" The Kirby Center is giving students a special student discount of 50% off-- all students pay \$14 with proof of their student ID. Discount tickets are only available at The Kirby Center's Box Office.

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Colonels fall in homecoming game *Lebanon Valley spoils festivities with a 21-18 victory*

BY RYAN HOLMES
Assistant Sports Editor

Happy Homecoming was wishful thinking when Wilkes hosted Lebanon Valley College on Saturday at Ralston Field. Alumni from past years gathered to watch the Colonels fight until the last seconds ran off the clock.

The first few possessions for each team came out unsuccessful until the Dutchmen's Alex Gilchrist intercepted Rob Johnson pass on Wilkes's 10-yard line returning 2-yards to the eight. Charlie Parker took it in from a yard out four plays later giving Lebanon Valley the lead.

With the Dutchmen out front 7-0, Johnson attempted to lead Wilkes to a successful drive. But all attempts to cut the lead on their next possession were halted and once again they could not reach the end zone. After punts by each team, the Colonels finally got onto the board when Chris Horn completed a 28-yard field goal. However, Dutchmen quarterback Caleb Fick rushed 9-yards for the touchdown to increase the Lebanon Valley lead to cap off seven play, 56-yard drive making the score 14-3.

Before the half, Johnson found Gennaro Zangardi in the end zone for a 26-yard completion with 1:01 left in the half. The last possessions of the half for each team amassed zero points and the Colonels trailed at halftime once again.

The annual Homecoming festivities continued at halftime when Brian Switay and Katie White were crowned king and queen.

That looked to be the highlight of the day for Wilkes.

After halftime, Wilkes heated up when another field goal by Horn from 31-yards out cut the Lebanon Valley lead to two points. But the rushing attack of the Dutchmen's Ben Guiles continued. The Colonels looked to find an answer for Guiles, but all prayers would not be answered as he rushed for a total of 45-yards on their next possession, culminating in a 1-yard touchdown run.

The defense took the field after another drive that resulted in no points for the Colonels. That's when Chris Swinarski



The Beacon/Kerri Frail

Junior wide receiver Jordan D'Emilio dodges a tackle from a Lebanon Valley defender during Saturday's homecoming game at Ralston Field. D'Emilio had two receptions for 51 yards, but the Dutchmen handed the Colonels a 21-18 loss.

and Shane Heberling stepped up and made the biggest play of the game on Lebanon Valley's next possession. As the Dutchmen threatened to cross the goal line again, Heberling laid a crushing hit on Parker, forcing him to fumble on the two. Swinarski picked up the fumble, returning it 97-yards for the touchdown.

"They were about to score again and we really couldn't have that happen," said Heberling. "I had a wide open hit and luckily it knocked the ball loose."

After the game a very tired Swinarski commented by saying "Heb [erling] made the nice hit and I just scooped and scored. We couldn't let them score again because that would have taken us out of the game completely; we needed a big play and we got it."

With the score at 21-18 and the rushing attack of the Dutchmen still a threat, the Colonels began to play more like the team from previous weeks. The defense stopped Lebanon Valley on every possession from

their on out in hopes of taking the lead. But, the Wilkes offense was unable to capitalize on the new life of the defense.

A 38-yard completion to Zangardi pushed the Colonels closer to the end zone, but an unsuccessful trick play by Wilkes turned things sour again. After a short rush by Harry Reese and another incomplete pass to Zangardi, Wilkes was forced to punt resulting in a touchback.

Lebanon Valley controlled the rest of the game with their running attack in the fourth quarter however, zero points were scored leaving the score at 21-18 adding another loss to the Colonels record. But after time ran out, things paused while Coach Sheptock deliberated a bad decision by the referees. Before things could escalate, both teams were separated.

Next week Wilkes travels to Doylestown to attempt to spoil Delaware Valley's two game win streak and pick up their first MAC conference win.

Men's goal is to finally get one on road

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI
Assistant Sports Editor

When it comes to men's soccer, Wilkes University vs. Misericordia isn't just another conference game. It's literally a fight to the finish.

The Colonels and the Cougars met twice last season, with both games being decided in either overtime or penalty kicks. Wilkes came up short in both matches, despite having leads late in the second half of each game.

Wilkes held a 3-0 lead in the regular season match against Misericordia last season, only to see the Cougars claw their way back. The Colonels conceded three goals in the second half and eventually lost 4-3 in double overtime.

When the two teams met in the conference championship game, the Colonels held a 1-0 lead with eight seconds left in regulation. Misericordia tied the game and went on to win 5-4 in a penalty shootout.

That loss left a sour taste in the Colonels' mouths, and they'll finally get their shot at redemption tonight. They visit Misericordia at 7 p.m. in a game that the Colonels need to win.

"Everybody wants to win that game after that loss," said junior midfielder Sean Stitt. "We should have won. We all know that we played well. We know what mistakes we made and we know what we can do this year. We need to win it because it's a conference game and we need to get a playoff berth in the conference."

In their most recent result, Manhattanville defeated the Colonels 3-0 on Saturday afternoon in New York. That loss dropped Wilkes's conference record to 1-1 with five matches remaining in the regular season.

"The results of the final five matches are important in our push to get into the playoffs," said head coach Philip Wingert. "Four or five conference wins should qualify the team into the playoffs."

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Athlete Spotlight: Michelle Wakeley, cross country champ

BY JUSTIN JONES

Correspondent

Crossing the finish line into this week's Athlete Spotlight is sophomore cross country runner Michelle Wakeley. This dedicated student athlete from Endicott, N.Y. is no stranger to finishing in first place for Wilkes.

In the last four cross country competitions alone, Wakeley has led the Wilkes Ladies' Cross Country team in individual statistics.

"It feels really great," said Wakeley, who only ran track and field before coming to Wilkes last year. "After a long summer of training, it's nice to see a little reward for all that effort."

The pavement isn't the only place Wakeley has been running marathons.

Not only is Wakeley a pre-med Biology major in the BS/MD program with SUNY Upstate Medical School, but she also holds a quadruple minor in Math, Psychology, Chemistry and History. Having such a large work load in the classroom as well as practice, Michelle admits to missing out on

some things.

"I'm usually gone either in class, at practice, or working in the library from 8:30 in the morning until at least midnight. It's tough but I think it's really worth it. It's a lot of late nights, and missing out on some of the social things I see other people doing, and that's tough, but in the end it's what I like to do."

She also plays clarinet for the school's civics band.

Despite the hefty workload, nothing has deterred Wakeley from leading her team all season. She finished fourth (16:47), seventh (21:10:08), and fourteenth (16:16) place overall in the team's first three competitions this season.

Last week, at the Belmont Classic, Wakeley came in third place overall, finishing just under 21 minutes.

"Coming in third was great; it was the first time I've placed that high in a race," said a humble Wakeley. "No matter what place anyone on the team comes in though, we usually have the loudest cheering section behind us when we walk up to get our

award and that's probably the best part."

Wakeley is happy with the team, which was just resurrected last year.

"Honestly, the most exciting part is probably just having a full team that's always around. We've done so many things together already this season and that's something that we just couldn't quite get last year just starting out," she said. "This year the team has been so much tighter, and more involved it's been great."

While she feels the team continues to improve, Wakeley also sees improvement for herself during the remainder of the season. "I'd really like to see a bit of a drop in my times, hopefully low 20's or 19's for a 5k, and to improve compared to last season's 6k."

Wakeley looks to better herself at the upcoming DeSales and East Stroudsburg University Invitionals in October. And when it comes to getting away from her abundant studies, cross country is the perfect option to Wakeley.

"It's a great stress reliever," she said.



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Sophomore Michelle Wakeley has been the brightest star on the Wilkes Cross Country team this year.

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FACE OFF



What's the best sports movie of all time?

"Come on, Benny. Man. The kid is a L, 7, Weenie!"



Sports Editor

ANTHONY DORUNDA

"Remember kid, there's heroes and there's legends. Heroes get remembered but legends never die, follow your heart kid, and you'll never go wrong."

-Babe Ruth, *The Sandlot*

In short, *The Sandlot*, is a legend. This is the *Field of Dreams* for pre-teens.

Let's just sit back for a minute and bask in the glory of our younger years. The days when playing hide and seek was an everyday necessity; and kickball, jungle gyms, and "friendly" games of tag dominated our recess time; when wiffle-ball was our favorite sport.

As small as they may seem to us now, we look back on those memories with fondness, with the constant desire to go back to those times - times when the biggest problems we had were fitting in and trying to get a kiss on the cheek from the girl we had a crush on. The one we were simply

afraid to talk to.

Nothing represents those days better than everyone's favorite childhood movie, *The Sandlot*.

The magic woven by this movie is unmistakable. It lays down the smallest of life lessons (togetherness, bravery, self-improvement) while keeping us laughing out loud the entire movie with its quirky and comedic scenes of young boys acting, well like young boys.

Above all else, this movie was real. The types of kids were real. The moments portrayed were real. The themes were real. From kids trying to fit in, to youngsters trying to be "cool," to the boys engineering the sweetest ways to get a baseball back that was autographed by "The Great Bambino," this movie perfectly scripted our lives at that age.

How can someone not love this movie? That's the real question. Ok, so there aren't any racial barriers being broken down, and no, they didn't end the cold war like Rocky did, but these little dudes dreamt big, just like we all did when we were growing up.

Not to mention, this movie has one of the

most epic name-calling battles of all time featuring my favorite catcher of all time, Ham Porter. In the scene, the sandlot kids stepped up to the hated Tigers, dropping lines that we all used growing up. Come on now, we all had a time when we told someone that they bobbed for apples in the toilet and liked it, I know I did. And it all ended in the most powerful statement a young boy growing up in the early 1960's could ever make: "You play ball like a girrrrrrrll!"

Talk about a shot to the ego for a young boy.

And of course there was the dream of stealing a kiss from the lifeguard. Squints became our hero when he risked his life to be saved by Wendy Peffercorn, and get a little tongue action in the process.

But really, this movie takes those moments that seem so little to us now, but were monumental to us back then, and blows them up to the scale we had them at when we were that age. And does it like no other movie has been able to do it.

So let's get our PF Flyers on and dream big once again, like we did when our horizon stretched from home plate to center-field.

"We want some mo', we want some mo', we want some mo'!"



Asst. Sports Editor

RYAN HOLMES

Some of the greatest sayings of all-time have come from some of the greatest sports movies of all-time.

To think, Hollywood has given us "if you build it, he will come," from *Field of Dreams*; "you're killin' me smalls," from Mr. Dorunda's pick *The Sandlot*; "there's no crying in baseball" from *A League of Their Own*, the numerous amount of Boobie Miles quotes from *Friday Night Lights* (i.e. "Y'all wanna win? Put Boobie in."); and the overwhelming amount of hilariously vulgar quotes from *Varsity Blues* that would probably get *The Beacon* shut down if they were printed.

When it comes to being a great movie, it has to have great moments that appeal to the audience. Without those moments, there is nothing and it makes for a terrible movie.

This week, I'm not even going to bash Mr. Dorunda or his pick because it is definitely

a great movie. I give him props for digging up a childhood favorite of mine that seems to never get old, but still "you're killin' me smalls" so just give up.

Before anyone goes crazy because I'm leaving a few of the greats out, let's just remember that those great sayings make these movies as great as they are.

However, if I had to pick one as the all-time greatest sports movie, I would have to go with, *Remember the Titans*.

Remember the Titans is by far the best sports movie. Not only did this movie have exceptional moments of history, but it also showed athletes how to overcome even the most difficult pressures to become a great team.

Seriously, though, I love *The Sandlot*, but there was only one Benny "The Jet" Rodriguez and he was pretty much the only success story of the whole movie.

Throughout *Remember the Titans*, we saw exactly what this team had to get through in order to be champions. The racial prejudice that beams through almost every scene is astonishing. The fact that this team really

did have to conquer the racial restriction of their own time gives this movie an even greater impact.

The things that the movie represents is what make this movie as great as it actually is. Not only did it entertain us all with one scene and bring us to tears in the next, but it taught so many lessons of what is truly important in life.

But let's think, we get to watch Denzel Washington (Coach Boone), who is nothing but great, along with other actors such as Donald Faison (Petey), Hayden Panettiere (Sheryl), Wood Harris (Julius), and Ryan Hurst (Gerry Bertier) that support his greatness.

Before I go I would like to apologize if I disappointed anyone, but this is an off week for the trash talk. *The Sandlot* is a good pick, even though it doesn't quite measure up to the strength of the "left side [or the] strong side" of *Remember the Titans*, because as Gerry Bertier would say this movie is just "too strong."

Now roll the credits, this movie is over. Hope you enjoyed the show.

Field hockey puts mistakes behind them, gets two big wins

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI

Assistant Sports Editor

On the ride home from William Patterson University last Monday, Wilkes University's field hockey team didn't have much to celebrate.

The Lady Colonels conceded four unanswered goals in the second half of the game, turning what was a 2-1 lead at halftime into a 5-2 defeat. When the team got ready to head back to Pennsylvania, they made sure to leave something behind.

"What happens on the field stays on the field," said senior Jen Keegan, whose 12 goals this season are tied for the team lead. "Yeah, I'm upset about a loss if we do have that, but you just have to put it in your head as, that was that game, we'll do better next time, and try not to let it get to you."

It worked.

The Lady Colonels rebounded from their poor performance at William Patterson to puke up a 3-1 road win at Ithaca on Wednesday and a 3-1 win over DeSales on Saturday afternoon in Edwardsville.

With the two wins under their belts, the

Lady Colonels improved to 10-2 on the campaign. They have six games remaining in the regular season, including a road match at FDU-Florham at 7 p.m. tonight.

Though the team's offense has scored four or more goals in seven of their twelve matches this season, the Lady Colonels have never won a game when they allow more than two goals.

"Last year, when we got scored on first we couldn't come back from it," said senior defender Amanda Tilley. "This year, we can come back, but we've found that the second goal we get scored on, we tend to fall apart if we're not winning at the time."

Both Tilley and Keegan mentioned that Wilkes plays team offense and team defense.

That means that

when the Lady Colonels have the ball, everyone's on the attack. When they don't, everyone's trying to get it back.

"When we don't score a lot of goals and we can't come back, it's because people aren't working together," Tilley said. "People aren't moving as a unit."

When they do move as a unit, watch out.

The Lady Colonels were ranked 17th amongst all Division-III field hockey teams according to an October 5 womensfieldhockey.com poll. That's the highest national rating that the Wilkes field hockey program has ever received.

Even though the Lady Colonels have enjoyed an exceptionally successful season, Keegan says that there is always room for improvement.

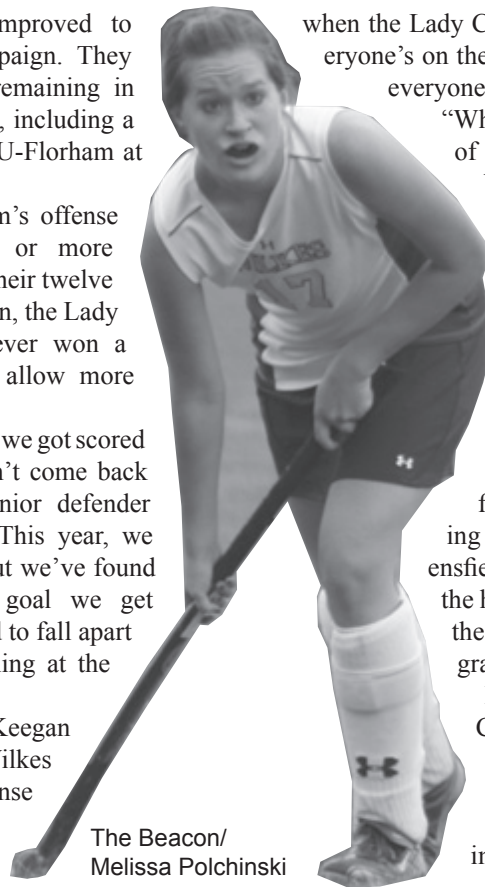
"Mistakes are going to be made all the time," she said. "Every player, every game, there will be mistakes. We try to have an outlook of one and done. Once you make a mistake, it's over. You have to pick yourself back up and keep working hard."

The Lady Colonels' quest to constantly improve as a squad is something that will continue throughout the remainder of the regular season.

No matter how many goals they score, how many games they win, or how many records they break, they're not going to be satisfied until they reach the end of the road.

"Once you get satisfied, you lose yourself as a team," Keegan added. "You should never be satisfied with your playing abilities. You should always be looking for ways to be better. That's ultimately what a championship team is. They're not satisfied until the end."

At left: Jen Keegan has scored 12 goals for the Lady Colonels this season. That total ties her with Jenna DiSabatino for the team lead in goals scored.



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Melissa Polchinski

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Volleyball
Class of 1988

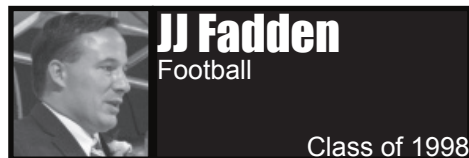
"I wasn't here when Lisa was a student, but one thing I always hear people say about her was that she was definitely ahead of her time," said current Wilkes Athletic Director, Adelene Malatesta.

Miller, who graduated from Wilkes in 1988, was one of the best, if not the best, volleyball players to ever step foot on the court at Wilkes.

During her brilliant career, Miller was named Wilkes' most valuable player all four seasons of eligibility. On top of that, she was a three-time first-team Middle Atlantic Conference first team all-star.

Miller, who served as team captain both her junior and senior seasons, set the standard for kills in a season in 1988, when she set the school record by spiking 153 kills on the year. That same year, Miller received both the Letterwomen's Club scholarship as well as the Coreen Santoro Award.

When it was all said and done, Miller left Wilkes University highly regarded as the best volleyball player the school had ever seen. She continued her volleyball career after she was done playing, serving as assistant coach for two seasons at her alma mater.



JJ Fadden
Football
Class of 1998

When describing JJ Fadden, Wilkes's all-time leader in sacks, intense may just be an understatement.

"JJ was tremendously intense," said Frank Sheptock, who recruited Fadden out of high school. "There was no rep, practice or walk through that he didn't think it was to win the championship. He was so intense, [in practice] he grabbed the face-mask of an offensive lineman and ripped it right off. He ripped the four screws right off the helmet. We were mad, but we were like, 'Wow!'"

But beyond the stories and tales that seem like folklore, Fadden left a legacy that will forever be remembered.

When it was all said and done, Fadden left Wilkes University as the school's all-time leader in sacks with 35.5, shared the lead for sacks in a single game with 5, and had a mind-boggling 254 tackles from the defensive end position -- all that in just three full seasons.

Fadden's name was a shoe-in each year he donned the blue and gold, garnering first team All-MAC honors each season he chased down quarterbacks. In 1996, Fadden was named to the all-ECAC team as

well as the 1996 Hewlett-Packard Division III SID's honorable mention team and the 1996 Hanson Football Gazette All-American third team.

In 1997, Fadden finished out his playing career in style, as he was again awarded a spot on the all-ECAC team, but was also selected as a first t-team all-american by both

Hewlett-Packard and Division III Hanson Football Gazette. Hanson also selected him as its National Player of the Year, the first time in the history of Wilkes University that a football player received such an honor.

"He had the tremendous ability but also the work ethic to match it," said Sheptock.

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Lisa Kravitz Miller, Jim Domzalski, Joe DeMelfi, JJ Fadden, & Ben McKeown
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Three of the final five contests will see the Colonels play outside of the friendly confines of Ralston Field.

"Anytime you play conference opponents on the road, it's a difficult challenge," said assistant coach Michael Pryor. "Fortunately for us, we have experience at key positions that allow the entire squad to play calm and confident wherever the match takes place."

Unfortunately for the Colonels, calm and confident doesn't always guarantee results.

The team has struggled to find the back of the net on the road this season, scoring just two total goals in their five away matches. They haven't scored a goal in their last 409 minutes of play on the road, dating back to the first half of their first away game of the year against Gwynedd Mercy.

"The results don't show it, but we actually get a lot of opportunities," junior defenseman Tom Joyce said. "The luck just hasn't been on our side, and we just can't finish our chances."

If the Colonels want to make a legitimate playoff push, they're going to need to find a way to bury those chances. There's just no way around it.

But after going so long without a road goal, the team believes that sooner or later one of their shots is bound to find the back of the net.

"We just have to be persistent, as far as running our attack and being patient," Joyce said. "I think sometimes we'll get into the final attacking third and we'll just give the ball up or we'll just panic. As of late, we've been pretty composed on the ball and I think the goals will come."

Hall of Fame welcomes six new Wilkes Alumni

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This past Sunday, five former standout athletes and one legendary coach took their seats amongst Wilkes University legends when they were introduced as the 16th Hall-of-Fame class in the university's athletic history.

And what a diverse crowd it is.

This class has it all—football legends Ben McKeown and JJ Fadden, baseball phenom Jim Domzalski, dual sport standout Rebecca Baker, and volleyball ace Lisa Kravitz. Celebrated coach Joe DeMelfi, best known for his work in bringing a downtrodden football team back to national prominence, was also inducted alongside his players.

These six individuals each left their own personal mark on the Wilkes University athletic program, and now sit alongside 131 of the greatest athletes and teams to ever step foot on this campus.

But what's most special about this class is that each of these impressive individuals were more than just spectacular athletes, these men and women demonstrated their prowess as leaders both in the classroom as well as amongst their peers on the fields and courts. Each member left a lasting impression on this school, and will now be forever remembered for their accomplishments.



Joe DeMelfi
Football Head Coach

1990-1995

Although he may have roamed the Ralston field sidelines for only six years, head football Coach Joe DeMelfi made the most of his short tenure.

The fiery coach instilled a hardworking attitude into a program that was searching for an identity. With DeMelfi at the helm, the Colonels went from Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) cellar dwellers to conference powerhouse in the matter of only three seasons.

Current football head coach Frank Sheptock, who was DeMelfi's defensive coordinator during his six-year reign, praised his former mentor for his dedication to rebuilding this football team.

"He worked very hard for this program, on and off the field, to build it into a championship contender," said Sheptock. "He wanted to put that blue-collar, intense, physical trademark on the program in the beginning to try and change the profile of

the program."

In the years leading up to the hire of DeMelfi, the Colonels had only mustered two winning seasons in the previous 15. After only three seasons at the helm, DeMelfi overhauled the entire squad, and led the Colonels to a perfect 10-0 regular season record in 1993, the fifth team in Wilkes history to finish the regular season unbeaten. The Colonels were crowned MAC champs, and DeMelfi was named the MAC Coach of the Year. He was honored as the Kodak AFCA Division III Region 2 Coach of the Year as well as the Jostens Division III National Coach of the Year.

DeMelfi continued his great turnaround in 1994, leading his Colonels to a 9-2 record and an ECAC Southeastern Championship with a 28-21 victory over Stony Brook.

"He had a great plan, and he really worked it," said Sheptock. "To become the national coach of the year in just four years, that's tremendously special, and reflective of who he is and what his abilities are. It speaks volumes of his work ethic, intensity, and desire."



Ben McKeown
Football

Class of 1995

A key cog of DeMelfi's vaunted 1993 team was defensive back Ben McKeown. The star cornerback was an intimidating presence in the Colonels' defensive backfield for four spectacular years. After a breakout freshman year in which he was named to the MAC second team, McKeown built off his early success and garnered first-team all-MAC honors his sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

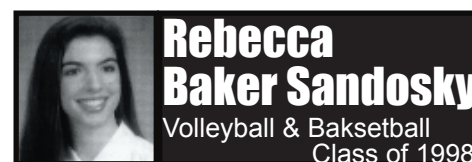
"Ben was huge for our team," said former teammate and current Wilkes assistant football coach Mike Mcree. "He was the leader of a great secondary and we all knew that no matter what, he was going to get the job done."

In 1994, McKeown was named to the Football Gazette All-American second team, as well as the NCAA Division III SID's All-American third team. He left Wilkes University second on the school's all-time interceptions list.

McKeown was a centerpiece of both the 1993 and 1994 teams, which combined to go 19-3 over the two seasons. Aside from his tremendous ball-hawking skills, McKeown's intimidating presence and ability to shut down any player on the field contributed to his stellar career.

"Ben was huge," said Mcree. "He was

bigger than all of our linebackers, but could cover anyone on the field. He was a true lock-down guy."



Rebecca Baker Sandosky
Volleyball & Basketball
Class of 1998

When alumni and students discuss the best athletes to ever come through this school, a name that constantly is in the conversation is Rebecca Baker Sandosky.

Sandosky was a very special athlete, one who did not just play one sport, she played two, and dominated them both.

During her record-breaking tenure at Wilkes, Baker suited up for both the basketball and volleyball teams, re-writing nearly every record in the record books for both sports.

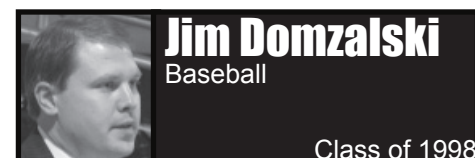
In volleyball, she holds the career record for blocks with 532, as well as total blocks in a season with 192. Baker started her volleyball career off with a bang, receiving the Rookie of the Year award her freshman year. During her sophomore and junior seasons, Baker was a first team Freedom League selection, and was selected to the second team her senior season. As a sophomore, she was selected to two All Tournament teams, as well as the CoSIDA Academic All Region. In 1997, she was a CoSIDA District Academic All-American.

When the fall sports season was over, Baker slipped out of the volleyball uniform and into basketball attire. Let's just say her accomplishments on the basketball court were nothing short of spectacular.

Baker still holds numerous records in women's basketball at Wilkes. Included in those is the record for field goal percentage in a season with an astounding 69.3%. She also holds the record for rebounds in one game with a staggering 22 boards ripped down.

Over her illustrious career, she averaged a double-double with 16.6 points and 10.5 rebounds per game. She sits in second place on the all-time list in career rebounds with 997, third in career points (1,447), and fifth in points in a season (428).

Fresh off being elected conference rookie of the year in basketball, Baker was honored with Rookie of the Year at the conclusion of the basketball season. In her sophomore and junior seasons, she was a first team Freedom League performer, as well as a second team player her senior year. And to wrap up her memorable career, Baker received second team Southern Region ECAC All Star honors.



Jim Domzalski
Baseball

Class of 1998

Whether it was the career leader in at-bats, or in rbi's, Jim Domzalski's name appears time and time again at the very top.

While serving as team captain for his final three seasons, it was "Jimmy D's" freshman season when he exploded onto the baseball scene.

In a matchup versus Moravian, Domzalski hit three homeruns, drove in eight runs, and tallied 14 total bases. All three of these feats were and still are single game school records, and may never be touched again.

As a Sophomore, Domzalski was named the team's "Most Dedicated Player," indicating the work ethic that Domzalski brought on top of the talent.

Wilkes head baseball coach Joseph Folek, who coached Domzalski during his four years at the University, never met a player with the drive and intensity that Jimmy D displayed on the diamond.

"Jimmy D is the ultimate example of an old-fashioned hard-nosed ballplayer," said Folek. "Jimmy was known for and always played the game the way it was suppose to be played. He was tough as nails and he'd do anything to help his team win a ballgame."

Domzalski also served as team captain his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons, showing off his outstanding leadership abilities that were admired by Folek.

"He was tough as nails and he'd do anything to help his team win a ballgame," said Folek. "He is the only player that I've coached, played with, or known at Wilkes who was named captain of the team his sophomore year due to his outstanding leadership."

In his captivating four year career, the slick shortstop was elected to the Middle Atlantic Conference all-conference first team his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. He finished his stellar career as the school's leader in at-bats (510), hits (163) and runs batted in (129) and is second in school history in singles (113), doubles (34), total bases (260) and games played (133).

Domzalski went on to play baseball professionally in Europe for the Montpellier Barracudas of the French Federation Baseball League, but it was his four special years at Wilkes that have earned him a seat next to his father Gene, who was inducted into the Wilkes Hall of Fame as a baseball coach in 1996.

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