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## TerraCycle CEO Szaky to deliver fall Kirby Lecture

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS  
Editor-in-Chief

Successful companies begin with hard work, persistence... and worms? CEO and founder of TerraCycle, Tom Szaky will be the fall Kirby Lecture speaker on Oct. 7.

Szaky founded his company on the basic principle of making waste products into something useful. Before dropping out of Princeton at age 20, his first innovation was making a liquid fertilizer from worm feces. Szaky found out that worms consume twice their body weight per day and then worm feces can help plants grow.

Today, major companies, such as Target, pay TerraCycle to create collection systems for their waste. For example, hundreds of millions of potato chips bags are collected and then made into raw materials like fabric, plastic and lumber.

Dr. Marleen Troy, associate professor of environmental engineering and earth sciences, said that bringing awareness to recycling

and TerraCycle is important in the Wilkes community.

"We're kind of spoiled [with] how much waste we can get away with," Troy said. "So, increasing awareness of [waste] is a good thing."

Szaky, who lectures to student organizations about once a month, will be talking about the trials and tribulations of being an entrepreneur. He said he would make a few points during his speech including the concept of garbage, the virtues of green business and entrepreneurship.

"Opening the door and letting people see what that's like will hopefully inspire them to potentially pursue a path... where you become an entrepreneur and do something different," Szaky said.

Troy talked about garbage and landfills and said that people might not always be able to throw trash away in the traditional sense of a landfill. She said that people are going to need to put less garbage into landfills and begin recycling.

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Courtesy of Marketing Communications

Tom Szaky, founder and CEO of TerraCycle, will deliver the fall Kirby Lecture on Oct. 7.

## Wilkes alumnus outlines keys to economic recovery in new book

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI  
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A Wilkes University alumnus believes he holds the key that will jump start the troubled United States economy and bring 30 million factory jobs back to America within a year.

Robert Ciali, a retired physicist and engineer who graduated from Wilkes in 1973, names four actions that Congress must take in order to

make it all happen in his newly-published book "Robbing Peter: How to Take Back Every Job and Factory Lost to China."

"I began my research simply because I wanted to know how we got ourselves into this mess and if there was anything we could do to get ourselves out of it," said Ciali, a native of Pittston. "I wrote my book to tell everyone what I had learned and to enter it into the permanent record, so we wouldn't

make the same mistakes again."

According to Ciali, recessions are nothing new to the United States. The problem, however, is that many of the tactics used by past generations to battle out of recessions are now banned by international free-trade agreements and Congress doesn't really know how to fix the problem.

In "Robbing Peter," Ciali illustrates four loopholes in America's present free-trade agreements that

Ciali believes, when exploited together, will bring jobs and factories back to the United States.

"There's one thing my proposals have going for them. If Congress decides to try them out but tires of the millions of jobs they create, it can reverse course in a heartbeat," Ciali said. "My proposals don't lock us into anything, unlike our free-trade agreements, which have held us captive for over 60 years."

Put simply, a free-trade agree-

ment is a deal between two or more nations that regulates what those nations can do to help their domestic manufacturers to win sales in markets at home and abroad. Two ways for the United States to do this are through the limited use of tariffs, which are taxes on foreign products that encourages people to buy American instead, and subsidies, which are government grants to American manufacturers.

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## Beacon Briefs

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS  
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**HEALTH SERVICES** – Health Services medical staff will be available during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week of Oct. 4 – 8. The office will be open until 7 p.m. and campus counseling hours will remain the same. For questions, contact Health Services at 408-7307. For emergencies, contact Safety and Security at 408-4999.

**BASKETBALL TRYOUTS** – Men's basketball tryouts will be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 5 in the Marts Gym, Room 213.

**FLU VACCINE** – The Wilkes University Health and Wellness Department is offering flu shots starting Oct. 1. The vaccination, which contains the H1N1 strain and two seasonal strains, is recommended to young people by the Health and Wellness Department. Two clinics will be held on Oct. 5 and Oct. 8, both from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. and the cost is \$20 made payable to Wilkes University by check. The clinics will be held at the first floor of Passan Hall, 267 S. Franklin St. Vaccinations can also be given during regular office hours.

**STUDY ABROAD SESSION** – A study abroad information session will be hosted on Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Miller Conference Room on the second floor of the HSC. Dr. Kevin Matherick, head of faculty at Trinity Saint David University in England, will be speaking about study abroad opportunities between Trinity and Wilkes. For more information, e-mail godlove.fon-jweng@wilkes.edu or call 408-2065.

**AWARENESS WALK** – The ninth annual Alcohol Awareness walk to raise awareness about underage and excessive drinking will be held at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 19. The mile-long walk begins on the Greenway,

heads to Kirby Park, then comes back to campus. A free T-shirt will be given to students, as well as lunch after the walk. Registration deadline is Oct. 12 at 12 p.m. Call Health Services at 408-4370 to register.

**MASTER PLAN SURVEY** – Wilkes University is in the process of updating outdoor spaces and landscape and is asking for members of the Wilkes community to give input via the website survey available at [www.community.wilkes.edu/landscape](http://www.community.wilkes.edu/landscape). It will be available through Oct. 15.

**POLISH HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP** – The Polish Room Committee Scholarship and Judianne Stanitski Scholarship are accepting applications from Luzerne County students. To be considered, students must write a brief description of their Polish heritage and what it means to him or her. This must be submitted, along with the student's name and WIN number, to [melanie.mickelson@wilkes.edu](mailto:melanie.mickelson@wilkes.edu) with the subject line of "Polish Heritage Scholarship" by Oct. 15.

**CIRQUE DE SOLSTACE** – Arts YOUiverse is presenting Cirque de Solstice from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 15 at 47 North Franklin Street in Wilkes-Barre. The event will feature a glass eater, fire breather and belly dancing. This performance benefits cancer and tickets are \$15 in advance. For tickets, call 417-3309 or visit [www.artsyouiverse.com](http://www.artsyouiverse.com).

**LIFE EMPOWERMENT CLASSES** – Dr. Ed Schicatano is holding life empowerment classes every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Arts YOUiverse in Wilkes-Barre and the cost is \$10 per person. The classes can help people dissolve negative emotions, eliminate stress, anxiety, fear and phobias. For more information, call 417-3309 or visit [www.artsyouiverse.com](http://www.artsyouiverse.com) or [www.ahealthymind.webs.com](http://www.ahealthymind.webs.com).

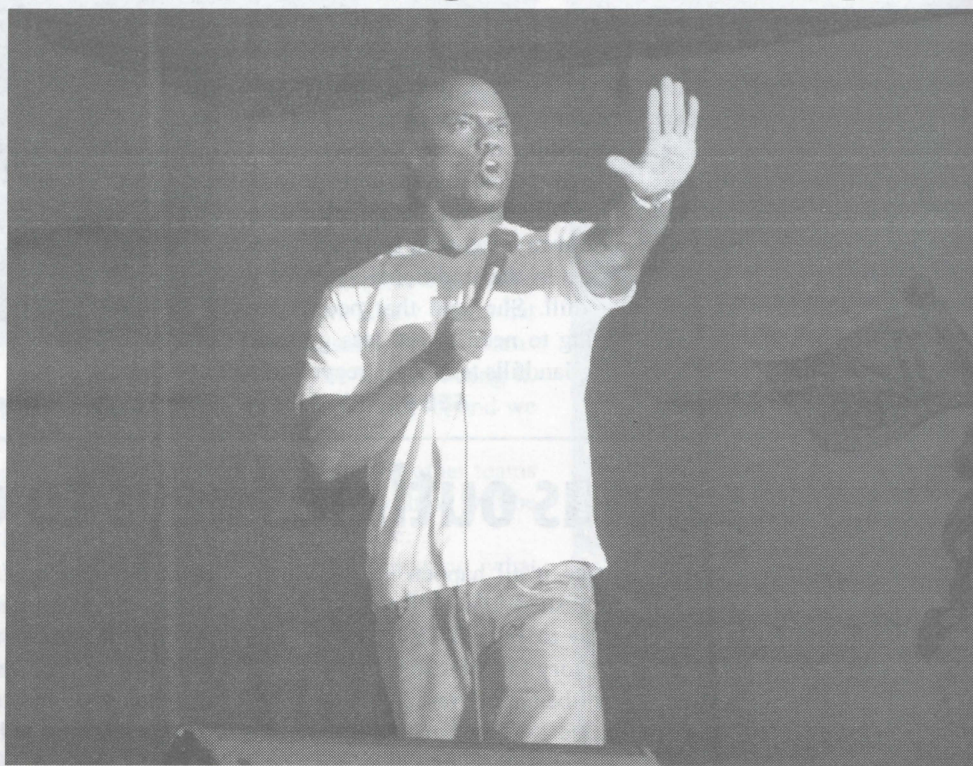
**MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSIONS** – The Manuscript, Wilkes University's creative written and visual art magazine, is calling for submissions of poetry, prose or artwork by Oct. 18 to [magazine@wilkes.edu](mailto:magazine@wilkes.edu).

**HOLIDAY CARD CONTEST** – Dr. and Mrs. Gilmour invite students to enter a design for this year's Wilkes University holiday card. Prizes will be awarded to the winner, \$175, and an honorable mention, \$75. Entries should be submitted to Susan Di-Bonifazio in UCOM 221 by Oct. 18.

**WEEKLY MEDITATION** – Weekly meditation will be held every Wednesday from 5 to 5:30 p.m. in the salon of Kirby Hall. First-time meditators should come to the question-and-answer session from 4:45 to 5 p.m. For more information, contact [mischelle.anthony@wilkes.edu](mailto:mischelle.anthony@wilkes.edu) or [linda.paul@wilkes.edu](mailto:linda.paul@wilkes.edu).

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## Students laugh at Hart's pain



Courtesy of The Amnicola Yearbook

Programming Board brought Kevin Hart's "Laugh At My Pain" tour to the Marts Center on Thursday night. Hart, a stand-up comedian who has appeared in movies such as "Soul Plane," shared some of his brand-new material with a sizeable Wilkes crowd.

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# College Republicans reform after years of inactivity

BY CHRISTINE LEE  
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The College Republicans, which has been defunct for some years, has been reorganized as a new activity for those interested in leadership, with the message of sparking political activism among students at Wilkes.

The College Republicans is an open club and any student on campus is eligible to join. It meets at noon on Thursdays in Breiseth Hall, Room 209. According to Secretary Bethany Sharpless, the group plans to meet more often during the November elections.

"Through the November elections we will meet every week, after that we will be meeting probably once a month," Sharpless said. "We are welcoming anyone who [would] like to come and participate and ask questions. You don't have to show any proof of voter registration, we just want to give Republicans or questioning students on campus an opportunity to be informed about their political options."

The club is planning to do events with

the local GOP campaign office, located on Public Square. They intend on bringing in speakers, candidates or those affiliated with candidates to come to the University. Currently, they are looking at least one speaker and possibly a second if their schedule permits.

"Several local candidates, including House [of Representatives], governor and senate candidates, came through last Saturday for

an open forum, and the group would like to bring those opportunities to campus," Sharpless said. "Lou Barletta, a candidate for the House of Representatives, is who we are currently trying to get [to speak on campus], but I haven't heard anything finalized yet," Sharpless said.



Courtesy of Ian Foley

**Pictured is the logo for the College Republican National Committee, of which the Wilkes club is a chapter.**

President Ian Foley said that he wanted to reform the group because he wanted to help out with campaigning for the Republican candidates running in the mid-term elections. In order to assist the candidates running on the republican ticket, Foley

decided to take a shot at reforming the defunct group, finding interested members of the Wilkes community and getting those involved actively engaged this year.

"I have been active in politics since high school and when I came to Wilkes, I had a mindset to help out our Republican candidates in 2010 and to my dismay, there were no College Republicans active [at Wilkes]," Foley said.

The College Republicans have had a presence on campus since the mid-1960s.

The Beacon reported, in an article dated September 1964, about the formation of what was then known as the "Young Republican College Council" affiliated with the College Service Committee of the Young Republican National Federation. But as time went on, the club went away due to lack of interest about eight to 10 years ago.

According to club adviser Dr. Mark Stine, somewhere around 2005 a couple of students became interested in restarting the College Republicans club and asked him if he would be the adviser, which he agreed upon. For a period of about two years in the mid-2000s, the club was up and running, but as the students who had been interested in the club graduated, the club once again became defunct.

"It did remain on the club books," Stine said. "So, even though a club doesn't have students involved, as long as the club is chartered, it stays on the books with Student [Development]," Stine said. "The same tenants that shaped the College Republicans are what remains on the books, so we have [the same] charter that exists."

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## CIALI

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According to the World Trade Organization, the United States currently has free-trade agreements with 152 countries around the world.

"In 1934 Congress turned over its tariffing authority to the State Department — a big mistake," Ciali said. "From that point on, the executive branch has been giving our jobs away to foreign countries by granting their products overly favorable import tariffs and quotas in exchange for their support for U.S. foreign policy."

One example Ciali gave was when George Herbert Walker Bush doubled the amount, or "quota," of Turkish textiles the government allowed to be imported annually into America in exchange for the use of Turkey's air bases during the first Gulf War.

"It turned out to be just another nail in the coffin of America's textile industry," Ciali said. "Bush may have destroyed the lives of a number of American textile workers and their families just to help him achieve a goal he could have achieved in some other way."

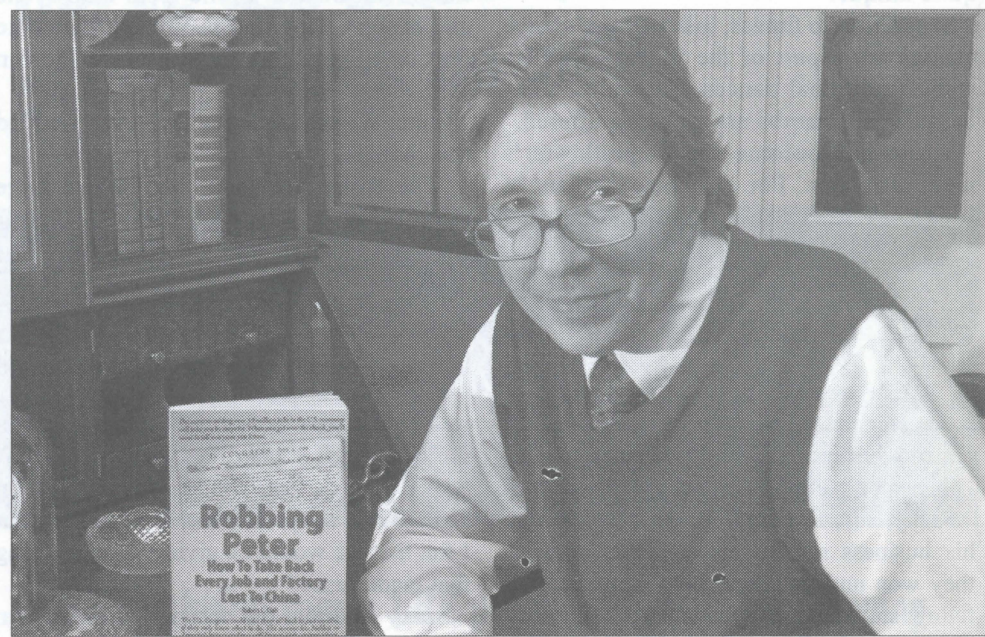
When interviewed, Ciali touched briefly on the proposals in "Robbing Peter" while being careful not to reveal what he calls "the surprising secret to winning at free trade."

"My proposals create an alternative to the tariff and would essentially return tariffing authority to Congress, where labor and business interests could influence their rates," Ciali said. This he accomplishes without violating any of America's present free-trade agreements.

If Ciali's proposals are implemented — and work the way he thinks they will — many of the laws that have been destroying jobs would begin to have the opposite effect. Minimum wage increases would face little opposition in Congress because they would no longer encourage companies to send jobs overseas. Most importantly, Ciali said, a resurgence of the middle class would be an absolute certainty.

But the author is having a difficult time convincing people that there's a way for the United States to get its economy out of the gutter and create new jobs for nearly 10 percent of its population within a year because it almost sounds too good to be true.

"Americans have been beaten down by free trade for so long, they aren't likely to believe anyone who says it is possible to correct matters quickly," Ciali said. "It's as though we've been kidnapped and locked in a room for a very long time. Then one day we wake up to find our door unlocked, and we don't try to escape because we think it's some kind of trick."



Courtesy of Robert Ciali

**Robert Ciali, a Wilkes alumnus, poses with his book "Robbing Peter: How to Take Back Every Job and Factory Lost to China." In his book, he proposes ways for Congress to jumpstart America's troubled economy and bring jobs back to the United**

He insists, however, that it isn't. He invites everyone who reads his book and agrees with it to pass a copy along to his or her congressman or senator.

"Once we take the plunge, we'll never look back," Ciali said. "Job seekers — including college grads — will have a much easier time finding a job, and at a higher rate of pay. And

we'll have an industrial base to be proud of."

"Robbing Peter: How to Take Back Every Job and Factory Lost to China" is currently available at Amazon.com and may be ordered at any bookstore, including Barnes and Noble.

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# River Commons is hustlin' and bustlin' in October

BY JOSHUA PELLEW

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Don't be surprised if you drive by the Susquehanna River and see people dancing, singing, working out and even doing yoga along the riverbank.

Fitness, dance and an open-mic series highlight the October schedule of the newly completed River Commons.

"The reason we started these programs is to get people out there and give them a taste of what's happening" said Karl Borton, director of programming at River Commons.

Borton started by volunteering with the River Commons to bring arts and entertainment to his hometown of Wilkes-Barre. After two years, he applied for the management position and was hired in June 2010.

Yoga in the Park and CrossFit are among the River Commons fall fitness programs. Both focus on physical and mental well-being as well as strength and conditioning.

"We prepare the body for not just one specific task, but train it to be able to adapt to any situation," head coach Brennan Morton said, "In this way CrossFit is quite unique."

In addition to fitness, instructional dance classes are a part of the fall schedule as well. Traditional dances like waltz, zumba, salsa and samba are all being offered.

Music has become the amphitheater's main attraction. For example, the Jam in



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**Community members take part in Yoga in the Park, which is one of the fall fitness programs offered on the River Commons.**

the Park series calls on all musicians, performers and aspiring artists to participate.

The River Commons also features an open mic night at 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

"Bottom-line: It's a unique opportunity that is not offered in the local club scene and is something that people should come out to experience themselves," Borton said.

Some Wilkes students have even noticed the change.

"The River Commons has been a huge

improvement on the city," senior business and marketing major Matthew Vital said.

"If the city can keep revamping the area, I think Wilkes-Barre can truly become the Central Park of Pennsylvania."

Junior communication studies major Bethany Yamrick said she thinks that the area is a great asset to the area's draw.

"I would hope that Wilkes students would take advantage of the work put into developing the River Commons, it has added to Wilkes University's appeal," Yamrick said.

All these events are free of charge and open to the public.

Interested parties can contact Borton at [karl@wilkes-barre.org](mailto:karl@wilkes-barre.org) or (570) 874-3240. For additional information, visit the River Commons website at <http://www.rivercommons.org> or look for the River Commons site on Facebook.

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## SZAKY

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"We're eventually going to run out of space [for landfills]; maybe not now or tomorrow but probably in 20 or 30 years it's going to be more of a big issue," Troy said.

Szaky, 28, said that for the first few years, his business ran on money from contests they won and volunteer help from Szaky's fellow students and friends. In 2003, TerraCycle won the Carrot Capitol Business Plan Challenge, which came with a \$1 million investment.

After winning, the investors dictated terms to Szaky and his crew. The investors wanted Szaky to change his team, which was an issue.

"These people had worked for free, and maybe they were not the most qualified people, but they had been volunteering at the business for over a year and it's hard to fire people like that," Szaky said.

The second issue that the investors dictated to Szaky was that they wanted him to change the essence of the business from a company that makes waste products into something useful to an organic fertilizer company.

"The inner core of your business is something that one should never compromise," Szaky said. "Everything around it can change and adapt and we've done that, but I felt that we would be giving up everything that made sense."

Szaky said that the decision to turn down the \$1 million was very difficult because they only had \$500 in the TerraCycle bank account at that time. But out of this desperation for money came the idea to package and use soda bottles for the liquid fertilizer because TerraCycle couldn't afford new bottles. Szaky deemed this innovation as one of its greatest. TerraCycle is the only company in the world that repackages a large number of soda bottles for another use.

Szaky was born in Hungary, which was communist under Russian rule, moved to

Holland and then moved to Canada when he was about nine years old. Szaky said being an entrepreneur is the American dream because he would have never been able to create his own business in Hungary or even Europe because business owners had to be rich. Szaky began TerraCycle with nothing but an idea.

TerraCycle is now in eight countries around the world and employs 75 people in the United States.

Szaky said that hiring young people is not only important, but also essential because of their high energy and purpose-driven motivation for this eco-friendly business.

"There is a huge purpose-driven movement out now with young people, especially in college," Szaky said. "For a business like us, it's great because it inspires people to come help and be a part of something that is about making money but about something else, like the environment."

Dr. Jeffery Alves, professor of entrepreneurship, said that young people must be

prepared for positions in a company that also involve the greater society.

"Sustainability has become more than just an environmental concern," Alves said. "Preparing students for an active role in society as managers and leaders requires exposure to forward-thinking and acting people."

Alves said Szaky and TerraCycle show that opportunity can be made from less than nothing, which is why he was chosen as the fall Kirby Lecture speaker.

"Failing is a critical, critical part of the growing not only in business, but in other things," Szaky said. "Every time we hit a really hard situation, every time has led to our greatest innovations."

Troy said that Wilkes University may be able to participate in TerraCycle's collection process.

Go to [TerraCycle.net](http://TerraCycle.net) to see the various products that TerraCycle sells and how you can get involved.

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## SG helps cystic fibrosis fundraiser

BY CATHRYN FREAR  
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Greg Castelli, a senior P3 pharmacy student, requested the support of Student Government in his fundraising campaign for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The campaign will involve selling paper pumpkins in the first floor of the Henry Student Center and is slated to start as early as this week.

"I'd like to get them as soon as we can so that we can sell them for maybe four weeks," Castelli said.

One of the ways he asked SG to support him was that he wanted their window space outside of the SG office to hang the pumpkins.

"When people buy [the pumpkins], then they can see that they're right there," Castelli said.

He also asked if SG would contribute funds to the campaign, as well as if they would help in the actual selling of the pumpkins and if they would lend their name in support of the campaign. Up until this year, Castelli was a member of SG and other members always assisted in the selling.

"I've been doing this since my sophomore year," Castelli said. "That year we raised \$510 and every year since then we've raised at least \$300-\$400."

During the discussion, there was a lot of debate over whether or not SG should donate extra funds to the campaign or if they should just help him in the other ways.

"I don't think we really have the right to take students' money and say where it should go," senior biology, pre-medicine major vice president of the senior class Derek Nye said. "Maybe someone will see this and think that there was something better we could have spent our money on."

The motion to lend a helping hand, use the SG office window space and help sell, as well as form a committee to organize the sale passed 29-1-5.

Katie Aldinger, a senior nursing major, suggested SG provide a donation of \$150.

"I feel like this is no different than spending money on anything else," Aldinger said.

A motion was made to vote on it. The motion failed to pass at a 2-22-11 vote.

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## REPUBLICANS

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The current College Republicans has two goals: to educate voters on the issues and to bring a sense of civic responsibility back to the campus. It operates as an open club and any student on campus who is interested is eligible to join; there is no need for voter registration proof.

"Unfortunately most college students don't get involved in politics too much and I assume most won't even be voting this year," Foley said "We're going to really try to get a good absentee ballot push. Most [students] at Wilkes live in Pennsylvania, so we're hoping we can actively pursue absentee ballot campaign to give them a chance to vote," Foley said.

Stine said the upcoming mid-term elections in Pennsylvania have sparked an interest among students in politics, which he hopes will spark an interest in voter registration as well. There are currently no voter registration programs on campus, but it is something that the club would be interested in working with and developing.

"Zebra Communications, the student public relations agency, has run campaigns in the past along with The League of Women Voters to get students registered. I think one

great opportunity would be for College Republicans and Democrats to team with Zebra [Communications] and maybe work with The League of Women Voters and so on to rally students to register to vote," Stine said.

Stine also said that he is foreseeing the opportunity of working closely with the College Democrats to have a good, spirited discussion and debate into the upcoming election season, especially with mid-term elections coming up.

"I think that any clubs like College Republicans and Democrats need to work together because that's part of the idea behind having clubs like this: having discussions and open debates and forums that would involve both College Republicans and Democrats and also any clubs for other parties and political points of view," Stine said.

There are currently no other political party organizations on campus besides campus republicans and democrats, with the exception of the Student Political Action Forum. But the upcoming mid-term elections have sparked interest among students in politics.

"I'm hoping that certainly over those four years that Ian [Foley] is here [a freshman] I hope that he and we can work to build the club so that it sustains for a longer period of time this time," Stine said.

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## Bras aid breast cancer awareness

The third annual Bras Across the Bridge walk took place on Oct. 2 at Kirby Park. The event was coordinated through Wilkes and sponsored by WKRZ radio station as an attempt to bring awareness to breast cancer. Tables were set up in the Henry Student Center so that supporters could donate bras for the walk, along with a \$5 contribution. During the walk, participants carried the donated bras down Market Street and across the Market Street Bridge. Check out [www.wilkesbeacon.com](http://www.wilkesbeacon.com) to view a slideshow of pictures from the event.

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# More research needed before drilling

## Coalition between three organizations must research drilling effects

BY THE BEACON  
Editorial Board

Clean air, clean water and a clean environment are things that everyone can agree are desirable. With the big push for "going green," reducing one's carbon footprint and being environmentally friendly, people should be even more aware of the value of sufficient and thorough research when embarking on new projects to further a prosperous economy and healthy environment.

Recently, Congressman Paul Kanjorski, D-Pa., announced that \$1 million would be given to King's College, Wilkes University and the Earth Conservancy to form a coalition among the three for research and development of Marcellus Shale drilling in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Marcellus Shale is a type of sedimentary rock, which contains untouched natural gas. It is found in New York, Ohio and much of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The Marcellus Shale rock is about one mile underneath the surface of earth; therefore, drilling must occur, to acquire to the gas.

In a press conference held on Sept. 13 at Wilkes to announce the funding, Kanjorski said, "We probably have an extractable \$7 trillion in Marcellus Shale, which would make it the richest gas deal in the world- enough to fuel America for 50 to 100 years."

"And of course that's only extracting 5 percent of the gas that's there under present technology," he continued.

All of this sounds perfectly valid because jobs will be created in addition to the gas available to fuel our nation as Kanjorski says.

But, The Beacon questions the methodology of this process. To extract the natural gas, drilling companies use a hydraulic fracturing process, which requires large

amounts of water. In theory, the water is supposed to be reused at the same drilling site or relocated to other drilling sites after it is contaminated with sand and chemicals used to drill.

There have been many instances where the gas leaked into wells and streams in the area, contaminating drinking water and natural water sources with methane gas. This is not only harmful to people drinking the water, but also to the ecosystem around the area.

And people are aware of the problems that are associated with the drilling. During the press conference, John Duda, from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory, said that Marcellus Shale is a significant domestic resource, but there are matters at hand that need to be discussed.

"There are multiple issues, both real and perceived, that need to be addressed to fully develop Marcellus Shale in the most responsible manner, realizing the economic breach of security and environmental benefits," Duda said.

There are other aspects to Marcellus Shale drilling because of the fact that the drilling companies need to acquire the land that the rock is settled beneath.

The people whose homes are located on the land and other land owners are being asked to sign land leases. But these lease prices are changing quite rapidly. For example, in 2008, the leases were going for \$100 per acre and in May of this year, the leases increased to \$2,000 per acre.

Landowners are unsure of what to do and when to sign leases with the constant price fluctuation.

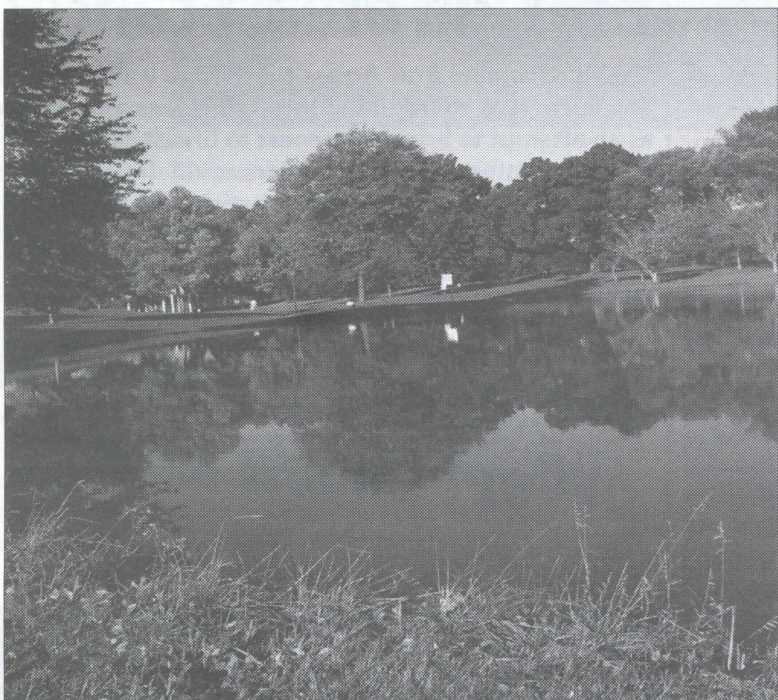
In addition to the signed leases, gas drillers can drill on the land of property owners who have not signed the lease under something called "forced

pooling," which permits gas drillers to do this if most of the people in the area have given up their land to gas drilling.

Some people in the Northeastern Pennsylvania region began a Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition to spread the word about the gas drilling and the possible effects of it.

More people need to be educated on the effects of gas drilling, whether it is positive or negative.

The Beacon supports ample preliminary research on the Marcellus Shale drilling project in Northeastern Pennsylvania and throughout the United States.



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**Much of Northeastern Pennsylvania's water has the possibility of being polluted and contaminated from natural gas leaking into wells and streams. More research on the effects of Marcellus Shale needs to be conducted for this to be avoided.**

If Wilkes University is going to be involved in such an institute, The Beacon advocates that the research should be extensive and detailed to discover as much as possible about the effects that Marcellus Shale drilling could have on the environment and the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania, as well as the United States.

Although Kanjorski and President Tim Gilmour said that they support doing research before doing any drilling, the drilling and the damage has already been done to water in some parts of Pennsylvania.

### BEACON POLL

The Beacon poll is unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on the Wilkes campus. This poll was based on 11 responses.

#### Last week's question:

Do you think the United States should switch to the Chip and PIN system for credit cards?

- Yes 55%
- No 45%

#### This week The Beacon asks:

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- Yes
- No

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## Picking up one more major or minor can be done easily

*Students should take advantage of 18-credit semesters*

BY AMANDA LEONARD  
Assistant Opinion Editor

The average cost of tuition at Wilkes University is \$26,000 a year. At that price tag, students should take full advantage of the cost academically.

Most students enroll at Wilkes with a declared major; others do not and may be unable to decide between a few that they have in mind. My advice is that if you have declared a major, do not think that you are limited to those classes for the next four years.

While taking various general education classes throughout the first two years of your college career, you may come across a topic of interest that you wish to expand, without abandoning your current major. This interest can be declared as a minor or even a second major.

Though it may seem like a hefty load to take on, it really can be done. Most people are under the impression that double majoring will require extra years of education, more money and a higher stress level. While I cannot disagree with the stress level, it is undoubtedly possible to obtain two degrees in the span of a typical four-year program here at Wilkes.

By upping your normal 15-credit semesters to 18, you will already have an extra 24 credits to add to your cumulative total,

without paying any additional out-of-pocket money. Doing this and throwing in an on-line course between semesters and a course in the summer, you will then have 45 more credits that you did not think you could obtain as easily.

Even if you are taking 15 credits every semester, your tuition still covers for 18. Why waste this money? In a worst-case scenario, you can simply graduate early by taking 18 credits a semester, still saving money.

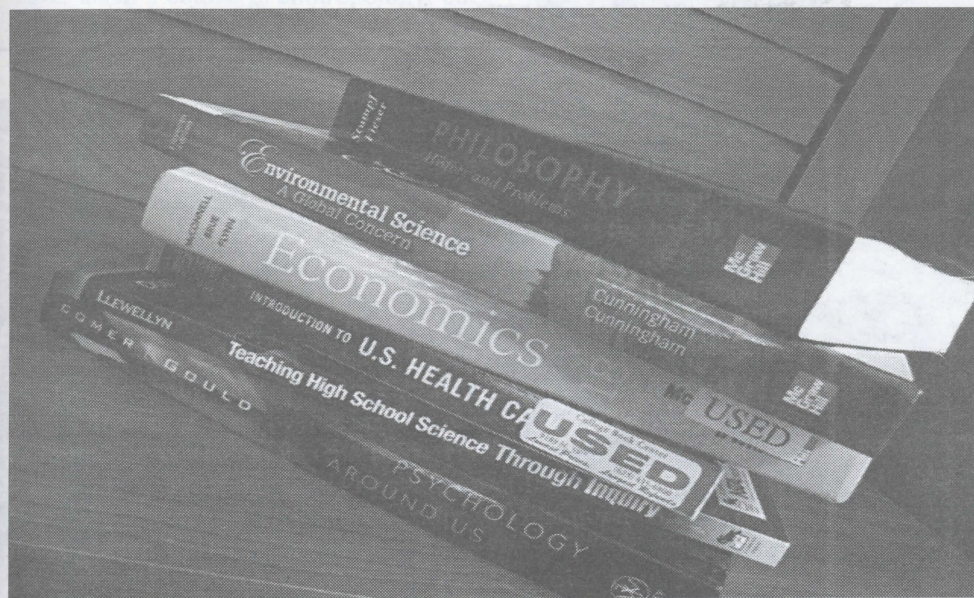
Many of the classes may overlap, enabling you to put those already earned credits toward your second desired major or minor. For communications majors, an English or an integrative media major is not difficult to obtain at all. If one is a history or English major, many of the classes they have taken, or will take, are eligible for a minor in women's studies. One major will definitely help the other.

If you have already taken the classes and learned the material, why not go the extra mile to advance your knowledge on it? By double majoring, you will expand your thought processes and appreciate learning at a much different level.

While constantly building your resume up throughout your college years, it is a wise choice to take an internship.

With two different fields of study, you will

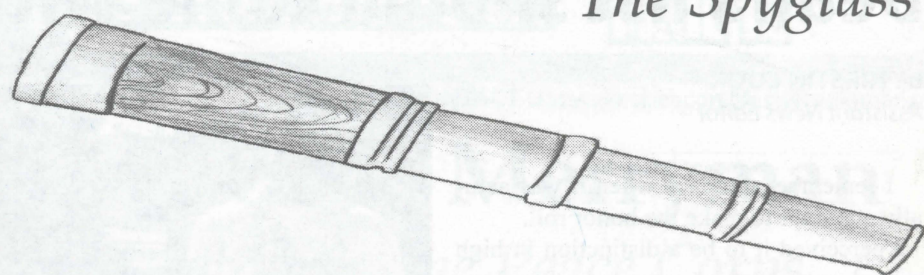
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Pictured above is a stack of textbooks that a student with multiple majors may be required to read. Although taking on another major or minor can increase one's workload, having more than one degree will be helpful after graduating college.

## The Spyglass



## Everyone should plant a tree

BY ANTHONY TRUPPO  
Opinion Editor

Every year, more trees on Earth are cut down than are planted. The ripping of trees from their natural habitat has already caused environmental defects and the damage will only increase in severity if the amount of trees continues to decline.

I feel that as permanent residents of Earth, we should each replace just a tiny bit of the natural resources we have used throughout our lives by planting at least one tree in our lifetimes.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, three to six billion trees are cut down every year across the world.

Considering that nearly seven billion people populate Earth, roughly one tree is destroyed each year for every two living people on Earth.

The average American uses at least one tall tree per year from paper products alone.

According to the American Forest and Paper Association, each American uses approximately one 100-foot-tall tree in paper and wood products per year. That paper plate you used for your peanut butter and jelly sandwich may not seem like much, but each little twig accumulates.

Giving back to our planet by planting a tree will greatly benefit our environment. Trees do much more for us than provide oxygen – trees also provide cooling and can store rainwater, preventing floods.

You can experience the benefits a tree will offer by planting a tree near your home. Trees offer shade, making you more comfortable while performing grueling outdoor tasks.

Also, if your home is shaded by large trees, air conditioning costs will be lower since your home is not being subject to direct sunlight.

In addition to its environmental and economical benefits, trees can have mental benefits as well. Trees can provoke feelings

of peace and tranquility and even have the power to accelerate the healing process.

Studies have shown that hospital patients heal faster and require less medication when trees can be seen from their windows.

I am not suggesting that people stop cutting trees down completely, I merely advise citizens of Earth to plant new trees. In fact, it is actually beneficial to the environment to have older trees cut down and have new trees planted in their places.

When we are young, we learn that trees absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen, which is required for all humans to breathe.

In 2008, Wired Magazine ran an article debunking common myths of the ability of trees to retain carbon dioxide. The article states that while a tree absorbs a tremendous amount of carbon dioxide in its first 55 years, the tree will release all of the carbon dioxide it has absorbed over the years as it grows old and decomposes.

Unfortunately, planting a tree is not as simple as digging a hole and dropping a seed into the ground.

Trees should be planted during the fall or spring season, so extreme temperatures do not damage the tree.

If you wish to plant a seedling and allow it to grow, be careful not to dig a hole that is too deep or too narrow. If the hole is too deep, the roots will not receive enough oxygen to grow properly. If the hole is too narrow, the roots will not have enough room to expand. The hole should be about two times the size of the root ball at the bottom of the tree.

After digging the hole, different types of trees must be placed into the ground in different ways. For examples, visit the Virginia Department of Forestry's Web site at <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/mgt/how-to-plant.htm>.

Trees can also be grown from planting a seed; however, the process is more difficult, so it is best for a beginner to start with a seedling.

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# Dean's list should come with more recognition and reward

BY KIRSTIN COOK  
Assistant News Editor

I remember the days when it was actually an honor to make the honor roll.

I perceived it to be a distinction in high school, one that was earned after long hours of studying to achieve high grades. This honor came with privileges, such as being able to leave campus during study halls.

There was also the separation of advanced students with the high honor roll, which was a display of the few truly elite students.

Making the dean's list, the college equivalent for academic achievement, is not the achievement that it should be recognized as.

While achieving high grades in college courses is a respectable feat, the prize of making the dean's list is not proportional.

The immense work that students conduct to maintain exceptional grades should be equally matched with credit and reward. However, the only acknowledgment given is a simple pat on the back in the form of a cardboard certificate with your name on it.

Students must maintain at least a 3.4 Grade Point Average and carry a minimum of 12 credits to be named to the dean's list, according to the Wilkes Web site. While 3.4 is a respectable score, it includes a wide range of honorees.

In spring 2010, 859 students were listed on the dean's list, which was reported on the Wilkes Web site. Therefore, 38 percent of eligible students made the list, in regard to the 2,290 undergraduates and first-pro-



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**Pictured above are various students holding the same certificate. Many students make the dean's list each semester; however, most wish for a reward greater than a paper certificate. Due to the broad range of what constitutes admittance to the dean's list, many students who have achieved different levels of success receive the same recognition.**

fessional pharmacy students enrolled in fall 2009, according to the Wilkes fact book. It is great that so many people have more than a 3.4 GPA, but 38 percent of students is far too many. The qualifications should be pared down in some way.

The large proportion of students who achieve dean's list standings make it seem as if making the dean's list is less of an out-

standing honor and more of a common occurrence.

It also makes it unreasonable to provide all recognized students with a prize for their effort.

It is no doubt an achievement to be considered among the 38 percent of students who made the dean's list last spring.

The range is simply too wide to be repre-

sentative of the achievement, especially for those students on the list who received the highest GPAs.

The money used to print and distribute the dean's list certificates every semester should be redirected to an event, such as a dinner ceremony, to recognize recipients every semester.

Another form of recognition could be a discount on book purchases. Either of these incentives would be more meaningful and useful to students.

However, it would be impossible to provide such prizes to the mass amount of students who make the dean's list, which is another flaw in the concept.

The fact that a student with a 4.0 GPA receives the same acknowledgment on the list as a student with a 3.4 GPA is not fair.

The dean's list should be divided to represent the students with good grades and the students with the best grades separately.

A distinction of high honorees would make it feasible for these students to be rewarded properly, or at least to be recognized fully for their excellence.

The dean's list needs to be re-evaluated to be able to provide appropriate acknowledgment and reward to students who achieve high GPAs.

The students who have worked for those standings deserve greater recognition.

The time and effort exerted by the higher-ranking students is not proportional to a flimsy certificate and the inclusion among 859 other names.

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not only have more opportunities to choose an internship, but you will have more options to choose from, alleviating any stress for finding one.

Overall, it is a smart decision to choose two majors or a minor to accentuate your major. As stated with internships, finding a job can possibly be easier.

You will have more education under your belt, more knowledge in the field and possibly more knowledge than the other people you are up against for the job.

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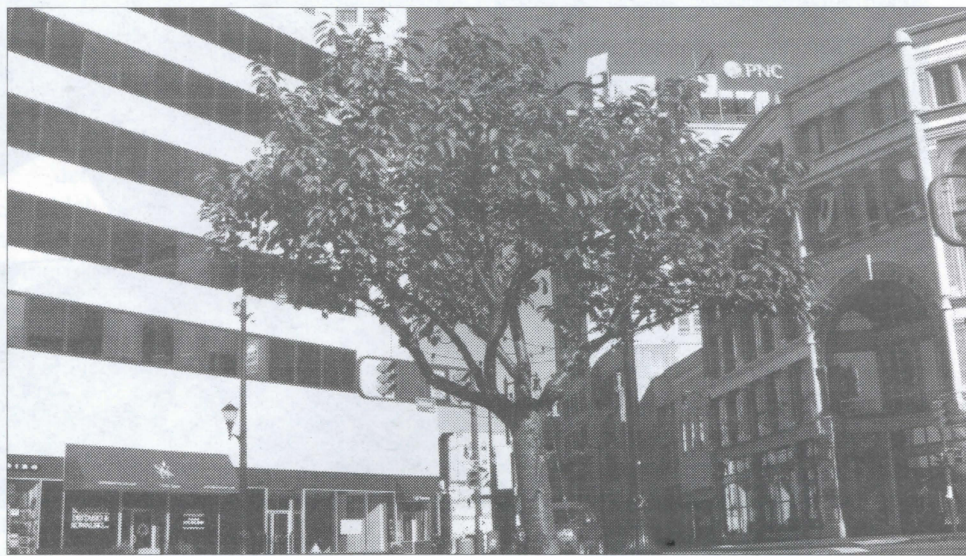
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I feel that every person on Earth should plant at least one tree during the course of his or her life, not only because a tree can improve our planet's environment, but because a tree can also have a variety of benefits on the individual person who planted the tree.

Planting a tree can be a difficult process, yet your efforts will be rewarded for years and perhaps a lifetime.

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**A tree, like the one pictured above, can accentuate an urban environment and can offer many other benefits as well, such as economic and mental benefits.**



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## Chatting with faculty: Dr. James Merryman

### *Merryman takes on creative writing, Swahili & the Peace Corps*

BY RUTH WHISPELL  
Life Editor

Dr. James Merryman, professor of anthropology and sociology at Wilkes University, sits at his desk amongst a sea of artifacts from his countless travels. Merryman's life has been spent traveling to faraway lands, learning new things and passing on his freshly gained knowledge to students through anthropology.

Merryman, who has been teaching at Wilkes for 21 years, grew up on a farm in a rural town in Nebraska. His graduating class of 19 was considered to be "the big class."

After graduating from his diminutive high school, Merryman became a first generation college student at Nebraska Wesleyan University, which was, at the time, about the size of Wilkes. He majored in history and took a minor in philosophy.

"I had always imagined I would be teaching history in a small town in Nebraska no more than an hour from my upbringing," Merryman said.

Instead, right after graduation from Wesleyan, Merryman entered into the Peace Corps, which presented the opportunity to travel to Kenya and East Africa. He had never taken a course in anthropology, but after leaving the Peace Corps, Merryman went to the State University of New York at Binghamton.

"They had a new program for return Peace Corps volunteers. That's where I met my wife, a graduate from Wilkes University, who was taking classes at Binghamton for her masters in English," Merryman explained.

After completing the program at Binghamton, Merryman was able to enter back into the Peace Corps and traveled back to Kenya. While he was away, Merryman and his girlfriend corresponded for 15 months before he proposed through the mail.

Merryman was so in love with Africa that both he and his wife went to North Western University to receive their doctoral degrees in anthropology.

"We did our dissertations in Africa and then spent most of our time working among camel herding Somali Muslim nomads," Merryman said.

When his wife's mother passed away, Merryman and his wife moved to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

"I got a job here and [his wife] got one at Keystone College. There are hardly any jobs in anthropology so it was a miracle," Merryman said.

**The Beacon:** How long have you been taking classes at Wilkes?

**Merryman:** I entered the masters of creative writing program about five years ago. I graduated last spring, I walked across the stage and got my diploma and now I am a Wilkes alum, just like my wife.

**The Beacon:** Why did you go for your masters in creative writing?

**Merryman:** I wanted to do it because I wanted to have an opportunity to draw on that rich African experience and be able to share it with a "popular" audience. Up to this time I had always done academic writing. I felt like there were lessons and things of importance that I had insights to. Creative writing was a big change for me. In scientific writing we have a thesis or hypothesis whereas in creative writing it's

much more show and don't tell and nuance that straight forward proof.

**The Beacon:** If you were on a deserted island what three things would you want with you?

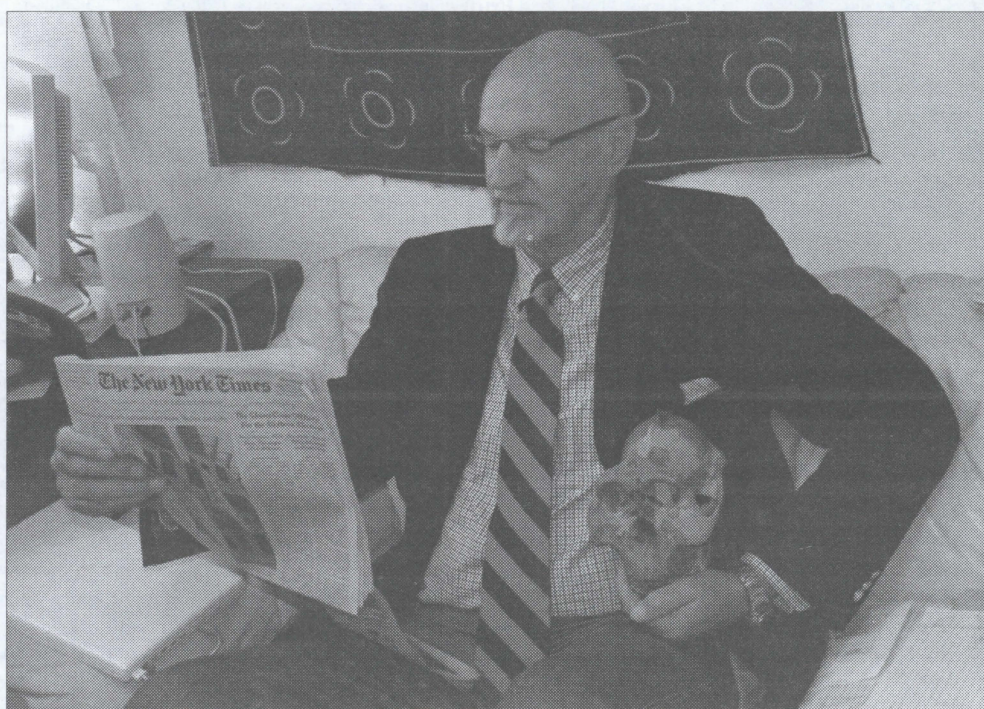
**Merryman:** A full iPod, iPad, a Kindle to import books and then I'll have everything I need. I suppose if I had the iPad I wouldn't need the iPod. I guess besides those things some sunscreen because I really like the sun and the ocean. If I was on a deserted island and it was warm I would be quite content. Maybe the iPad could download movies as well.

**The Beacon:** Describe yourself in three words?

**Merryman:** Tall, bald and likes to dance.

**The Beacon:** What is a random fact that you're willing to share?

**Merryman:** I'm a member of a weekly conga drumming group that includes Dr. Halsor, professor of environmental engineering and earth science and Dr. Godlove Fonjweng, director of global education and diversity affairs, as our African drumming instructor.



The Beacon/Marjorie Whispell

Sometimes when you visit Dr. James Merryman's office you'll find him lounging with, *Australopithecus robustus*, a cast of a hominid ancestor skull that is 4.5 million years old. One of Merryman's favorite newspapers is the *The New York Times*.

**The Beacon:** What is your favorite type of music and why?

**Merryman:** I am still a Beatle-maniac. Their music has endured nearly a half century. However, my favorite is 60's cool jazz, Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock, Stan Getz. I love to dance to sixties R&B, James Brown and I'm a nut for Mozart. His 21 piano concerto is so simple but so sublime.

**The Beacon:** Are you the kind of friend that you would want as a friend?

**Merryman:** I would like to think so. Among my small circle of really good friends I am loyal, tolerant, non-judgmental and a good sounding board. Even tight-lipped men need someone to talk to.

**The Beacon:** What do your students think of you?

**Merryman:** Old, boring, out of touch with their world, and inclined to tell endless, irrelevant stories about Africa and other spots I've traveled. The anecdotes or case studies are actually first-hand examples that support the main theoretical points of the text. Some students get it and recite the stories to me years later.

**The Beacon:** What are your future goals?

**Merryman:** I will not die in a rocking chair. I can't understand people who retire at 50 and then collect stamps. I have traveled to 30-plus countries and have 170 left to go. I want to build an Alexander Calder-type mobile and hang it from our cathedral ceiling. Continue biking, swimming and other outdoor activities. I want to get into fast water kayaking. Generally, I want to stay fit. I'm convinced it's the best way to ward off physical decline, dementia and early death I had a great aunt who lived to be 106 and she was fit until the end. Reassemble JMQ, Jim Merryman Quintet, with me on the saxophone. Finish/publish my memoir on my early days in Africa. Finish my memoir of growing up in Nebraska where we actually had work horses and no electricity in my early days, like something out of the 19 century. OK, that's just a start.

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## STUDENTS, ALUMNI, AND FACULTY

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From an exciting pep rally to a winning football game, this homecoming weekend has provided endless fun for everyone on campus including students, alumni, faculty and staff.

Thursday night's Fish Pong, pie eating, Black light mini-golf, and concert by Three Imaginary Boys drew a huge crowd, but not as big as comedian Kevin Hart, who performed later that night in the Marts gym. Hart brought laughs to the audience using new material called "Laugh at my Pain."

During the day Friday, students welcomed Wilkes Alumni back to campus, and at night, the carnival-themed Homecoming dance was held at the Best Western Genetti Hotel and Conference Center.

Students paid \$5 to go to the dance, which included a meal and a cupcake party favor.

There were also numerous events, which were planned by Mirko Widenhorn and Bridget Giunta Husted from the Alumni Association. The two collaborated to make the Wilkes University homecoming a big event for all alumni. There was a concert by Eddie Day and the Starfires who played classic rock 'n' roll around 7:30 on Friday night. There were numerous class reunions on both Friday and Saturday nights. There was also a party for recent alumni on Saturday night where alumni could mingle with students and other people from Wilkes.

To top it all off, the Colonels defeated Albright University at Saturday's game. During halftime, Anthony Dorunda, senior communications major, and Nadine Shickora, senior pharmacy major, were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

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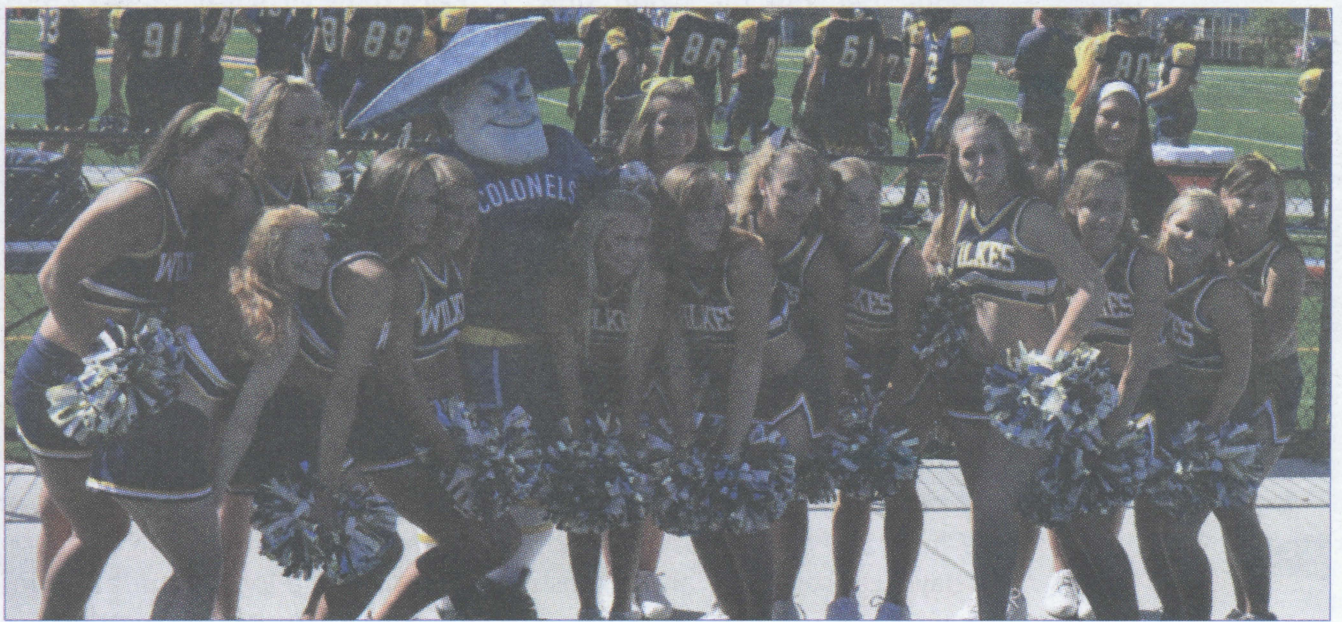


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# LET'S CELEBRATE HOMECOMING





## Wilkes University's Health & Wellness Corner

*Wilkes University's Health and Wellness Corner is a weekly feature in The Beacon. Students who ask questions will remain anonymous. All questions will be answered by Health Service staff.*

**Q. I have recently started running and developed pain in the middle of my foot. I do not recall injuring it while running, but someone told me I might have a stress fracture? What exactly is a stress fracture and will I need a cast if it fractured?**

A. Stress fractures are overuse injuries of bone. Commonly, they are in the lower limbs and occur during running, walking, marching or jumping.

Stress fractures are among the five most common injuries suffered by runners. Symptoms include point tenderness over the fracture sight, swelling and/or bruising over the area. An x-ray is needed to make the definitive diagnosis.

Treatment includes, a hard soled shoe or cast depending on the extent of the break,

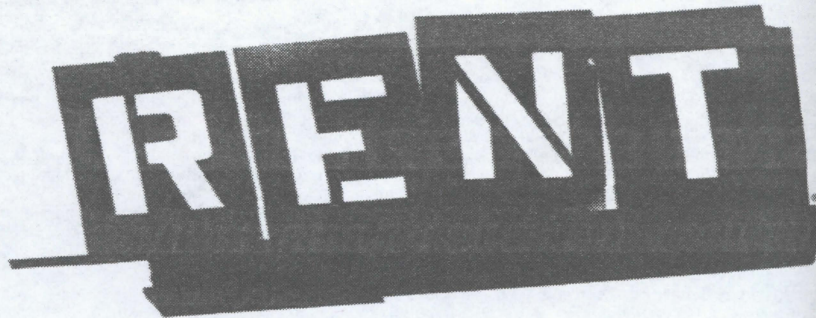
crutches with no or partial weight bearing, ice, elevation of the extremity and pain medication such as ibuprofen.

Factors that may predispose individuals to a stress fracture are: excessive intensity in physical training or exercise, change in training regimen, change in training surface, improper fitting or worn out shoes, inadequate nutrition, cigarette smoking and medication usage (i.e. chronic steroid use).

**Do you have a question for the Health & Wellness Corner? E-mail your questions to [wellness.services@wilkes.edu](mailto:wellness.services@wilkes.edu), and you may see your question in next week's Wellness Corner. Your privacy will be protected. You can reach those working at Health Services at 408-4730 or by visiting their office on the first floor of Passan Hall.**

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### STREET BEAT

**What is your favorite season and why?**

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**Michael Pauley**

Senior chemistry major

"Winter because the world slows down, and everything is simplified. The slow pace everyone travels at lessens the reason everyone's miserable."



**Sarah Jones**

Sophomore undecided

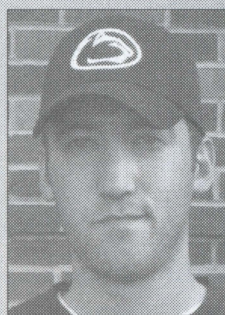
"Fall, I think I like it because of the foods like cinnamon, apples and pumpkin pie. I also like the leaves."



**Jasmine Edwards**

Sophomore undecided

"Summer, my birthday is in that area. Also because of the colors and the freedom to be out of your winter clothes."



**Joe Lopatka**

Senior Earth and environmental science major

"Winter, I like the snow."



**John Borzell**

Senior Earth and environmental science major

"Winter and fall because of school delays, cancellations and ice fishing."



**Robin Sorber**

Sophomore English major

"Summer, I like the warm weather and there is a lot of stuff to do in the country during the summer."



**Katie Shoemaker**

Junior elementary education major

"I like the summer because it's hot, I like the sun and there's no classes."



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## Govinda Gallery brings Marley exhibit to Sordoni

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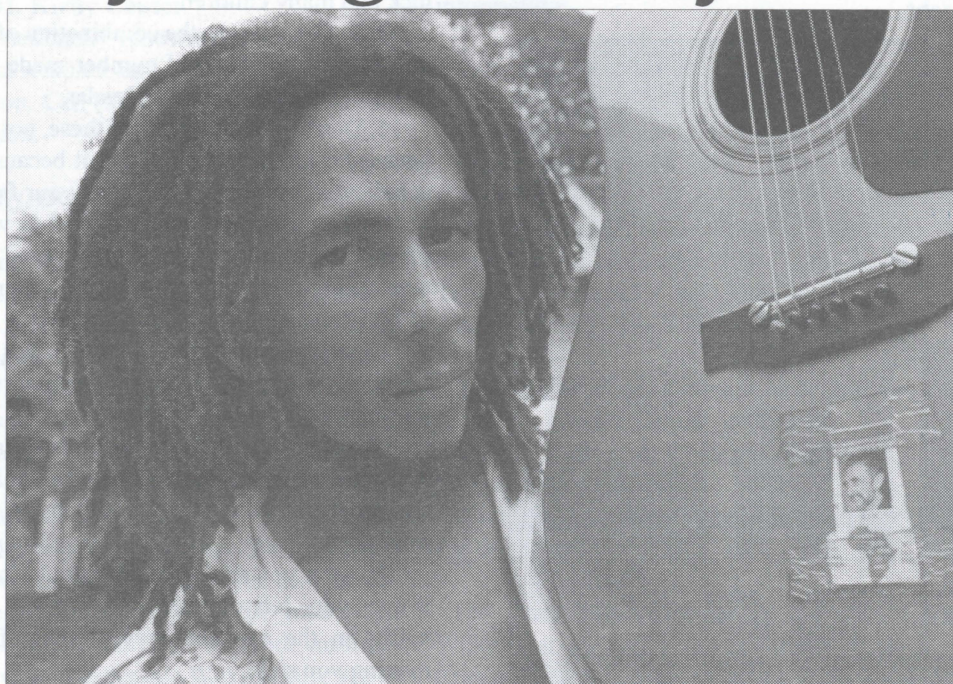
The Sordoni Gallery will present an intimate photo collection of reggae artist Bob Marley taken throughout his musical career beginning on Oct. 18. The collection will be displayed until Dec. 18 and hopes to attract a wide range of musical fans throughout the area.

In the biography, "Bob Marley: The Untold Story" by Chris Salewicz, famed photographer David Burnett reveals the musical artist through a personal perspective. Titled "Soul Rebel," most of the photos revealed at the exhibit are also available in Salewicz's book. The widely acclaimed biography, which was released this summer, was edited by Chris Murray, founder and curator of the Govinda Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Burnett, who had frequently worked with "TIME," came to Murray suggesting some sort of exhibit to portray the photos of Marley which were never used by the national magazine. It was then suggested that the exhibit be turned into both, biography and exhibit.

"David came to me and he knew I had a great interest in music photography. Annie Lebowitz, her first exhibit was [at the Govinda Gallery]," Murray said. "I decided at that time to champion and document great musical performers. [Burnett] knew I had a great presence there."

Burnett is nationally known for his inspiring photos of revolutionary and worldly issues and when his Bob Marley collection was revealed to Murray, it was quite ex-



Courtesy of Govinda Gallery/David Burnett

**Many of the photos of Marley, such as the one above, will be displayed in the Sordoni Gallery, most of which were taken by David Burnett in the late '70s.**

traordinary. The photos were unpublished, exposing one of the "greatest international musical personalities and heroes of the world," in his most personal state and setting," Murray added.

On the last day of the exhibit in Washington, Brittany Kramer, interim assistant of Sordoni Gallery, pitched the idea to both Burnett and Murray to bring the exhibit to the Sordoni Gallery to appeal to the local colleges and universities.

"This is a big event, and we got a lot of campus-wide involvement," Kramer said. "We are hoping for a great student turnout

from the most of the colleges in the area."

Murray, who has worked closely with a great variety of influential individuals, including Andy Warhol, hopes to see a large success in revealing the exhibitions in different galleries across the country. Remarkably enough, the Sordoni Gallery has the honor of being the first major museum exhibition outside of the Govinda Gallery to present the show.

"[In Washington] it was just unbelievable, people were coming in droves," Murray said. "Families from suburbs, inner-city kids, college kids and musical fans, and

people interested in peace and civil rights. It just was unbelievable how much they loved the show. It kind of tells a story, documenting his life and his transition from great performer to an international superstar."

Murray added that the photos were a chance to see Marley in a beautiful and serene way with all of the photos capturing the "spirit of the musician," a way in which no one has ever seen. Following his day-to-day routine, from Marley's home and his intimate times, to his concert tour around the world, Burnett captures Marley as he gradually progressed from Jamaican reggae singer to a musical icon.

Kramer is expecting at least 100 people at the exhibit and on Oct. 22, Burnett will be at the opening reception of the exhibition as a guest speaker. He will be available to sign autographs and answer questions from 6 to 9 p.m. that night. Caribbean and vegetarian food will be served along with a special performance from The George Wesley Band. Murray will also be at the exhibit Friday, Oct. 29 to speak to students.

"It's amazing that he actually got to hang out with [Marley], I mean he can answer questions about Marley," Kramer added. "The book, [Bob Marley: The Untold Story], was taken from two separate trips that he made with Bob Marley. That's a really cool experience that he can share with true fans of Marley."

For more information about this event, contact the Sordoni Art Gallery at 570-408-4325.

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## Gravestone Manor provides a unique twist on frights

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During the month of October, there's nothing like a good scare to get you into the spirit of Halloween. Most people choose to visit local haunted attractions in order to get their fix of fear for the holiday.

Haunted attraction Gravestone Manor, located at 1095 Highway 315 in Plains, will be open for business Friday through Sunday throughout October. Their hours are 7 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday. The attraction will be closed

on Halloween night. Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds benefit the United Way.

Gravestone Manor is the second longest running haunted attraction in Northeast Pennsylvania. Since 1998, it has been providing visitors with a unique spin on what you would typically expect from a haunted house.

Rather than being chased into dark corners by someone with a chainsaw, Gravestone Manor provides its scares through somewhat of a theatrical performance.

Producer Ray Haigh described the attraction as "a hybrid between a murder mystery

dinner theater and a haunted house."

All performers at Gravestone Manor donate their time on a volunteer basis and are picked through an audition process similar one an actor or actress would go through in a theatrical performance.

The plot of the performance at the manor changes yearly. This year, the manor will be presenting a murder mystery theme. Visitors will be challenged to figure out who murdered the wedding party during a 1927 wedding that took place at the manor.

"We spend a lot of time on our story development," said Gravestone Manor direc-

tor Robert Padden. "Every year, our writers group together and we have some story lines pitched. We then vote and decide which ones work best. Once the script is semi-finalized then we get to work on the set to match it to the story line."

Rather than being pushed through a haunted house, visitors are encouraged to take time to observe their surrounding and participate in the story line.

"The whole experience is very interactive for the visitors," Haigh said.

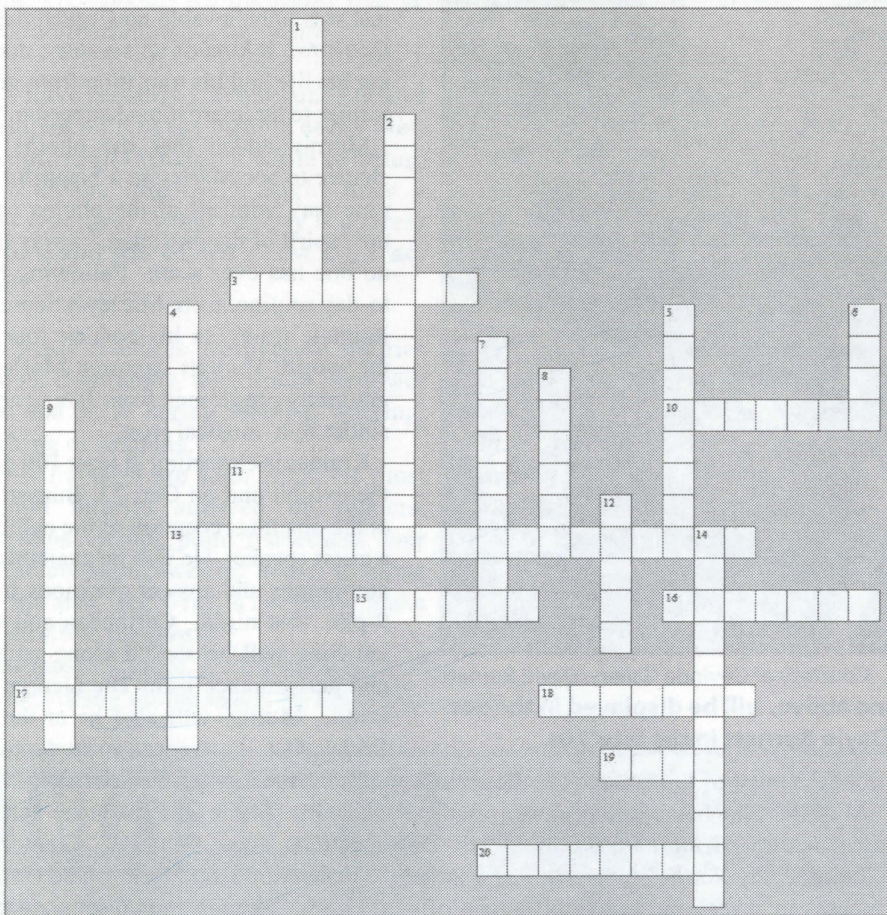
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## "Very Superstitious"

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3. Breaking this after Thanksgiving dinner only provides good fortune if you get the bigger piece.

10. Because these animals were believed to be symbols of fertility, carrying around a foot from these was said to provide good luck and many children.

13. In Christianity, the combination of the unluckiest weekday and number made this day the unluckiest on the calendar.

15. Don't walk under one of these, not just because it might fall on you, but because it is believed that you are tempting your fate.

16. To cross these was believed to ward off evil spirits who would destroy good fortune and absolve a liar of the consequences of his or her lie.

17. Saying this after a sneeze was believed to return the sneezer's escaping soul into his or her body.

18. Don't kill one of these birds because it was believed that they carried the souls of the dead and killing one would bring you bad luck.

19. After you spill this, you should throw it over your left shoulder to strike any evil spirits in the eye and prevent them from making you sick.

20. These were believed to protect from the storms of life, and opening one inside was an insult to the household guardians and they would leave the household unprotected.

1. In the Middle Ages, these animals were believed to be the companions of witches, so having them cross your path was unlucky.

2. Do this when you pass a cemetery or you will inhale a spirit of the dead who is seeking life again.

4. This little plant is a favorite of the Irish, who believed it protected humans and animals from evil spells.

5. This number's unlucky reputation comes from the Christian belief that at satanic ceremonies there were this many people present.

6. If one of these birds looks into your window at night or if you saw one during the day, you were cursed with bad luck.

7. Hanging one of these over your doorway wards off the evil eye, but make sure it's turned upward or your luck will run out.

8. It was once believed that your reflection represented your soul, so this is why breaking this causes seven years of bad luck.

9. Trees were believed to be the homes of gods, so people did this to keep from jinxing any expected good fortune.

11. On this unlucky weekday in Christianity, Jesus died and Adam and Eve were expelled from Eden.

12. Finding one of these on the ground was believed to be a gift from the gods that would bring you good fortune and wealth.

14. Children do this every Oct. 31 because they are imitating the dead rising from the grave and wanting offerings so they wouldn't destroy homes and property.

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## GRAVESTONE

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"People who haven't been to this kind of thing before don't understand why the creatures pop out and start talking to you and telling you stories. That's what happens here."

The set of the haunted attraction is structured in a way that gives you bits and pieces of the story line within each room. As you pass through the rooms, you will experience different settings that tie into the plot of the murder mystery.

"We didn't just want to have you moving from one location to another similar location in a next room," Padden said. "You move throughout the setting of this house and each room gives you a little more to the mystery. By the end, when you're ready to solve the mystery, the things you've seen in each room make it all come together and allow things to make a bit more sense."

Haigh explained that reactions to the haunted attraction vary depending on what you're looking for in order to get your scare.

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"Some people go through Gravestone Manor and say 'Oh, well that wasn't a haunted house. Where was Freddy? Where was Jason?' In our show, we use more original characters and present our own story line," Haigh said "We try our best to know what will scare people. It's a gratifying experience when we see people react to it and hear their screams."

For more information on Gravestone Manor, visit its website at [www.gravestone.manor.org](http://www.gravestone.manor.org).

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Courtesy of Gravestone Manor/David Pinkowski

A photo taken last year at the haunted attraction...Open Fridays to Sundays in the month of October, Gravestone Manor is located on 1095 Highway 315 in Plains.



## W-B announces Fall Festival Schedule

Thursday, October 7

10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Extended Farmers' Market hours

Enjoy local fruits and vegetables, baked goods, and other wares for sale from the area's Farmers and Vendors on Public Square.

4:30 to 6 p.m.

### Music by Mother Nature's Sons

Mother Nature's Sons, a jam band known for playing your favorite Classic Rock tunes, will play a free show on Public Square.

6 p.m.

### Wilkes-Barre's "Fall Festival Parade"

The Budweiser Clydesdales will lead this parade from South Main Street and Ross Street up and around Public Square.

7 p.m.

### Photographs with the Clydesdales

Bring your cameras and get your photo taken with the eight Budweiser Clydes in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

7 p.m.

### Free concert at the River Common

"Clever Gents", a DJ/Drummer/MC trio

that fuses all kinds of music, both new and nostalgic, will play to the crowd at the River Common Ampitheater.

7:30 p.m.

### "Straight No Chaser" a capella group at the F.M. Kirby Center

This nationally renowned a capella group has reassembled and reemerged as a phenomenon. Call (570) 826-1100 for more information.

Friday, October 8

11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### "Fall Foliage Festival" at Kirby Park

This celebration in beautiful Kirby Park will feature Hot Air Balloon rides, amusement rides, food, games, and crafts. This event will also be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Leadership Wilkes-Barre Oktoberfest

Leadership Wilkes-Barre will host an Oktoberfest Rooftop Party at the Intermodal Transportation facility. For more information, contact Leadership Wilkes-Barre at 570-823-2101.

7:30 p.m.

### "Doo Wop Vol. 2, presented by Joe Nardone" at the F.M. Kirby Center

The curbside classics return to the F.M. Kirby Center as Joe Nardone presents Doo Wop, Volume 2. Call 570-826-1100 for more information.

Saturday, October 9

10 to 11 a.m.

### Free "Yoga in the Park" at the River Common

Jennifer Ciarimboli of Balance Yoga will host this hour-long yoga class at the River Terrace. Participants are asked to bring a yoga mat or small towel for use during class.

### The 2010 Breeder's Crown at Mohegan Sun

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## Hollywood Review

BY MOLLY KURLANDSKI  
Interim A&E Editor

### Morris steals the show on "Glee"

Many were excited to watch the much anticipated version of a Britney-themed episode, but for the most part, the only true exciting part of the show was watching character Britany (played by Heather Morris) mimic Ms. Spears' most popular music videos. Lea Michele's rendition of "...Baby One More Time" was horrendous and proves that Michele can't sing everything, despite what some may say. In fact, with all that talent in Morris, I bet most 'Gleeeks' are anticipating more solos for the talented dancer. After all, her last gig was as a back-up dancer for Beyonce. I think she could handle it.

### Is the next season of "American Idol" worth watching?

Both Simon Cowell and Paula Abdul have left the Fox show and new judges Jennifer Lopez and Aerosmith's Steven Tyler have taken their seats. But does anyone really want to watch it without Cowell? He initially made the show. Cowell's extreme bluntness, Abdul's sincere genuineness and Jackson's "You know what, man?" made for a successful combination of judging. I advise Fox to stop while they're ahead. Or in this case, stop while they have "Glee."

### Bye Bye, Angelina

It doesn't take any real brains to see that "Jersey Shore" character Angelina should just leave already. After her constant breakdowns on camera, and cat-fights with almost every female in the house, I will most likely start a Facebook group petition to have MTV make her leave.

### Leo set to star in "Gatsby" remake

According to Hollywood gossip blogger Pervez Hilton, Leonardo DiCaprio is set to star as Jay Gatsby, with co-stars including Amanda Seyfried and Tobey McGuire. I bet he kicks butt as Mr. Gatsby. I mean its DiCaprio, should we expect anything less? For more information, visit [www.perezhilton.com](http://www.perezhilton.com).

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# From NFL gridiron to Wilkes sidelines

*Coach Victor Jones' story on how he got to Wilkes University*

BY CHRISTOPHER HOPKINS  
Assistant Sports Editor

After a career in the National Football League, most people would buy a nice vacation home, make the occasional guest appearance, and settle into retirement.

For Victor Jones, that's not the case at all.

Now the tight ends coach for the Wilkes football team, Jones saw retirement as the first step towards his ultimate goal of becoming a coach at the collegiate level.

Jones played inside linebacker for Virginia Tech and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers selected him in the 1998 NFL Draft. After a year in Florida, he was traded to the Detroit Lions, where he played out the remainder of his seven-year career.

After he retired from the NFL, Jones knew he wanted to get into coaching football at the collegiate level.

"I've always wanted to get into college football coaching, but I had to wait till my girls got old enough so I wouldn't have to move them around," Jones said. "This business involves a lot of moving around and I wanted to wait until my girls were at a certain age before I did that."

He moved to Charlotte, N.C. with his wife and two daughters. There, he ran his own manufacturing company while his daughters grew up. He also got his first feel for coaching in Charlotte.

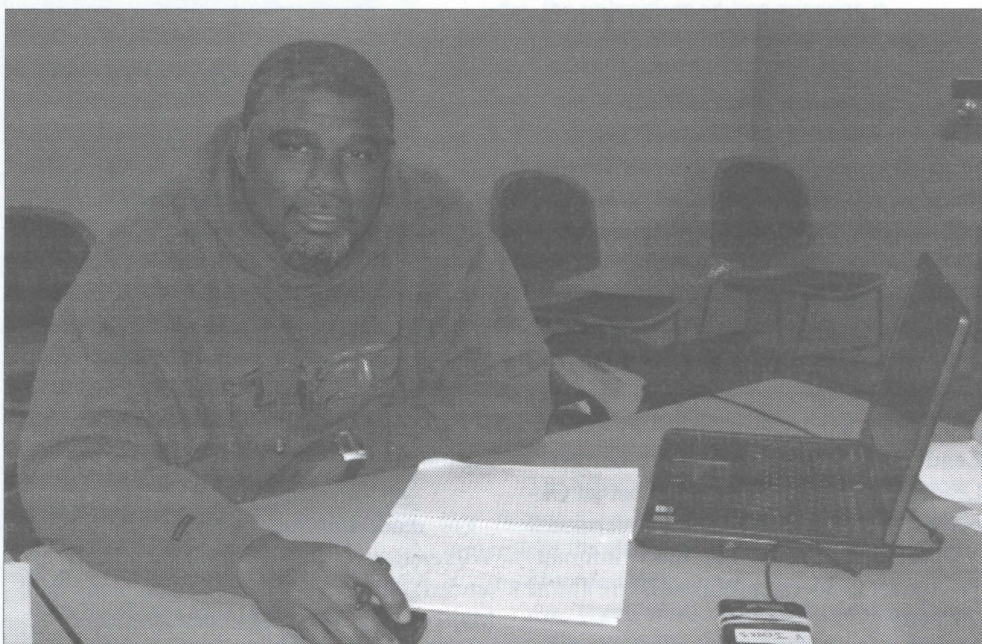
"I volunteered at the high school level and at some public schools after I finished playing," Jones said. "But I always wanted to get into college football as a coach."

This year, Jones decided that his daughters were at the right age for him to begin moving towards his goal. He applied for an internship program run by the NFL Players Association and the NCAA, a program designed to aid former players hoping to break into coaching by sending them to Division-II and -III schools for a season on a volunteer basis.

The program, which takes eight to 10 former players a year, selected Jones and gave him a spot at Wilkes.

However, Jones didn't know what he would be getting himself into.

"Ironically, I played linebacker my entire career, through college and the pros. Two weeks before I came up [to Wilkes], coach



Victor Jones, tight ends coach for the football team, is coaching at Wilkes University through an internship with the NFL Players Association and the NCAA.

Sheptock calls and asks me to coach the tight ends," Jones said. "I hadn't played tight end since high school."

Jones has taken on the challenge of coaching on the complete opposite side of the ball, going from offense to defense. He sees it as a way to further his resume for the future.

"It's been a blessing in disguise. It has allowed me, as I further my career, to not only look for a job that I can do defensively, but I can also get something on the offensive side of the ball."

His knowledge and experience of both the offense and defense benefits his players as well. Freshman tight end Billy Baker appreciates the insight of what Coach Jones can bring to the table.

"It's just really cool hearing everything that he has to say," Baker said. "As a tight end and since he played defense, he really knows what to do and what the defense is going to do."

Freshman tight end Dan Curry credits Coach Jones' professional knowledge and knowing both offense and defense as a major aspect for what he brings to the team.

"It's great having him as a coach. He didn't even play the offensive side of the ball," Curry said. "His perspective from the other side of the ball and with him teaching

us our steps and everything is just awesome."

While away from his home in Charlotte, Coach Jones originally was staying in the Ramada Inn in downtown Wilkes-Barre, but now stays in a YMCA cabin. In return for being allowed to stay there, Jones said he will return in the summer and hold a camp for YMCA kids. The cabin may be his dwelling while for these next few months, but Jones was hesitant to call it "where he stays."

"Believe you me, I'm not staying there enough to really say I stay there," Jones joked at the amount of time he spends at the Ralston Athletic Complex, working on game plans and with his players. "Really, I stay [at the field house]. If I just had a couch, I'd be sleeping right here all the time."

Looking forward, Jones says he's excited to see what the future holds in store for him. Coaching college football continues to be his dream job.

"I really enjoy coaching these young men and seeing them develop from a freshman to a senior," Jones said. "To be involved with them both academically and athletically is pretty exciting."

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## The Skinny Post

BY PHAT NGUYEN  
Correspondent

These four things I know are true: Not all guys finish last, rookies should carry pads in camp, tight ends are another wide receiver in their slot, and Brandon Marshall still owns Antonio Cromartie.

Packer's Aaron Rodgers allegedly picked up the tab for a few Bear's notables, including Desmond Clark, Sunday night in Chicago before the Monday Night Football showdown. The Bear's ended up winning 20-17 in a disastrous yellow flagged tag over the Pack.

Former Arizona quarterback Kurt Warner did the same thing a few years back before losing the Super Bowl game to Steelers. In both cases, the star quarterbacks performed very well, but their teams both ending up the short end of the stick.

Speaking of picking up the bill, Dallas' DeMarcus Bryant (you know the rookie who refused to carry shoulder pads in training camp) dish out \$54,896 for the entire team's dinner after Dallas proved they are still the favorites in the Lone Star State beating Houston 27-13.

Originally, Bryant only intended to invite the offense, but the veteran Roy Williams decided to get back at the rookie for not carrying his pads in training camp by inviting the rest of the team.

Tight ends have just been stepping up the game all season thus far. The top dogs taken in this year's draft, Antonio Gates and Dallas Clark, having been putting forth exceptional years so far.

If you're in a jam for a TE, a good pick that I've been following for some time is the Pat's Aaron Hernandez. For receiver notable free agent no names include Ramon Mark Clayton.

Forgetting Brandon Marshall seems to be trend. Look at weeks one and two, 12 catches for 120 yards. That's somewhat respectable right? So let's look at week three, shall we? Marshall versus the Jets' Antonio Cromartie. 10 catches for 166 yards, but none in the final plays, except a single overthrown fade route. Boo!

So what did we learn? Don't pay for stranger's meal before a big game. Rookies, carry your shoulder pads and take your haircut like a champ, even if you look like a Freshman. Brandon Marshall still owns Cromartie.

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# Athlete Spotlight: Michael Turner, leading scorer

BY JUSTIN JONES  
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When the Wilkes Men's Soccer team started off the season with seven straight losses, there were few bright spots on the team. But freshman Michael Turner, the team's leading scorer, is a star that has shone the brightest in their current three-game winning streak.

"To me statistics don't matter," Turner said. "I mean it's great to be the leading scorer as a freshman, but I'd rather have the team accomplish the goals we need to."

While the team still has a ways to go, Turner's play has been substantial. Should it continue and the team rally around his skills, making it down that long road to a winning season isn't unreasonable.

In total, Turner has scored six of the team's 12 goals this season. Three of his six have come during Wilkes' three game winning-streak.

"I believe the victories are starting to build confidence with our team," Turner said. "We're starting to come together and play well in each game."

While the team has shown vast improvement, it was Turner's play against Lebanon Valley that earned him this week's Athlete Spotlight. In a hard fought 2-0 victory. Both goals were scored by the leg of Turner. His first goal in the first half was assisted by teammate Tyler Young, while the game clinching score in the second half went unassisted.

"I thought we played well as a team, I made the runs I needed to and my teammates helped me capitalize on the opportunities," Turner said. "I plan to work as hard as I can each game and possibly capitalize on more goals and assists."

In order to fulfill his personal goal, Turner plans on utilizing what he feels is his best asset.

"I think the strongest part of my game is speed. I like to play at a fast pace. The atmosphere of the game is so much better than the play of high school ball."

If he and the rest of the team all work to fulfill their personal and team goals, anything is possible in the mind of the team's leading scorer.



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Turner celebrates with teammate Joe Brennan after a goal earlier in the season.

"If we all play our game, and train hard like we always do, I believe the outcome could be great," Turner commented. "Our team goals are to make the conference play-

offs and try to win out the rest of the season."

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9/30 vs. PSU Hazleton PPD

10/2 vs. Delaware Valley College 3-1 W

### FIELD HOCKEY

10/2 vs. FDU-Florham 0-1 L

### VOLLEYBALL

9/29 vs. King's College 3-0 W

10/2 @ Messiah 1-3 L

10/2 @ Widener 0-3 L

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

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## WEEK AHEAD

### FOOTBALL

10/9 @ Lebanon Valley

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

10/5 vs. Elizabeth College

10/9 @ Eastern

### MEN'S SOCCER

10/6 @ Arcadia

10/9 @ Eastern

### FIELD HOCKEY

10/9 @ Manhattanville

### VOLLEYBALL

10/5 @ DeSales

10/8 vs. Cabrini College

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### CROSS COUNTRY

10/9 @ DeSales Invitational

### GOLF

10/7 @ Elizabethtown Tournament



# FACE OFF



## Who are this year's Most Valuable Players?

### The big red machine



Sports Editor  
**ANTHONY DORUNDA**

Now that we have the pitchers swept to the side, it's time to get to the real meat and potatoes of the post season honors. That's the MVP award.

As we did last week, my main man Chris and I are again going to divvy up the responsibilities here and take separate leagues. And since Chris is a (gasp) Yankees fan (atrocious, I know), he's going to cover the lesser of the two leagues while I mull over the power league, the National League. So without making you read any further down, let's get right into it.

Although lost in the chatter of the so called "year of the pitcher," there were a few guys in both leagues contending, until about this week, for the Triple Crown. There were the lifers, like Albert Pujols. There were the guys who came outta nowhere, a.k.a. Carlos Gonzalez. And then there were the budding superstars who were chomping at the bit to

burst out — like my 2010 NL MVP choice, Joey Votto.

See I wouldn't consider Votto a guy who burst onto the scene out of nowhere. Look at his numbers from last year, before he missed a month of the season due to depression: he was batting .322 with 25 home runs and 84 RBI's. And the year before was eerily similar: .297 with 24 home runs and 84 RBI's.

So it's obvious that this guy was a legit stud. But he's really come on this year, and deservedly so, because of what he has helped transform the downtrodden Cincinnati Reds franchise into: National League Central division champs — for the first time since 1995.

For the last 15 years, the Reds haven't been quite as dismal as the Pirates, but they haven't exactly been the Big Red Machine either. Besides failing to win a division championship since 1995, the Reds have had only two winning seasons since that glorious year, the last one coming ten years ago in 2000.

Until this year, that is.

With a cast that's a who's who of young baseball talent, and a pitching staff chock full of radar-busting flamethrowers, this

### Hamilton, Texas Ranger



Assistant Sports Editor  
**CHRISTOPHER HOPKINS**

In the American League, there should be no question on the rightful home of the MVP trophy this year. That's right on Josh Hamilton's mantle. All season long, Josh Hamilton, an outfielder for the Texas Rangers, has been, at the risk of sounding cliché, a hitting machine. His .360 batting average tops the league by 30 points over second place Miguel Cabrera. Combine that with his 32 home runs, and 100 RBIs and you have your clear cut MVP. Not to mention he's also second in the league in on-base percentage and leads the league with a mammoth .636 slugging percentage. He's been the best Texas Ranger since Chuck Norris played Walker.

For all you baseball junkies out there, let's look into the sabermetrics and Hamilton's Wins Above Replacement statistic, where he leads the not just the American Leagues, but the entire Major Leagues with an impressive 8.0.

The only thing going against Hamilton

right now is his collision with the outfield wall that fractured two of his ribs and has kept him out of the lineup for over two weeks now. Critics argue that with only 133 games under his belt, Hamilton hasn't played enough to earn the award. Au contraire, my friends. Just look at last year's MVP, Twins catcher Joe Mauer, who only played in three more games than Hamilton. Mauer's numbers last year were not as impressive as Hamilton's this year, yet he still managed to beat out Mark Teixeira. Josh Hamilton this year has hit over .400 in not one, but two calendar months, June and July, and is only 15 hits from the 200 mark, all while playing in only 133 games. When Hamilton went down earlier in September, his Rangers had a solid lead in the AL West. It's hard to penalize someone for missing part of the season while they still are able to put up numbers worthy of an MVP.

In the American League this year, there is only one person who you could say has an argument against Hamilton's stellar year. Detroit's first baseman Miguel Cabrera has put up some pretty impressive numbers of

team was bound to be a force eventually but not this soon. And that's a credit to stud 27-year-old first baseman.

The fact that Votto is the best player on a team that has no business sniffing the playoffs warrants him enough credit to be serving of this vote. But if leading a team like the Reds to their first playoff berth since 1995 doesn't do him enough justice, let superior numbers convince you.

Votto ranks second in the NL with a .322 average, and is third in the league with reer highs of 37 home runs and 111 RBIs. He leads the league with an on base percentage of .425 while sitting just three points behind Carlos Gonzalez with a .604 slugging percentage.

To think that somehow, someday, this team would not have made it onto the NL playoffs if it wasn't for the votes cast by fans, the final roster spot is unbelievable.

Undoubtedly, this guy deserves the National League MVP. The award is for the most valuable player, and no one has been more vital to their team's success than Votto. No one.

his own, hitting .328 with 38 homeruns and 126 runs batted in. Just looking at the numbers, you might say that Cabrera put quite a strong case to take home the trophy. But if you look at the rest of the season, you would be right if the award was called Most Talented Player. However, the award is called Most Valuable Player and should go to the player most valuable to his team. Valuable is the key word here meaning the award needs to go to a player who had been a big part in his team's winning, something the MVP's teams need to do enough of to make the postseason.

It's hard to argue Cabrera is really as valuable to his third place team that has a .500 winning percentage the whole year. Hamilton's numbers have been in first place the entire year. He hasn't looked back, all but clinching the American League West and a spot in the playoffs.

With all of these stats in mind, it should be without question that Josh Hamilton should take home the trophy at the end of the season. With league leading numbers and a playoff team behind him, Josh Hamilton is your 2010 American League Most Valuable Player.



# Hallowell leads Colonels past Delaware Valley

Senior scores two goals in Colonels 2-0 victory, women stay unbeaten at home

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA  
Sports Editor

This season, women's soccer has played decisively better at home than on the road, boasting an unbeaten record in the confines of Ralston Field.

And this past Saturday's game was no different.

The Colonels dominated the visiting Delaware Valley Aggies in all facets of the game, outshooting, out hustling, and never allow-

ing them any breathing room, limiting opponents to just three shots - only one of which that made it to goalie Sam Rohn - en route to a 2-0 victory.

"The defense is playing great right now," head coach John Sumoski said. "They know how to play, and we've sorted things out to where we want them and I think it showed today because there were a lot of great things they did out there. It was the best game we've played this season as a team."

Senior midfielder Taryn Hallowell led a swarming offense that finished with 24 total shots. Hallowell increased her goal total for the season to seven, netting two first half goals, and nearly scoring two more, to supply all the offense for the Colonels.

"We're playing much better as a team right now, we're not just kicking and running," Hallowell said. "And [the win] is a huge confidence booster because it was our first conference game, so now we're 1-0 in the conference."

"[Taryn's] definitely talented," Sumoski said. "She's very strong physically and can score against anyone; and when she's got the right mindset can't be stopped."

Hallowell's first goal came in the 16th minute. After sophomore Jana Martin weaved a pass through the Aggie defense, Hallowell stymied Aggie goalie Julie Burnell, putting the Colonels up 1-0.

The Colonels dominated the entire half, bombarding Burnell with 11 shots while Rohn saw no action the entire half, as the Colonel defense stymied the Aggie attack and not allowing them a shot on goal - barely allowing them across midfield.

After a whiff by Burnell led to an easy tap-



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Sophomore midfielder Brooke Edwards dribbles up field in the Colonels game against the Aggies. Wilkes won the game 2-0.

in goal by Hallowell, which was called off by an offside's call, the Colonels responded by relentlessly attacking the Aggie defense, denying any opportunity to regain their composure.

Then, in the 32nd minute, Hallowell broke free and crushed a shot past Burnell for her second goal of the day to put the Colonels up 2-0, a lead they would hold onto until the end.

"This was a huge win," Sumoski said. "If we lost, it would have been an emotional shutdown and would have been hard

to recover from. We played fantastic, and it means everything to get this win."

The victory extended their winning streak to two games, and their home winning streak to five games dating back to last year. The Colonels look to keep their home winning streak alive on Tuesday, October 5 when they play host to Elizabethtown College at 7 p.m.

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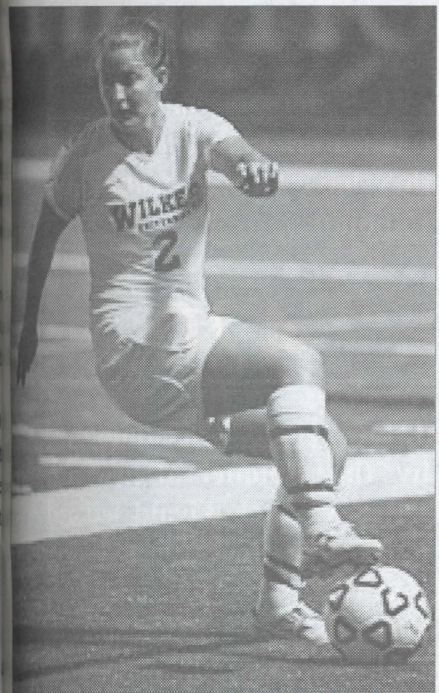


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Senior Taryn Hallowell netted two goals Saturday, putting herself just three shy of the Wilkes top-5 all-time list.

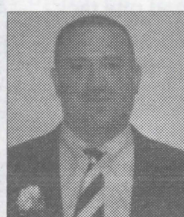
## WILKES HONORS FORMER GREATS AT HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

The Wilkes University Hall-of-Fame class of 2010 was honored this past Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Arnaud C. Marts Sports & Conference Hall of Fame Room during the Wilkes University Homecoming weekend.

The distinguished class of highly-regarded men and women, features five former athletes from football, basketball, women's volleyball, and field hockey, as well as an infamous field hockey team who garnered national recognition.

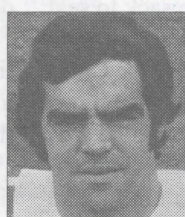
Alumni, family, and friends joined the new inductees as they were honored with a brunch on Sunday afternoon.

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**Mike BARROUK**  
Basketball, Class of '98  
\*4th all-time in school history with 1,614 points  
\*Led Wilkes to 1998 NCAA Final Four

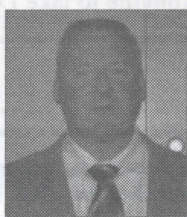
**Mary Kay PRICE BIFANO**  
Volleyball, Class of '81  
\*1st all-conference volleyball player in team history  
\*Led Wilkes to a NPWIAA championship in 1980



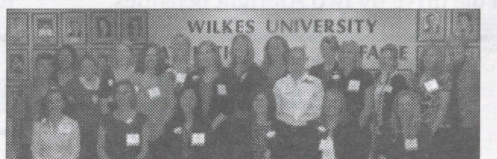
**Tony CARDINALE**  
Football, Class of '72  
\*Member of "Golden Horde"  
\*2-time team most valuable player

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**Bernie KUSAKAVITCH**  
Football, Class of '89  
\*3-time All-American defensive end  
\*All-ECAC and All-MAC as a senior in 1986



**Susan RICHARDSON CRAHALL**  
Field Hockey, Class of '96  
\*2-time All-MAC  
\*Won three Freedom Conference titles  
\*1995 NFHCA North Atlantic Region All-American



1995 Field Hockey Team  
\*5 regional and one national All-American  
\*Ranked as high as 11th nationally



# Colonels treat alumni to thrilling comeback win

## Down 35-24, Colonels rally for 14 points in eight minutes

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Kevin Gerhart picked off a pass with 35 seconds remaining and returned it 23 yards to set up a 30-yard field goal by Chris Horn with 15 seconds left to give Wilkes University a come-from-behind 38-35 win over Albright College in the MAC opener for both teams on Homecoming weekend.

The Colonels saw themselves down 35-24 after an eight yard run by Albright quarterback Ben Schaffle with 8:16 left in game. On the ensuing Wilkes drive, the Colonels drove to the Lions two-yard line before getting a field goal from Horn to cut the lead to eight with less than five minutes left. On the drive, Tyler Berntsen connected with Anthony Dorunda three times for 29 yards, setting up the score.

Albright tried to run out the clock but was forced into a punt. On the kick, Cory Bennett came free on the defense's right side, getting a hand on the ball as it traveled just 16 yards to the Lions 47.

Wilkes used its momentum, as Berntsen found Zach Tivald for 14 yards on third-and-eight and then Jordan D'Emilio for 23 more on the following play, getting the Colonels down to the Albright eight-yard line. Berntsen then took it himself on first-and-goal, scoring a touchdown to set up the two-point conversion attempt. Berntsen then snuck the ball in to tie the score at 35-apiece with 1:17 left in the fourth.

After a first down incomplete pass and a loss of four on a second down running play, the Colonels called a timeout with 35 seconds left, setting up the Gerhart interception along the sideline. Wilkes ran just one play, a seven-yard run by Tivald, to set up the 30-yard game-winning field goal.

The Lions had one last chance after receiving the kickoff, but Chris Swinarski and James Moore doubled up on the sack to seal the victory for Wilkes.

In addition to the strong ending, the Colonels started strong too. Stopping the Lions on their first drive, Wilkes drove 59 yards down the field, getting a touchdown run from Berntsen from three yards out to take the quick 7-0 lead. The Colonels were aided on the drive by two Albright penalties.



Photo Courtesy of Warren Ruda

**Senior safety Kevin Gerhart leaps over an Albright defender as he returns an interception into Albright territory late in the fourth quarter. Gerhart had two interceptions on the day to go along with nine tackles in the 38-35 overtime victory.**

Albright wasted little time tying the score, taking just four plays to drive 80 yards on its next drive, scoring on a 43-yard pass from Adam Galczyński to Luke Wallace two plays later for the score.

The Colonels offense remained hot, this time doing it without the assistance of Albright penalties. Todd Eagles had a 38-yard reception took the ball to the Albright 21. Wogou then took a handoff on a fly sweep, dodged through defenders, and scored to give the Colonels a seven-point lead.

After a 29-yard field goal by Horn 15 seconds into the second quarter, Albright responded with an eight-play, 72-yard touchdown drive to cut the deficit to 17-14.

Wilkes struck again on its next drive, getting a Tivald one-yard touchdown run after a nine-play, 55-yard drive right before halftime, giving the Colonels a 24-14 advantage.

The Lions took the lead in the third, getting a four-yard scoring run from Clif LeGrand and a 22-yard rush from Ty Hughes to take a 28-24 lead. Both scores came after

Colonels' turnovers.

Albright then went up 35-24 after another Wilkes turnover, putting together a 10-play, 64-yard drive. The score would set up the Wilkes comeback in the final 8:16 of action.

Tivald led all rushers with 102 yards on just 14 carries, averaging 7.3 yards per touch. Berntsen had 92 yards on 18 carries and the two scores, while going 17-of-29 for 194 yards and three picks. D'Emilio had six catches for 67 yards while Dorunda added five for 40 yards. D'Emilio's total gives him 99 career receptions, which puts him in a tie for 10th all-time in school history.

Tate Moore-Jacobs had another huge day defensively, posting 16 tackles and one tackle-for-loss. Gerhart also came up huge with nine tackles and two picks, while Walt Pabst finished with eight tackles and a sack.

The win gives head coach Frank Sheptock 90 for his career, trying Rollie Schmidt for first all-time in school history. He'll look for his 91st next Saturday as the Colonels travel to Annville to take Lebanon Valley College.

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 14

Number of points scored in the last 8:16 of the game by the Colonels - a touchdown by Tyler Berntsen, and two field goals from Chris Horn, including the game winner.

# 38

Number of points scored in each victory for the Colonels this season. In their two losses, they have scored a combined 17 points.

# 420

Total yards accumulated by the Colonel offense on the day. Zach Tivald led all rushers with 102 yards on just 14 carries, while Jordan D'Emilio led the receivers with six catches for 67 yards.

# 90

Number of wins head coach Frank Sheptock now has for his career, tying him with Rollie Schmidt for the most in school history.



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