



## MSC hosts talent show

The Beacon/Michael Klimek

Wilkes' Multicultural Student Coalition hosted a talent show on Thursday, Nov. 10 in the Henry Student Center. Cash prizes and trophies were given to the top three finalists. Pictured above is Meribeth Derkach, P1 pharmacy student. For more photos, see Life, page 10.

## Wilkes responds to PSU scandal

BY KIRSTIN COOK &  
Editor-in-Chief  
PHAT NGUYEN  
Sports Editor

Penn State administrators are reflecting on policies and ethical standards, and Wilkes University has followed suit given the revelation of the child sex scandals that have brought athletic and administration procedures under scrutiny.

Coincidental with this incident, Wilkes Human Resources is in the process of approving updated policies that deal with reporting harassment, an approach to avoid issues such as those at PSU.

The board of trustees at PSU fired Joe Paterno on Nov. 10 after news broke about the sex scandals against Jerry Sandusky, a former defensive coach under Paterno.

The decision came a night after Paterno had chosen to retire at the end of the PSU football season.

SEE PSU, PAGE 16

## Friends and family remember deceased public safety officer

BY KAT DODSON  
Staff Writer

On Monday, Oct. 24, Wilkes Public Safety Officer Marybeth Patterson died of cancer at the age

of 51. Although her passing has caused them grief, those who knew Marybeth take joy in remembering her as she was—a beloved family member, friend and employee.

Friends and family described

Marybeth as an active woman who liked to keep busy. She enjoyed sports, dancing and music and was a creative woman who loved craft-making, such as woodcraft, stenciling and painting. She enjoyed

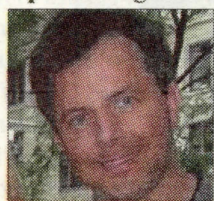
bowling, belonged to leagues and, for several years, ran a youth bowling group called Colonial Lanes. She was a charitable woman who consistently participated in Relay for Life. Those who knew her best

said she was kind, easygoing and sincere.

"Marybeth was a family woman," Jerry Rebo, manager of Public Safety, said of his close friend

SEE PATTERSON, PAGE 4

Opinion Pages 6-8



Professor  
responds to  
OWS

PAGE 6

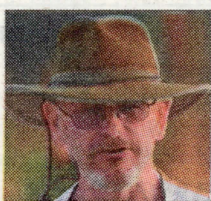
Life Pages 9-12



Unimportant  
questions with  
Barbara King

PAGE 9

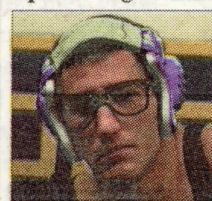
Arts & Entertainment Pages 13-15



Author  
lectures on  
Marcellus  
Shale

PAGE 13

Sports Pages 16-20



Getting to  
know Ryan  
Wilson

PAGE 16



Established 1936  
PA Newspaper  
Association Member



NOVEMBER 15, 2011

CONTACT EDITOR: [amandaleonard@thewilkesbeacon.com](mailto:amandaleonard@thewilkesbeacon.com)

## Beacon Briefs

BY AMANDA LEONARD  
News Editor

**FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE** - Wilkes University Health & Wellness Department is offering flu shots for \$20 payable by check made out to Wilkes University or cash. Vaccines will be given during regular office hours. A limited number of shots are available and will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the week and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays at Passan Hall.

**ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST 2012** - The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay contest is now in its 23rd year. Students are encouraged to write thought-provoking personal essays that raise questions, single out issues and are rational arguments for ethical action. The contest is open to undergraduate, full time, juniors and seniors. Students must apply and submit essays online, and receive online verification from their faculty sponsor. Any professor may act as a faculty sponsor and endorse the quality and authenticity of the student's work. Students must also upload a letter from the registrar or National Student Clearinghouse verifying enrollment. The deadline for submission is at 5 p.m. on Dec. 5. For more information, see flyer outside of the Interfaith Office at 204 Henry Student Center, or Contact Caitlin Czeh at [caitlin.czeh@wilkes.edu](mailto:caitlin.czeh@wilkes.edu)

**WEIGHT WATCHERS AT WORK** - The Health Services Office has had employee and student interest in continuing the Weight Watchers at Work Program for the spring semester. It will be held at the workplace at a convenient time. It would be a Weight Watchers meeting, with a weekly weigh in and a half hour meeting. The cost is

\$10 for each meeting. Weight Watchers has programs students can participate in for an eight week series and pay \$80 for a 10 week program paid in advance. If anyone would be interested in the program, call Health Services at Ext. 4730. to register for the Weight Watchers at Work program. A minimum of 15 participants is needed for the program.

**GLOBALIZE YOUR THANKSGIVING** - There are opportunities to invite one or two international students to your Thanksgiving dinner and to share an American holiday with someone from a foreign culture and learn about traditions and holidays from other countries. If interested, contact Georgia Costalas at the Center for Global Education and Diversity, at extension 7854 or e-mail [Georgia.costalas@wilkes.edu](mailto:Georgia.costalas@wilkes.edu).

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF POLISH DESCENT** - The Polish Room Committee Scholarship and The Judianne Stanitski Scholarship welcome applications from Luzerne County residents. To be considered, applicants must write a brief description of their Polish heritage and what that heritage means to him or her. This must be submitted, along with the applicant's name, WIN and contact information, to Melanie Mickelson, vice president for Enrollment Services. Applications can be e-mailed to [melanie.mickelson@wilkes.edu](mailto:melanie.mickelson@wilkes.edu). Include "Polish Heritage Scholarships" in the subject line of your e-mail.

**STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY 2012** - Complete your diploma order and your cap and gown order forms for processing for May commencement. Forms are available at the student services center in UCOM, or online under the registrar forms area. Completed forms, signed by your advisor, are due back in the Student Services Center by Dec. 16. This paperwork is to be

returned to the students services center along with an updated copy of your degree audit

**VOLUNTEER TO BE CONVERSATION PARTNER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT** - The Intensive English Program (IEP) at Wilkes has created a conversation partner program. It's an opportunity for Wilkes University students to volunteer and be paired with an international student for the semester and to chat once a week. If interested in volunteering to be a conversation partner, email [kimberly.niezgoda@wilkes.edu](mailto:kimberly.niezgoda@wilkes.edu)

**Wilkes University Cafe Naming Contest** - Wilkes is in search of a new name

for the café located on the first floor of the University Center on Main. The individual who submits the winning entry will receive an iPad 2. Entries can be submitted beginning Monday, Nov. 7. The contest closes on Tuesday, Nov. 15. The University community will have an opportunity to vote on finalists from among the names submitted. Dates for the voting will be announced. Contest is open to current Wilkes University students only. To submit an entry, go to [www.wilkes.edu/NamingContest](http://www.wilkes.edu/NamingContest).

CONTACT AMANDA LEONARD AT:  
[amandaleonard@thewilkesbeacon.com](mailto:amandaleonard@thewilkesbeacon.com)

## ALUMNI CONNECT THE DOTS



The Beacon/Laura Preby

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, the office of alumni relations presented its annual "Connect the Dots" event. Current Wilkes students had the opportunity to network with Wilkes alumni and talk about their career paths. Pictured above is Ian Foley, Shadae Gates and Brian Switay, graduate assistant who graduated from Wilkes in 2010.

## BEACON

130 S. River St.  
First Floor, Conyngham Hall  
Wilkes University  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766

PHONE: (570) 408-5903

WEBSITE: [www.thewilkesbeacon.com](http://www.thewilkesbeacon.com)

## Editorial Staff 2011-12

Editor-in-Chief: Kirstin Cook

News Editor: Amanda Leonard

Opinion Editor: Carly Yamrus

A&E Editor: Devoni Novak

Life Editor: Christine Lee

Sports Editor: Phat Nguyen

Production Manager: Michael Klimek

Advertising Manager: Brittany Battista

Photo Editor: Laura Preby

Online Editor: Brandon Scott

Adviser: Loran Lewis

### Meet the Staff



Bryan Calabro  
Design Editor



# Twelve Wilkes faculty and staff awarded at conference

BY KAT DODSON  
Staff Writer

This September, twelve Wilkes University faculty and staff members were recognized for their achievements as advisers and educators by the Teaching Recognition & Effectiveness Committee. Four award-winners were available to explain the reasons for their success.

Dr. Rodney Ridley, associate professor and chair of the division of engineering and physics, teaches the engineering capstone course, in which students work on real-world projects with the division's industrial partners. Ridley said one of the goals of the problem is to make students "job-ready," or able to enter the work force with the necessary skills without much job training. However, he acknowledged that the meaning of "job-ready" has changed over the years.

"Engineers used to be the kind of people who would go off into labs by themselves and come up with some really neat idea and then toss it over the fence to some marketing person, and then that person would sell it," Ridley said. "Well, those days are over. Now 'job-ready' means engineers need to have some kind of business awareness."

Ridley said he and his colleague, Dr. Jeff Alves, interim dean of the Sidhu School of Business, used to have frequent discussions about skills their students were lacking.

"I would say that my engineering students needed more business skills," Ridley said. "He would always comment that he needed better ideas for his business students to utilize when they were off doing their market research."

To remedy this problem, the two combined their courses, assigning a business major to each engineering team. Business students are responsible for the marketing and sale of the product, giving them real-world experience with the kinds of diverse ideas they will be working with later on in life. Engineering majors learn about project management and teaming and are given practice expressing their ideas to businessmen, who have not been trained like engineers.

Last year – the first year they successfully ran the project – project output dramatically improved.

"The faculty who knew it as it was before were astonished by how much better it was, just based on teaming up and adding that business sense to the project," Ridley said. "We also had a lot of positive input from the outside, from our industrial advisory board and our industrial partners. For them it went from being some esoteric project to a business plan they could actually use."

ness plan they could actually use."

Ridley said he was most pleased with the change in his engineering students' ability to express themselves without speaking over the heads of others. "Our students are now able to articulate [their ideas] much better than they previously could," he reported.

This success – for which they were honored with the Interdisciplinary Teaching Award – has led Ridley and Alves to further develop their project in the hopes that even better results will follow.

Jennifer Edmonds, associate professor of the Sidhu School of Business and one of the recipients of the Outstanding Advisor Award, described her relationship with her advisees as "friendly, sometimes invasive." She said she makes an effort to be highly involved in their decision making process when it comes to choosing courses and advises them to make the responsible decisions, not the easy ones. Her attitude toward advising is not to tell students how they should think but to talk in depth with them about what interests them and would benefit them the most.

"I don't think that when you're a junior or so... that you know why you're taking the classes or what you're going to do when you get out. You just take whatever. And that doesn't normally lead to good decisions," Edmonds said. "So you have to get a little invasive to see if that's what they're doing. ...They've all realized that they can't come in and get their PIN and walk out. They have to talk. It's not 'Here's what you should think.' It's 'Let's talk about what you're taking.'"

Edmonds said she typically handles a larger-than-normal load of advisees but enjoys it. "I have a lower load right now. Right now I have 20. But a year ago, and the year before that, and the year before that, I think I had 40," she said, adding that the average for most advisers is 20. "Right now I feel like I don't have any. When I had 40 or 50, that was fun, because then I had about 10 in every year that you could really get to know."

Another faculty member who received the "Outstanding Adviser Award" is Deborah Tindell, associate professor of psychology. Tindell found the award to be a "particularly meaningful one because it requires a student to take the extra time to make the nomination, and that is quite touching."

Tindell, like Edmonds, also has a larger load of advisees with an average of 25 to 35 per academic year.

She described herself as a very careful academic adviser, who is not only willing to help with curricular issues, but willing to offer advice and guidance related to career

goals or personal growth and development.

"As instructors in the classroom, we work with students to understand course content. As an adviser, we are given greater opportunity to work with the whole person, and I find this aspect of my job very rewarding," she said. "I truly enjoy meeting with students one-on-one and I think my advisees know that I am an advocate for them, and that I am there as a resource should they need it."

"Mentoring of a student eventually turns into mentoring of alumni," Dr. Steven Thomas, associate professor of performing arts and coordinator of music and director of choral activities, said. "It's rewarding for me to get to continue to work with my students that way."

He believes that in his case, the Alumni Mentor Award recognizes the number of students who have sung for him at Wilkes that continue to sing, both outside of the area and in the area under his direction.

Thomas said that one alumna, Mary Simmons, who nominated both Thomas and his wife Susan Minsavage for the award, sang for Thomas at Wilkes during her years as a student and continues to sing for him now in the Robert Dale Chorale, a community organization that Thomas directs.

In other instances, Thomas said, he guides students who leave the area toward more opportunities to sing.

"I try to be very aware of my students and stay connected with them after they graduate, even if they don't stick around and sing for me, and I try to be a resource for them," Thomas explained. "What I do here is to train singers who will then graduate and have a life... most of the time not as professional singers but as people who get enjoy-



The Beacon/Laura Preby  
**Psychology professor Deborah Tindell is one of twelve Wilkes University faculty and staff members honored by the Teaching Recognition & Effectiveness Committee.**

ment out of singing as adults and do it all their lives."

Thomas said he knows that many others faculty members care deeply about mentoring and do it successfully, and he feels honored to have received the award, since he is just one of many who do what he does.

In addition to Ridley, Alves, Edmonds, Thomas and Minsavage, seven others were recognized. Debra Chapman, biology education specialist, Coordinator of Student Affairs Mary Beth Mullen received the Outstanding Adviser Award. Mischelle Anthony, associate professor of English, received the Innovative Teaching Award. Learning Center coordinator Karen Riley and Student Development coordinator Megan A. Boone received the Academic Support Award. Meredith P. Selden, assistant professor of psychology, received the Outstanding New Faculty Award.

**CONTACT KAT DODSON AT:**  
katherine.dodson@wilkes.edu



## PATTERSON

Continued from Front Page

and co-worker. Cindy Hennan, one of Marybeth's three sisters, added that she was always there for her children.

"At the viewing, even the boys' friends were approaching me, telling me how much they loved her," Cindy said.

Marybeth was especially devoted to her ailing father, who, Rebo said, she affectionately nicknamed 'Daddy-O.'

"In spite of how sick she was, she continued to take care of him," Hennan said.

'Daddy-O,' 85, passed away in the evening the same day as his little girl did.

"Everyone liked her," said Rebo, adding that "all of the girls in the office got along very well with her" and that Marybeth had friends in all departments. Rebo and Zakk Patterson, Marybeth's son, noted that the friendships Marybeth made over the years were close and long-lasting.

Rebo added, "Once you're a friend of Marybeth, you're a friend for life."

Marybeth was a dedicated worker as well. As an employee, Rebo said, she was "very valuable, very responsible. She was in

charge of my parking. She developed new plans for payment and took care of all the parking tickets. She was very good at what she did. It runs smoothly now because of Marybeth."

Hennan said that, throughout her struggle, Marybeth's friends and co-workers at Wilkes meant a lot to her.

"My sister loved Wilkes University, and everyone she worked with there was so terrific toward her in her time of need. They were very understanding. Wilkes was her second family."

Rebo said Marybeth's long battle began five years prior with breast cancer, which went into remission and returned about a year and a half ago, when it began to metastasize and affect her liver, bones and stomach. Chemotherapy was rough and insurance could not always cover her treatment, Hennan remarked. But friends and family agree

that Marybeth fought valiantly, and they highly respect her for it.

Hennan said, "She was very kind, very welcoming, always had a smile on her face. Even through all the bad news that she had to deal with, she accepted it and always saw hope, never gave up."

"She always wanted to feel like she was helpful. Even in the last few months, all she wanted to do was keep busy, help people, do what she could," Zakk added.

Gayle Patterson, Marybeth's sister-in-law who works in the Human Resources Department, said she admires her relative for the way she pushed herself to come in to work.

"She fought hard," Gayle said. "She was very courageous. She would be so sick, but she would come in to work. I mean, that's what kept her going."



PATTERSON

"She was sick, but she was still active," Rebo said, adding that even when she was no longer working, she still drove to Wilkes-Barre to visit friends and co-workers. "As a matter of fact, she was here about a week and a half, maybe two weeks before she died. She went out with the girls. They had a good time."

Rebo said that was the last time he saw her, hospital visits excluded. On Tuesday, Nov. 19, she was admitted to the hospital after a blood test. She died the following Monday.

"She would have had her birthday next month," Rebo said.

Marybeth's friends and family cherish the happy memories they shared with her, such as the benefit they held for her at her home in Hunlock Creek. Cindy, Zakk and Gayle say that, in spite of her illness, Marybeth was the life of the party as usual.

"Marybeth really enjoyed laughing and having a good time, and she wanted people around her to have a good time," Hennan remarked. She wanted this because she cared.

"That's the kind of woman she was," said Rebo. "She cared. She cared about a lot of people."

**CONTACT KAT DODSON AT:**  
katherine.dodson@wilkes.edu

**+today** flu shots will sting less.

MedExpress is making it easy to protect yourself and your family against the flu. With no appointments, short wait times, and flu shots just \$20\*, it's fast, easy and affordable. Which should keep everyone feeling good.

Open Every Day | 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**WILKES-BARRE**  
677 Kidder Street  
Next to Ollie's Bargain Outlet  
570-825-2046

**EDWARDSVILLE**  
276 West Side Mall  
Wyoming Avenue, Near Price Chopper  
570-283-0791

**MedExpress+**  
URGENT CARE Great Care. Fast.

facebook.com/medexpress

medexpress.com

\* Ages 4 and up. Offer good while supplies last. Valid for one flu shot dose administered at any of our MedExpress locations. Payment due at the time of service. We will bill insurance when applicable.

**FLU SHOTS**  
NOW JUST \$20\*

- + NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED.
- + JUST WALK IN.
- + ALWAYS A PHYSICIAN ON SITE.



# Wilkes and community embraces the homeless and hungry

BY KIRSTIN COOK  
Editor-in-Chief

The sky blue walls and floors, crisp white tablecloths and vases filled with autumn leaves may evoke memories of better times for visitors to the St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen. Whether they are homeless or just low on grocery funds, the public can come in and enjoy this warm atmosphere along with a warm meal. For a few hours every day, the kitchen gives those in need a shelter from the cold and something to fill their stomachs.

The St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen, located on East Jackson Street, is one of the organizations in Wilkes-Barre that aims at tackling the issues of hunger and homelessness in this community. In the past few years, the kitchen has seen its daily guest count increase to an average of 300 people.

Caitlin Czeh, Campus Interfaith coordinator at Wilkes, noticed this increase in need within the community. She said organizations like St. Vincent are overwhelmed by the growing numbers of hungry families.

"The organizations are doing as much as they can, and they are saturated," Czeh said.

Czeh aims at tackling awareness and relief for these issues during this year's hunger and homelessness week at Wilkes. A variety of events will be taking place to help shed light on the struggles going on in the Wilkes-Barre community.

Awareness of these issues among the student body is important because of the local-ity, Czeh said.

"Hunger and homelessness isn't limited to third world countries. It's visible just down the street, on the square," Czeh said. "It's right here, it's very present, we can't just turn a blind eye."

Czeh said homelessness in Wilkes-Barre is prominent and difficult to ignore. The main reasons it is especially prominent in this area is the size of Wilkes-Barre and the draw of the many agencies that provide aid locally.

"It's very visible in the way it's very visible in large cities," Czeh said.

Czeh has a personal connection to homelessness, since her sister experience living

on the streets will Czeh was in graduate school. This experience gave Czeh emotional incentive to make a difference.

"Hunger and homelessness is an issue that's close to my heart," Czeh said.

Czeh tried to help her sister by providing money, but she struggled with not always knowing where her sister was or if she was OK.

"It's definitely an experience I don't wish on anyone," Czeh said. "It was very hard."

Czeh has taken this first-hand experience and applied to her work with relief efforts. She said one of the most touching experiences she has had was when she worked with the Commission on Economic Opportunity to pass out boxes of food for Thanksgiving. She witnessed immense gratitude for her efforts as she delivered these packages to local residents.

"A good number of them cried actually, because I think they were not aware of everything they received in the bags, and I think it's always a surprise to them to realize how much they're given and that people would take time to come out and serve them," Czeh said.

It was clear to Czeh that these people needed the nonjudgmental aid the volunteers were providing.

"They feel so low because of the situation they're in and they don't think that anyone would want to help them, so they're always very touched." The culture at St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen is a good example of struggling community members and the effort to provide aid.

Mary Burns has volunteered at the kitchen for 19 years, and has seen a lot of struggles in that time. She considers it to be her most rewarding volunteer experience because of the stories she has heard from people.

"I feel this is a worthy thing to do," Burns said. "I volunteer in a lot of other things too, but this is my favorite."

Some of the more moving cases include families with children, which Burns has seen a great increase of. She said many people apologize for being there. Often times they have never been in that type of situation,



The Beacon/Austin Loukas  
**A mother feeds her child some food prepared by the St. Vincent De Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre. Every day the kitchen provides hot meals to those in need.**

but issues of losing jobs and savings forced them there.

Burns sees some veterans at the kitchen who are homeless, which is especially upsetting for her.

"That's a shame to think that they went and fought for us, and now they don't even have a home," Burns said.

She said the only true way to see the positive impact these organizations are having is to experience it first-hand.

"I don't think people would really realize that unless they came here and volunteered," Burns said. "I think people do need to come here and take a good look and see what's going on."

Despite the bright composition of the sky blue walls at the kitchen, the issues of hunger and homelessness seem to be a darker issue in the community. Volunteers at Wilkes and these local organizations will continue to work on bringing light to the gloomy state of the hungry and homeless in Wilkes-Barre.

**CONTACT KIRSTIN COOK AT:**  
kirstincook@thewilkesbeacon.com

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Coats for Kids of Head Start of Luzerne County** - Now accepting all coats through Nov. 25. They can be dropped off at the interfaith office.

**Let's Can Hunger-** Food drive table in concourse of Henry Student Center through Nov. 14 to 18. Their goal is to collect 5000 pounds or \$5000 of food and all will be donated to local food banks.

**Faces of Homelessness & Hunger Banquet-** Monday, Nov. 14th, 11a.m. to 1 p.m. in the first floor of the Henry Student Center. Panel of homeless persons from area will come to campus to talk about their experiences of homelessness. Lunch will be provided.

**CEO Day of Service-** Saturday, Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers will distribute Thanksgiving boxes to area residents. Distribution times are available on Nov 12, 13, 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## STUDENT-RUN GROUP RAISES AWARENESS FOR HOMELESSNESS

Another volunteer in the fight against hunger and homeless is Olivia Waszkiewicz, vice president of Students In Free Enterprise. The business administration junior is working with project leader Tory Price to bring the Let's Can Hunger project to Wilkes.

Through the Let's Can Hunger, a promotion by Campbell's Soup, Waszkiewicz and

other students will collect cans in the Henry Student Center every day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The goal is to raise 5000 cans for the needy, as well as monetary donations to fund Thanksgiving food baskets for area residents.

"You can donate a quarter, you can donate a dollar, anything you can - you're purchasing part of someone's meal," Waszkiewicz

said.

SIFE will also volunteer at Ruth's Place, a homeless shelter for women in Wilkes-Barre. They intend to prepare the shelter with success skills, such as teaching recipes for budget meals. Waszkiewicz said this work has great potential to have a lasting effect.

"That'll be a lasting relief effort that we

can work on," Waszkiewicz said.

She said that it sometimes can be difficult for college students to notice these social issues in the area, but it student involvement is important.

"I think it is definitely a huge part of our area, in the immediate community. We have a lot of people who are in need," Waszkiewicz said.



# Tattoos: Breaking the stereotype

## *Younger generations have changed the typical tattoo culture*

BY CARLY YAMRUS  
Opinion Editor

Last month, U.S. toy maker Mattel, Inc. released a new Barbie doll to the collectors market. This "edgy" Barbie sports a pink bob haircut, leopard-print leggings and tattoos that cover her neck and shoulders.

Parents were outraged with this new look, claiming that Barbie should be a good role model for their children and that tattoos send the wrong message. Because Barbie's current blonde, skinny, perfectly-proportioned self is a good role model for kids who have become increasingly obsessed with body-image.

If Barbie's flawless image influences children that much, then what makes parents think they won't go out and get liposuction, breast implants, and other cosmetic surgeries that the doll clearly promotes?

I recently stumbled across a questionable statement released by CNN about tattoos. They said a study showed that people with four or more tattoos are "more likely to use marijuana and other drugs, are 10 times more likely to be arrested, and are likely to be sexually promiscuous."

Many people go out and get meaningless, mindless, insignificant tattoos that give tattoo wearers bad reputations. However, not all of these people are trashy and uneducated like the stereotype portrays. Very few

of them are, actually.

A Pew Research Center study said "60 percent of 18- to 25-year-olds think the increase in people being tattooed has caused no discernible impact on their behavior." Fifteen percent of tattoo wearers said getting a tattoo had a positive impact on them.

How does getting ink'ed suddenly give you the stereotype of a druggie, criminal, or a prostitute? Tattoos these days are more about creativity and art than their previous association to teenage rebellion. Nowadays, tattoos are becoming less unique. A survey from the American Academy of Dermatology said that 36 percent of people ages 18 to 29 have at least one tattoo.

People can have different reasons for getting a tattoo. Whether it is in memory of a loved one, a dedication to their heritage, an original artwork, a way of expressing faith, or just something they enjoy looking at, each tattoo has a story to tell.

It really all depends on what you get, where you get it, and where you plan on working.

I personally am not a fan of large, obvious tattoos but if I am in need of surgery and the doctor has a sleeve tattoo and a Ph.D, then by all means operate. Body art should never overshadow a person's abilities.

What message are we really giving our children when we take away the quality of uniqueness and self-expression? People



The Beacon/Tom Reilly

**Tattoos may have purposes of remembering a loved one, showcasing art, displaying faith and many other reasons.**

judge you by the way you look. Doesn't matter if you are smart and qualified, you will not get a job because your skin isn't pure. What's on the outside matters more than what's on the inside.

The tattooed generation might be on to something here.

**CONTACT CARLY YAMRUS AT:**  
carly.yamrus@thewilkesbeacon.com

# 'The Lost Kardashian' speaks out on Kim

BY BRITTANY BATTISTA  
Advertising Manager

So this week instead of taking my frustrations out on others I know and care about, I decided to take it out on people that I don't know. I will vent about one person in particular. Regardless of anything anyone says, Kim Kardashian is fooling everyone and laughing all the way to the bank.

It just so happened that The Kardashian Klan decided to venture out to the media this week to "promote" their fashion line, perfume, etc, etc. I don't recall any media pro-

motions before the divorce. Coincidence? I think not. Did she really think people were not going to ask about it?

She spent a reported \$10 million on her wedding to Kris Humphries. Half the reason I think she married him was because his first name began with a 'K' but that is neither here nor there. The marriage lasted 72 days. A fish from a county fair has a longer life span.

Don't feel bad for Kris. He got \$6 million. Together they pocketed \$18 million from the wedding. Rumors have been flying saying the wedding was a sham.

"To sit there and say that they're not profiting is insulting to anyone that's watching," said a reporter from TMZ.com.

Do the math: it ends up being \$28 million wasted on garbage. Of course the whole wedding was for money. That is a huge chunk of our nation's debt. \$28 million can pay for enough malaria nets to save 240,000 people from dying from the disease. It can send 70 kids to dorm at Wilkes with no financial aid.

Reports also say that Kardashian gave a

**SEE KIM, Page 8**

## BEACON POLL

The Beacon poll is unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on the Wilkes campus. These poll results are based on 12 responses.

### Last week's question:

Did you vote in the local municipal election?

- Yes 67%
- No 33%

### This week The Beacon asks:

How do you follow celebrity news and gossip?

- Internet
- TV
- Magazine / tabloid
- I don't follow celebrities

**Cast your vote online at:**  
[www.thewilkesbeacon.com](http://www.thewilkesbeacon.com)

## SPEAK UP!

**The Beacon wants  
to hear your voice.**

**Send your name, major, year and opinion to:**  
carlyyamrus@thewilkesbeacon.com

The Beacon reserves the right to edit submitted pieces for length and content. Anonymous letters will not be published.



## Littering a campus issue

### *Wilkes is not your dumping ground*

BY TIMOTHY FISHER  
Staff Writer

The state of Pennsylvania has clear laws regarding the issue of littering. You see the signs on highways and in public places: No littering, or else be fined X amount of dollars. It would seem that the law would be adapted to every area of public space.

Wilkes University has not been granted such laws. Why? Wilkes is not a "public place." Many students and faculty call Wilkes "home" more than anything. So why is it then that food is continually seen strewn across the campus grounds? I thought Wilkes was our home.

You see the foodstuffs everyday: an iced muffin thrown down the stairs of the student union building, an old banana, or piece of pizza, thrown on the floor in an elevator, an ice cream cone dropped onto a sidewalk by the Greenway.

Why does this happen? If you drop something by mistake, pick it up and find a garbage can. If you are full or do not want the food you procured from the Henry Student Center, do the same thing.

Wilkes University is not a giant garbage can for your food. We have a multitude of individual garbage cans that dot the common areas around the school, just for you.

Food waste negatively impacts our university. The Sodexo staff in the HSC cafeteria is forced to police students who try to take food for the road. We students cannot be trusted with extra food because of the risk that we will dump it somewhere on campus.

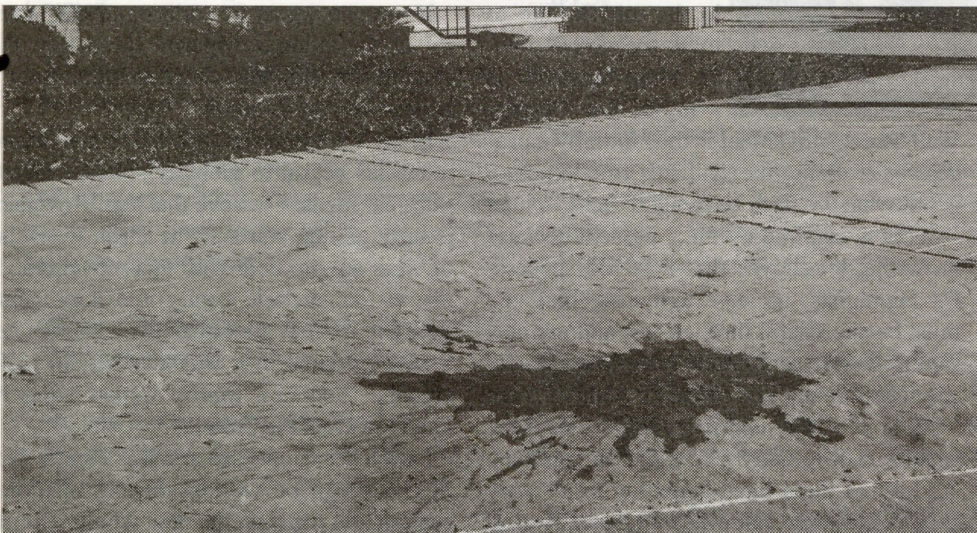


Photo illustration by Anthony Goreczny

**Littering on campus evokes efforts for a cleaner environment. Food items can be seen strewn across the walkways, stairwells and even the elevators.**

Perhaps students don't allow themselves time to think before they improperly dispose of their excess food. Allow me to put it into perspective: I don't want to have to see an old apple or some other piece of food thrown in an elevator. But I adopt the mentality of the rest of my peers: "Why should I pick up someone else's food? Not my problem," I say.

Recently, as I exited the elevator, I felt guilty that I had not cleaned up the food. I felt like whomever left the food was an animal, a "pig." Clearly, this cannot be the case. What if they dropped it by mistake?

So I decided to clean up the food. As I used paper towels to clean up the mess of pizza and dessert left in the HSC elevator, I received dirty looks from other students heading up to the café.

Do these students care what visiting students think of our school? I can just hear the concerned moms following their sons and daughters around on visitation: "It's a pigsty!"

In addition, I do not want to make our maintenance department work any harder. But I also don't want to clean up other people's messes.

I want our school to have a clean environment. It is not too much to ask for.

When you see a mess of food on the ground, clean it up. I know it's not your job, but help make the school a cleaner place. Either that, or don't put it there in the first place.

**CONTACT TIMOTHY FISHER AT:**  
[timothy.fisher@wilkes.edu](mailto:timothy.fisher@wilkes.edu)

## Letter to the editor: The truth about Occupy Wall Street

*In response to "Wilkes students and faculty weigh in on Wall Street protests," (Issue 6, Nov 1)*

BY MARK REID  
Assistant Philosophy Professor

To best understand the Occupy Wall Street movement, one must spend time there in NYC or in an Occupation somewhere else and talk to people at length, feel the atmosphere, see the human struggle, the calm, the confidence, and the pragmatic facilitation speckled throughout the day and concentrated in the General Assembly from 7 p.m. until conclusion. To say that OWS merely rails against some form of injustice, that the OWS protesters just want a handout and are just jealous, and that they offer no solutions and just remark that this is a problem; all of these claims are literally factually wrong. I mean these claims are simply not true at all.

Yes, we protest against injustice, no doubt about that, and we do so creatively, humorously, sometimes alone sometimes together, and in subtle ways and in overt ways. But that is not all we do. We march, have education, have art shows, have events calling on the entire world for global demonstrations of solidarity. On Oct. 15, people rose up in solidarity for one cause in one voice all across the world on all seven continents for the first time in the history of world. Something like this may happen on Nov. 17. The website for OWS [nycga.net](http://nycga.net) shows about 10 daily events. As economist Paul Krugman has pointed out, OWS shifted discussions in ways that no amount of research papers or news articles could have done.

To understand OWS, the first thing one must do is read the Declaration of the Occupation of New York City. That document contains 23 crimes that large corporations have committed against humanity, which have a broad reach in time and population, including men, women, children, and animals. The Declaration was published when OWS was 12 days old, and Keith Olbermann read it on national television on Oct. 5. It has been 36 days since the public broadcast, and the 1 percent and its corporations have not challenged even one of these crimes.

If one reads the Declaration and is not moved, then one is either unaware of the role that corporations play in people's lives or one is not moved by mass injustice. I am so aware, and I am so moved. The major-

ity of people in the U.S. are so moved as well. The Declaration's opening lines are: "As we gather together in solidarity to express a feeling of mass injustice, we must not lose sight of what brought us



REID

together. We write so that all people who feel wronged by the corporate forces of the world can know that we are your allies."

If one reads the Declaration and remains in doubt that corporations could really commit all of those crimes against humanity, then the fact of IBM and its Hollerith machines that were the intelligence behind Nazi Germany's extermination of 12 million innocent human beings should leave no room for doubt. Heads of IBM in the U.S. profited greatly from the Nazis, and they knew details of Nazi Germany long before U.S. intelligence, which could have even helped us in the war, that is, had they told anyone. IBM remained silent about what they knew because they surely did not want to interfere with their profit stream. If one supposes that corporations and people could not have committed these 23 crimes because they would have gone to prison, one should have no problem dropping that supposition when one knows that IBM was never even reprimanded, let alone punished, for greatly aiding the Nazi efforts to exterminate the Jews and for not providing known intelligence about the Nazis. IBM has never been anti-semitic as far as anyone knows, and IBM is the same company.

IBM is not in a "special category" from other corporations. Nazi Germany was one of Coca-Cola's best customers, at least as "Fanta Orange." Although IBM's darker days are hopefully behind it, companies today that confine and torture animals purely for profit share in a darkness of their own. Although the Jewish German philosopher Theodor Adorno spent his life studying human suffering, he recognized that "Auschwitz begins whenever someone looks at a slaughterhouse and thinks they're just animals." The other complaints may involve less massive amounts of suffering, but there is no reason to suppose that corporations care about anything but profit. Equally, there

**SEE LETTER, Page 8**



## KIM

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

substantial amount of money to the Dream Foundation after the wedding. People were going to bash her about the failed short marriage so she had to make some effort to seem caring. But it was only to seem caring. Every move they make is staged for a reason. The whole show is so staged that I think the whole family probably lost all of their own identities because everything is scripted. News flash: No one cares. Especially me after this scam.

I used to get compliments from people saying I looked like her. Now, it's an insult. I used to joke saying I was "the lost Kardashian" and my name would be changed to Krittany. Now, she made a joke of America by making us believe she actually married for the right reasons.

Here's some tough love for you Kim: Take off some of your make-up show the

world how much of an ugly person you are on the outside as well as the inside. Stop complaining that you're "working" so much because you don't have a real job! You're famous for being famous, and that's it. You clung to Paris Hilton back in your wannabe days. Granted, your fashion line is awesome and hugs my curves and your perfume is OK but ... you need to get over yourself.

I'm tired of seeing the Kardashian name everywhere. All of these "socialites" like the Kardashians, Hiltons and Lohans are setting a bad example for all of us. They put their lives in the spotlight only to hate on it. How do you expect society to stay out of your private life when you let them into every other aspect? They are rich because they are famous for being famous. Where is the sense in that? I know personally after this fake wedding I will not be watching the show or buying their merchandise. Hopefully, after these reports, no one else will either.

**CONTACT BRITTANY BATTISTA AT:**  
brittany.battista@wilkes.edu



Photo Illustration by Jonathan Bowman

**Brittany Battista, deemed as the "lost Kardashian," mocks newly married Kim Kardashian. Battista views Kim's wedding as a fake display to make money.**

## LETTER

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

is no reason to suppose that society as it is now is going to do anything whatsoever to stop these corporations with punishments or by destroying them. IBM, Coke and hundreds of other corporations have committed treason, murder and numerous other crimes without even being reprimanded, let alone sent to prison.

There are three possible results upon truly receiving the Declaration so its content settles in ones bones. One may feel relief that finally people have said what has been oppressing one for years. One may feel disturbed that all of this has really been done. Or, one may feel indifferent, thinking that this is all bad if it happens to you, but I am doing fine. One may also feel a combination of the first two, but this seems implausible.

The claim that OWS needs specific policy suggestions must be considered in light of the Declaration. After reading it, one may say "Gee I don't know! What do you think ought to be done?" Let's take two of the 23 crimes, at random. Crime 1: What should we do about the fact that banks have taken and continue to take millions of people's houses through an illegal foreclosure process, despite not having the original mortgage? Lawyers and homeowners are fighting the system with all their might mostly to no avail. Millions of people have lost their homes this way! What are we supposed to do? Especially when lawmakers just side with the banks and law enforcement against the U.S. citizens. If you doubt that banks commit crimes, this list of crimes should

remove that doubt: [http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Wall\\_Street\\_crimes](http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Wall_Street_crimes) Crime 5: What should we do about the fact that corporations have monopolized farming, eliminated family farms, and treated animals as money machines, wherein they are confined, mutilated without anesthetic, and a nasty etc.? Vegans and vegetarians have been fighting this war for almost 30



years with only some limited effect. Crime 5 and 1940s IBM are a nice illustration of what the corporations are prepared to do if they could get away with it. Corporations are not inherently evil. They are inherently concerned with nothing but making money with no regard at all to good or evil.

A disturbing twist is, unfortunately, that the people comprising our governments at all levels, local, state, and national, are largely accomplices in the crimes of corporations both personally and professionally. The Nobel Prize winning economist Joseph E. Stiglitz is the fifth most widely cited economist worldwide, has served as chief economist for the World Bank for several years, and has a CV a mile long. According to Stiglitz, most

politicians are from the 1 percent before they go into office, are elected through the money and influence of the 1 percent, and legislate on behalf of the 1 percent. If Stiglitz's credentials correspond to the truth-value of his claims, then the conclusion is that the 1 percent has not only about half of the wealth but also most of the political power. That means that we are not a democracy or even a re-

public; we are an oligarchy where money equals political control. And moreover, it is an oligarchy where the 1 percent has the majority of the power, people in poverty have virtually no power, and people in the middle like to think they have power. That, however, is a myth. The Occupy

Wall Street Movement is thus initially a process of realizing the system's true structure is not what we have been led to believe it is.

Sebia is inspired by the 1 percent because he wrongly believes that they are successful capitalists, at least assuming that one must be successful through just and not corrupt means. Most of them are not successful capitalists at all, and virtually none of them would have as much money as they do if the system was actually a free and fair market. And all of them have benefited immensely from legislation that allows corporations to donate anonymously or nonanonymously to political candidates without any caps. Would you be proud if you had enough money to feed everyone in Somalia but kept it all to

yourself, got your money by committing crimes against humanity, used your and our money to speculate in the stock market and when you won you get to keep it all and when you lost, you got bailed out by the taxpayers money? After all, the pride, for Sebia, comes from not wanting handouts. But that is exactly what the 1 percent gets is handouts. Who would be proud of being someone like that? Someone like that is worthy of criminal-hood, but since the system is so warped in their favor, they even escape that as well. Sebia wants to make it to the top and have all the money he will have from working hard. Well, if he made it to the top from doing that, of course, he would also have to abstain from all the benefits that the system sets up for people with that much money. He would be very rare.

If anyone wants to understand the severity of the income disparity in society, this graphic and explanation helps immensely. It is deemed "the L-curve."

In my view, the Occupy Wall Street movement has begun to globally shift our socio-political focus. I believe that this Movement is only getting started. The farthest reaches of what are possible with this movement, in my vision, include equity and intelligence brought to the governance of the United States, perhaps in a way that would make Buddha, Socrates, Martin Luther King Jr., and Howard Zinn proud.

I am a contributor to a Wiki Occupy Wall Street. I will be working specifically on a section and page-set devoted wholly to criticisms of the movement and replies. It is up now, but it is a work-in-progress: [http://www.wikioccupy.org/index.php?title=Occupy\\_Wall\\_Street](http://www.wikioccupy.org/index.php?title=Occupy_Wall_Street).

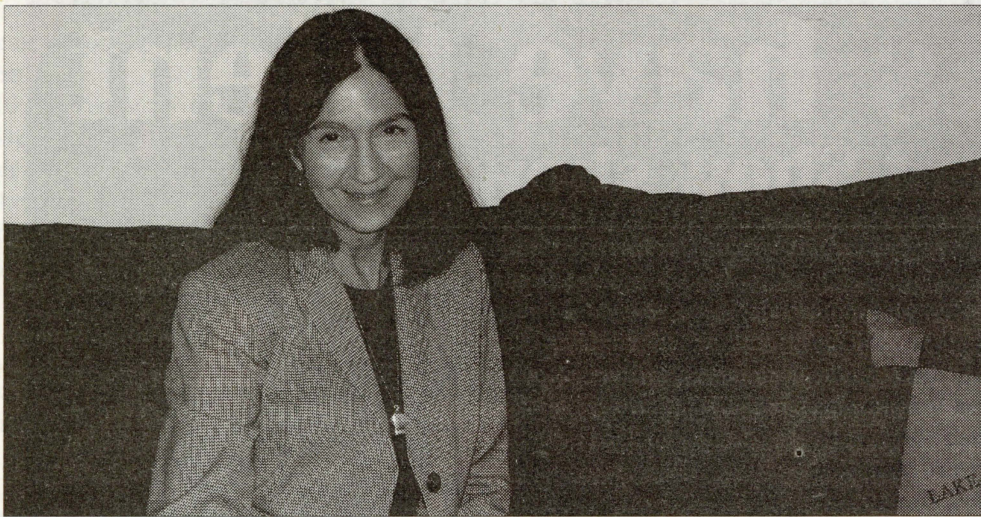


NOVEMBER 15, 2011

CONTACT EDITOR: christinelee@thewilkesbeacon.com

# Unimportant Questions with Important People

BARBARA KING  
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



The Beacon/Austin Loukas

A Wilkes graduate, Dean Barabara King has been at Wilkes for 32 years and likes to read and walk with her husband and dog during her down time.

BY ALYSSA STENCAVAGE  
Staff Writer

## What does your job entail?

I am the chief disciplinary officer for the university. I deal mostly with student problems, some that they come with, some that they create for themselves and some that are completely out of their control. I am also adviser to Off Campus Council and Commuter Council.

## What are your likes and dislikes about your position?

There really isn't anything I dislike about my job. I wish life was easy for everyone and students didn't have problems that would bring them to my office, but I don't really have any dislikes.

## What is the best way to relax after work?

Walking with my husband and dog.

## Do you have a favorite hobby?

My dog is my hobby. I also do a lot of needlework and listen to old rock music.

## What is your main goal in being in this position?

Working with students and helping them

find the right direction. It is like an out of the classroom education in order to navigate life.

## What is your favorite television show?

It used to be "Saving Grace." Now the only channels I watch are "Bones," "Criminal Minds," "Hawaii 5-0" and the Yankees Channel.

## Is this the career you always saw yourself in?

It is far different than my degree in business, but since being at Wilkes, yes.

## What is the best part of your job?

Working with students and, at graduation, seeing students walk across the stage and accomplishing. Helping them make changes and contributing to those changes in some way.

## Where is your favorite vacation spot?

I travel a lot, so it always changes. I like Kyoto, Japan and Key West, Fl. is also one of my favorites. I also love New York City.

## What is our favorite aspect of Wilkes?

I have been here for a long time- 32 years- so it is like home for me. The working relationships with the people I work with every

day are special to me and the students are fun.

## What was your very first job you had?

I was 17 when I got my first job at a Kmart-like department store that is no longer in business. I lived in the country so it was hard to get to one until then.

## What has been your best experience at Wilkes so far?

I met my late husband here.

## Since the beginning of your time at Wilkes, have you seen the majority of students return year after year?

Yes, there has been a return. The retention rate has also improved.

## If you had to do one thing differently since your time here, what would it be and why?

I am not sure what I would do different. I can't really give an answer.

## What is No. 1 on your bucket list?

Traveling to Tasmania.

## What is your favorite book or movie?

I read a lot as well, so I can't really say. I read a lot of mystery; my favorite author is Henning Mankell, and I like many other Scandinavian mystery writers. There is a whole genre.

I also like nonfiction and right now I'm in the middle of "Vietnam." As far as movies I don't like chick flicks. "Independence Day" is a good one, and I also like the movie "MASH," which I would say is the best comedy movie ever made. A really good one I saw recently is "Midnight in Paris," directed by Woody Allen, and I will even admit, like most of my generation, that I love the "Sound of Music." We are the prime age for that.

## What advice can you give to the students at Wilkes?

Take advantage of every opportunity, try not to do anything that will reflect upon you in the future, enjoy every minute of college life (within reason), and when in the position to do so, give back to Wilkes.

CONTACT ALYSSA STENCAVAGE  
alyssa.stencavage@wilkes.edu

# Slumgullion Cook-off



The Beacon/Austin Loukas

On Thursday, Nov. 10, the History Club hosted its first Slumgullion Cook-off on the first floor lounge of the Student Union Building. Soups were judged by assistant professor of history and club adviser Dr. Michael Davidson and Vice President of Advancement Mike Wood. The corporate winner was Lonestar for their chili, the noncorporate winner was Maria Hunter for her autumn stew; the crowd favorite was Tommy's Pizza for its chicken enchillada soup. Soups were submitted by Michelle Earley, Dave Gill, Shirley Green, Kim Wood, Marge Pollick, Rob Kabjeski and Theresa Gentile. Music was provided by Adam Bailey and Todd Oravic.





# Wilkes students have talent

## MSC annual Talent Show show

Students showed off their talents on Nov. 10 in the SUB Ballroom. Clockwise from left, Brian Dalmiter and Katie Cirone, Jackie Harrison, Alyssa Daniel and Adrienne Dorcent, Devin Albrecht. Right, Cora Gibson and Brian Davis. Left, Chea Shoh, right and Matt Gaines. Bottom, Meribeth Derkach, left, Adam Bailey, center, and Julicia Jones, right. First place went to Jackie Harrison, Alyssa Daniel and Adrienne Dorcent for their Beyonce dance routine. Second place went to Devin Albrecht for his singing and piano-playing of "Keep Your Head Up" and third place went to Brian Palmiter and Katie Cirone for their guitar and song duet of "Remember Me"

Photos: The Beacon/  
Michael Klimek





## Dancers, artisans, lecturer liven Native American Heritage Month

BY CHRISTINE LEE  
Life Editor

Loud chanting was heard as several dancers dressed in brightly-colored traditional attire shuffled and swerved on the small stage in the Student Union Building first floor lounge.

Nearby in the main lobby, vendors were selling a variety of brightly colored necklaces, berets, ornaments, earrings, and dream catchers.

The dancers and craft vendors were part of this year's celebration of Native American Heritage Month.

On Nov. 10 the Center for Global Education and Diversity with the help of assistant professor of business Dr. Gary Gordon sponsored the Haudenosaunee Singers and Dancers of the Onondaga Nation of Nedrow, N.Y. and Native American artists and crafts people.

On Nov. 21, Barbara Landis, a Carlisle Indian School biographer for the Cumberland County Historical Society, will give a lecture, "Shaping Identity: The Carlisle Indian Industrial School, 1879-1918," on the Carlisle Indian School, a federal boarding school built in 1879 for Native American children.

Gordon says the lecture will focus on the development of Indian boarding schools, how Indian children were brought to the schools to help them assimilate into the dominant white culture.

There will also be a trip to visit the Cumber-



The Beacon/Austin Loukas

**The Haudenosaunee singers and dancers are composed of the Seneca, Cayuga, Oneida, Mohawk, Onondaga and Tuscarora nations. See more pictures at [thewilkesbeacon.com](http://thewilkesbeacon.com)**

land County Historical Society on Nov. 18.

"A lot of the kids that came were Western Indians from what are now Western states as opposed to the Northeast, so you would get exposure to multiple different perspectives," Gordon, who is of Mohawk descent, says.

He hopes people get a little more understanding and knowledge of Native Americans through the programs.

"If you were to talk to a lot of students, faculty and staff about what they know about American Indians, they wouldn't know a

whole lot other than what they see in movies and on TV which are not typically accurate portrayals of Indians," Gordon says. "I thought it would be a good opportunity for them to have that kind of exposure."

Gordon says the exposure is particularly important as the events are focused on Native Americans of the Northeast. The dancers are various members of the Six Nations Iroquois confederacy.

"I think a lot of times when people watch movies or TV and Indians are shown on TV

if they aren't contemporary Indians they tend to depict western Indians and I think they learn that not everyone wears the big head-dresses," Gordon says. "They get a bit more appreciation for the differences between tribes."

There are 562 federally recognized Indian reservations, meaning diversity among Native Americans.

For instance, the dances presented by the dancers were social dances rather than ceremonial and invite people to join in.

"The dances are fun and very simple and through the explanations I give that I think they'll gain knowledge and getting people involved," says Sherri Waterman-Hopper, one of the Haudenosaunee singers who is from the Onondaga Nation near Syracuse, N.Y.

The dances that Waterman-Hopper and the others performed were designed to give thanks and a way for people to get together. The dances included the stomp, fish and women's dances.

"I hope (people) learn the culture, to have joy about our history and to bring awareness to these individuals," says associate director of diversity initiatives Erica Acosta. "They are here but sometimes they get so far back in people's minds that they are overseen and they are very much a part of our culture and traditions."

**CONTACT CHRISTINE LEE**  
[christinelee@thewilkesbeacon.com](mailto:christinelee@thewilkesbeacon.com)

## Flying shark takes over SUB, UCOM building

BY BRITTANY BATTISTA  
Advertising Manager

The odds of seeing a flying shark are one in one in the Student Union Building when sophomore history major Jeff Homschek is around.

Homschek's new toy takes flying fish to a new level. He is the proud owner of Captain Crunch, a remote controlled helium balloon shaped as a shark.

Unlike blimps and other flying mechanical toys, these balloons add realism and movement with moving fins that propel the fish through the air in any direction.

The fins swish back and forth operated by a remote control. The only assembly is adding AAA batteries and helium.

"Hey, look at that. A remote controlled flying shark. I want that," Homschek said when he found out about the shark. A friend posted a random link, [airswimmers.com](http://airswimmers.com), onto his Facebook wall.

The balloon can only be flown indoors be-



The Beacon/Laura Preby

**Sophomore history major Jeff Homschek plays with his remote-controlled flying shark Captain Crunch outside his apartment in Kingston.**

cause of wind but still be cautious of which buildings you fly in.

"I tried to fly it in the middle of the SUB

but the updraft took all the way up to the third floor. I had to yell at a girl to give it back," Homschek said.

Sophomore computer science major and high school friend of Homschek, Cody Bauman, accompanies Captain Crunch on some of his public appearances.

"We were at 'Everyone Is Gay' and the shark photo-bombed their pictures," Bauman said. "The pictures are on their website and he was in their profile picture on Facebook for a while, too."

Captain Crunch has made many places his personal habitat. He is said to like swimming in the pool room in the SUB, University Center on Main building, Marts gym and also CVS where Homschek works.

Airswimmers.com is the online store to purchase the shark which also comes in a clown fish shape. The new gadgets are so popular that they are sold out of both models.

**CONTACT BRITTANY BATTISTA**  
[brittany.battista@wilkes.edu](mailto:brittany.battista@wilkes.edu)



## Off-Campus Council hopes students get saucy at upcoming Wing Wars

BY HOLLY BOYER  
Assistant Life Editor

The Off Campus Council club has a popular event they successfully host every year coming up. They yearly Wing Wars will take place at 6:45 p.m. on Nov. 18.

Wing Wars has been popular in the past described junior earth and environmental science major Nick Wierman, who is also president of OCC. This event is highly popular because of one thing, free wings.

"A lot of people love wings, and a lot of great restaurants around here have great wings," Wierman says.

Students show up ready to eat a bunch of wings and attempt to try all of the specialty flavors from each vendor. Students then vote for the best, and at the end of the event they tally the winner of who has the best wings.

"Usually, we get a lot in attendance, anywhere from about 300 to 500 people," Wierman says.

Several familiar places in the area are bringing their wings Rodano's, Januzzi's and Bart & Urby's. Other restaurants will include Chicken Coop, Whiskey Business and Anthracite Cafe, which has more than 40 sauces of flavors of wings.

This year the OCC will be purchasing 400 wings from each vendor, 100 mild from each, and 300 of that restaurants specialty flavor. The specialty flavor is what each restaurant feels is their best and unique to their place.

"We'll have more variety (this year), but probably the same amount of wings," Wierman says.

Sophomore biology major Casey Anzulavich, who attended the event last year noted how she is excited for it to be coming around next year.

"I love wings, so it was really cool to sample some of the different wings that are available around the area with being new last year," Anzulavich says. "I am looking forward to going, cause they're not only tasty, but they're free!"

Wing wars will be held in the ballroom of the Student Union Center. Students are encouraged to get there early, because once the wings go, they're gone.

CONTACT HOLLY BOYER  
hollyboyer@thewilkesbeacon.com

## Veterans Day service 2011



The Beacon/Christine Lee

On Nov. 11 Wilkes University honored veterans from all kinds of American wars during a Veterans Day service held on the Greenway. This year, small American flags were placed around a small portion of the Greenway for the service. Speakers included University President Tim Gilmour, Campus Interfaith Coordinator Caitlin Czeh and a past member of the Army. This year's service remembered Sgt. Alessandro Plutino '05 who was killed over the summer while serving the country in Afghanistan with members of Plutino's family were present. Student members of the Air Force and Army Reserve Officers' Training Corp were also on hand. The ceremony served to recognize those who served, which includes Wilkes faculty, staff and students.

## SES uses new and innovative way to reuse trash

BY LYNDIE YAMRUS  
Staff Writer

In another effort to go green at Wilkes, the Students for Environmental Sustainability Club has recently initiated a sustainability collection project called TerraCycle.

Junior Environmental Engineering majors and SES club presidents Katie Cirone and Lizzie Helsel say that TerraCycle is a company that creates and manages collection systems for a variety of hard-to-recycle waste products, such as chip bags, gum wrappers, drink pouches, writing utensils, Ziploc baggies, and other items.

Tom Szaky, creator and CEO of TerraCycle, had the idea that instead of recycling waste, it could be "upcycled" and used for another purpose.

"With upcycling, instead of breaking down an object, you keep its natural shape," Cirone says.

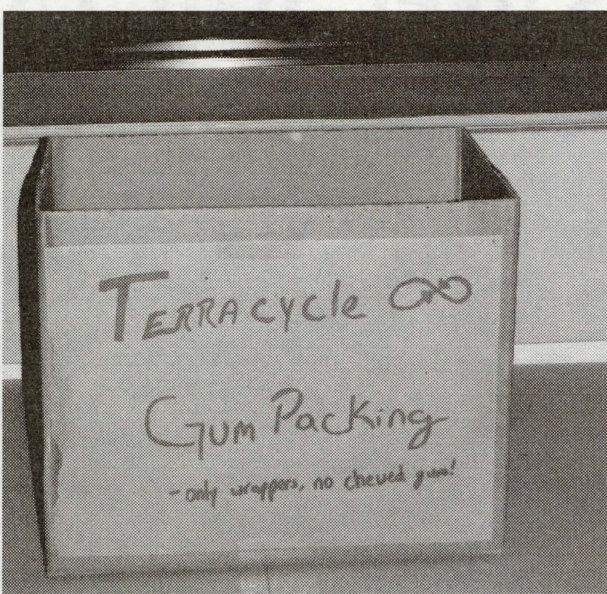
The waste is collected in separate boxes and shipped to the TerraCycle company, where they are transformed into fabrics or

plastic pellets and used to make different types of bags, toys and office supplies, among other items.

Helsel says plastic waste, such as butter containers, are shredded and melted down to make playground equipment or garbage cans and wine corks are cut and designed into corkboards.

"You're up-cycling things that would generally go to a landfill," said Helsel.

Directing waste away from landfills is the



The Beacon/Austin Loukas

TerraCycle recycling boxes, like the one above are found in Evans Hall, University Towers, Stark Learning Center, the Student Union Building, and Breiseth Hall.

primary goal of the project.

The SES club has distributed boxes to several areas around campus in hopes that students and faculty will join in on the effort. TerraCycle boxes can be found in the Student Union Building, Stark Learning Center, Brieseth Hall, University Towers and Evans Hall. The club plans to put more boxes out in the near

future to allow more people to get involved.

Junior Environmental Engineering major and SES club treasurer Brian Palmiter says

that a variety of different products are made from the waste and sold at major retail stores like Walmart or Target. TerraCycle products can also be purchased online.

"This is the first year for TerraCycle at Wilkes," Palmiter says. "We've had the idea in the works, and in the last couple of weeks we were able to get the boxes out. Next semester we're looking to put out more boxes and give people more opportunities to up-cycle their waste."

How can the campus community help?

"Just look for boxes and do your best to do your part," Palmiter says.

As an added incentive to participate in the brigade, TerraCycle as a company donates at least 2cents for most items mailed in that goes toward a school or a charity of one's choice.

"It's either a TerraCycle box or a landfill, so make that extra effort to put your chip bag into the box rather than the trashcan next to it," Helsel says.

CONTACT LYNDIE YAMRUS  
lyndie.yamrus@wilkes.edu



## 'End of Country' author brings Marcellus Shale to Wilkes

### Resourcing natural gas causes conflict and concern in Pennsylvania

BY BILL THOMAS  
Assistant News Editor

Beneath our feet lies the Marcellus Shale, a formation of sedimentary rock rich with untapped reserves of methane.

For those viewing natural gas as an answer to America's energy needs, it represents an enormous resource.

For those who live, work and go to school in Pennsylvania, though, the Marcellus Shale represents something more: a cause for concern, contemplation and conflict.

"This really is something that offers a great deal of promise and carries with it a phenomenal amount of peril," Seamus McGraw said.

"It is, in my estimation, a test of the character of the people in the country as a whole as to whether or not we have the wisdom, the strength and the foresight to balance those challenges."

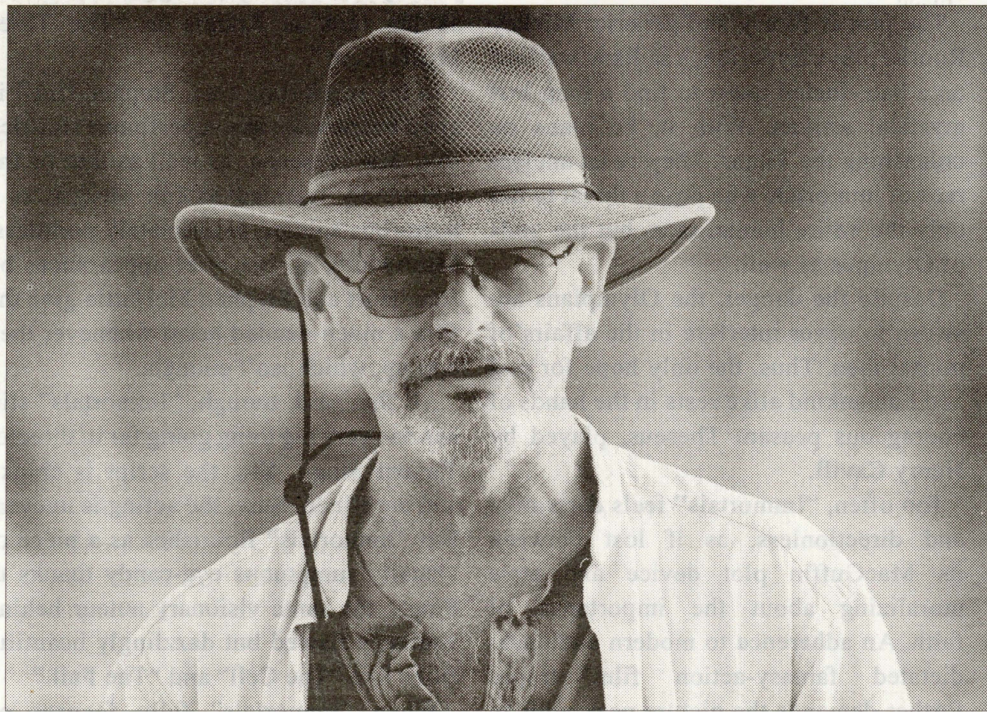
An award-winning journalist and one-time Wilkes University student, McGraw was first inspired to investigate and chronicle the effects of Pennsylvania's gas drilling boom when his mother was approached to lease the land of McGraw's family farm in 2007.

The resulting book, titled "The End of Country," was released by Random House Inc. earlier this year. It has received much critical praise, including endorsements by Tom Brokaw and Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19, Seamus McGraw will participate in a two-hour discussion of his book and the issue of gas drilling.

The event, to be held in Room 101 of Stark Learning Center, is another effort by Wilkes' Institute for Energy & Environment Research to help educate the public of the potential benefits and dangers of gas drilling.

"I think (McGraw's book) has had a big impact on this discussion, especially his experiences with the landmen. That's something I really don't think has been talked about enough in public," Erich Sch-



Author Seamus McGraw wrote "the End of Country" (at right), which deals with Marcellus Shale extraction. The award-winning journalist will speak at Wilkes University on Saturday, Nov. 19.

ramm, the IEER outreach director, said.

Schramm explained that, for Pennsylvanians who live in natural gas hotbeds, the issue is as much an economic one as it is environmental.

"A lot of these people are third and fourth generation farmers. They're blue collar people working long, hard days for not a lot of money," he said.

"I think it's an interesting moral question for them. Do they take this money they need or do they try to preserve their way of life?"

At the same time, McGraw himself maintains that his book and the issues at its heart remain relevant on a broader, more national scale. The future of the energy industry, he said, is the future of America itself.

"It burns 50 percent cleaner than coal and 30 percent cleaner than oil," McGraw

**"It is, in my estimation, a test of the character of the people in the country as a whole as to whether or not we have the wisdom, the strength and the foresight to balance those challenges."**

**- Seamus McGraw**

said, "but it's still a fossil fuel. It doesn't get us where we need to be by itself, and it carries great risks with it.

"The question is if we can use the time it buys us to do what we should've done for the last 40 years. That's the challenge we face."

For more information on "The End of Country," visit [www.seamusmcgraw.com](http://www.seamusmcgraw.com).

For more information about the Marcellus Shale, gas drilling or IEER, visit [www.energy.wilkes.edu](http://www.energy.wilkes.edu).

**CONTACT BILL THOMAS**  
[billthomas@thewilkesbeacon.com](mailto:billthomas@thewilkesbeacon.com)

For years, friends and neighbors in this small farming town scratched out a living. Then came the knock on the door, the stranger on the porch. "Nice land you've got here," he'd start and he'd end with the offer to make them rich.

### THE END OF COUNTRY

SEAMUS MCGRAW

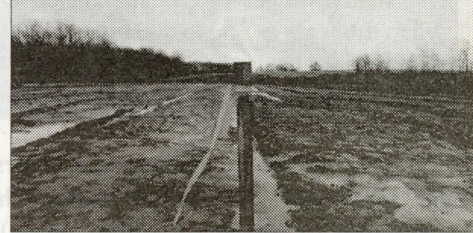


Photo courtesy of The Rouge

### UPCOMING EVENT

**Wilkes University Seminar: Methods on Treating Frackwater** - In addition to Seamus McGraw's campus visit, IEER plans to continue efforts to educate the public about gas drilling's effect on the environment.

Offering unbiased, objective analysis of both the advantages and disadvantages of gas drilling is one of the most important services IEER tries to provide, said IEER associate director and Wilkes biology professor Dr. Ken Klemow.

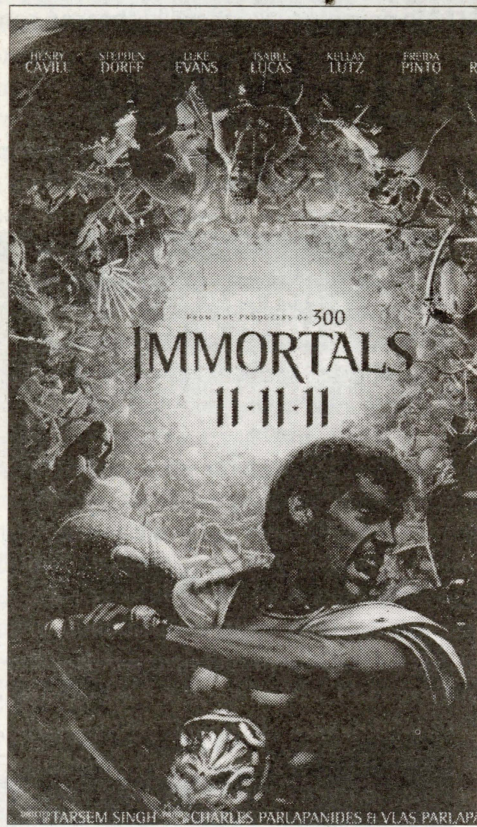
One of IEER's upcoming efforts include an event that will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 15. A seminar, entitled "Methods on Treating Frackwater," the event is scheduled to take place at 5:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. It will be held in Room 107 of Breiseth Hall.

Under discussion at the seminar will be surface and ground water issues associated with reclaiming frackwater as well as the operation of the Marcellus Shale frackwater recycling plant.



## "Immortals" offers sumptuous style over stale substance

BY BILL THOMAS  
Assistant News Editor



It's easy to forget that cinema is first and foremost a visual art form. The temptation to disregard a film entirely

because of narrative shortcomings is both powerful and prevalent. That's not to say that story, or acting for that matter, doesn't amount to a hill of beans. Such things are certainly crucial. At the end of the day, however, it's a motion picture's imagery which should maintain paramount importance.

Take "Immortals," for instance.

The plot is flimsy and generic: Mickey Rourke plays Hyperion, a sadistic warlord on a hate-fueled quest to find a long-lost mystical artifact. With it, he plans on unleashing the Titans. They're an ancient race of immortals who pose a threat to not only the entire human race, but the gods of Olympus as well.

Despite the danger, the Olympians are sworn to never interfere in the affairs of mortal men. Thus, the only hope for god and humankind alike rests in the hands of courageous peasant Theseus, played by Henry Cavill.

Too often, "Immortals" feels derivative and directionless, as if lost between its MacGuffin plot device and stale moralizing about the importance of faith. An adherence to modern audience-dictated fantasy-action film tropes further demands the picture peak with an

unnecessary, out-of-place, post-"Lord of the Rings" battle sequence.

The acting is all over the place: Rourke is as effortlessly engaging as ever, but soon-to-be-Superman Cavill is a poor sparring partner, a wooden hero if ever there was one. The gods in particular are utterly without gravitas, Luke Evans' portrayal of Zeus proving just as leaden as his turn as Aramis in "The Three Musketeers."

In the supporting cast, Stephen Dorff is good but miscast in a superfluous sidekick role. His presence, as well as that of the admittedly talented Joseph Morgan as a traitorous soldier, is ultimately pointless. Meanwhile, all-too-brief appearances by John Hurt and Stephen McHattie give the film a much-needed boost whenever they pop up, which isn't enough.

All that said, though, "Immortals" still has one very big thing going for it: director Tarsem Singh. Yes, the script is clunky and unrefined. Sure, the acting is uneven. But "Immortals" flourishes as a piece of visually sumptuous eye-candy thanks to Singh, the same visionary auteur behind similarly flawed but dazzlingly beautiful films like "The Cell" and "The Fall."

When "Immortals" fully focuses on

Singh's imagery, such as in the climactic showdown between the Titans and the Olympians, the screen crackles with visceral intensity and mind-blowing avant-garde artistry.

Alas, no man is an island. Singh's imitation of Renaissance painting styles is inspired and affecting, but he also seems to integrate influence from ancient Greek theater, a choice which, while intriguing, has the unfortunate side-effect of giving the movie a stagey feel, making "Immortals" look cheaper and less epic than any project with \$80 million to throw around should.

Quibbles aside, Singh may have failed to create another "300" or "Clash of the Titans"-esque cash cow, but "Immortals" succeeds as something else entirely: maybe less accomplished but markedly more mesmerizing.

Rating:



CONTACT BILL THOMAS:  
william.thomas4@wilkes.edu

## Real Murders: A page turner of suspenseful mystery

BY ANNIE YOSKOSKI  
Staff Writer

"Real Murders" features a young, bookish librarian named Aurora Teagarden. As the town librarian, Aurora loves mysteries and true crime novels. She and several other true crime lovers form a small club called Real Murders.

It is all fun and games until someone actually gets murdered in a copycat killing, starting a chain reaction that has members of the club dropping like flies. Aurora, along with detective pal, Arthur and mystery writer Robin, take it upon themselves to find the killer.

Some people can't stomach murder novels. If you feel as though you are one of them, I can still guarantee you can read "Real Murders." There is no gore, but the story is intriguing. Suspense baits the reader into a plot that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

The characters are well developed from

the start. Intricate characterization allows the reader to place themselves in shoes and solve the mystery.

The language is indicative of the novel's setting, a small town in Georgia, giving a down home feel to the entire novel. The details are meticulous in this novel, which I loved. There is no secret plot hidden to the reader that helps to solve the puzzle. Each and every clue is set out for the reader.

Surprisingly, the ending is still not what one would suspect. In fact, it was the only part of the book I didn't like. Not to give anything away, but it felt rushed. An entire saga of mystery goes on only to be resolved in five pages. I wish there had been more build up to the ending, not just a sudden stop in investigating.

The only other thing I did not enjoy was the actual personality traits of some of the characters. Aurora sometimes comes off as whiny and very dependent on other people, even though she is 24 years old.

Also, things pop up in descriptions

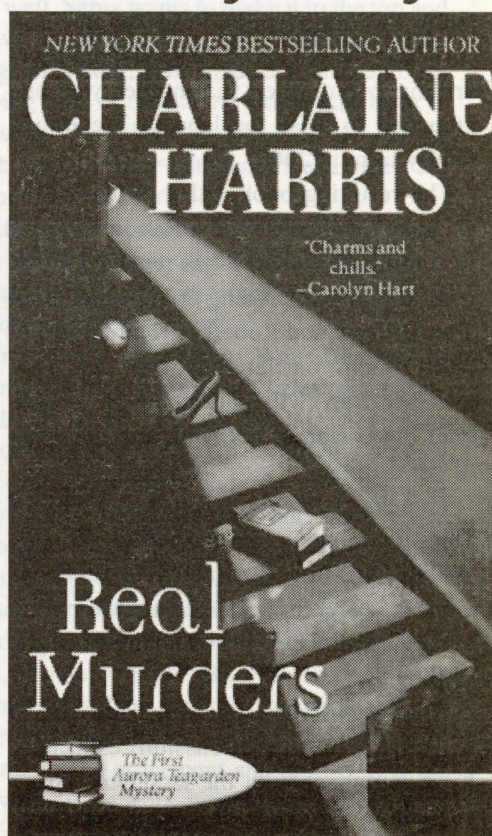
of various characters that are hard to believe, giving the novel a quality of disbelief instead of making it more similar to true crime. This seemed to be the author's goal.

All-and-all, I did enjoy this book. It was not too long, a perfect read for a weekend or a day-off. I was pulled into the story quickly, and spit out even faster after the ending, yet I still wanted to buy the next book in the series. Harris' writing stands up to her unbelievable plot twists and characters that come straight out of an imaginary town. While the air of disbelief and unreasonable happenings hangs around, the ultimate

Rating:



CONTACT ANNIE YOSKOSKI:  
anne.yoskoski@wilkes.edu





## Rifkin hopes to bring more slurps to Wilkes with new milkshakes

BY DOMINICK COSTANTINO  
Staff Writer

Food Services at Wilkes University unveiled a new machine at the Rifkin Café a few weeks ago in order to provide more options for those dining at Wilkes. The new machine is called F'real and it makes milkshakes.

Those purchasing a milkshake make it by themselves. To begin milkshake perfection, customers chose a cup from the freezer and then place it in the blender. Customers have three thickness options to chose from: less thick, regular, or more thick.

Milkshakes are very popular among the student body according to Ron Williams, general manager of dining services at Wilkes. Many students used to travel to Sheetz or Wawa to use a milkshake machine, now there is one right on campus.

"We want students to stay on campus and not have to leave for specialty

items like this," Williams said. "Sheetz and other stores have the same machine to make milkshakes like we now have."

The machine has been working at Rifkin for three weeks, and the response has been great. Williams said they are selling more than they ever expected. Bea Kopec, who works at Rifkin, sees the popularity of the milkshakes first hand.

"We're selling a lot of milkshakes. It's hard at times to keep up with them," she said. "Some students have them for breakfast and some have them throughout the day as a dessert."

Nimi Patel, sophomore pre-law major, loves the new milkshakes. She said they are the same type of treat you would get in a convenient store, but the \$3.29 cost is relatively steep.

"I got vanilla when I purchased a milkshake and it was delicious," she said. "The price is kind of expensive compared to everything else at Rifkin."

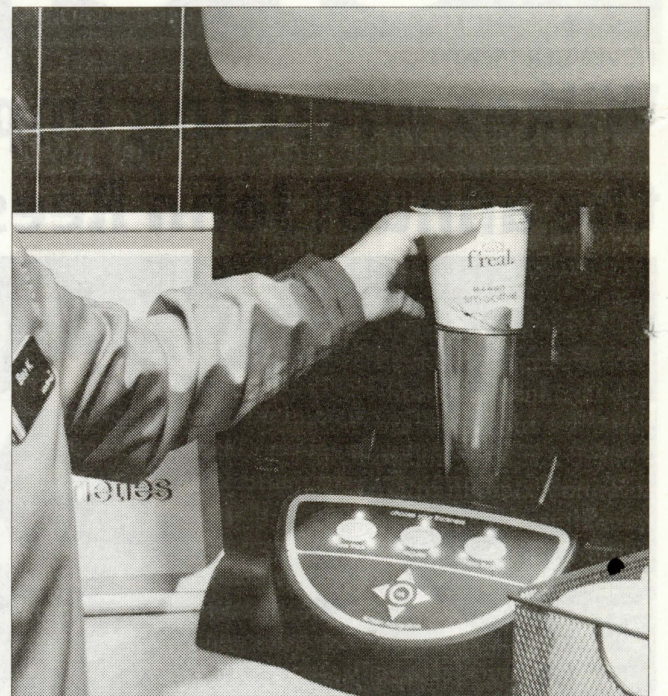
Amanda Bast, sophomore secondary education major, also loved the new

edition at Rifkin. She purchased a mint chip milkshake and thought it was great.

Rifkin offers a variety of milkshake flavors including: Reese's Peanut Butter Cup, Coffee Frozen Cappuccino, Mango, Mint Chip, Cookies and Cream, Strawberry Banana and Blueberry Raspberry Pomegranate. The treats come in one size.

Although all of the flavors seem to be popular, Williams pointed out that the cookies n cream and Reese's peanut butter cup are the most popular so far.

According to their mission statement, F'real hopes to help make the world a better place one giant slurp at a time.



The Beacon/Laura Preby

CONTACT DOMINICK COSTANTINO  
dominick.costantino@wilkes.edu

## Upcoming area events

Check this out!

- ✱ Chacko's Bowling Night. Nov. 17, 9 p.m. Free passes available at SUB information desk. Pass is good for two games and shoe rental. One pass per student per week.
- ✱ Footloose. Nov. 18 & 19, 8 p.m. Nov. 20, 3 p.m. Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre. Free with Wilkes ID at the door. Make reservations (570) 823-1875.
- ✱ The Who's Tommy. Nov. 18 & 19, 8 p.m. Nov. 20, 2 p.m. Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. Free admission with Wilkes ID. \$15 General Admission.
- ✱ Seamus McGraw book presentation: "The End of Country." Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. William B. Schaeffer Hall (room 101), Stark Learning Center. No Charge. Contact Erich Schramm (570) 408-5543 to register.
- ✱ PA International Wine and Food Festival. Nov. 20, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Nov. 21, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. \$20 advance tickets, \$30 at the door. Genetti's Hotel, 77 E. Market

St. Buy advance tickets at Genetti's front desk or PAInternationalWineFoodFest.com or TicketSalesNow.com. Must be 21 or older.

- ✱ Storytellers benefit concert. Nov. 23, 7 p.m. Downtown Arts Cathedral. \$5 tickets available at the door only. Proceeds benefit River Common Park Programming. Rivercommon.org.
- ✱ Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." Nov. 26-27, Dec. 1-4, 8-11, 15-18, 8 p.m. Sundays at 3 p.m. Dinner available. See musicbox.org for ticket prices.
- ✱ Concert: Five Finger Death Punch, All That Remains, Hatebreed, Rains. Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. Mohegan Sun Arena. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com. Call (570) 970-7600.
- ✱ Great Wolfe Lodge indoor water park. Dec. 3. \$15 tickets available at SUB information desk.
- ✱ Christmas Trip to New York City. Dec. 10. Day trip includes Broadway show and dinner. \$25 tickets available at SUB information desk.

CONTACT DEVONI NOVAK AT:  
devoni.novak@wilkes.edu

## Grotto Pizza

the legendary taste

### Go Colonels!

We Deliver to Wilkes University!  
Call (570) 331-FAST (3278)

Ask about our combo specials featuring our complete line up of pizza, subs, wings, burgers & more! visit us online for a complete menu & listing of specials at [www.grotopizzapa.com](http://www.grotopizzapa.com)

or visit our restaurant & sports bar  
Grotto Pizza, Gateway Center, on Rt. 11 in  
Edwardsville (just across the bridge!)



Grotto Pizza  
the legendary taste

**\$5 OFF Any Order of \$20 or More**

For delivery or take out  
Expires 12/31/11

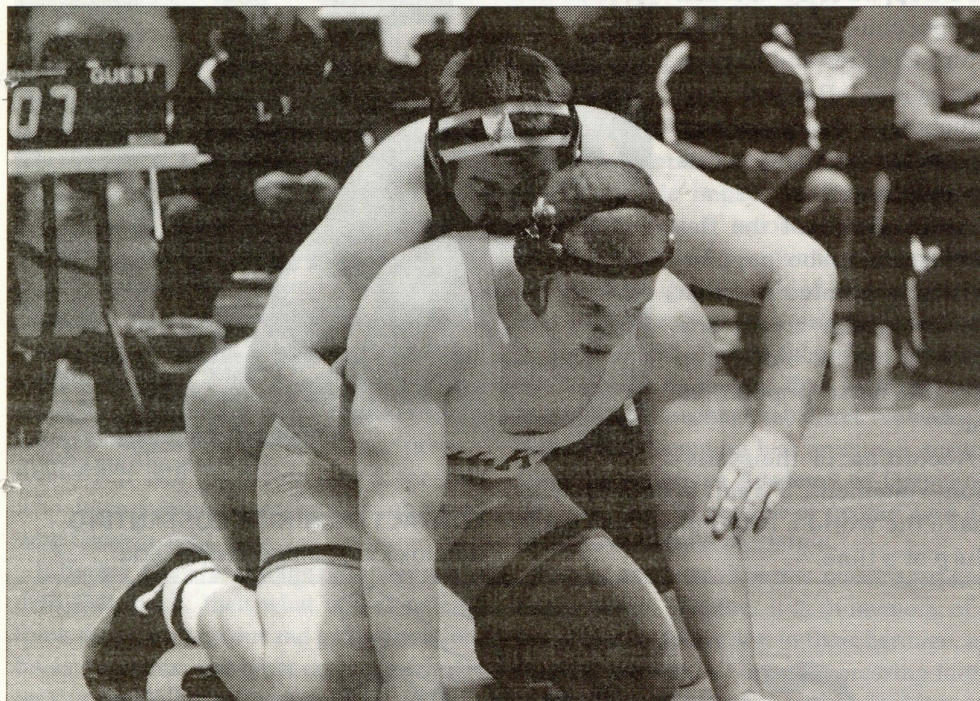
valid only at Grotto Pizza locations in Pennsylvania



NOVEMBER 15, 2011

CONTACT EDITOR: phatnguyen@thewilkesbeacon.com

## Wilkes wrestling impressive at the annual John Reese Duals



The Beacon/Alex Zero

Michael Shannon prepares for an escape in his heavyweight bout with Plymouth State. Shannon went on to lose the match, Wilkes prevailed 33-15 as a team.

BY JUSTIN FRANIAK  
Assistant Sports Editor

Wilkes took to the mats again this past weekend at the annual John Reese Duals. The Colonels posted an overall record 3-1 with the lone loss to No. 9 SUNY-Cortland. However the Colonels did defeat No. 13 ranked Centenary College en route to an impressive day.

Pinning is what every wrestler strives for and the Colonels did not disappoint. Wilkes recorded 11 pins with Dave Oberrender leading the way.

The sophomore business major took Saturday as a building block for the rest of the season.

"Today was indicator" Oberrender said. "I wrestled the kid ranked fourth in nation and lost one nothing, I'm right there"

Oberrender said that the loss to No. 9 SUNY-Cortland was a motivator for the team.

"Cortland was a bump in the road," Oberrender said. "I believe we are top five material."

Overall the sophomore upperweight was impressed with the young guys and

the team as a whole. He praised freshman 125-pounder Michael Fleck.

"Fleck wrestled well," Oberrender said. "Everyone held their own and exceeded their expectations."

Wilkes defeated thirteenth-ranked Centenary 27-16 in the days opening match. The Colonels saw momentum changing pins from Dustin Stough and Dave Oberrender. Ryan Wilson posted a 7-5 decision over Centenary's Craig Montgomery in the matches third bout. Wilson likes tough matches like his bout because it shows where he needs improve and what the team needs to work on.

"It's tough matches like these that test our ability to compete as a team," Wilson said. "It is things like this that show us where we are at and what we need to work on."

The senior captain also loves the competition every year at the duals, and he says it benefits the team in multiple ways.

"The competitive matches are also important for younger guys who are not used to challenging themselves at higher levels."

SEE DUALS, Page 18

## PSU

Continued from FRONT PAGE

Sandusky, who is charged with sexually abusing eight children over a 15-year period, through his lawyer has maintained his innocence.

PSU's Athletic Director Timothy Curley asked to be placed on administrative leave, and Gary Schultz, vice president for finance and business, retired.

Paterno has not been charged with any illegal activity, but the board of trustees fired him mid season due to lack of follow-up efforts.

If a similar event were to occur at Wilkes, football Head Coach Frank Sheptock believes the course of action would have been different due to the strong sense of integrity in which the Wilkes athletics program is grounded.

"Integrity is the most important thing in our opinion," Sheptock said. "I believe very strongly in the fact that I, or we as a staff, would handle the situation in a way that is the right way to handle it."

Sheptock believes integrity is the most prominent character issue especially for his players.

"I definitely believe that you have to lead by example, and we say this to the players, integrity trumps loyalty," Sheptock said.

Sheptock also believes that PSU took the right preliminary steps of reporting questionable actions, but went on to say how Paterno got in trouble for not following up on the issue.

Reporting it to administration, then trying to prevent anything from occurring again.

"I'm sure everyone would have that feeling, until you're put in that situation – boy, that's tough," Sheptock said.

"There's probably no set policy in place to be honest with you," Sheptock said. "I'm sure that's the situation at Penn State too, which maybe led to the situation a little bit."

Sheptock feels that a procedural outline would not be effective for every situation, and added Wilkes has never had an incident reported without follow-up.

"I can't say that I have a manual that says 'well if this occurs, and I tell the administration and X number of time passes and I haven't heard back' – not to my knowledge," Sheptock said.

Adelene Malatesta, athletics director, feels that the Code of Conduct expectations for coaches at Wilkes are fully outlined in many forms.

"It's clear about our ethics and our responsibility in dealing with students, one another and the surrounding community," Malatesta said.

She said these standards are included in the Wilkes code of conduct, the staff policy manual and an ethical statement that all employees have to sign annually. Coaches are made aware of expectations at the beginning of their careers at Wilkes, when they read the position description and accept the position.

"Every coach's position description clearly states there's a code of behavior, ethics and morality, and that they are expected – whether you're part-time or full-time – to follow the staff policy manual," Malatesta said.

Reflecting on Paterno's involvement in the PSU incident, Malatesta said the issue is less about whether an action is right, but more about whether it is the best action.

"I think perhaps some of us get caught into not being wrong, in terms of reporting to a supervisor, but perhaps doing more to ensure that it's completely right," Malatesta said. "I think that's where (Paterno) is caught."

Malatesta emphasized the importance of taking the appropriate action toward resolution and closure. She said that in her role, that closure may crest when she refers reports to the appropriate authorities, but that she must act to this extent of her jurisdiction.

In the process of reporting incidents at Wilkes, Malatesta immediately shares information from coaches and athletes with Vice President Paul Adams of Student Affairs, along with local authorities.

The PSU scandal has led Malatesta to consider this reporting process and other areas involving reaction to incidents, and not only in athletics.

"It is probably somewhat of a wake-up call, or a gut check, for those of us in athletics to be certain -- but not just athletics, I think generally speaking," Malatesta said. "At many, many different levels, people are being impacted by this, and I think will continued to be impacted by this."

Timely to this examination, an update of the employee policies is in the process of being reviewed and approved. Joseph Housenick, director of Human Resources, said the updates will highlight the importance of reporting any illegal activity at the university.

"Anything that is against the law should be reported immediately," Housenick said. "I know that our folks believe that very, very strongly."

SEE PSU, Page 18



## SCOREBOARD

### Football

11/12 Stevenson W 43-34

### Wrestling

11/12 John Reese Duals  
Wilkes 27, Centenary 16  
Wilkes 9, Cortland 28  
Wilkes 38, NYU 9  
Wilkes 33, Plymouth 15

## WEEK AHEAD

### Wrestling

11/18 Elizabethtown

### Men's B-Ball

11/15 PSU-Hazleton  
11/18 Dickinson

### Women's B-Ball

11/15 @ PSU-Hazleton  
11/17 @ Keystone

| HOME  | QUARTER    | GUEST |
|-------|------------|-------|
| 00:00 | 00:00      | 00:00 |
| BONUS | POSS       | BONUS |
| FOULS | SHOT CLOCK | FOULS |
| 01    | 10         | 05    |

Tweet us pictures of  
the scoreboards.

@wilkesbeacon



Joseph Pugliese  
OPINION



### But think of the children.

This week might have been the toughest and most painful week for all of Penn State in its history. A sex scandal that had been covered up for more than eight years rose to the surface involving former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky. Sandusky now faces charges after allegedly sodomizing a 10-year-old boy in the bathroom in 2002.

But this is more than just about Sandusky; this is about how he got away with it for over eight years. This has turned into a massive scandal that has led to school president Graham Spanier, head football coach of 61 years Joe Paterno to both be fired while Gary Schultz, treasurer and vice president of business, and Tim Curley, athletic director, have both resigned, although they are still on the schools pension.

Mike McQuery is the only one left with a major role in this incident. They all needed to be fired and they all deserved to be fired because for more than eight years they all knew about this and they all did nothing to stop it.

Back in 2002, assistant coach Mike McQuery saw the incident between Sandusky and a 10-year-old boy in the bathroom. McQuery did not stop Sandusky, he did not call the police, he went home and he called his father asking for advice, his father's advice was to go to Joe Paterno his boss.

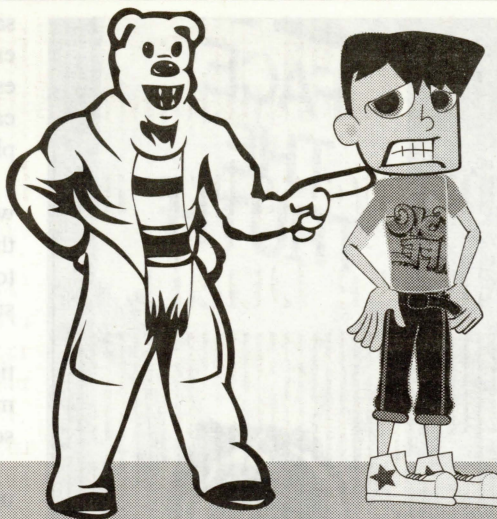
McQuery told Paterno and what did Paterno do? Pass the bill to his boss, Curley, the athletic director and head of the campus police. Did Curley stop Sandusky? Did he launch an investigation? No, he told his boss, Graham Spanier, who let the issue blow past and took no action.

There was a half-hearted attempt to stop Sandusky that resulted in a grand jury hearing, and the District Attorney Ray Gricar dropped the case; Gricar has not been seen or heard from since 2005.

So what happened here? We have four full-grown men who did not take the responsibility and the courage to do what was right and that was protect children. McQuery should have stopped Sandusky immediately when he saw that happen. A normal person would not go home when an innocent kid is in serious danger.

Instead, he tells Paterno the next day, and Paterno in 2002 is the king, there isn't something that goes on in the athletic complex or maybe even on the campus that Joe doesn't know about in some way shape or form.

\*SEE THE REST OF JOE'S ARGUMENT ONLINE



## Will Sandusky's sex abuse scandal taint Joe Pa's legacy at PSU?

### The Buzz:

**Sandusky is under fire.  
Joe Pa possibly covered it up. Fans are split on which side to take. PSU has been on of the more honorable programs that never had controversial issues...until now.**

### Is there more to the story?

**Only time will tell if the Nittany Lions will recover from the travesty.**

To see and join the full debate visit:  
**thewilkesbeacon.com**

Justin Franiak  
OPINION



### We are...better than this.

I am deeply saddened by the recent occurrences at Penn State. I have been a lifelong fan of the Nittany Lions and it is has been tough for me to stomach. That being said the recent firing of Joe Paterno hit a spot in my heart. I agree with the University's claim with trying to save face and move on from the situation, but I am still confused on the reasoning behind the firing.

I have read the 23-page indictment of Jerry Sandusky, and I couldn't be more applauded. The man is a criminal and will and should be locked up. Unfortunately because of his position, Joe Paterno also has to suffer the consequences. I do not agree with the firing of Joe Paterno because of how emotionally charged it was. While watching the board of trustee's press conference about relieving JoePa of his duties, I could not get over the feeling of something fishy going on.

There were no straight forward answers given by the trustees, and they continually danced around the subjects and questions presented to them. It was also wrong to fire a man over the phone, give him the respect of a face to face firing.

I believe that there is more to be seen in this entire saga. Some information or a person will come forward and present something that will shake this entire investigation up. I am also excited for JoePa to finally speak. I believe he needs to be heard. By hiring a defense lawyer I believe that he will be speaking soon.

I also am upset with so called experts on sports networks and such. Instead of analyzing football they are now analyzing life problems. We can all claim that we would do the right thing in the situation of seeing a crime being committed. We can all say we would call the authorities or take actions ourselves. But until we are put in that exact situation, we can never confidently claim that we would take the proper actions. One cannot judge a man without walking in his shoes.

All this being said we cannot lose sight of the real victims in this situation. We must pray for the children who have been affected and pray for the families this terrible man has torn apart. A lot of people have criticized the rioting in Penn State and claimed it tarnished the school's reputation, but within the last week candlelight vigils and rallies have been held for the victims. I believe that these activities are helping the university move on and restore its caliber. In the end justice will be served and "We are, still, Penn State."



## PSU

Continued from Page 16

Housenick said the employee policy manual had not been fully updated since 2004.

The revisions started in May of this year, and specifically involved the anti-harassment policy and an outline of reporting procedures.

Housenick sent an email Nov. 10 to all staff members announcing the requirement of all employees to complete mandatory online training on harassment prevention. He said the goal is to make staff members familiar with procedures, such as reporting harassment incidents.

"The most important thing is that employees feel comfortable and they understand the mechanisms in place," Housenick said.

Housenick said there is a confidential reporting mechanism accessible by phone or online. He urged that all reported situations are different and require investigation and follow-up.

These mechanisms align with what Malatesta considers to be standards for employee conduct. These policies deal with issues that are shared at PSU and Wilkes, despite the major program differences between Division I and Division III schools.



The Beacon/Dan Benson

**Signs of protest and praise ran rampant at this past weekends PSU football game.**

"We're not multimillion dollar programs," Malatesta said. "We don't have contracts at stake, and corporate sponsors ... and once you get through all of that I think the problems are all the same in athletics."

The size of Wilkes directly contributes to the differences of interaction between staff and students compared to PSU. Malatesta

He also said that these big matches come and go, and he takes them one step at a time without adding any pressure to himself.

"I prepare for a big match like its any other match," Dattolo said. "Names don't mean anything, I just go out there and wrestle my match."

The annual duals are held in honor of long time coach John Reese. Reese coached Wilkes from 1953-1994 compiling a record of 514 wins, 165 losses, and 10 ties. He coached Wilkes to a 1974 NCAA Division III National Championship.

Coach Reese can still be seen stopping by current matches and cheering on Wilkes. Current Coach, Jon Laudenslager, also wrestled at Wilkes under Coach Reese.

The Annual John Reese Duals field of competition featured SUNY-Oneonta, SUNY-Cortland, Centenary College, King's College, Wilkes University, Plymouth State, and New York University.

The Colonels take the mats again Friday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Marts Gym as they open up the road to a Metro Conference title against conference foe Elizabethtown. Come out and support the Wrestling team as they avenge last year's loss to the Blue Jays.

**CONTACT JUSTIN FRANIAK AT:**  
[justin.franiak@wilkes.edu](mailto:justin.franiak@wilkes.edu)

said Wilkes' athletic program is intimate enough for daily interaction between coaches and students. She also said she communicates with coaches every day in person, by phone and by email.

"I think we're a small enough institution where there's issues with the team, or issues that coaches are having, my office is open to them all the time to discuss whatever issues," Malatesta said.

As a close-knit community, communication between coaches and administration is much more immediate than that of a larger school.

"Our leadership at the university has set up a way to communicate that and then an environment that allows for there to be interaction so you know what's going on," Sheptock said. "If I didn't have satisfaction about what was being done, I would know that, and morally I believe in my heart that I would do the right thing in saying 'this is not going to happen in our program, and we are not going to be defined by these things.'"

Picking coaches with outstanding character is what Sheptock prides his football program on.

"Who we put around our student athletes, for me, that's the most important thing when I'm trying to bring people into the program," Sheptock said. "That's the quality of your

life, of how many people's lives can you effect from a positive standpoint, because that's how you're defined as a person - at least in my opinion."

One of the people Sheptock brought was in running backs coach Paul Jefferson, who played under Paterno from 2000-04 and has brought maturity to the skills' position.

"If you talk about up until maybe a week or so ago, the culture of the Penn State program was about professionalism and doing things the right way, and he's brought those things here."

Jefferson declined to comment, but Sheptock understands his apprehension.

"He's very Penn State proud, and this is very difficult for him," Sheptock said.

Malatesta feels the rest of the country shares this difficulty of witnessing these events unfold.

"Like everyone else watching it, your heart goes out to the people that are going through this."

**CONTACT PHAT NGUYEN AT:**  
[phat.nguyen@wilkes.edu](mailto:phat.nguyen@wilkes.edu)

**CONTACT KIRSTIN COOKAT:**  
[kirstin.cookat@wilkes.edu](mailto:kirstin.cookat@wilkes.edu)

## DUALS

Continued from Page 16

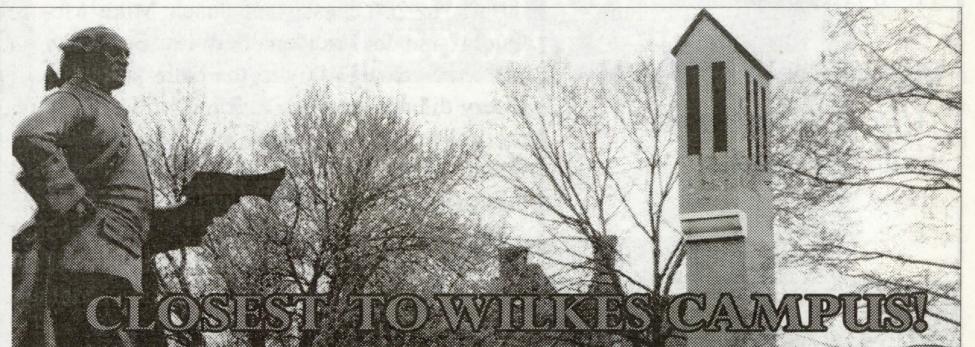
Wilkes cruised to a victory over New York University in the third match of the day. Wilkes scored 38 team points while only letting up nine from NYU. The Colonels received wins from Michael Fleck, Mark Uliano, Jeff Peterson, a major decision by Raymond Dungee, and pins from John Lynch, Tyler Lauchaire, Dave Oberrender heavyweight Jon Slack.

In the last match of the day, Wilkes beat Plymouth State in an impressive match. Freshman Michael Fleck was victorious in his 16-1 technical fall of Alex Gerhold in the first period. Fleck ended his day with a successful overall record of 3-1.

Myzar Mendoza, Jeff Peterson, Brandon Dixon, and Dave Oberrender also scored victories for the Colonels as they defeated the Panthers in impressive fashion.

Returning All-American Anthony Dattolo remained unbeaten on the day. He posted two major decisions, including an impressive victory over ranked opponent Cody Oliverio. Dattolo commented on his convincing win over the Plymouth State 149-pounder.

"It's nice to wrestle opponents that are ranked early in the season to see where you are at," Dattolo said.



## PENN AVE LAUNDROMAT

"best prices for wash/longest dryer times!"

# 570-574-4677

Clean. Safe. Secure.

Open 7 days a week 6am to 11pm

**FREE  
Wifi**

136 South Pennsylvania Avenue  
(across from Holy Redeemer High School)



# Wilkes paintball blasts their way to national ranking

BY PHAT NGUYEN  
Sports Editor

In which collegiate category does Wilkes University currently rank in the Top 10 of the country with Texas A&M, Baylor, TCU, University of Texas, the Ohio State and East Carolina among others?

A few good guesses might include men's and women's tennis - two teams that have competed at nationals - or wrestling, which finished 13th in the country both academically and athletically last year.

Wilkes' Doctor of Pharmacy program also might be a good guess. It attracts many students from the Northeast.

But, if you answered paintball, you probably were cheating, or you were one of the seven members of the squad that traveled to Syracuse, N.Y. to compete against mostly Division I schools.

The Colonels placed first at the NEIC South at Top Gun paintball in Cream Ridge, NJ earning 100 points for the national scoreboard, and added 77.5 points for their third place finish for the NEIC North second event held at Head Rush Paintball, Syracuse, N.Y.

With their 177.5 points, the Colonels are ranked as the 10th best team in the country, just behind the Georgia State Panthers' 178.82 points.

Club president Charles "Nick" Gambo wasn't surprised by their Top 10 ranking.

"We have been playing well all year, and ever since we won our first event this year, we knew we were good



Photo courtesy of Nick Gambo

**The Wilkes Paintball team has continually put on strong performances in tournaments earning them a ranking of 10th in the country.**

enough to compete with anybody," Gambo said. "I mean, we played University of Buffalo last year and split then tied to them, but they got the win since they had a faster time than we had."

Being a success story wasn't always the case for the paintballers who needed time to eventually find their niche.

Gambo, a senior business administration major, noted the long way they came to become the team they are today. During his freshman year in 2008, he and his current vice president, Adam Keeth, petitioned to get a team together to start playing in tournaments as a club without any organization and practices.

Despite a limited \$300 allocation each semester, the team grew in numbers and even-

tually became more serious. Gambo's junior year where he began to look into how to request funds from student government to pay for travel and tournament expenses. In requesting funding, they are required to do community service and fundraise.

"We were doing it up until college why stop there. If there wasn't a team we would be doing it any ways. It's funny the common ground of us going here. We've all played together since 2005. Everybody that you know at orientation. We filled out a constitution, and that's how it all started."

Sophomore class president Cody Bauman said he was delighted by their proposals and organization.

"These guys really did their homework, and I think we were all impressed by their desire to work for something they really love."

The Colonel paintball club is the only Division III school in the Top 10 according to the National Collegiate Paintball Association. Its roster of eight and undergraduate

enrollment pool of 2,200 might make you wonder how it's even possible for the squad to compete against Division I powerhouses like Ohio State.

Keeth, a senior co-captain, isn't intimidated, however.

"Some schools such as Rutgers have enough people to put together two full squads with substitutes." The senior integrative media major, said. "We don't let that bother us though. We all can step up and do a little bit of everything I feel."

The tournaments can last all day and in Wilkes' case, its seven-man squad was playing every game with few substitutes from 8 a.m. to as late as 5 p.m. as they won one tournament and placed third in another.

Conditioning has not been an issue, Keeth said.

"I don't really get tired in the later rounds of the tournament," Keeth said. "You get that adrenaline rush and just think, man, I'm in the championships, I just wouldn't want it any other way."

While the team admits to having soreness from playing all day, Keeth and Gambo say the team never complains about fatigue.

The Colonels look to carry their momentum into the spring semester where they hope to place among the top five nationally.

"It's somewhat of a lofty goal, but we know what we're capable of and it's time to take our practices and mentality to the next level," Gambo said.

**CONTACT AT PHAT NGUYEN:**  
phat.nguyen@wilkes.edu

## WILSON

Continued from Page 19

**What would you do if you won \$1,000?** First thing that I would buy would be a GoPro. It's a type of camera you would mount. A GoPro and a new surf board.

**What is your favorite class at Wilkes so far?** Dr. Emmory's BA 153. It's an alternative for IME. He did a really good job of relating real life situations in class. That was the class that got me into wanting to become a business major. It was the most interesting and most fun. I started as a history major.

**Were you always at the same weight class?** I started at 133, but last year I moved at 141. It's only one weight class jump. It's hard for me to maintain my weight at 133, so 141 has been a good weight class for me.

**What sport does wrestling most relate to?** Any kind of martial arts. It requires a great deal of energy and discipline especially with dieting. It takes a lot of your energy than you think just focusing on what to eat and how to train.

**I hate when people...**add their Facebook status and think that they're changing the world.

**I hate when...**I'm at a bar/restaurant when I'm sitting down, done eating, but forced out of the door. I hate that.

**People always come to Ryan Wilson for...**a good time.

**What is one thing that not a lot of people know about you?** I am deathly afraid of furry animals.

**What is one thing that you're thankful for?** Family and friends. I'm very family orientated and glad to have my family.

**What's your favorite dish at Thanksgiving?** Deep fried turkey.

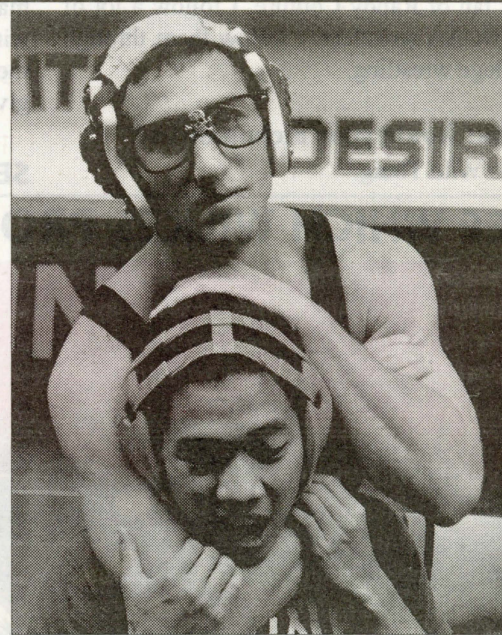
**Really?** Yeah, we do two turkeys. We have a really big family. One is oven baked, and the other is deep fried. Actually we started doing two deep fried, because it's a little juicier.

**Who would be the toughest guy to wrestle who's not in your weight class?** Certainly, Anthony Dattolo. He's the best wrestler on the team.

**What's something that not a lot of people know about you?** I'm deathly afraid of furry animals like dogs and cats.

**Furry animals, how so?** I got attacked by a dog when I was young and never got over it. I've hated them ever since.

**CONTACT AT PHAT NGUYEN:**  
phat.nguyen@wilkes.edu



The Beacon/Laura Preby

**Ryan "Wild Thing" Wilson puts sports editor Phat Nguyen in a sleeper hold.**



Getting to know...

# Ryan

BY PHAT NGUYEN  
Sports Editor

141 lbs, Wrestling

*Meet Ryan Wilson, one of the senior captains of the Wilkes wrestling team. Leading by example, Wilson has had a strong start to the season. The wild thing's only weakness is furry animals.*

**Major:** Business Administration concentration in marketing

**Hometown:** Wall Township, N.J.

**Why did you choose to come to Wilkes?** It was a good balance between academics and athletics.

**What was the outlook of the team when you were looking to come to Wilkes?** They were trying to establish an identity when I got here. I think we have more of a reputation as a contender now. We're more successful now.

**I've heard that Coach slager doesn't like to name captains. What's it feel like to one of the three captains named this year?** It feels very good. I take it as an honor, but with that come a lot of responsibility. I have to make sure I'm leading the guys in the right direction. It makes me a better person as I'm a role model.

**Do you follow WWE?** Not really.

**Who do you like in the MMA?** I am a big fan of Randy Couture. I follow a lot of ex-NCAA wrestlers. I follow them through college wrestling.

**What would your nickname be?**  
The Wild Thing.

**How much does wrestling help a MMA fighter?** It sets a good foundation. It gives a kill or be killed mentality. That or Judo is probably the most similar.

**Two years ago at the Monarch invitational you placed 3rd. This past weekend you walked away the champion. What does that feel like?** It feels like everything went right. I stayed focused and. It was my first tournament victory.

**What were the first thoughts in your head when you realized you won your first individual college title?** Right away it wasn't a big of a joy. I wrestled one of my teammates in the finals.

**Who did you wrestle?** Jeff Peterson.

**How close of a match was it?** It was a one point match. You know what the other guys going to do. He made one little mistake and I capitalized on it. Wrestling your teammates is always a close match. You have to be perfect because they know your strengths and weaknesses.

**How does it feel to see all 11 guys finish in the top five or better?** As a starter it shows that everyone's doing the things they need to do to be successful. It shows that everyone's competing and winning. It shows that we're doing everything to start the season off right.

**Is there a signature move that you like to use to win with?** It's not a match ender, but I certainly look for a front headlock on a guy. It's not the type of thing where I'm going to pin the kid and end the match, but it's something that I've always been successful with. The guys who I am usually able to do this on for the most part I can beat them with ease. The guys that stop that give me a little more trouble.

SEE WILSON, PAGE 19

SEE WHICH WILKES PROGRAM HAS SNUCK INTO TOP 10 NATIONAL RANK, PAGE 19



For more information and pictures, check us out at: [thewilkesbeacon.com](http://thewilkesbeacon.com)