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Brown exercises veto on SG club vote

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

Beacon News Editor

Matt Brown, Student Government (SG) President, shook up the organization's regular weekly meeting last Wednesday, when he decided to exercise his presidential veto power after a motion to grant the Student Peace Action Network (S.P.A.N.) club status failed a general board vote.

Brown said, "I never thought that I was actually going to have to veto, just because I have a lot of trust in all the members on my board." A veto is a somewhat unusual move for SG presidents.

He explained that in his opinion the board was split with 10 members favoring a motion to make S.P.A.N. a club, while 11 members opposed the motion and 12 abstained from voting. Brown explained, "The board was basically split because we had a lot of abstaining votes from freshmen who weren't at the previous meetings."

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MyWilkes spelled out



The Beacon / Cara Koster

Asking residents to recycle and clean up campus grounds helps Wilkes RAs meet Residence Life requirements.

BY NICOLE FRAIL

Beacon Asst. News Editor

Last April, Brenda Stanley assumed the leadership of the Wilkes residence life office as its new director. She did so with a number of ideas to get students more involved with the campus and the city of Wilkes-Barre. These ideas, which were also influenced by past experiences from her time as Area Coordinator at Salisbury University in Maryland, have resulted in modification of the

requirements Resident Assistants (RA) must meet every semester.

"Residence Life has always been in the business of having a structured programming model of how to get students involved. As the new director, I wanted to find a way to add my spin on getting the RAs on board about what it truly means to get students involved and be successful while here at Wilkes," Stanley said.

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Freshmen and Senior SG members work together to solve the murder mystery exercise that is meant to build teamwork and leadership. Former SG President and the director of the Sidhu School of Business PPD program, Matt Sowcik.



The Beacon/Andrew Seaman

Offices Relocate

BY CANDICE HALLIDAY

Beacon Staff Writer

The doors of Passan Hall are open once again.

On Monday September 24, the office of Student Affairs began its move from Conyngham Hall across campus to the second floor of Passan Hall. This marked the beginning of Passan's reopening after the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid and Financial Services all relocated last academic year to the University Center on Main (UCOM) to become part of the consolidated student services.

Dr. Mary Beth Mullen, Student Affairs Coordinator, explained that Barbara King, Associate Dean of Students; Mark Allen, Dean of Students; and Ms. Judy Wienckoski, Student Affairs Assistant, are the only three members of the student affairs staff moving from Conyngham to Passan. The remaining offices are part of University College and will remain in Conyngham. Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs moved to the UCOM last year at

the time that all administrators relocated.

Allen explained, "Student Affairs moving from Conyngham to Passan allows space for University College to consolidate its operation by, eventually, moving Career Services to Conyngham from Max Roth. All the moves are being initiated to improve the coordination of services for programs that significantly impact students."

The Student Affairs offices are not the only offices moving to Passan. Beginning Monday October 1, Residence Life will occupy the first floor of Passan. In addition, Allen also explained that Student Leadership Director Phil Ruthkosky will also move to the second floor of Passan and will work out of the Student Affairs office suite.

Ruthkosky's old office in the Henry Student Center will be occupied with the Coordinator of Student Development.

Stalking sense: students urged to act on unwanted attention

BY AMY FUSCO

Beacon Correspondent

Most students have seen the movie or read the book. The young woman--usually in a dimly lit space--begins to sense she's being watched. Her skin prickles and she turns around to gaze into the murk. But the stalker expertly fades into the surroundings, biding his time until he makes contact and the plot takes off.

Sound like a scene that could be replayed at Wilkes? Technically, according to Christopher Bailey, Director of Campus Support Services, the university has formally handled only two or three complaints of stalking in the past five years; however, college students across the nation should be aware of the issue. Last spring's Virginia Tech shooting put the spotlight on stalking when it became public that the shooter, Seung Hui Cho, had previously been accused of stalking behavior. According to a survey of 223 college and university campuses conducted by the National Center for Victims of Crime, 13% of the college women surveyed reported having been stalked.

Reflecting on the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bailey defined 'stalking' as the act of a person who initiates "continued unwanted contact or attention" with another person. Stalking can occur through various forms of communication, such as phone, email, text messaging, harassment in social networking sites such

as Facebook or MySpace, or being physically visible. Experts also note that the more personal information offered on social networking websites, such as posting schedules or social plans, the easier it is for a stalker to follow or harass.

Although there has not been any major issue of stalking at Wilkes University, the most typical stalking has been caused by an ex-boyfriend or an ex-girlfriend, who could not accept that their relationships were over.

Bailey notes that if any student--male or female--experiences unwanted attention and is made uncomfortable by it, the student should immediately report it to Public Safety. Public Safety only has control over Wilkes University's campus, so if the stalking issue reaches beyond the campus, the student should report it to the Wilkes-Barre police department.

Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President for Students Affairs, explained that students should also bring any problems related to stalking to the attention of family members, friends, RAs and anyone who they feel comfortable talking to about it. People who are being stalked may visit the Victims Resource Center for additional help.

Adams also advised students to "terminate all contact with the stalker" in order to prevent being continually stalked. Furthermore, if a student is emotionally damaged from the stalking situation, he or she may utilize the counseling center and psychological

services at Wilkes University to receive help.

Neglecting to report a stalker could result in catastrophic consequences like those that occurred at Virginia Tech. The perpetrator, Cho, consistently communicated with a few people by e-mail, but Christopher Bailey believes that this "stalking was a symptom of a deeper issue for that individual." Although stalking may have been a symptom, statistics indicate the students at universities and colleges are more likely to experience stalking that leads to violence. According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, 76% of women who are killed by their intimate partners were stalked by these partners before they were killed.

There are support systems and networks to help identify students who are troubled and if this occurs, there is a way to intervene in order to make that student and others safe.

David Lewis, a sophomore at Wilkes University, stated that, "Stalking emphasizes the fine line between love and obsession... stalkers are nothing but sadistic diplomats who take love and cripple its good name." Many students are conscious of what stalking consists of and how it could affect people. Even though it is a rare occurrence at Wilkes, university officials advise that students, faculty and staff should still keep it in mind to ensure that this campus is a safe place.



In the past five years, Wilkes University has formally handled few complaints of stalking on campus. Stalking can occur through many forms of communication including text messages and social networking sites.

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SG Notes September 26, 2007

Homecoming Candidates

Treasurer's Report

All College: \$11,120.72
General: \$2,672.59
Special Projects: \$3,500
Spirit: \$
Leadership: \$815.00
Conferences: \$11,000
Start-Up: \$1,200

New Business

New Members - New Members accepted their positions and received their SG binders (see winners on page #)

Matt Sowcik - Matt Sowcik organized SG's team bonding and leadership exercise, a murder mystery (see page 1)

SPAN - The Student Peace Action Network (S.P.A.N.) came to SG seeking club status, after a motion to grant the students club status failed, SG President, Matt Brown vetoed and the item was tabled until next week (10/03/07) (see page 1)

Medieval Renaissance Club - SG granted club status to the Medieval Renaissance Club.

Homecoming Update/Charity Decision - 15% of students have already voted on a homecoming king/queen, the new mascot costume is on schedule, and the donation this year will go to St. Jude's.

SG Mentors - New SG members were assigned a mentor to help them understand the organization better.

Events

Homecoming - October 1 - 6, 2007

Casino Night - October 19, 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.

SG members bond

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

Beacon News Editor

Student Government (SG) members sought to bond and promote leadership with a unique exercise during the meeting. The exercise was led by a former SG president and the director of the Sidhu School of Business PPD program, Matt Sowcik.

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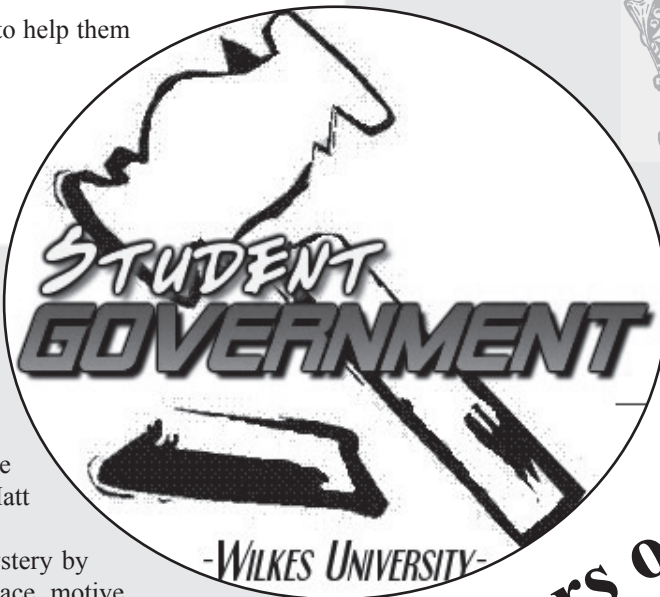
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Brown also added that he decided to invite Sowcik to the meeting after he participated in the murder mystery exercise in class.

Jeff Bauman, SG Vice President, said, "I felt that it was a unique opportunity to bond. Being a mentor and an Resident Assistant, I know how important it is to kick the feelings of anxiety out the door, and to make everyone realize how important team work is."

Bauman suggested that the exercise could have been done at another time though, "SG meetings are about business, and I feel that the activity would have been much more beneficial to the whole board at a different time," he said.



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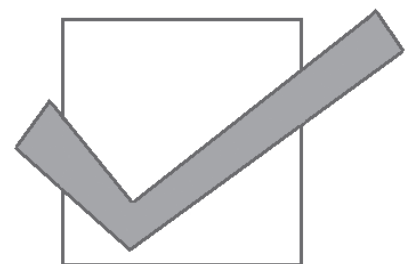
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MYWILKES

from FRONT PAGE

"There's more than just going to class, and if we can provide [students] with those alternative social opportunities, then they are more connected to the university."

Stanley contends that a strong connection with the university will not only increase the retention rate, but it may even help with recruiting. Stanley's spin on residence life has brought structure and creativity to the RA's requirements and the My Wilkes Residence Life Programming Model was formed. Each letter of My Wilkes reflects a portion of programming for the RAs to focus on when they interact with their students: **M**ulticultural (Diversity); **Y**ou (Self Identity Development); **W**ellness (Health/Counseling Services); **I**nvolvement (Student Development); **L**ife Skills (Career Services); **K**indness (Community Service); **E**ducational (Academic); and **S**ocial.

"I personally like the model. I feel that it really helps RAs look and find programs to complete. Also, I think it is great to stress the programs that can go along with model really expand options, but can really show students the resources that we offer," said Jessica McMahon, a sophomore secondary English education major and RA for Waller North, located on West River Street.

To meet the requirements, RAs can choose to do a variety of different things like invite a guest speaker to lecture on an important topic like how to handle depression (**W**); show movies and hold discussions afterwards (**M**); or run a workshop to help students learn the do's and don'ts of searching for an apartment if they are thinking of moving off campus in the future (**L**).

Depending on the RA's residency, a certain

number of requirements must be met each semester. For example, a freshmen RA must meet four of the eight requirements and an apartment RA must meet five. However, no matter where an RA is located, the **K** (Community Service) and the **M** (Diversity) requirements must be met.

"Despite the differences that we try to see, we're actually more the same than we are different. I want to challenge [the RAs] to think beyond what they would typically do for a diversity program," Stanley noted.

McMahon has all of her bases covered for her residents this semester. "I am currently holding a semester-long program that has the students recycling plastics and cans. I also asked the students to collect their soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. I feel that this program fit well into Wilkes' theme of Sustainability. I also am currently planning a Halloween social with Waller South (the connecting residence hall) and I am hoping to do a mul-

ticultural event that promotes students to research their heritage and come together and make something from their culture."

Junior pharmacy (P1) student Brian Diehl is an RA on the fourth floor of the YMCA and is also attempting to plan ahead. "So far, I have a pot luck dinner planned for October 2 and I would like to carve some pumpkins towards the end of October."

Through the programs the RAs plan and hold, their residents should become more involved with not only the people on campus, but also those with whom they live. "If you can convince your residents to become actively involved in what you do as an RA in those first [few] weeks, they'll

come to every other program you do thereafter," Stanley believes. "It's my hope that [residents will be] less likely to disrupt the community. We'll see less judicial, less policy violations, and less misbehaviors than we'd like to see in our residence halls."

"You have to look at the residence halls as another learning environment on campus, just like the classrooms and labs and

studios are," said Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President of Student Affairs. "There's an awful lot of life that goes on in those residence halls and a lot of life lessons are learned. That's why we treat them like any other educational environment on campus. It's a place for students to learn about themselves and learn about others."

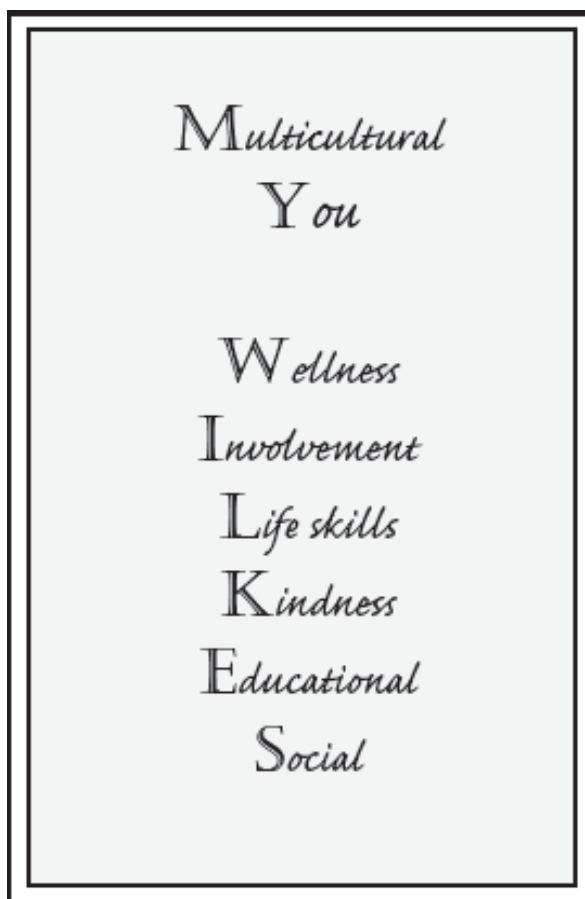
Though neither Stanley nor Adams anticipate this semester's RAs to run into any problems while meeting their requirements, they still take into consideration the fact that they may need time to adjust to getting into the habit of planning. "As much as they are in my eyes an RA, I have to recognize that they are a student, as well, so sometimes I have to allow for their academic planning to come before that of the RA job. I completely understand that. That's probably the only challenge that might come up, that paper work," Stanley said.

While Diehl notes that the most difficult part about being an RA is being available to his residents at all times, McMahon struggles with another issue. "Sometimes the hardest part of this job is the lack of privacy. As an RA, you are put out there, especially when you consider that we are doing rounds and students recognize us. However, I think students need to realize that we are here to protect them, not to hurt them and that can also be another hard boundary to juggle."

To some students who resided on campus last year, it may seem that there is more required of them this semester, but Stanley assured that that's not the case. Beyond a bit of organization, the only thing that's really been changed is the name. "The easiest way to capture an audience is semantics," said Stanley.

ing a decision about S.P.A.N. becoming a club."

SG representatives decided to table the vote on whether or not S.P.A.N. would be made a club until the October 3 meeting, after the general board failed to overturn Brown's veto by two-thirds of the present members.



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VETO

from FRONT PAGE

Another factor contributing to the split was the board's confusion on whether or not S.P.A.N. is any different from the Student Political Action Forum (S.P.A.F.), which was granted club status in September of 2004, and focuses on educating students about political issues while getting them involved in the process.

Members of S.P.A.N., said that they are different from S.P.A.F., because they do not focus on politics. However, after reviewing documents handed out by S.P.A.N., SG members argued that S.P.A.N. does have a political bias

at the national level. A member of S.P.A.N. assured SG members that the group is not interested in the political side of the organization.

Another reason Brown said he exercised his power to veto was, "...I personally invested a great deal of my time investigating the differences and the similarities between S.P.A.F. and S.P.A.N. ...I do believe that these groups are different. Fundamentally... they cannot work together as one unit on everything that they want to accomplish as club."

Jeff Bauman, SG Vice President, said "I applaud Matt on his use of power to veto. He, as President, has the power to employ the veto on a matter that he felt should have went another way. But also, the board did vote. In a close decision and I don't see how the veto changed anyone's opinions or ideas. We just indefinitely pushed off mak-

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Beacon News Briefs

Local

(Wilkes University) About 15 students turned out for a self-defense workshop sponsored by the women's studies program and the Women's Interest Society Empowering the University Population (WISEUP). The students who attended the class were taught basic self-defense skills by Dr. Ed Schicatanano, psychology professor and 2nd degree black belt.

(Wilkes University) Wilkes University will be providing flu shots at the cost of \$15. The vaccine will be given in the middle of October and they can be reserved by calling (570)408-4730.

(Harrisburg) On Friday, a state judicial board heard its last testimony from witnesses testifying against Judge Ann Lokuta. Lokuta, a Luzerne County judge, risks losing her job after she was charged with judicial misconduct after witnesses chronicled a long list of interpersonal abuses. The trial will begin again in Philadelphia on December 10, when the defense will have a chance to call its witnesses.



Courtesy Marketing Communications

Dr. Ed Schicatanano, Associate Professor of Psychology, teaches students how to defend themselves in a workshop sponsored by WISEUP.

National

(Washington, DC) Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House, announced he would not run for the presidency in the 2008 elections. This announcement comes after Gingrich found that he could not legally explore the possibility of running and remain as the head of his non-profit organization.

publicized rape scandal last year. The president of Duke, Richard Brodhead, said that they should have reached out to the players and their families in their time of need.

International

(Madrid, Spain) A series of commercials funded by the government of Spain, aims to

dissuade immigrants from coming to Spain. Over the past year 31,000 immigrants from Africa have braved a 10 day journey on wooden rafts to seek opportunity in a new country. The government's ad campaign which cost \$1.4 million, encourages people to stay and be the future of Africa.

(Wellington, New Zealand) An earthquake measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale hit off the coast of New Zealand Sunday afternoon, in open water. No tsunami warnings were issued by the New Zealand government.

(Yangon, Myanmar) An U.N. envoy in Myanmar was working with the militaristic government to reach a compromise after the military shot into crowds of peaceful protesters. The envoy was also meeting with Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi, who is under house arrest for being an "opposition leader." San Suu Kyi, who has been under house arrest for the past 11 years was allowed out of house arrest to meet with the envoy.

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DeVOTE yourself to voting in November

BY THE BEACON
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We are constantly told that as America's young citizens, we should do our patriotic duty and vote. However, the 18-29 year old voting bracket has the lowest turnout rates, despite recent increases in the 2004 and 2006 elections.

According to The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, 18-29 year olds only made up 13% of the voting electorate, and only had 24% of a turnout rate.

Our age group is largely affected by the issues that are occurring within our local and federal governments like crime rates, revitalization of downtown Wilkes Barre, Iraq, social security, the deficit, and taxes to name a few, but we are not voting in large enough numbers to enact and effectively make change. This election is important, as all are, because change has to happen on a local level first in order to make effective alterations at the federal level.

As we all know, November is approaching, and with it comes Election Day on the 6th. Since many



of us are not close to our homes, we may not be able to go home to vote, if we're even registered.

To fix this problem, what college students can do is change your voting address to that of your college address, or you can request an absentee ballot. For those who may not be registered to vote, there are many websites including rockthevote.com or justvote.org that illustrate how to register to vote or how to change your address or anything else, like your party affiliation.

Also, rockthevote.com explains that when going to vote for the first time in your new district, make sure to bring a photo ID with your current mailing address or some type of bill that you can show proof of where you live.

However, if you make a copy of your photo ID or bill and send it in with your voting registration, you do not need to bring these when going to the polls.

If you are unaware of the stances the political parties take on issues, and you're not sure which to support, there are many websites that



offer a quiz to help you decide which political party you share similar views with such as people-press.org, ontheissues.org, or theadvocates.org.

So, are you tired of the way our city, state, or country is being managed? Are you pleased with the continued progress of our downtown? Could our elected leaders do more to make us safer? Do you endorse the laws, policies,

or issues that our elected officials are supporting and passing or not passing? Are you pleased with our country's current situation in Iraq, the economy or even the government's stance on social issues like civil unions or the decreased funding of college aid? Are you happy with our elected officials? Do you want things to change?

If your answers to any of these questions show that you want change, then take action and register to vote and vote on Election Day on November 6. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "You may never know what results come of your action, but if you do nothing there will be no result." Take action and DeVOTE yourself on Election Day.



A Sight for Sore Eyes by:
Aleksander Lapinski

Things that go bump in the night Keeping yourself safe while walking alone at night

BY STEPHANIE GERCHMAN
Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

After receiving the call from public safety about the girl who was raped near Kirby Park early in September, I was afraid to go anywhere alone at night.

I have a job that generally doesn't allow me to be back at Wilkes until approximately 9:30 p.m. You're probably wondering what the problem is then, because the shuttle runs until 10.

Well, I live in University Towers and that is quite a walk from any place that the shuttle could possibly drop me off. The shuttle stops

at the Henry Student Center and at Evans upon request. Both of these locations are just about equidistant from where I need to walk. In the dark, it feels like a long, scary walk back to my apartment.

Most would prefer to avoid walking alone at night if possible, but if you have no choice, there are a few things that you could do to keep yourself safe.

One thing would be to carry pepper spray. It tends to be hard to find in stores anymore but my mom got mine on Ebay, you can find it for \$3 or less. If you can't find pepper spray, you could hold your keys in between your fingers pointing out of a clenched fist. I

also always make sure I have my cell phone on me.

Perhaps most important, and what some do not know, is that anyone walking alone at night can also call Public Safety for a ride. They will pick you up or walk with you anytime between dusk and dawn. All you have to do is call 408-4999. You don't have to feel silly calling them even for short distance walks; it's their job.

An even better solution would be to get another bus stop on campus. Since University Towers is on campus there should be a bus stop after dark at University Towers or at least in the parking lot behind the UCOM. It's unnecessary to

have a stop during the day because the walk from the Student Center isn't very long during the day. The stop could be made upon request.

The shuttle stops by Evans upon request and when it does it drives right past University Towers, it wouldn't be that far out of the way. If the stop were behind the UCOM, the shuttle wouldn't have to stop on Main Street and University Towers residents would only have to walk a short distance.

I urge all of you to be careful. Try not to walk alone, but if you do, be very cautious of your surroundings or give Public Safety a call.

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Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 104 responses.

The Beacon asked:

Who do you think will win the baseball World Series?

- Boston Red Sox- 12%
- NY Yankees- 28%
- NY Mets- 13%
- Philadelphia Phillies- 23%
- Cleveland Indians- 7%
- San Diego Padres- 0%
- Milwaukee Brewers- 1%
- Chicago Cubs- 2%
- Arizona Diamondbacks- 12%
- LA Angels of Anaheim- 2%

Next Week's Question:

Who is your favorite celebrity criminal?

- Paris Hilton
- Robert Downey Jr.
- Lindsay Lohan
- 50cent
- Hugh Grant
- Paul Reubens (Pee-Wee Herman)
- Lil Kim
- Johnny Cash
- Nicole Richie
- Mike Tyson

Visit www.wilkesbeacon.com to cast your vote. Results will be published in next week's issue of *The Beacon*.

You can't spell 'unhelpful' without UN

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

Beacon News Editor

I really can't say that I completely understand the purpose of the United Nations (U.N.). Maybe at one time it was a useful body, but right now it is nothing more than an international annoyance.

I have felt this way for awhile, but after reading about the protests in Myanmar over the past week, I am more convinced than ever.

The Buddhist monks in Myanmar, who are revered by the locals, joined in on the protests over high fuel prices which later turned into protests over the militaristic government and the way it oppresses its citizens.

Anger is actually the best way to describe what I felt after reading articles on how a U.N. envoy traveled to Myanmar looking to help solidify a compromise between the military rulers and the pro-democracy opposition.

What would have happened during the revolutionary war if the U.N. had been around? Would they have stepped in and tried to get the mother country and colonies to "compromise?" Such a move by an outside entity such as the U.N. actually inhibits a pro-democracy push from the citizens of the country.

I know that people will say that democracy does not work everywhere, and once again, I really can't say that I know whether that is right or wrong, but if the people of a country are repressed by a junta, they deserve the chance to say, "No, I am not going to put up with this anymore."

The residents of Myanmar made a statement with their protest. They said they wanted to be able to talk and converse freely. They wanted to be able to live in peace without the fear of imminent death hanging over their heads. I just don't see what business the U.N. has stopping that.

The protesters were peaceful; it was the military that randomly shot into the crowd, and it was the military that arrested thousands of people. That sounds like an opposition that is at least looking for a diplomatic resolution to their problem.

Another thing that is wrong with the U.N. is that it does not have its own identity. Instead, when international bodies look

at the U.N. they only see the United States. Last year when sanctions were placed on a



United Nations headquarters in NYC. Courtesy of <http://sixu.wordpress.com/category/wales/>

country, the leader threatened America, not the U.N., with nuclear war.

In my mind the U.N. needs a gigantic overhaul if it wants to once again be a force in the world. This is rather interesting because the U.N. was originally created to replace the failed League of Nations. In general the U.N. tries to prevent the outbreak of wars. U.N. leaders need to leave the U.S. and find their own territory. Another thing that is crucial for the U.N. is to rethink their international system of law, because it is not effective if only three or four countries follow them.

Yes, some people can find points to argue that the U.N. has been effective in the past, but I think the cons outweigh the pros in all of this, and the whole organization is as effective as its predecessor.

If citizens of the world want to be free to live in a democratic society, the U.N. should not try to inhibit their actions by trying to find a compromise. They should be doing all they can to create a democratic government for those people. They should not try to inhibit their actions by trying to find a compromise. They should be doing all they can to create a democratic government for those people.

Rocky Mountain Collegian pushes at free speech limits Editor's dismissal would be blow to 1st Amendment

BY MARK CONGDON JR.

Beacon Opinion Editor

The United States Constitution guarantees all American citizens the right of free speech and freedom of the press. However, according to a CNN.com article published on September 25, a recent opinion piece published by *The Rocky Mountain Collegian*, the student newspaper at Colorado State University, is sparking much debate on the limits of the first amendment of free speech and press.

The article, written by the student editorial board, contains only four words and reads "Taser this: F**k Bush," but spells out the F-word.

In response to the offensive editorial, the College Republicans at this University have started a petition calling for David McSwane, the editor-in-chief, to resign for allowing the opinion piece to be published.

In addition, since the piece was published, *The Rocky Mountain Collegian* has reportedly lost over \$30,000 in advertising. The newspaper is self-supporting through advertising revenue and does not receive financial support from the university or student fees.

The four word editorial was in response to a highly publicized incident at the University of Florida where UF student Andrew Meyer was tasered by campus police at a forum with John Kerry for asking him the question, "Why has no one impeached Bush?" The student was arrested for trying to incite a riot. However, the videos on YouTube clearly show that no riot was about to take place. Moreover, the incidents at Florida and Colorado universities bring the first amendment right of free speech to the forefront yet again.

Though I believe that it was poor professionalism of the newspaper to run this piece, as a registered Republican and co-

founder of the Wilkes College Republicans, I do not at all support the Colorado State College Republicans' petition to have McSwane resign as the editor-in-chief.

Op-ed pieces are written to get the public and community to talk and bring to light issues that are of importance.

This article clearly accomplished this goal of getting the conversation flowing about the limits and rights of free speech and the press, which most likely wouldn't have been achieved if McSwane wrote a typical op-ed piece of 500 or so words.

It appears that the College Republicans' motives behind this petition seem to be more political because it targets President Bush.

However, limiting the rights of free speech and press because you don't agree with what someone publishes or says about a political leader or party, the First Amendment has clearly been violated. If trends like this continue, our rights guaranteed by the

U.S. Constitution are in jeopardy of being restricted or becoming extinguished.

The First Amendment states that, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

If the Colorado State College Republicans are successful with their petition, it will be a slap in the face to the First Amendment. Whether readers agree with McSwane's article or not, should the rights of speech or press ever be limited based on political motives? Are we willing to lose some First Amendment rights because people don't agree with what's being published in the media? What has happened to our forefather's dream of free speech and press and the American democracy?

The Angry Rant: MTV is ruining America

BY TIM SEIGFRIED
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

MTV has done it again. And I don't mean yet another show about rich, snobby kids from Southern California who are devoid of personality.

No, they are instead unleashing another evil upon the world: a reality show starring Tila Tequila (real name Nguyen), a "celebrity" who has yet to do anything of note except parade herself around in varying states of undress on the cover of magazines, car shows, or while hosting a television show on some obscure cable network.

Her biggest claim to fame comes from her having over 1 million friends on MySpace. Holy crap! You have a lot of friends on a website that hasn't been popular in two years! But, anyhow, is having over 1 million "friends" really an accomplishment? Especially when over half of those people are horny 17-year-old guys from Connecticut who says things like "Hit me up if u wnt 2 chat, yo!"

Of course, she has all the elements in place to be a model-turned pop star: Good looks, a nice body, songs with names such

as "Suga Mama" and "Whattup," and of course, the lack of any discernable talent, including a voice that sounds like someone is running sandpaper over a cheese grater. Seriously, she sounds like she smoked a pack of Lucky Strikes and chased it with a bottle of rubbing alcohol.

Of course, in true MTV style, her mediocrity (that's an understatement) is being rewarded with her very own TV show.

And no, it's not about people throwing batteries at her. Believe me, I looked it up.

It's called *A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila*, and here's the plot: Tila is looking for love, but she's bisexual, so she doesn't know if she wants her true love to be a man or a woman. She is introduced to ten men and women, one of whom she will choose at the end. Really, is the person she chooses truly a winner? Think about it: She's going to be spending a lot of time(um, doing time?) with a lot of these people, so is the one she picks really getting a good deal? It's like eating a ham sandwich after 19 other people have spit on it.

But here is the kicker: The men and women don't know about her bi-sexuality until the end! It's like "The Crying Game," ex-

cept for finding out that a woman is really a man, you find out that a talentless girl with a Myspace page is, in reality, a talentless girl with a Myspace page who somehow managed to get her own television show.

Of course, you have to hand it to MTV, who seems to always be at the forefront of pioneering a new genre of television shows. MTV was one of the first major networks to have a reality show when it debuted *The Real World* in 1992. With "A Shot at Love," MTV sashays into an entirely new genre of television in which one person chooses between multiple people to find true love, a concept that hasn't been done yet, except for *The Bachelor*, *The Bachelorette*, *Average Joe*, *Flavor of Love*, *Joe Millionaire*, *Boy Meets Boy*, *I Love New York* or *Rock of Love*...

In the end, Ms. Tequila is nothing more than a typical product of the "quasi-celebrity" scene; the type that offers nothing of substance or value to the entertainment industry (but then again, who really does), but who still manages to be famous anyway.

It's really a sad scene, MTV.

I guess I'll go check out her MySpace page.

What do you think?



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No turn on red!

Weekend traffic faux pas in downtown Wilkes-Barre

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Some interesting challenges arose this weekend for law abiding pedestrians and drivers in Wilkes-Barre. But sometimes it's best to let pictures tell the story...



Some interesting challenges arose this weekend for law abiding pedestrians and drivers in Wilkes-Barre. But sometimes it's best to let pictures tell the story...

Don't be an ass! At least, don't be one if you're moving along in traffic. In fairness, these donkeys were part of a promotion for the Kiwanis Club of Wilkes-Barre's Heritage Festival &

Coal Car Race.

Still, what the heck? The donkeys did not move quickly (when they did move) and clearly caused a disturbance in traffic.

Perhaps more disturbing, this car at the intersection of Northampton and River St. was the source of some morning double takes and undoubtedly choice words Saturday. Notice how the car is trying to make a turn (a left-hand turn, if you were won-

dering) from a ONE WAY street, going the *wrong way*!

The car nearly caused nearly five accidents and contributed to some serious air pollution and it belched smoke from under its the hood (not visible in photo.)

To all Wilkes-Barre pedestrians: look both ways.

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The Beacon/Andee Scarantino

Shopping outside the box...of the mall, that is

BY ALISON WOODY
Beacon Lifestyles Editor



For most students, shopping for new clothing means a trip to the mall. Sure, it is easy and convenient, but for those who are fashion forward, mall shopping oftens lacks the most up-to-date styles.

Often people think that to find the latest trends one has to travel to New York or another big city, when in reality, there are numerous boutiques and apparel shops in and around Wilkes-Barre.

Just over the Market Street Bridge, there are three very distinctive boutiques that bring New York shopping options closer to home.

Panache, located at 503 Market Street, has been open for two years.

While there may not be any widely recognized designer labels, owner Jennifer Rushton has successfully integrated high fashion with reasonable prices.

The options range from party dresses from Monaco, to Plastic jeans and button-up shirts that are perfect for work.

The shop also offers varieties of hats, leggings, shoes and handbags.

Rushton explained that she gets a shipment in once a week, thus allowing her clothing collection to change constantly. She also only offers each piece in a small, medium and large and once it is gone from the racks, she does not reorder it.

Rushton said, "You cannot buy a shirt for less than \$30-40 at the mall. I try to keep price points good, but keep a line of nicer clothing."

For those students who think everything at a



on a tight budget. There is nothing in the store over \$70 and the majority of clothing is between \$20-30. Also, all shoes are only \$15.

Carmen Jones, owner of Rampel, said that she gets all of her clothes from Miami and New York and makes it a point to offer cheaper versions of what is in the fashion magazines.

According to Jones, sequins, metallics, jeweled necklines, sweater dresses and wide-leg pants are what is hot right now. Rampel carries all of the above, as well as some men's clothing.

For those who can afford to splurge, Showroom 56 at Prestige, located in the United Penn Plaza in Kingston, provides a wide selection of designer labels for both men and women.

Showroom 56 at Prestige offers a variety of jeans, BCBG and William Rast clothing, as well as Sam Edelman and Charles David shoes. The majority of items are a \$100 or above.

In addition to these three boutiques, Tara's Men's Clothing is located in Midtown Village; Buka, an accessories store, can be found in Shavertown; and Envy, a locally run online-only clothing line that showcases a more edgy look.

While Wilkes-Barre may not be known as the fashion capital of the East, residents can rest assured that at least we can dress the part.

boutique is over \$100, they need look no further than Rampel, located at 511 Pierce Street in Kingston.

Rampel offers a very small selection, but the prices are affordable even to the student



Switching roles: from professor to student

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA

Beacon Asst. Lifestyles Editor

For Dr. Brian Redmond, college means giving lectures, assigning projects, and grading exams. It also means sitting at a desk and taking notes with the same students he teaches in his classes.

Redmond, a professor in the environmental engineering and earth science department, has continued to further his education by taking college classes while teaching at Wilkes. For over 20 years, he has balanced being both a professor and a student. Throughout that time, he has completed three additional majors: physics, chemistry, and English.

Wilkes University offers free tuition for all full-time faculty and staff members. There is no cap on the number of courses they can take per semester.

"The University provides tuition remission benefits because of its strong belief in lifelong learning," said Brigid Peet, the benefit coordinator at Wilkes. "This includes developing our faculty and staff to enrich their personal and professional lives. There is a positive correlation between employee satisfaction and the service provided to our students."

Redmond usually takes one course each semester. Over the years, he has taken a wide variety of classes, and has noticed similarities between seemingly different subject fields.

For example, he noticed an overlap between an Eng-

lish course he was taking and the astronomy class he was teaching. He thought it was interesting to read Edgar Allan Poe's works on astronomy, though Poe's scientific knowledge was found to be lacking.

"There are surprising carryovers between some very different courses," Redmond said.

Making the transition from professor to classmate can be awkward, but Redmond says he doesn't have a problem switching roles.

"It's not uncommon that I'll be in a class with a student and have that same student in a class I've been teaching," he said. "It's never been a problem. They seem to like it."

Redmond says that student life has changed a great deal since he began working on his first bachelor's degree over forty years ago at Michigan State University.

Not only do students have the advantage of technological advances--computers and calculators weren't available during Redmond's Michigan State days--but they also enjoy a more laid-back atmosphere.

"College life has become less formal," he said. "In our dorms, we wouldn't even eat dinner without a coat and tie."

He points out that students come to class wearing hats, sweatpants, and flip-flops. Even other professors don't dress as formally as they once did.

"It's not necessarily better, not necessarily worse," Redmond said. "It's just different."

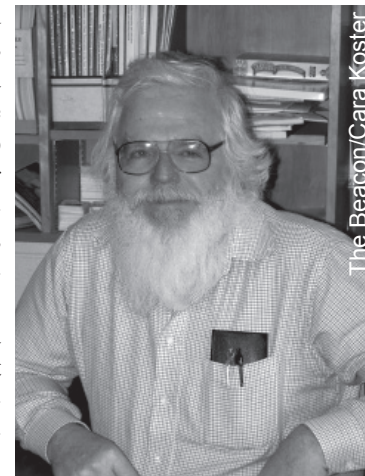
Redmond says that taking so many courses over the years has introduced to him many different teaching styles. Often, what he has experienced finds its way into his own classroom.

"I've picked up some teaching tricks from my colleagues," he said.

Redmond describes his teaching style as grounded more in reality than in abstracts. He prepares his students for lives after graduation in which they will need to know how to utilize sources for information, not memorize facts. He teaches all his courses open-book.

Although Redmond is not taking a class this semester because of a "teaching overload," he plans on starting right up again in January. After earning his English degree last semester, he is unsure what his next major will be.

"I might not know for a few years," he said. "It could be anything--history, philosophy, mathematics, who knows?"



Dr. Brian Redmond



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Student of the week: Zachary Bremmer

BY CHRISTINE ZAVASKAS

Beacon Asst. Lifestyles Editor

Last year alone, Zachary Bremmer, a senior double major in international studies and philosophy, spent about 250 hours participating in community service.

Bremmer became interested in working to help others when he became a community service coordinator through the work-study program at Wilkes University. Although Bremmer no longer does work-study, he has chosen to remain heavily involved on his own time with helping those who are less fortunate.

Bremmer has participated in a wide variety of community service programs such as Alternative Spring Break in New Orleans; Habitat for Humanity; Reach; and Urban Plunge Weekend. This semester, Bremmer has already helped with beautification in Forty Fort through the Shady Trees Commission, and is currently assisting in the planning of Homelessness and Hunger Awareness week, which will take place in November. On campus Bremmer is also an active member of WISE-UP and S.A.V.E. For his hard work to benefit our community, Bremmer has been named "Student of the Week" and he recently sat down with *The Beacon* to share more about his experiences.

The Beacon: What have you learned through your work helping the community?

Bremmer: I learned kind of hope, I guess, because you never realize how many people are involved with it, or how many people are willing to give a whole big chunk of their time to help out other people. For example, the ASB [Alternative Spring Break] trip, there were 36 of us and I mean we had weekly meetings, we had a ton of fundraisers to just raise all the money to buy the airline tickets and everything else. Then everybody, you know, obviously had to give up their spring break...not go to Cancun or whatever, [but] go down there to actually work. So it's just really hopeful when you realize how many people are actually willing to give part of themselves to helping other people.

The Beacon: Why do you think community service is so important?

Bremmer: I think it's just a lot of people don't have the ability to get out of the situations that they're in...if we give a couple hours of our life, it's not really going to hurt us...I think a country's only as rich as its poorest people. If you have a lot of people who don't have a lot of quality of life, then I think that's a big reflection on the country as a whole.

The Beacon: What is the most difficult thing you've seen or experienced in your work with community service?

Bremmer: It would have to be New Orleans...When we would go through these houses...you'd have to take out all of the stuff from the people that was still there. One group...found wedding dresses, like two of them. Another group found a folded up American flag that we assume was from the funeral of a veteran. Just seeing these personal things really made it real...that this was actually somebody's house and they didn't even have enough time to grab photographs...Their whole lives were still here in this muddy, gross waste from the flood. So that was hard to deal with.

The Beacon: What are your plans for the future and how has your work with community service affected them?

Bremmer: I would like to work with economic development, but I'm having a hard time finding jobs in that area...so my job search is slowly turning into grad school search. Community service has directly affected that. I mean, my first semester I was a nuclear engineering major, and now I'm not anymore. I just really want to work with people, helping people, building people up. So I think if I wouldn't have had the experiences that I've had with community service, I wouldn't be looking in this field at all.



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If you go: The Lion Brewery's Oktoberfest

BY ALISON WOODY

Beacon Lifestyles Editor

The Lion Brewery will celebrate its 3rd Annual Oktoberfest on October 5 and 6. The event begins at 5 p.m. with a "tapping of the keg" celebration. Friday night will also include live entertainment and fireworks.

On Saturday, the brewery will open at 11 a.m. and will offer tours and beer sampling. Four different bands will perform throughout the day, and a wide selection of German food vendors will also be on hand. Caricature artists, magicians, rides and, of course, beer for those of age will highlight

to festival.

The tradition of Oktoberfest began in Germany in 1810 when Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese in Munich. As German immigrants began to enter America, small Oktoberfest celebrations began to emerge all over the country.

Bridget O'Connor, public relations coordinator for The Lion Brewery and 2006 Wilkes alumna, said, "We are dedicated to holding an annual Oktoberfest in celebration of Charles Stegmaier's German heritage and legacy... Last year's celebration was close to 10,000 patrons."

What: The Lion Brewery's 3rd Annual Oktoberfest

Dates: Friday, October 5 & Saturday, October 6

Times: Friday from 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Features: Live entertainment, fireworks, food, beer, rides, games, etc.



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Reading marathon planned for Banned Books Week

BY ALISSA LINDNER
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The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck and *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee are all books commonly read in high schools across the nation. These three books, along with many more, have been banned or challenged in the United States during the 20th century according to the American Library Association.

Banned Books Week runs from September 29 to October 6. Sponsored by the American Library Association, the week aims to create a public awareness of the censorship of books. Many books that have been banned or challenged are regularly read throughout the country.

The Wilkes chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honors society, sponsors a marathon public reading during Banned Books Week. The aim of the public reading is to establish a presence in a heavily trafficked area to raise awareness in the college community of books which have been banned or challenged, according to Professor Thomas A. Hamill, Assistant Professor of English and Faculty Advisor to Sigma Tau Delta.

This year, the reading marathon of banned or challenged books will take place throughout the day on October 5 on the first floor of the Henry Student Union. "We [Sigma Tau Delta] read books that are great classics, books you would be surprised at," explained Kacy Muir, a senior English major and also a member of Sigma Tau Delta.

Hamill added, "We want to create a 'town crier effect' where there is a very public presence of our reading."

Where the Sidewalk Ends, a collection of poetry by Shel Silverstein is one book on the list for this year's marathon. *Where the Sidewalk Ends* is commonly read by young children but was challenged. "Silverstein...I read him and I am just so surprised. You read that as a child and you're not even fazed by it.

It's funny but when you actually dissect it, you

is very profound and very adult," Muir explained.

Books that have been banned or challenged are on display during the reading marathon. Many of the books read during the marathon are books familiar to students on the campus.

Hamill explained, "[In past readings]...a lot of students recognize books they read in high school or as children... As students saw these books they were both shocked at the fact that these books had been banned and curious to know more."

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury, a book commonly read by high school students, is another book that has been regularly censored. Ironically, *Fahrenheit 451* is actually about censorship and book banning, according to Hamill.

The reading marathon tries to spark interest in what books have been banned or challenged and why they have been banned or challenged. Muir noted that most of the books that are banned do not contain overtly sexual references, but offer themes or ideas that are shocking or unpopular. In short, they take risks and deviate from the norm.

Hamill explained that banning books not only shuts down ideas but also stops access to ideas. Part of Banned Books Week is to alert the community that First Amendment rights need to be protected.

Both Hamill and Muir encourage the entire Wilkes campus to get involved in books banned week. Hamill mentioned other students show a notable amount of respect to the students who read during the reading marathon, but encourages all other students to participate by reading their favorite banned or challenged book.

Surprisingly, the popular Harry Potter series has been challenged. According to the ALA, the entire Harry Potter series was challenged because the book "drew complaints from parents and others concerned about the books' focus on wizardry

and magic." Harry Potter topped the ALA's list of most challenged books in 2002.

As Hamill explained, a lot of books that have been banned or challenged were commonly read books in high school for many students. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a book often read in junior high, was challenged in Oklahoma in 2001 because of "racially charged words and innuendoes," according to an article by the Associated Press entitled "School systems across U.S. challenge books on reading lists" on freedomforum.org.

"Our main objective is to raise awareness of the issue and get students on campus and community members to think about the importance of not only books but the freedoms that books allow for, freedom of intellectual expression, freedom of intellectual curiosity," Hamill said.

Muir added of the marathon reading, "We are actually expressing are freedom to read."

The marathon will run throughout the day this Friday, October 5 on the first floor of the Henry Student Union.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, October 2

- The Morning of, Yearling and Livingston performing at Backstage at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 3

- Film: *Dr. Strangelove* in Stark 101 at 7 p.m.
- Islamic Interest Society "Ramadan Iftar" in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom at 5 p.m.

Thursday, October 4

- The Kinsey Report performing at the River Street Jazz Cafe
- Dr. Bernier book signing and reception at Barnes on Noble at 7 p.m.
- "The Grapes of Wrath" theater production in the Black Box Theater at 8 p.m.

Friday, October 5

- Homecoming events all day: alumni golf tournament, wine tasting, BUJC Ladies Luncheon
- Monacy and Wood Brown Project performing at the River Street Jazz Cafe
- A Different Breed of Killer, Ghost of a Fallen Age, The Plague of Ruin and TOYA performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.
- "The Grapes of Wrath" theater production in the Black Box Theater at 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 6

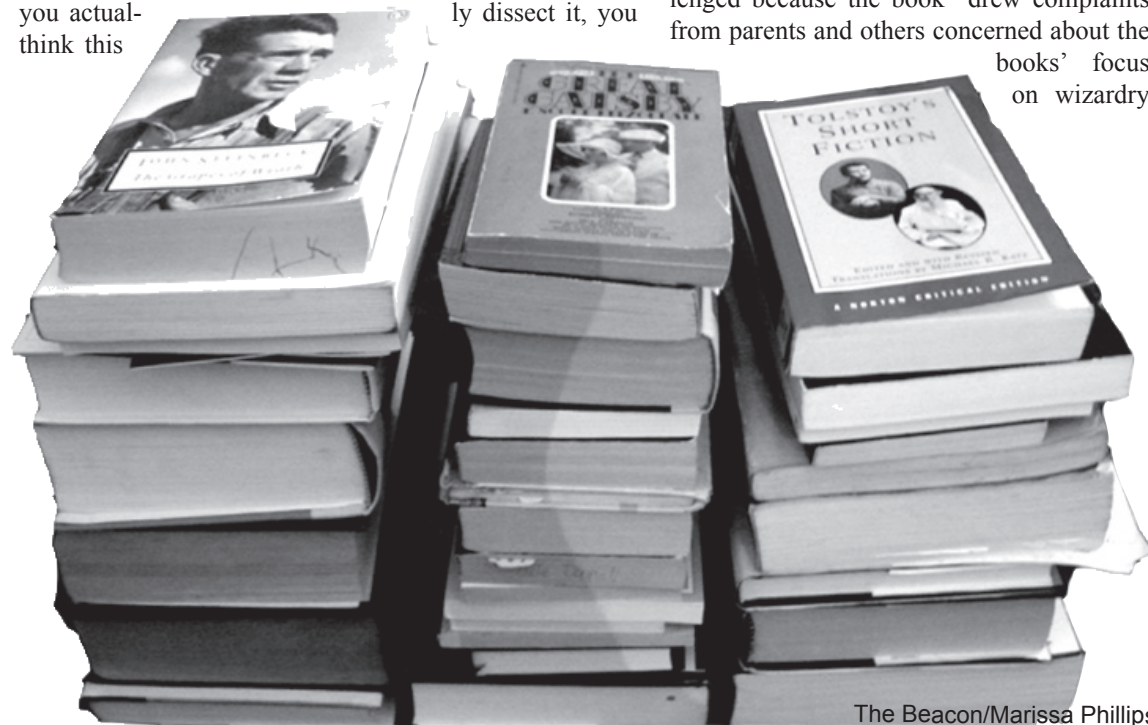
- Homecoming Events all day: football game, tailgate tent, 5th quarter at Fuse, George Ralston memorial event
- Arts Madness at the Mansion at Arts YOUiverse
- The Pietasters w/ King Django performing at the River Street Jazz Cafe
- "The Grapes of Wrath" theater production in the Black Box Theater at 8 pm
- River City Rebels, Three Man Cannon, Sleep Spent and Awkward Silence performing at Café Metropolis at 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 7

- Homecoming events all day: Hall of Fame reception and luncheon
- "The Grapes of Wrath" theater production in the Black Box Theater at 2 p.m.
- "The Art of Shredding" guitar clinic w/ Bill Hoffman at Backstage at 3 p.m.

Monday, October 8

- Half price night karaoke w/ Scott Stevens at Slainte
- The Black Dahlia Murder, Goatwhore, The Red Chord and the Absence performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.



The Beacon/Marissa Phillips

'Black Deserts/Welsh Tips' highlights landscape similarities

Exhibit emphasizes mining impact on environment

BY MATT GOGAS

Beacon Correspondent

Through the lens of one photographer, the Wyoming Valley and South Wales landscapes are strikingly similar for one very important reason: human abuse.

Acclaimed photographer and Wilkes alumnus, Ray Klimek's exhibit "Black Deserts/Welsh Tips" opened at the Sordoni Art Gallery September 22.

The exhibit offers a collection of 25 photographs Klimek took from 2001 to 2005 that compare mining landscapes in both Northeastern Pennsylvania and South Wales. A reception and discussion with the artist opened the show.

"It was really great having this here on a professional level because it is my work, but also on a personal level because it gave me a chance to come back and visit some old friends," said Klimek.

After graduating from Wilkes in 1987, he attended the International Center of Photography and received his Master's degree in photography from Rutgers

University.

"Black Deserts/Welsh Tips," depicts the similarities in both the coal banks of the Wyoming Valley and valleys in South Wales, United Kingdom. These areas have shown striking similarity in both history and geography. The 19th century saw many Welsh immigrants come into the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area. These Welsh immigrants left the mining areas in Wales for the mining industry in the Wyoming Valley. In the 20th century, both Pennsylvania and South Wales had similar mining disasters with the Knox Mine disaster locally and the Aberfan disaster in the Welsh valleys of Wales. Both of these disasters left the land and the industry destroyed.

Klimek's 25 photograph collection, fifteen in the Wyoming Valley and ten in South Wales, illustrates the desolate land that the mining industry has created in the areas and the global community.

"These places have value because we use them. We see them everyday and it's our historical background. There is a lot of history in this area and in Wales that people are

just not aware of," said Klimek. A native of Exeter, Pennsylvania, Klimek thought it would be a great idea to bring some of this area's history and geography to light and connect them to other areas such as South Wales in an attempt to point out the international landscapes caused by industry.

The exhibition was held in accordance with Wilkes University's 2007-2008 theme, "The Year of the Environment." The theme's purpose is to educate the campus and community about environmental issues, such as global warming, the human impact on the environment, and other related issues in terms of the global and local environment.

"We thought that this would be a great idea for our theme because it's right on our doorstep. We hope that the exhibition will open discussions about these issues and Mr. Klimek is from this area which is really important to this project as well," said Dr. Ronald Bernier, the Director of the Sordoni Art Gallery, who helped



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Klimek's art shows the mining landscapes of Northeastern PA and South Wales.

organize the event.

The exhibition is currently on display in the Sordoni Art Gallery now through Sunday, October 7, 2007. It is open to the Wilkes campus and the general public.

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LOCAL BAND SPOTLIGHT: THESE ELK FOREVER

BY MARISSA PHILLIPS

Beacon A&E Editor

Gregory Gover is the one and only official member of These Elk Forever, formerly known as Gr. Glacier, Gregory Glacier, and Little Glaciers (never underestimate a good name change).

At times he keeps it simple with just a keyboard and a guitar, but other times he's been known to have a guest contributor, or two, or three. He employs a vast selection of instruments in his music, which makes it difficult to pin down an exact genre, but the band has definite folk roots. Recently *The Beacon* met up with him for an interview, right as the *Friends* theme song came onto the radio...

Gover: Make sure you say that the *Friends* theme song is on right now, and Greg's eyes lit up, and then he clapped along.

The Beacon: I definitely will. So, describe what the band sounds like - give us the simple version, and then the more descriptive one.

Gover: I guess it starts off as just folk songs, but I like noises a lot, so I add noises. Folk songs that sometimes have electronics and noises. And then sometimes they're not at all like that. That's what it's like, but it's not like that at all. That sounded pretentious... It's hard to explain.

The Beacon: So it's mostly just you, right?

Gover: Yeah, except live it's more people. But with recording, up until this point, every other record that I made was just me. But now actually, the one I'm making there are a lot of people contributing.

The Beacon: Why did you choose to be a one-man band?

Gover: It's easier that way. I've always recorded at home. I didn't start performing my songs like until this year, but I always made CDs and recordings and I've always helped other friends out. I figured, I'm not going to wait for somebody else to do something else for me to jump on, and best thing would be to go out and play shows because then I have complete control over it.

The Beacon: So what are you working on now exactly?

Gover: I'm working on an EP now, but it might be a full length, I don't know. I'm working on that now, but I'm always recording. I write when I record and record when I write, so it's the same thing always.

The Beacon: So how long have you been doing this?

Gover: I've been doing the same thing under different names for about eight years.

The Beacon: So what's with all of the glaciers in your past names?

Gover: Actually, it was stupid. Do you want to know why?

The Beacon: Yeah, I do.

Gover: I was watching the Discovery Channel or something and there were all these dead fish in a big barrel that

were used to feed sharks and their white heads were bobbing up and I thought they looked like little glaciers, so I thought that was real funny. But nobody else gets that that's funny. So that was that, but then I didn't like the word 'little' anymore, because that's a weird adjective to use for anything. Then I changed it just to 'glacier' and my name, then I changed it to the 'Gr.' because I got sick of my first name but people wouldn't know how to pronounce it. And then I was afraid someone was going to write 'Dr.' one day, and that's terrifying to me. So then I changed this like two months ago because nobody could pronounce it and I wanted something people could pronounce.

The Beacon: Are you planning to go to tour?

Gover: Yeah, in February and March I did, but I was only out for a week with this project. I have two more shows lined up later in the month at Test Pattern on October 11, and Bennet St. in Kingston on October 20.

The Beacon: Any good stories from the tour?

Gover: I don't know. Nothing that I can think of that's good story-wise. I didn't kill anybody or anything. I have better, funnier stories from other tours with other bands I was playing in.

The Beacon: Like what?

Gover: When I was in a band called Strand of Oaks. We were on tour with our friend Jason Anderson and we were leaving Wilkes-Barre and we were driving through upstate New York and we stopped at a gas station and we were getting ready to go and this guy came up to us and he was like, 'Can you give me a ride to my car?' And we said okay. And then he said 'hold on a second,' and he brought out two pails of gasoline, and we're like 'okay...' So we're driving him and he's telling us all these stories and miles and miles are going by and there's no car in sight. Then we dropped him off on the side of the road, and we were just kind of weirded out, because we were like 'if there's no car, why do you have gasoline?' And as he was getting out of the car he said, 'Alright fellas, if you can't be good, be bad.' That became the tour motto for the next week and a half.

The Beacon: So describe your live performance.

Gover: Sometimes I play by myself, but sometimes I have up to six people playing with me. It depends. Occasionally it'll just be me and a guitar and a keyboard, and other times it'll be me, guitar, keyboard, banjo, electric guitar, sometimes a cello, sometimes a violin, sometimes a saw, sometimes a marimba. There are many different ways the songs have been played. They're all the same songs but sometimes they're faster and sometimes they're slower.

The Beacon: And do you want to say anything about the lyrics you write?

Gover: Well, I write lyrics for the songs because I don't play cover songs - that's weird. I write words about people I knew a long time ago, and they're usually bad, creepy stories about things people have done to them. That's what's hip, and that's what gets the ladies, said the married guy with the cigarette and the beer, and the weird beard.



Gregory Gover, of These Elk Forever, sends out an invitation to any and all musicians to contribute to his new album currently in the works.

No, but really, I usually write the words first, and then I'll write the music to it. They're more important to me than the music because I'm not a very competent player musically, and I don't have a very good singing voice. But I figure if I talk a little lower it'll sound like I'm singing, and people sometimes get fooled by that.

The Beacon: Do the people care that you write about them?

Gover: They don't know. I don't know them anymore. I played at the Test Pattern in August and a friend came up to me, and he said to me that the whole time I was playing he kept looking over at my wife and feeling bad for her, that I was saying the things I was saying. And I was like, 'No, they're not about my wife.' And then he was like, 'Well, then I feel worse.' And then I was like, 'No, if they're nice, then they're about her.' But they're usually not nice, although they're not cruel or misogynistic. I'm not mad at anybody, I just like telling other people's stories and hope that they're okay with it, but they'll never know. It doesn't matter; they're my stories now. Isn't that what people say? People say that, right?

The Beacon: Any last words you want to throw in?

Gover: I'm recording a record, and if anybody who reads this wants to play anything on it, get in touch with me and you can. Please do because that would be really neat, even if just one person wanted to do that. I'm accepting any people, even if they can't really play instruments, just to do something. If they want to they can contact me at <http://www.myspace.com/grglacier>.

Kudracross

BY CHRISTOPHER KUDRAK

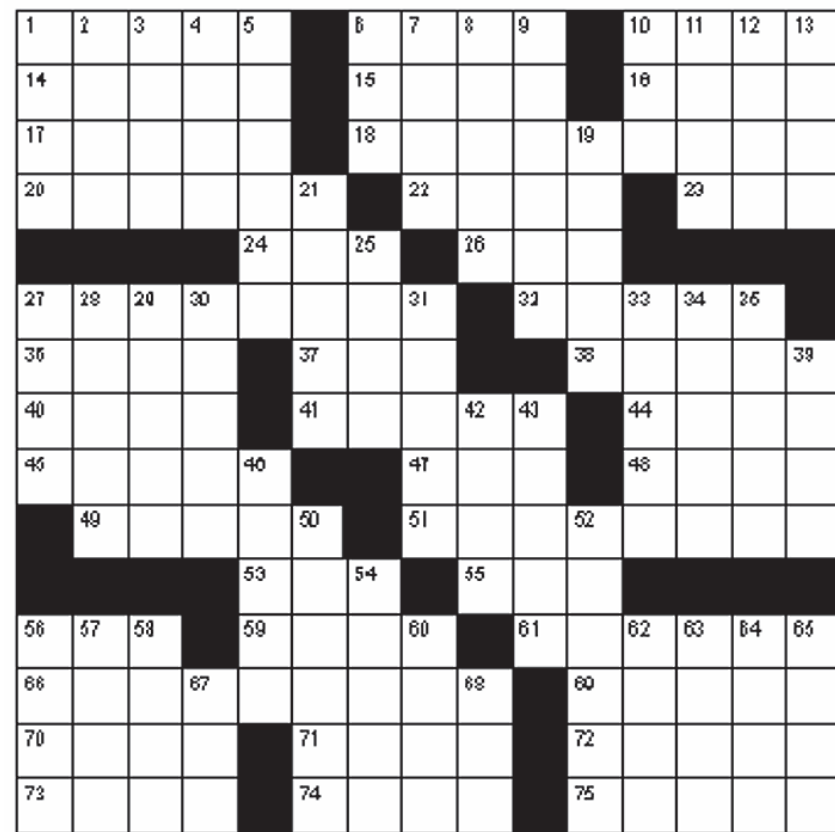
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BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Editor-in-chief

Ever wonder how you could possibly pull off an impossible excuse to get out of doing one thing, so you could really do another? Imagine planning "an event" you'll attend for work, when in reality, you may be sipping wine in a chateau with your mistress/mister for the weekend. Thought it was unrealistic, that you couldn't slip away for fun without getting caught? That's where my web site of the week comes in.

Ibila, your generator of alibis, is located at www.alibila.com. It's a French service, but from my understanding, they provide services elsewhere. What you need to do is locate the site in Google, and have Google translate the page if you do not speak French. Upon doing so, you'll see something truly extraordinary.

This site claims to provide users with an alibi for everything. It will make phone calls to your boss, saying that you have urgent family problems. The service provides either a male or female voice, depending on the alibi you want to create.

They claim to be able to create an alibi for every situation, and even serve as a means for making purchases, as to avoid a track record.

They create professional documents, justifying that you were at conferences, meetings, lectures, etc. They even give you false e-confirmation of flights, as in, they say you're flying to a certain destination when you aren't.

The site makes "products derived from an event to which you were supposed to assist: cap, tee-shirt, pen, etc." Now,

that's just cool.

With the translated version, only some links are available. I looked at the actual site, and saw that there are price ranges for different services. They work closely with you, also, giving you a proposal for alibi before they act.

Here's my take on this:

I don't agree with lying. I despise lying, cheating, adulterous people.

However, I think this site is just cool. I'm sorry. It goes against all of my ethics. It really does. I think that it's a disgrace to the human race. However, I just love the concept.

I think the person who created this service is seriously a genius. End of story.

I give this site a "B" for *Brilliant!*

PREVIEW OF THE WEEK

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Sports Editor

Now that the Lady Colonels have successfully made improvements from a season ago when they posted 6-24 record to 8-11 midway through this season, the next question for the volleyball team is will it return to the Freedom Conference playoffs like the good 'ol days of 2004?

The Lady Colonels are boldly staring in the eyes of the postseason with an early 1-1 conference record leaving the team fourth in the MAC and two and a half games behind first place DeSales.

But a home win tonight at 7p.m. against DeSales could possibly set the tone for their final three conference matches against King's College, Delaware Valley College, and Arcadia University.

The Lady Colonels are in control of their own playoff destiny and a performance facelift may be all this team needs.

"I just think we need to play more consistently as a team," said second year head coach Alicia Orlowski. "We've kind of been an up and down team where we will play really well and then we'll fall apart a little bit. But I think we need to get that consistency and that will put us over the .500 mark. When we're playing well, we're pretty unstoppable."

The last time the Lady Colonels saw the .500 mark was Sept. 1 after a tournament loss to King's College. The Lady Colonels fell short to a three-game sweep by the Lady Monarchs and never could seem to balance the win and loss column since.

In the Lady Colonels first conference outing against FDU-Florham (NJ) on Sept. 12, the team lost 3-0 in just their second home match after beating Lycoming College at home two days before. Wilkes has a 1-1 home record.

Although the volleyball team has struggled to keep its head above the waters of the .500 sea, the players believe they have a fight that may have them swimming come postseason.

On Sept. 22, the Lady Colonels went on the road to face Lycoming College for a second time this season at the Elizabethtown Tournament in Elizabethtown (PA). In one match, the referees appeared to be "picky" about the Lady Colonels ball control putting the team at an emotional disadvantage after Wilkes opened leading two games to none. Needing one more win to seal the deal, Lycoming would take the third game 30-25.

The heated battle would end in the fourth game when the Lady Colonels wrapped up their night with a 33-31 win.

"I've never seen them jump so high,"



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said Orlowski.

"The adrenaline was just there, that they were not going to let the refs take that game away from them." That win would put the Lady Colonels at a 7-10 record.

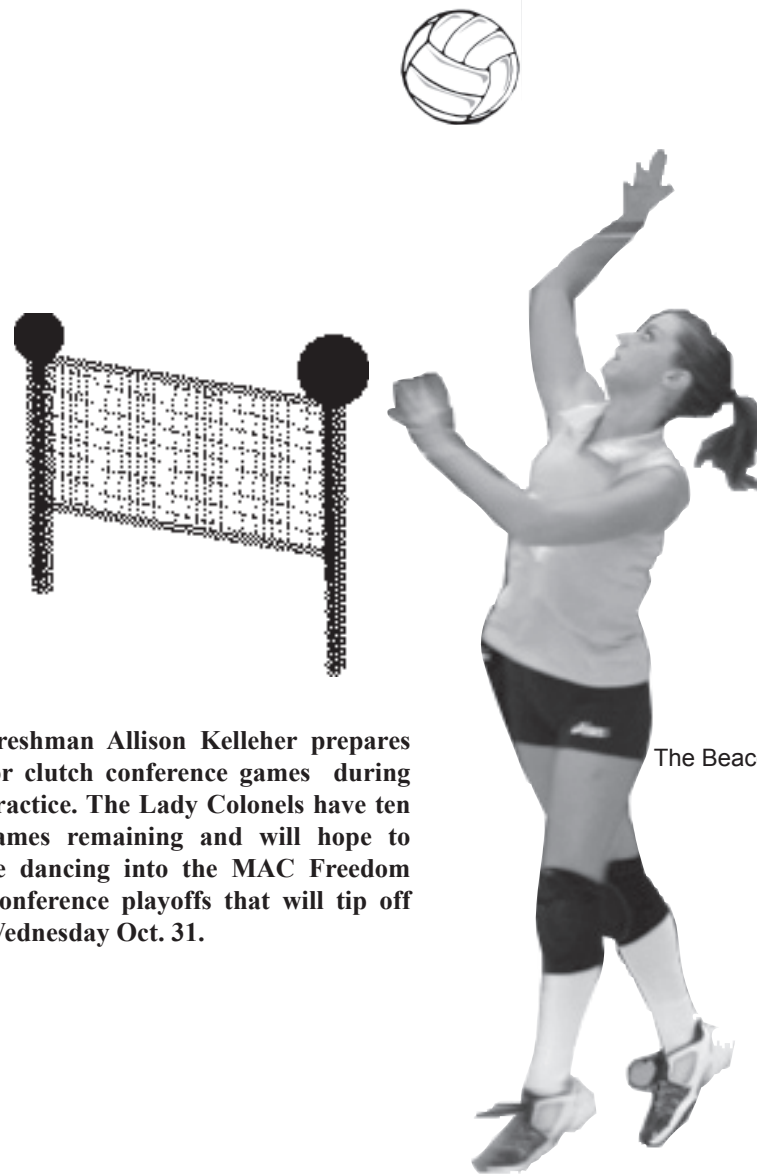
On Saturday, the Lady Colonels split two games on the road by winning against Brooklyn College (NY) 3-0 and losing by the same margin to Vassar College (NY).

With 10 games left prior to the playoff picture the Lady Colonels need to start winning games if they wish to have a shot at being crowned conference champions.

Freshman Marissa Harrison leads the Lady Colonels in kills (points) with 162. Junior Katherine Harrington follows with 158 and leads the team in blocking with a total of 34. Harrington, the lone junior, along with seniors Katherine Simone and Kristen Linhart will look to apply their veteran leadership to retain a spot in the postseason that begins with a pivotal game tonight against DeSales.

"We are a young team but we are definitely coming together," said Harrington. "The communication is really starting to click a lot more, so we're really starting to gel more as a team. It's still early in the season so we're definitely trying to make a run at the playoffs."

DeSales is 3-0 in the MAC Freedom Conference and will be joining the Lady Colonels at the Marts Center tonight in a game where the end result may begin painting or possibly erasing a playoff picture for the Lady Colonels.



Freshman Allison Kelleher prepares for clutch conference games during practice. The Lady Colonels have ten games remaining and will hope to be dancing into the MAC Freedom Conference playoffs that will tip off Wednesday Oct. 31.

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Seahawks v. Steelers

BY TIM SEIGFRIED
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Two seasons ago, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Seattle Seahawks faced each other in the Super Bowl, with the Steelers being victorious, amid a sea of bad calls and questionable officiating.

Last season, the Seahawks returned to the playoffs with a 9-7 record, but lost to the Bears in the divisional playoffs.

The Steelers were not as successful following their championship season, as they were without quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for a portion of the season.

Now both teams are making a run for the playoffs, and will be facing off against each other this weekend.

Pittsburgh (3-0), is a much different team than in 2005, as it is without running back Jerome Bettis, who retired after the Super Bowl, and head coach Bill Cowher, who resigned after last season.

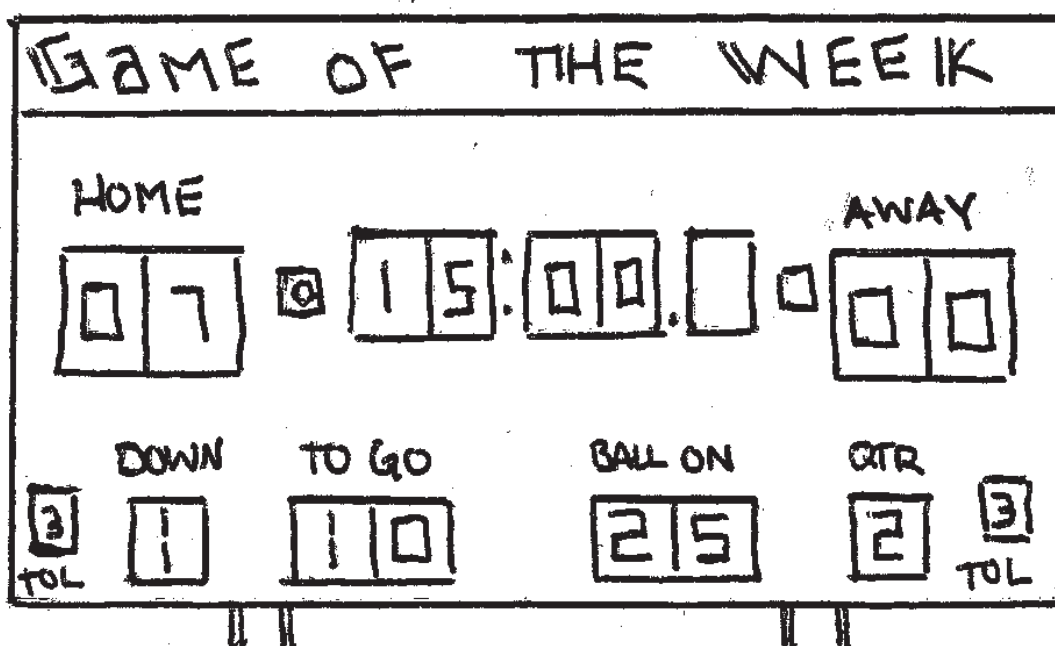
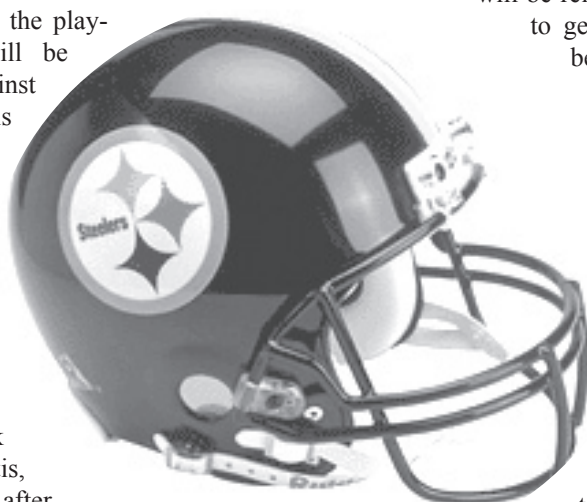
Despite this, the team is having a good season in their absence, due to success on both sides of the ball.

The Steelers' offense is averaging over 30 points and 350 yards during their first three games, while their defense has been stellar, holding their opponents to an average of 8.7 points.

The offense has been the result of a solid passing game that is being engineered by Roethlisberger, whose 563 passing yards and 6 touchdowns have helped establish a solid running game by Najeh Davenport and Willie Parker.

But the real reason for Pittsburgh's success has been its defense, which is ranked number one in the AFC in points per game (8.7), and number two in yards per game (244.3).

The defense is anchored by linebackers



James Farrior and James Harrison, who are leading the team with 17 total tackles.

On the other side, the Seahawks (2-1) will be relying on their offense to get a win, as that has

been their main method of attack so far in this young season, ranking 7th in the NFC with 21.3 points per game.

Offensively, the Seahawks are led by running back Shaun Alexander, who has averaged just over 90 yards per game on the ground, with two touchdowns so far.

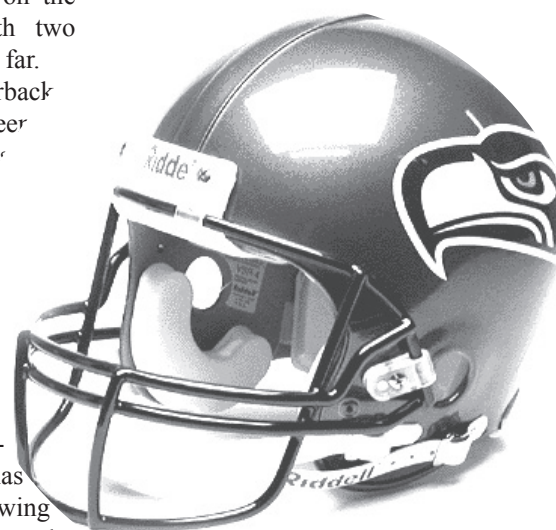
Seattle's quarterback

Matt Hasselbeck, has been solid, throwing for 250.3 yards per game so far, with 5 touchdowns and 2 interceptions.

His favorite targets have been wide receivers Bobby Engram, who has 197 yards on 13 receptions with one touchdown, and newly acquired Deion Branch, who has 199 yards on 11 receptions and 1 touchdown.

The Seahawks' offense isn't overpowering; however, their defense has been making up for it so far, allowing only 16.7 points per game on average, despite allowing 375.7 yards per game, which is ranked second worst in the NFC.

Seattle's defense is led by linebacker Lofa Tatupu, who leads the team in total tackles with 23 to go along with one interception, as well as linebacker Julian Petersen, who has 20 total tackles and two sacks.



Offensively, the advantage goes to the Steelers, who have a number of offensive options to complement Ben Roethlisberger's abilities.

The determining factor in the game is the defense, however, as the Steelers have shut down the opposition so far this season, while the Seahawks have been less successful in stopping opposing offenses, especially their passing game.

Expect to see Pittsburgh exploit Seattle's defense, while shutting down their passing and running game.

Da pick:

Pittsburgh Steelers: 38
Seattle Seahawks: 13

Double Take

Steph examines the facts that truly matter...

BY STEPHANIE GERCHMAN
Opinion Asst. Editor

As I sat down to write this I had already made up my mind.

The Steelers are definitely going to win. I mean, I have never even heard of the Seahawks, and I think it's kind of lame to name your team The SEAattle SEAhawks. On the other hand, there's no way I wouldn't have heard of the Steelers. They are the Pittsburgh Steelers, as in Pennsylvania. I have to support the home state. Plus if I didn't pick the Steelers I think my dad might kill me.

I came to the conclusion that I needed another factor to decide which team I wanted to win besides "my daddy told me so." That's when I went on their websites. I wanted to choose the team that had the cooler website. The Seahawks won that without a doubt. They have far better colors and a more creative layout.

This left my decision up in the air. I have to pick a winner. That's the whole point of this column. Well, it became clear to me who the winner would be with one scroll down a webpage. As I glanced over the Seahawks' official website, I noticed something that was cheesier than their team name.

The Seahawks' cheerleaders are called the Sea Gals. While a play on words tends to work for some things, this is not one of them. I wonder if they teach their kids to write the alphabet A, B, SEA, D. Maybe they call their coaches and other sideline people the Sea Guys. Clearly, trying to use "sea" in all different ways doesn't even work if you aren't taking it seriously.

I don't know about you, but I think it's pretty obvious that the Steelers are definitely going to take this one. They are from Pennsylvania, my dad likes them and they don't have a cheesy name for their cheerleaders, they don't even have cheerleaders. So, the Steelers can say SEA ya to the Seahawks.

Quick Hits...

Who? Pittsburgh Steelers v. Seattle Seahawks
When? Sunday, October 7th
Tube? FOX56, 10:00 a.m.



Athlete of the Week

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Sports Editor

Before grabbing her stick to prepare for a Lady Colonels' field hockey game, sophomore Jennifer Keegan, a farm girl from Shohola (PA), finds motivation in one thing: rap music.

After the sounds of Soulja Boys' famous hit "Superman" boost Keegan's adrenaline to get her pumped up for the game, it's time for her to put on an offensive show for the Lady Colonels.

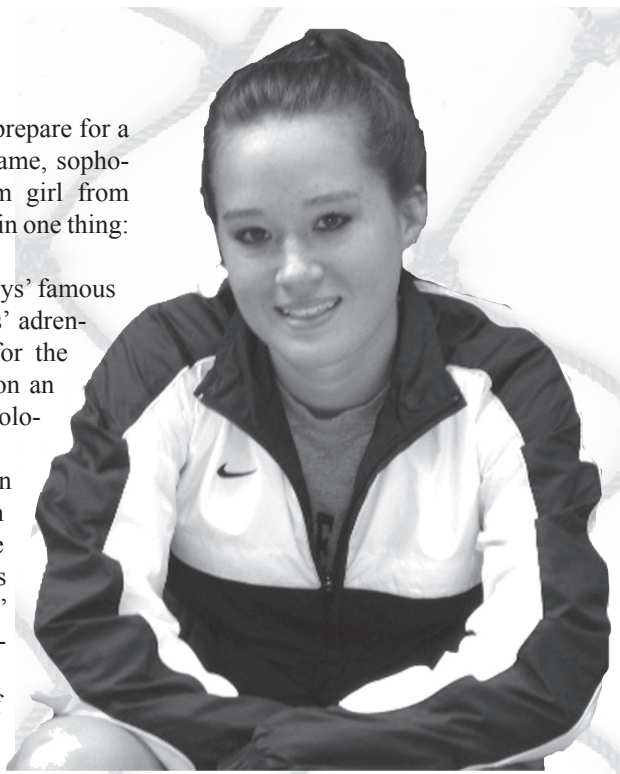
Now that she has started all ten games and is leading her team in the scoring category, it's safe to say that Soulja Boys' lyrics have Keegan wearing the "S" on her chest for the Lady Colonels.

Ever since the first game of the season, Keegan has proved that she is a vital part of this year's Lady Colonels squad.

"Jen is a very aggressive forward and what's great about her is that she is really scrappy in the circle (the only place on the field a player can score)," said head coach Sarah Miller.

On Sept. 1, the Lady Colonels "cranked up" their sticks and took a trip to Bethlehem (PA) to face Moravian College in front of approximately 150 field hockey fans. With only 25 minutes left to play, Keegan and the Lady Colonels found themselves down two goals to none. Being down by two goals seemed to frustrate Keegan, but that same anger lit a much needed fire under her after a team huddle with one of the captains.

"Kristina (Naveira) had given us a big pep talk and it really pumped everyone up, especially me, because when I get angry I guess I play better," said Keegan. "I just took it down field and scored it. Three minutes later I scored again. Then, I set Alyssa (Koncelik) up because she was open and I



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wasn't."

"It was just team worked, we all talked to each other and wanted it really bad and it just came together," Keegan added.

Keegan's two unassisted goals in three minutes and a pass to Koncelik for the final goal of the game led the Lady Colonels to a 3-2 win in their first game of the season. Keegan tops the team in goals scored with five while accounting for three of the teams 12 assists. Keegan and senior Lindsay Thomas share the Lady Colonels lead in assists.

After posting a team overall record of 9-9 record last season to go along with three goals in her freshman campaign, Keegan believes this year she and the 4-6 Lady Colonels can turn things around en route to a MAC Freedom Conference title.

Football from PAGE 20

defensive back Darius Harrison. Harrison took one of his interceptions to the house for the Colonels' initial touchdown in the first quarter off an 85 yard return down the sideline leaving him gasping for air as he ran back to his teams side of the field.

"I was dying at the end," said Harrison. "I was tired, but I knew I had to score to help the team in whatever way I could to help win the game. It (the touchdown) gave the defense a little energy and a swagger to come out and play like we know we can."

Despite Harrison's early interception touchdown return to set the tone for the Colonels defense, the team managed to give up 304 passing yards of a total 426 yards by Lebanon Valley. Lebanon Valley had possession for 38:16 of the game on 87 total plays called.

The Colonels rallied for 293 total yards of their own in which 178 of those were on the ground. Karaffa finished the day by completing 11 of 26 passes and two touchdowns passes, one to senior tight end Kyle Regner and sophomore tight end Drew Letcavage.

The Colonels are currently 1-3 overall and 1-0 in the MAC Freedom Conference. The

homecoming game this Saturday will feature FDU-Florham (NJ). FDU has lost two and won two games so far into the season including a win against William Paterson, a team that beat the Colonels at home.



WEEKLY RECAPS

Women's Volleyball

The Wilkes University volleyball team split a pair of matches at a tri-match hosted by Vassar College on Saturday. The Lady Colonels posted a 30-14, 30-12, 30-17 win over Brooklyn College in their first match of the day. Wilkes then dropped a 30-20, 30-19, 30-21 decision to the host school in the nightcap.

Men's Tennis

The Wilkes University men's tennis team cruised to a 9-0 win over Susquehanna University on Sunday afternoon at the Ralston Complex. The Colonels ran their record to 2-1, while the Crusaders slipped to 0-3.

Women's Tennis

Wilkes University won a pair of matches on Saturday in a rare women's tennis double-header at the Ralston Complex. The Lady Colonels fashioned a 9-0 triumph over Keystone College in their first match of the day, before scoring an 8-1 victory over Susquehanna University in the nightcap. The two wins improved Wilkes to 9-1 overall.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

169

Number of yards rushing yards by freshman running back Alex Pearson in the Colonels victory over Lebanon Valley on September 29.

9

Both women's and men's tennis sweep their opponents this past weekend. Six of the matches were singles competitions and the other three were doubles.

25

Total number of attacks (points) by junior Katherine Harrington in the Lady Colonels victory over Brooklyn College this past Saturday. The team won 3-0.

19

Number of tackles by senior All-American Kyle Follweiler on the road against Lebanon Valley. Ten of his tackles were unassisted.



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Finally!

Freshmen help Colonels to first win of the season

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After a brutal three-game manhunt, the Colonels have finally found what they've been searching for during their fourth outing.

Not only did they pick up their first win of the season in their conference debut against Lebanon Valley (PA), but the team has found themselves a shining new face in the backfield in running back Alex Pearson.

Sophomore Corey Carter started the game against Lebanon Valley just as he did the first three games, but suffered an ankle injury after a seven yard run in the first quarter. "(Being injured) was crazy, because we worked so hard during our bye week and everybody stepped their game up," said Carter. "Coach told us it's finally time

to start winning, the offensive line did better, and everyone went down for extra film so the feeling of being injured hurt me. But I'm happy that we won because that's more important than my individual stats."

Carter stated that even when he injured his ankle in practice and in previous games, he usually returns to the field after he shakes it off.

Unfortunately, he couldn't return to the field to finish the game and that's when the stage opened up for Pearson.

Two plays after Carter's injury, on first down and 10 to go, Pearson took the handoff from senior quarterback Al Karaffa for a 12-yard run and the rest was history.

The Colonels opened the fourth quarter on Lebanon Valley's four yard line and were close to pulling away from being deadlocked at 22

a piece. Karaffa and the Colonels would use all four downs before he missed the target on a pass to senior wide receiver Rocky D'Anconti from the two yard line leaving that offensive series scoreless. Just as Lebanon Valley's defense shut down their offense, the Colonels defense would get a little payback of their own.

During the seven minute mark of the fourth quarter, Karaffa completed one of his two interceptions to Russ Destafano for an 18-yard return at Lebanon Valley's 30 yard line. Lebanon Valley used 17 plays in 06:43 to make it to the Colonels one yard line, but was stopped short after three attempts at punching in a touchdown. Senior All-American middle linebacker Kyle Follweiler stopped Lebanon Valley's running back, Bryan Lynch, for a loss of four

yards. Follweiler put on an phenomenal performance racking up 19 tackles after totaling 20 in the Colonels previous game against Rowan University (NJ).

After getting seven shots to score inside the Colonels 10 yard line, Lebanon Valley sent their field goal unit to end the game with 01:13 but to no avail. The kick by Dan DiBona would miss off the left upright sending the Colonels to their first overtime game since September 16, 2006 when they beat Delaware Valley at Ralston Field.

The Colonels struck first in overtime beginning with a 17 yard pass to junior wide receiver Jason Prushinski for. Three yards away from glory, Pearson would finish off Lebanon Valley with a touchdown leaving the final score at 29-22.

The 5'9" freshman from Lawrence (NJ) carried the load for the Colonels rushing attack posting a team season high in yards with 169, the most rushing yards in a game by a running back since last year's Tom Andreopoulos put up 186 against Susquehanna on November 4, 2006.

Lebanon Valley had one more shot to tie the game during overtime from the Colonels 25 yard line, but Follweiler snatched away that opportunity with an interception of third down off a pass from freshman quarterback Caleb Fick.

The Colonels defense capped Saturday with three total interceptions including two by freshman

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