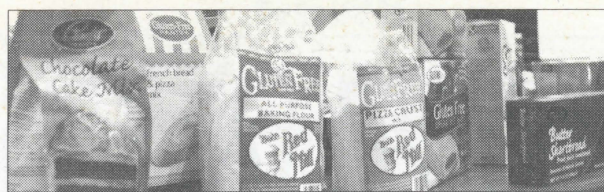
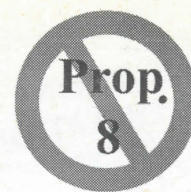




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Students find unwanted mold in Rifkin Hall

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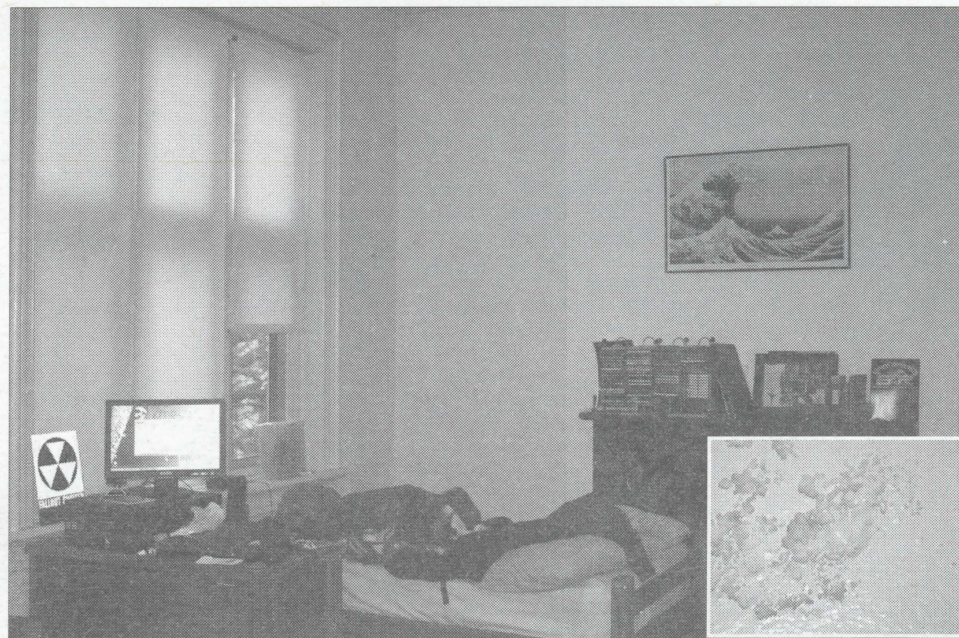
If walls could talk...
Rifkin Hall is located at 80 South River Street. It was built in 1875, and acquired from Arnold and Sandy Rifkin in 1989. In its 133 year history, the massive, gothic style mansion has endured floods, survived community health epidemics, and urban blight. Currently, Rifkin Hall houses 34 Wilkes students, one resident assistant.

But right now, Rifkin's walls are talking, and some residence want no part of the conversation.

On November 3, sophomore business administration major, Kevin Taylor, and his roommate placed a work order for what they described as mold "growing out" from underneath the paint on their wall.

After waiting two days, Taylor and his roommate decided to take matters into their own hands. Equipped with bleach and paper towels, they "wiped down" the surface mold that had appeared on the wall.

Because of the mold, Taylor's roommate was forced to move his bed to the middle of the room as a health precaution. Mold has been known to cause allergic reactions such as wheezing, itchy or watery eyes, and nasal stuffiness. In extreme circumstances, mold can also exacerbate infections, cause asthma



The Beacon/Gino Troiani
Kevin Taylor's bedroom in Rifkin Hall was the site of mold growth discovered beneath the paint in early November. Mold releases spores into the air, which can endanger students' health. (INSERT) Mold growth on the wall of Taylor's room.

reactions, or deplete the immune system. Mold is common and often spurred by dampness and heat; however, can be found on most surfaces. But when growth goes unchecked it can cause damage to materials and health problems in residents.

"I feel cheated...we pay so much money

to go here. We should at least have safe dorms," said Taylor. According to Wilkes University's Residence Life office, students pay \$7,180 a year to live in an apartment style complex such as Rifkin.

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Former Sec. of State Albright to deliver lecture

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon Managing Editor

On Tuesday, November 18, Dr. Madeleine K. Albright will address the public at Wilkes University's annual Outstanding Leaders Forum.

Albright was sworn in as the 64th Secretary of State on January 23, 1997. She was the first woman to hold that position and at the time was the highest ranking woman in history of the United State government. She handed over the office in 2001 to Gen. Colin Powell, her successor. However, politicians, like President-elect Barack Obama, continue to seek her advice with foreign policy and economic matters.

Albright recently published her third and most recent book, *Memo to the President Elect: How We Can Restore America's Reputation and Leadership*. In a recent interview on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, Albright said that she gave a copy of the book to Obama with the inscription, "With the audacity to hope that you will find this book useful."

Albright served as an advisor for Obama and spent the weekend visiting foreign delegations on his behalf at President Bush's economic summit.

"What has been so terrific is the interest of young people in this election campaign, and I consider it kind of my personal goal...to keep young people energized on issues of importance to the country. So I really welcome being able to come and talk to you

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Intermodal transportation facility construction begins

BY AMY FUSCO
Beacon Asst. News Editor

On Wednesday, November 12, construction on Wilkes-Barre's long-planned intermodal transportation facility began in the city's downtown.

The \$25 million economic development

endeavor will consist of 752 parking spaces, an interior lobby and pick-up/drop-off areas, and it will be home to the Luzerne County Transportation Authority and Martz Trailway buses. But as construction gets underway, new traffic patterns and parking restrictions are set to impact the downtown as

well as the Wilkes University community.

Last Wednesday, the first step of the construction timeline began with the delivery of steel, concrete and the crane. Marie McCormick, deputy city administrator for the

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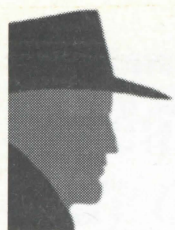
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City of Wilkes-Barre, explained there will actually be a crane to build a crane, with 11 tractor loads of its various parts coming from different areas of the East coast.

"We anticipate that [construction delays] will occur until the end of March...If we have a bad winter, it will go beyond March. The estimated completion date is June 2009," McCormick stated. Changes in traffic patterns will occur on South Washington Ave. and Market Street due to delivery trucks bringing in necessary materials, both of which are corridor streets for downtown and for commuters to reach campus.

But McCormick explained that a little inconvenience for some will pay off in long-term benefits for the community. "There are great advantages to having all the transportation modes in one location. It will certainly simplify the ability for riders to find the correct bus," said McCormick. She also explained that having a lobby facility right where the buses are pulling in, will give people the comfort of air conditioning, heating, and seating instead of being outside in inclement weather. Along with a comfortable atmosphere, the lobby will be designed with security cameras throughout the facility to ensure greater safety for passengers.

"It makes it easier for students to go to one location and not have to be wandering around wondering where their bus is. It's also going to be a lot easier for students to park downtown to get to shopping, restaurants, banks, traveling,

and such," McCormick commented. She believes in order to keep the momentum of the downtown revitalization efforts going, Wilkes-Barre does need the additional parking spaces.

The plans for an intermodal transportation facility for the downtown have been in the works for years; however, delays in funding and steel availability put the

project forward," Gilmour explained that the facility will draw transportation services away from an already congested Public Square. "I'm really surprised how rapidly Fridays and Saturdays during the school year have become times when I have trouble finding a parking spot...I think the intermodal concept works well and I'm really glad to see they are moving the project forward," Gilmour

going around the corners [of the Square]," Hannon commented. "Wilkes-Barre definitely needs more parking, too," she added.

"It's a pain to find parking on Public Square now, so it will be better with the new parking garage," said Geoff Hoffmann, senior mechanical engineering major. He also explained that offering a better, centralized location for public

student affairs, said the new center will "create a contemporary and much more sophisticated hub for the city, which has to be good for downtown." He also explained that it will make the downtown "a more vital and dynamic destination [which] will be beneficial for Wilkes students. It gives them a more attractive, more appealing place to go."

"It really goes hand-in-hand. If there's somewhere to park, people will take the chance and come down here," said John Chaump, store manager of Barnes & Noble College store located downtown on Main Street. He explained there are a lot of great things going on downtown and the new parking lot will be very beneficial. "It will make the Square seem more of a public park area than the middle of a bus depot," added Chaump.

Gabrielle Lamb, the student development coordinator at Wilkes, believes the centralized location of the new facility gives advantage to the "walk-ability factor". The Intermodal Transportation Center "provides more parking right in the downtown so students can park their cars and visit the downtown merchants." Lamb believes that students have always had issues with parking downtown, so the new spaces will make it more attractive for them to visit it.

Kelly Hughes, kitchen manager at Rodano's Pizza on Public Square note that although most businesses bring in customers who are walking, she explained that the traffic detours may even help some businesses.

"The construction is going to be inconvenient and hopefully the detours will bring people past here," Hughes commented.



Courtesy of City of Wilkes-Barre

The architectural design of the new Intermodal Transportation Center displays the outside view of it and it will provide a safer, more comfortable atmosphere for travelers in the city of Wilkes-Barre.

project on hold while community leaders and engineers made appropriate adjustments.

"I think the idea of the center is to bring a better array of transportation services to the community," said Dr. Tim Gilmour, Wilkes University president. He

added.

Sabrina Hannon, junior English major, feels that Public Square has become quite congested through the months, too. "I know when I'm walking, I always feel like I'm going to get hit by one of the buses because they look so unstable

transportation will enable people to want to utilize it more. "Public transportation is always good, because it lowers fuel consumption; it decreases harm to the environment and leaves a smaller carbon footprint," Hoffman concluded.

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MOLD

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But Taylor was not the only resident who noticed mold growing in Rifkin Hall. Sophomore Matt Duffy lives in room 12 adjacent to Taylor's. According to Duffy, he noticed a "brownish" type of mold growing up the wall next to his bathtub. "It looked like a little mushroom," he explained. He also said that he believes that both the wall and floorboards underneath his bath tub are "rotted out." Nonetheless, Duffy's mold problem has not yet been addressed by facilities because he neglected to call it in.

Nine days after their original complaint, Taylor's roommate, sophomore communications major James Rosato, received an e-mail from Elizabeth Roveda, Wilkes University's assistant director of residence life. In it, Roveda wrote, "I was at an operations meeting this morning and they mentioned that you placed a work order about your wall. They have looked at it and repaired what they could. Facilities will be doing extensive work over the winter break. Please let me know if you have any further questions about the wall and the water."

But Rosato noted, "I have no idea what

repairs they are talking about because everything looks the same."

According to Brenda Stanley, Director of Residence Life, on November 3, the tenants reported not mold, but a "leak" in their room. The following day, workers examined both the interior and exterior of the wall, and located the problem. On November 5, workers then sealed the passage into which water was seeping, and checked it a few days later to make sure the problem was fixed. Both residence life and facilities have denied the presence of any mold.

According to Dr. Marleen Troy, Associate Professor of Environmental Engineering at Wilkes University, all types of mold release "spores." Often, people will react to the spores in a negative way, and cause allergic reactions." She also explained, "Once it gets in there and grows... it is very prolific and hard to get out. It is just not a good thing."

Stanley commented that a professional air quality test was conducted, and everything seemed to check out. Also, residence life has been in contact with the tenants, and will re-examine the room and address any problems at the convenience of the students.

ALBRIGHT

from FRONT PAGE

all," Albright said in a recent conference call interview that included The Beacon.

Albright's experience as Secretary of State during the Clinton/Bush transition will provide important expertise for the Obama transition team. "It is a very interesting time. I have written a lot about the transition and in many ways it's too short because there is so much to do. Especially when it's changing from one party to another...And in many ways it is too long, because the world is, and the American public is, often ready for a new president. So it is kind of an awkward time - frankly," she said.

Albright added, "This you will hear repeated over and over again—and President-elect Obama has said it—there is only one president at a time. Also, there is only one Secretary of State at a time. And the important thing is that the current Secretary of State has to work up to the last minute. I know in my own case I actually worked until noon of January 20, 2001, and so you have the responsibility of carrying on the active diplomacy of the United States and at the same time the designated Secretary of State...is already sitting in the State Depart-

ment in a transition office getting briefed up..."

Albright's lecture will be held at the F.M. Kirby Center at 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for college students with I.D. Corporate sponsorship packages are also available.



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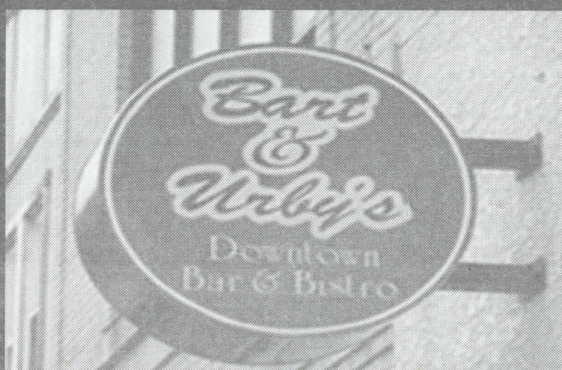
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Beacon survey indicates student

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On Sunday, November 9 at 6:45 p.m., freshman Matthew Manganiello was walking from Sullivan Hall to the Marts Center for wrestling practice. Listening to his MP3 player, he cut through the block by taking Diver Lane next to Passan Hall. Looking up, he saw two males looking his direction. One of them spoke to the other and pulled a ski mask over his face. The other pulled his hat over his eyes. The two males then approached Manganiello and searched him for valuables. One of the men reached into the pocket of his jacket and took his wallet while the other grabbed the MP3 player from his hand. According to Manganiello, the two men then turned quickly and continued walking down Franklin Street.

"As long as I was on campus...I thought I was pretty safe," said Manganiello. Last week, The

Beacon conducted a survey among the student body at Wilkes University to determine the degree to which students perceived they are safe in and around campus. One hundred surveys, evenly split across gender among respondents, offered some insights into a cross-section of student attitudes about personal safety. Overall, the survey found that students perceive themselves to be "pretty safe" with some exceptions.

Sixty-six students out of 100 surveyed said that they feel safe when walking on campus at night. Ninety-six also said that they feel safe when walking on campus during the day. However, even with the students' perceived safety on campus, 53 percent believe that crime in Wilkes-Barre is on the rise.

Gerald Dessoie, Wilkes-Barre Police Chief, said that one of the reasons students believe crime is on the rise is because of what they perceive to be a crime. "What someone might view as a crime, unless you are an actual crime victim, is subjective. There is a lot of things that may look like a crime when it actually is not a crime," he said.

According to Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs, "There have been some high-profile incidents in the city of late that received a lot of media attention and I think that can certainly influence students' perceptions of the environment."

According to the yearly report of crime statistics compiled by the Wilkes University Office of Public Safety, the number of total violent crimes including rapes/sexual assaults, robberies, assaults, burglaries and vehicle thefts have increased slightly over the past three years from one vehicle theft in 2005 to 10 reported crimes in 2007. In 2007, there were four reported rapes/sexual assaults, one robbery, one assault, three burglaries, and one vehicle theft.

However, Dessoie cautions community members not look at crime rates from year to year. "You need to look at half a decade or a decade. You need to look at large groups, and then you need to look at

what the specific types of crimes are. A lot of crime is police generated. Ninety-nine percent of your drug reported crimes are based on an arrest by a police officer. If we don't do our job, we, in theory, can have a very low rate. If I don't want to show drug crimes, we don't arrest druggies," said Dessoie.

Adams says the results of The Beacon's safety perception survey were not surprising and that the school works to make its students feel safe.

"Part of the reason we established the greenway was to make people feel that they had a safe pathway through the middle of the campus. I mean, that is part of what [the greenway] is all about, to create a pathway that's protected. It's well traveled, it's lighted, and it's off the city streets. They are all things that enter into creating that feeling of security," said Adams.

Jerry Rebo, Manager of Public Safety, said one of events held to increase safety around campus is a "light walk." Members of Public Safety, Residence Life, Student Government and other student leaders accompany Rebo on these walks once a school year.

"What we do is look for not just issues in public safety, which is one of the factors, but we look for safety issues... hazards, bushes overgrown, lights out, doors that are not secure... We look at the campus as a whole to be safe as its own entity," he said. Rebo also added that all Public Safety officers go through a two-day school at Lackawanna Community College and in-house trainings on how officers should conduct themselves in specific, critical situations.

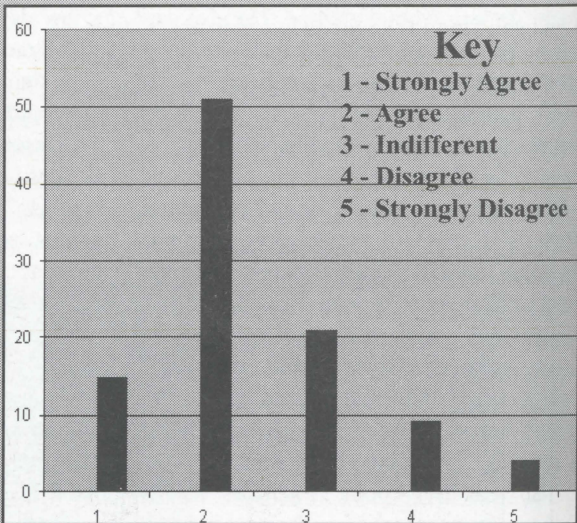
Adams admitted that the job of making students feel safe is not made any easier by Wilkes's location in the city.

"We're located in a neighborhood adjacent to the downtown, so the campus is a through-fare for the community. I think that becomes a particular challenge for us when it comes to helping people feel safe and assuring that they are

safe," he said.

However, Adams, Rebo and Dessoie all hailed the relationship Wilkes has with the city.

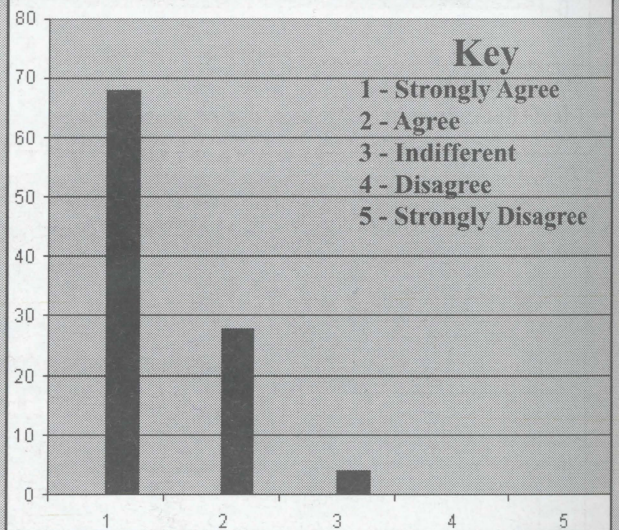
"We have a very open relationship



Statement 1:
I feel safe while walking on campus at night.

with Wilkes security, and not the slightest of the reasons is that Jerry Rebo is a former Wilkes-Barre police officer. So there is quite a bit of exchange of information between the departments, and certainly I think that enhances our ability to do that," said Dessoie.

According to Rebo, "We have [public safety] officers on the weekends that work Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. But we have a relationship



Statement 2:
I feel safe when walking on campus during the day.

give us all the support we need... like on Ross Street... they [used to] come down there, send some cruisers down there." Ross Street is the location for many off campus apartments.

Though the numbers show that the crime rate in Wilkes-Barre is not on

perceptions of campus safety varied

the rise, students at Wilkes do occasionally witness or experience various crimes or illegal activities as they walk the city streets and often opt not to report.

"I know people who have been propositioned and solicited in the area near University Towers and South Washington Street," said Kristen Klimchak, p2 pharmacy student.

"I have been solicited for drugs on multiple occasions on and off campus,"

agreed Frank Kopyta, junior computer science and intergrated media double major.

Tim Sullivan, senior business major, even claimed to have had a gun pulled on him at A-

Plus on Academy Street.

Even though individuals may have specific experiences on occasion, Adams, Dessoie and Rebo are pleased with the progress the city has made over the years.

Thomas Leighton, Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, said that he was pleased with the results of The Beacon's survey.

"Overall, I am pleased with the results of the survey; however, we will certainly continue work to make improvements in these areas. The city's number one priority has always been to increase public safety and I believe that we have been successful in this effort. For example, additional police officers now patrol the area surrounding Wilkes University

as a result of the Business Improvement District (BID). We will continue to work with Wilkes' Office of Public Safety and university administration to ensure that the campus and downtown as a whole is a safe environment for those who work, live and learn in Wilkes-Barre," said Leighton.

Rebo was not as pleased. He expressed concern over the number of students who marked "indifferent" for their answers. He said, "Being indifferent to crime is not the answer."

Responding to the statement, "I feel that Wilkes University is proactive in its approach to crime around campus," 27 percent responded 'indifferent.' To the question of whether they think crime in Wilkes-Barre is on the rise, 38 percent marked 'indifferent.'

Dessoie said the numbers do not shock him.

"That's the way it was, it's the way I was in college... I went to King's, which has the same challenges, and you know, I never even gave a thought

to my safety. I was a young college kid. Some of the situations that I put myself in by intention were more dangerous than anything that I would ever imagine that could happen at college and I think most kids are that way," said Dessoie.

However, Rebo said that Public Safety is willing to offer programs to students to educate them about many different aspects of safety on and around campus.

"I know we had the identity theft program... sexual assault, alcohol and drugs, the safety program that shows a little bit of hand to hand [combat] so to speak, and talks about crime prevention," said Rebo. "I wish I could just pick them up and say you know, even though academics are so important, so is your safety."

Thomas Messinger, Executive Director of Campus Support Services, and Rebo agreed that there are several things students can do to try and keep safe: walk in groups, stay in well lit areas, use Wilkes's safe ride service, don't be distracted by music players, don't display valuables, and do not walk while intoxicated.

Dessoie added, "I do think both schools [Wilkes and King's] have good security departments and I think they're doing what I would expect if I sent my children to either of those schools...but I do think that students could use a little more common sense."

Manganiello said he has learned from his experience, "...always walk in groups no matter how short the distance seems to be."

Editor's Note:

After hearing complaints from Wilkes University students regarding crime in the area, The Beacon initiated an investigation into the student body's perception of safety on and off campus. One-hundred surveys based on a five answer Likert scale were distributed to students passing through the Henry Student Center on Tuesday, November 11. The Beacon analyzed the results of the surveys and spoke to school and city officials.

Gender Comparison

Q: I feel safe walking on campus at night.

- Males: Strongly Agree/Agree = 41

- Females: Strongly Agree/Agree = 25

Q: I feel safe walking off campus at night.

- Males: Strongly Disagree/Disagree = 13

- Females: Strongly Disagree/Disagree = 35

Q: If I am in trouble, I can rely on Wilkes's Public Safety to help me.

- Males: Indifferent = 8

- Females: Indifferent = 19

Q: If I am in trouble, I can rely on the Wilkes-Barre Police to help me.

- Males: Indifferent = 13

- Females: Indifferent = 24

Q: I feel that crime in Wilkes-Barre is on the rise.

- Males: Strongly Agree/Agree = 26

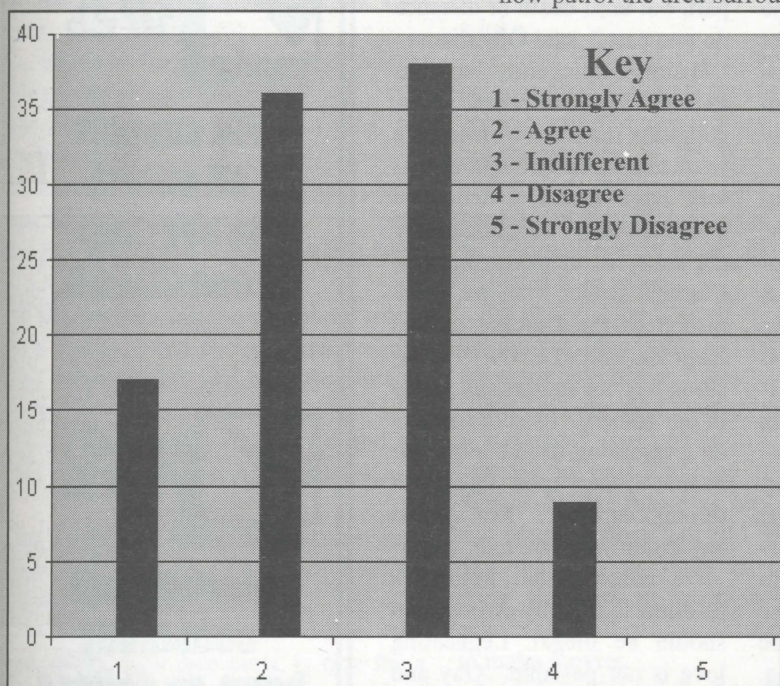
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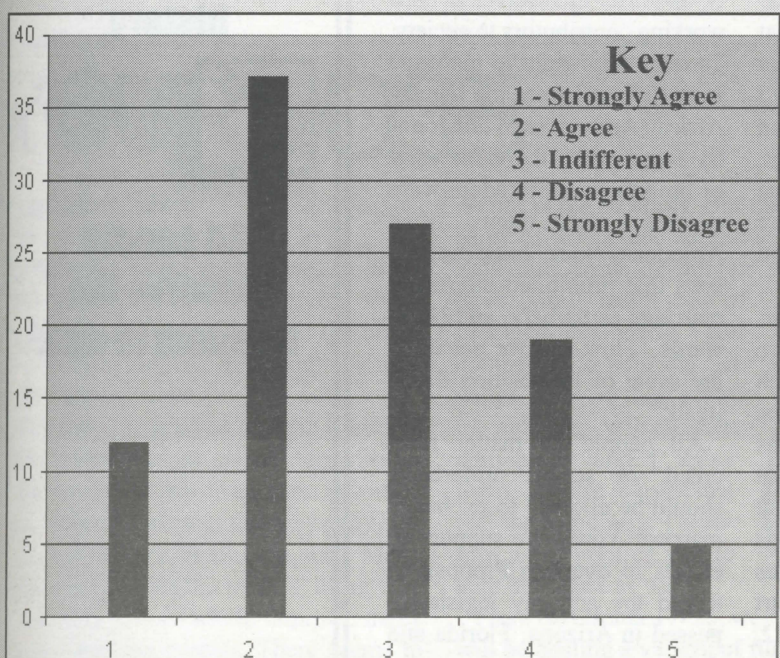
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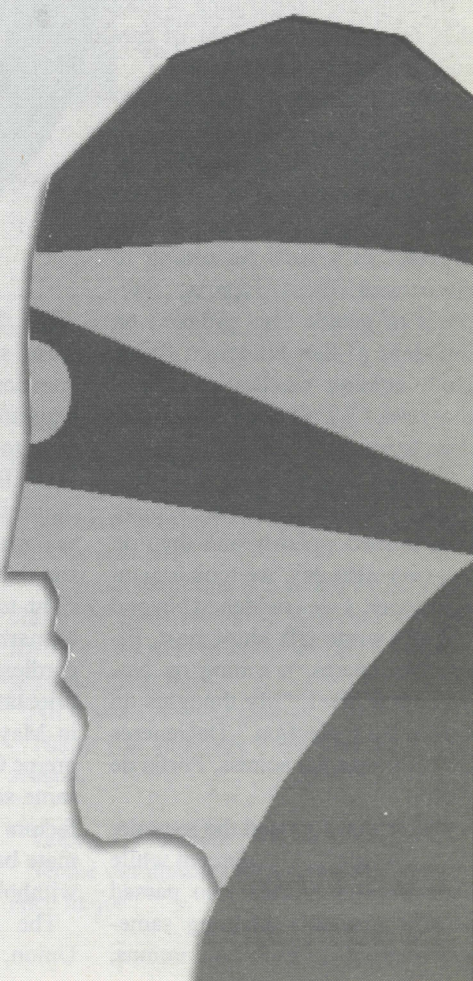
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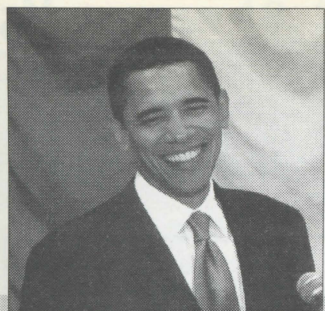
I feel that crime in Wilkes-Barre is on the rise.



Statement 5:

If I am in trouble I can rely on Wilkes's Public Safety to help me.





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Repeal Proposition 8: Anti-gay legislation has no place in progressive American society

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Since November 4, pundits have hailed Barack Obama's election as an "historic step forward" for race relations in America. But while some barriers began to crumble this month, others inexplicably were fortified. The passage of Proposition 8 in California, along with similar efforts in Arizona, Florida and Arkansas, saw civil rights for gay and lesbian couples evaporate like smoke.

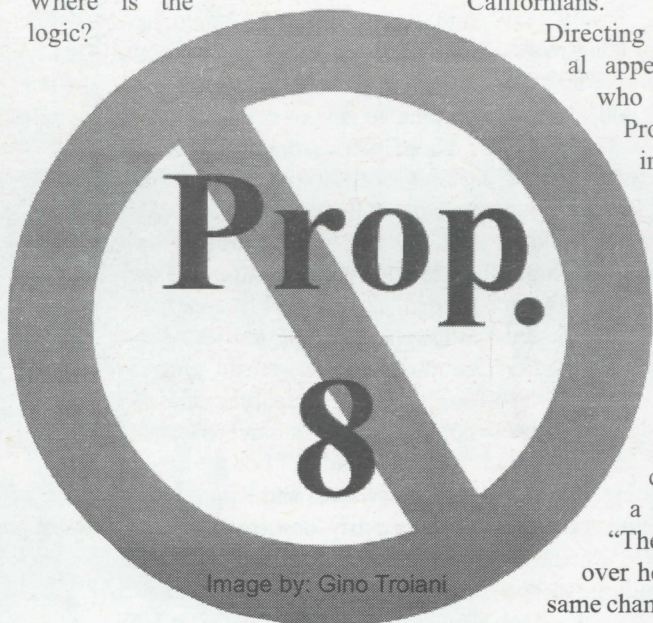
But same-sex marriage supporters in California are not giving up. In San Diego, as many as 10,000 people protested the passage of Proposition 8, a law that repeals a state Supreme Court ruling in May that recognized the right of gay and lesbian couples to marry.

About 1,000 gay marriage supporters protested outside a Mormon temple on November 6, bringing the afternoon traffic on Santa Monica Boulevard in Los Angeles to a halt. According to Associated Press reports, hundreds of people also gathered on the steps of San Francisco's City Hall, holding candles and signs that read, "We all deserve the freedom to marry."

"Barack Obama is our new president. Here we just had a giant step toward equality and then on the very next day, we took a giant step away. I was saddened beyond belief," wrote talk show host, Ellen DeGeneres, in a blog on November 6 titled, "My thoughts on this historic election." DeGeneres recently married actress, Portia de Rossi.

Californians passed the measure 52.5 percent to 47.5 percent while Arizona and Florida also passed similar measures banning same-sex marriage or even civil unions,

according to a November 7 article by CNN. Just as shocking, Arkansas passed a measure prohibiting same sex couples from adopting or serving as foster parents. So, to the Arkansans who passed this measure, it is better to leave children in state institutions than to be placed in safe and loving homes? Where is the logic?



To the voters in these states, we ask a two-part question: How is it possible to legislate love, and why would we want to?

The Beacon advocates overturning any law that prohibits same-sex marriage for the simple reason that everyone should have the right to happiness by being able to marry whomever they want regardless of gender, race, or sexual orientation. According to CNN, in May 2008, the California Supreme Court eliminated the ban on same-sex marriage because these factors do "not constitute a legitimate basis upon which to deny or withhold legal rights."

The American Civil Liberties Union, Lambda Legal, and the Na-

tional Center for Lesbian Rights said in a written statement filed with the high court that the ballot initiative process "was improperly used in an attempt to undo the Constitution's core commitment to equality for everyone by eliminating a fundamental right from just one group: lesbians and gay Californians."

Directing an emotional appeal to those who voted for Proposition 8 in California, MSNBC commentator Keith Olbermann argued that commitment to marriage can never be a bad thing.

"These people over here want the same chance at permanence and happiness that is your option...They don't want to deny you yours. They don't want to take anything away from you. They want what you want, a chance to be a little less alone in the world. Only now you are saying, 'No, you can't have it on these terms.'"

Efforts to legislate marriage as "a union between a man and a woman" purposefully limits such unions to heterosexual couples. But the meaning of marriage has changed several times throughout history. Olbermann pointed out that just over 40 years ago, it was illegal for blacks to marry whites in 16 states. The Supreme Court overturned that ruling on June 12, 1967. During the time of slavery, marriage between slaves was not

legally recognized because they were considered property. "Their marriage vows were different: not until death do you part, but until death or distance do you part," said Olbermann.

History apparently teaches us little. With the recent votes, countless men and women face what ancestors throughout history have faced, a denial of a relationship sanctioned by the state, all thanks to bigotry. Cardinal Roger Mahony, archbishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles, said to CNN, "Proposition 8 is not against any group in our society. Its sole focus is on preserving God's plan for people living upon this earth throughout time." Not against any group? *Excuse us?*

We contend that Mahony's position is morally wrong, and should be illegal. Legislating love is not possible. Gay and lesbian couples pay taxes, serve their communities, own property, and offer themselves as hard working contributors to society. To deny their right to marriage is no different from the bigotry African Americans in our country faced when the same sorts of limitations on freedom were exacted against them. Most Americans look back on the laws that prohibited interracial marriage as barbaric and backwards. How can we not think the same of Proposition 8 and its ilk?

All people no matter race, creed, or sexual preference, should be allowed to exchange marriage vows. We support all efforts to overturn Proposition 8 and the anti-gay legislation passed in Arizona, Florida and Arkansas.

Talking Points



We support all efforts to overturn Proposition 8.



Marriage has constantly been re-defined throughout history.



All people deserve the freedom to wed.

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The Angry Rant: Why modern parodies are a waste

BY TIM SEIGFRIED
Staff Writer

There are no words that can aptly describe the quality of the work of the Wayans brothers.

Oh wait, yeah there are: atrocious, dreadful, repulsive, abhorrent, heinous, terrible.

Allow me to back up a bit.

Recently, I saw the trailer for the upcoming movie, *Dance Flick*, which is the latest in a string of movies designed to parody a specific sub-genre of film. Obviously, this movie is a spoof on the recent (admittedly dull) trend of dance movies, including *Step Up*, *You Got Served*, and *Save the Last Dance*.

So, what's worse than a bunch of poorly made movies about dancing?

The Bush Administration? Not what we were looking for.

Madonna's forearms? They're plenty gross, but not the answer here.

King's College? HA! Close, but incorrect. Get a real mascot.

All fine answers, but the only thing worse than a bunch of bad dance movies is one movie that combines them for the sake of parody.

Oh, did I mention it was written and directed by the Wayans brothers? Because it is.

That's right, the Wayans. The same guys who brought us such recent abominations as *White Chicks* and *Little Man*.

Now they are tackling the dance sub-genre, which, let's face facts, is ripe for a good spoofing. At the risk of upsetting a handful of people that hang out in the Dart Center, I honestly thought that *Step Up* (and

its riveting sequel, *Step Up 2 The Streets*) were comedies. I didn't think for a moment that they were actual attempts to make a serious movie. Really, think about it: Two people from opposite sides of the tracks form a bond through the majesty of dance. Really? That's the best you can come up with? Oh, I forgot, one's a ballet dancer and the other is a street dancer or something. Which means they are going to clash at first, but in the end, they use their collective dancing skills to fall in love and win the big dance contest at the end of the movie.

In other words, those movies are a joke, and not in a good way. I mean they are a joke in the same way that income taxes are a joke.

A good writer and director could probably make a decent comedy out of dance movies, but the problem is, the Wayans are not that good. They have a worse batting average with comedies than Henry the VIII had with wives.

But really, if the Wayans are behind this, then I surmise that it cannot possibly be funny.

But Tim, shouldn't you give it a chance? No, I shouldn't, because the past is a good indicator of the future as any, and recent history has told us that the Wayans must have done someone a favor, because they still get the chance to make movies.

I need to look no further than the aforementioned *White Chicks* and *Little Man*, which scored a solid 15% and 13%, respec-

tively on RottenTomatoes.com, which is about as good as a barometer as any. For a point of reference, *M. Night Shyamalan's Lady in the Water* received a 24%. I would have used *The Happening*, but unfortunately, there wasn't a number low enough.

But the Wayans and their movies aren't the only example of bad comedies, just look at the recent "[Insert Genre Here] Movie", including *Epic Movie*, *Superhero Movie*, *Date Movie*, and etc.

The problem with these movies (besides the writer, director and actors) is that every one of their jokes was derived from a setup or a character that occurred in another movie. That concept does not fare well over 90 minutes, and furthermore, those jokes

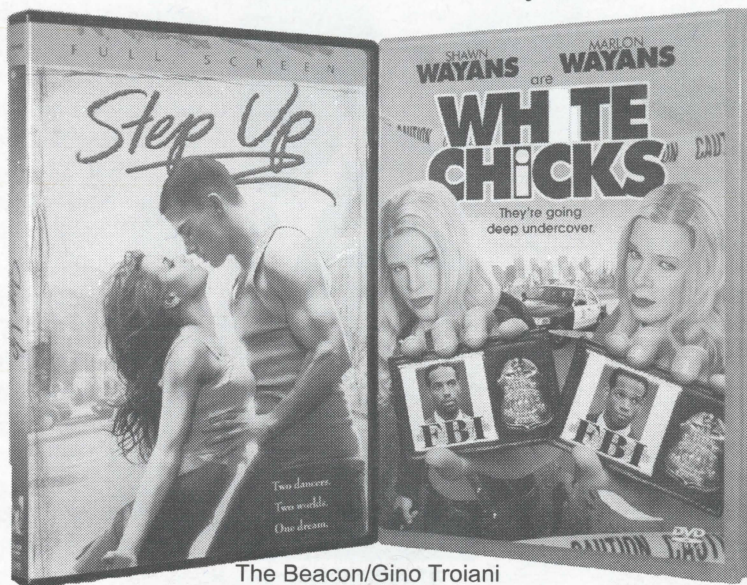
a deep well ala-300. That was mildly amusing at the time, but in ten years, is anyone going to get that joke? Sure, you remember that Britney went crazy and shaved her head, but the fleeting nature of the joke is gone almost immediately after you see it.

If you want a good example for how to make a goof parody, look no further than *The Naked Gun* or *Airplane*. They managed to spoof other movies, but they refrained from using specific jokes from other movies. Hence, *Airplane* and *The Naked Gun* are still funny in 2008.

Listen, filmmakers, there are a thousand ideas out there that will put your crappy movies to shame, so why don't you do us all a favor and try a little harder?

You are single-handedly making the American people stupid by cranking out these things that you call "comedies." Honestly, there should be some sort of rule that prevents these movies from being released every year unless the previous movie was of half-decent quality. For every good comedy out, there are 100 bad comedies like *Good Luck Chuck*.

Hey, American public: Stop throwing your money at these movies. It only encourages them to make more of the same, and in about 20 years, movies are going to be nothing more than 90 minutes of Napoleon Dynamite impressions and jokes about poop.



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do not hold up well over time.

A perfect example is the 300-spoof *Meet the Spartans*. There is one scene when a bald-headed Britney Spears is kicked down

about poop.

YOUR VOICES

Dear Beacon Editor,

As the holidays are approaching, it is apparent that Wilkes is in the giving spirit. You look around and you see all the boxes that have been distributed throughout campus for various drives.

Zebra Communications and the Com 302 Public Relations class are holding various fundraisers and events to help the Salvation Army in their efforts to provide a happy holiday season to local families in need. Many may be unaware but the truth is, those who are receiving aid are whole families, many with two working parents. There seems to be a large misconception that those who receive aid are indolent, unreliable people who

do not make an effort. But that is a fallacy. Most of the people receiving aid from the Salvation Army are diligent people who have simply had a case of bad luck. Personally, I feel compelled to help the Salvation Army in their efforts to aid the Wilkes-Barre community and I know many of my classmates feel the same way. Therefore, I am inviting you to help our cause as well.

From November 17-25, we will be hosting a variety of fundraisers. This year aside from the Kettle Drive, which I'm sure you are all familiar

with as you hear the ringing of the bell, we will be challenging the campus to join in our Red Cup Campaign. The Red Cup

Campaign is a way for everyone to gather their loose change from their pockets and/or purses and put it in a red cup to later drop off at the kettle in the lobby of the Sub. You can also help with the Angel Tree Campaign.

The Angel Tree Donation is a wonderful opportunity to give a gift to the children of Wilkes-Barre. Instead of decorating a tree with traditional ornaments, we will be

adorning our tree with names, ages and desired gifts for 40 children of the local area. It is a great opportunity to help make a child's holiday special.

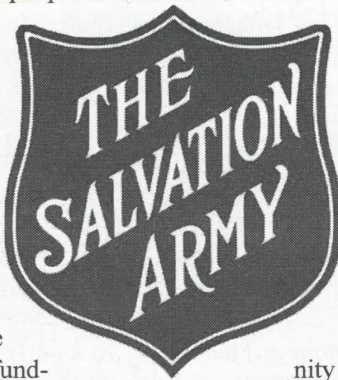
We understand this is a rough time financially for most students. However, we are inviting you to help make a child's holiday season a great one.

All it takes is some change.

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season,

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Barack Obama: Discerning fact from fiction

BY JACKI LUKAS
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Now that Barack Obama has won the presidency, I think it's time that we clear the air about some myths circulated during the 22-month race to the White House. The television, radio and internet ads have been absolutely overwhelming in this year's presidential election and it's often difficult to differentiate what is true and what is a "pants-on-fire" lie.

PolitiFact.com, run and operated by the *St. Petersburg Times* and *Congressional Quarterly*, offers American citizens exactly what they want: the truth. Journalists and researchers analyze debates, campaign ads, speeches, and pretty much anything else that comes out of the candidates' mouths. Their ratings go from true to pants-on-fire, which I'm sure we can agree is a bald-faced lie.

President-elect Barack Obama was a huge target not just for the McCain campaign, but the media, bloggers and chain e-mails as well. Since Obama has prevailed in the polls, we should clear up some of the most egregious myths. Here's a list of a few things that were said about his campaign:

Myth 1. Barack Obama "rejects everyone white, including his mother and grandparents."

Fact: Jerome R. Corsi started this myth in August of '08, in his book *The Obama Nation*. Actually Corsi's statement is a misreading from Obama's memoir, *Dreams from my Father*. Obama said that he felt disconnected from his black friends when they would bring up the issue of race. In Obama's book, he talks about how close he is with his grandparents and mother and also how he has maintained "positive relations" with his white relatives. His relatives visited him in college and were present when he wed Michelle Robinson.

Myth 2. His true name is Barak Hussein Muhammed Obama.

Fact: After Politifact.com did some research, reporters were able to find Obama's marriage certificate and birth certificate. On both of the official documents, his name is listed as Barack Hussein Obama, Jr. Journalists at Politifact.

com found his driver's license and property records to support this information.

Myth 3. When Obama was sworn into office, he did not use the Holy Bible, but instead the Koran.

Fact: This anonymous e-mail circulated in December 2007 after Obama took the oath of office for the U.S. Senate. It reads that Obama used the "Kuran" [sic] for his oath of office instead of the Holy Bible. Obama is a Christian. This e-mail is pants-on-fire wrong. Dick Cheney administered the swearing in of office. Cheney confirmed in two press reports with the Obama campaign that it was Obama's own Bible that was used.

Myth 4. Obama is responsible for rising gas prices.

Fact: A television ad by Senator John McCain's campaign accused Obama solely for the rising prices at the pump. The ad claimed that Obama opposes new drilling off the coasts, not drilling in the U.S. and emphasized, "Gas prices: Four dollars, five dollars, no end in sight..."

because some in Washington are still saying no to drilling in America." The ad continued, "Who can you thank for rising prices at the pump? O-ba-ma! O-ba-ma!" This ad implied that since Obama supports the ban on new offshore drilling, he has actually raised the gas prices himself. This bill dates back to 1982 and although it has been voted in favor of every year since, Obama has only served in the Senate for two years.

Myth 5. Obama refused to recite and put his hand on his heart during the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fact: A chain e-mail circulating in November 2008 stated that Obama is unpatriotic in a photograph taken by *Time* magazine because he did not have his hand over his heart. The picture was taken during the "Star-Spangled Banner," not the Pledge of Allegiance. Governor Bill Richardson (D-N.Mex) and Sen. Hillary Rod-

ham Clinton (D-NY) stood with their hands over their hearts while Obama's hands were clasped below his waist. Obviously the picture was just taken at the wrong time. Even the caption actually reads Obama and others, "stand during the national anthem."

Myth 6. Accused domestic terrorist Bill Ayers and Obama ran a radical education foundation together.

Fact: John McCain made this statement in a web advertisement in October 2008. Obama did serve on the volunteer board of an education reform organization on which Ayers was a founding member. Obama was the chair on the board for the first four years

but an executive director dealt with day-to-day functions.

The foundation was actually founded by a Republican business leader, Annenberg. There have

been many prominent figures serving on the board just like Obama. And Ayer's involvement in the group does not make it radical. He is currently a University of Illinois professor.

Myth 7. Obama "has no experience or background at all in national security affairs."

Fact: In response to Obama's proposal to leave a "strike force" of U.S. in the Middle East after troops withdraw from Iraq, McCain said he had no experience dealing with national security. Obama helped write an exemption to the 1954 Atomic Energy Act. This allowed the United States to export civilian nuclear power technology to India. He also toured a weapons destruction facility in Ukraine with then-Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Richard G. Lugar. They worked together to triple spending for programs to oppose the spread of conventional

weapons. He also participated in a national security debated, which argued against the decision to move operations at Rock Island Arsenal to Texas.

Myth 8. Obama "suggested bombing Pakistan."

Fact: McCain made this comment in February 2008 about Obama saying that he suggests bombing Pakistan. McCain told this to the media, "My statement that I made at my speech was that he suggested bombing Pakistan without their permission." Obama actually said, "If we have actionable intelligence about high-value terrorist targets and President Musharraf won't act, we will."

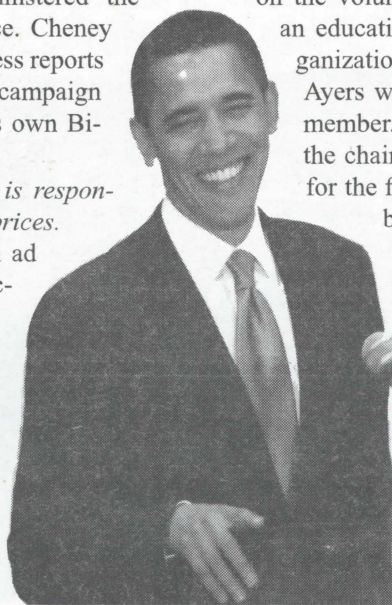
Myth 9. Barack Obama has "pledged to reduce the size of the military."

Fact: Jerome R. Corsi attacked Obama for being a political extremist in August 2008. Obama actually wants to expand the size of the military. Obama supports plans to increase the size of the Army by 65,000 soldiers and the Marines by 27,000 troops.

Myth 10. "Obama's Ten Point Plan to Change The Second Amendment ... Ban the manufacture, sale and possession of handguns."

Fact: The National Rifle Association (NRA) sent a direct-mail piece to its members stating that Obama wants to reform gun-ownership rules in August 2008. "I have never favored an all-out ban on handguns," said Obama in April 2008. Obama also had many opportunities to present a ban on handguns as a U.S. Senator and has never done it. The NRA's claim is false.

I strongly encourage everyone to look beyond the surface when they receive chain e-mails regarding Obama's background and core beliefs. Uncover the truth. We have witnessed what is categorized as of the dirtiest campaigns in history, and it is time that we clear up any false statements that could be potentially damaging to our new president.



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Beacon Poll Results

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

The Beacon asked:

Do you support drilling for natural gas in NEPA?

- Yes - 67%
- No - 33%
- Undecided - 0%

Next Week's question:

Should proposition 8 be overturned?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

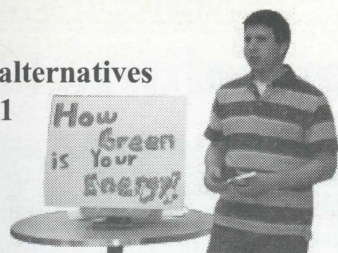
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Renowned author links diet to child autism treatment

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA
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Dr. Lisa Lewis pointed to the slide behind her on the wall. It listed a variety of symptoms, including communication deficiencies, self-absorption, bizarre preoccupations, rocking or repetitive movements, and laughing or giggling at inappropriate times. "Does anyone know what these are symptoms of?" she asked her audience.

"Autism!" the audience shouted out. Comprised mainly of relatives and parents of autistic children, the audience was all-too familiar with the behavioral signs of autism spectrum disorder.

"Actually, I got these symptoms from a book on drug addiction," said Lewis.

According to the opioid excess theory, behaviors manifested in autistic children are not unlike those exhibited by drug addicts, and some researchers like Lewis are interested in finding out why.

Lewis, who received her doctorate in biological anthropology, came to Wilkes on November 11 to offer a lecture cosponsored by the NeuroSensory Center of Eastern Pennsylvania on the effects of diet on autism. She spoke about how the breakdown of certain foods in autistic children can lead to drug-like reactions. Following her lecture, Lewis remained for a question and answer session during which parents with autistic children asked for advice in implementing a changed diet.

"Parents could take from Dr. Lewis' lecture

a sense of hope and a sense of control," said Dr. Robert Bohlander, Wilkes professor of psychology, who is also affiliated with the NeuroSensory Center. "So many times, parents with children on the autism spectrum are told there is no way to recover their children, and certainly no 'cure.' Dietary changes, such as switching to a gluten-free, casein-free diet offer a way to improve the quality of life for some autistic children."

A noted author and lecturer, Lewis has written numerous books on the effects of diet on autism, most recently "Special Diets for Special Kids."

Lewis questions the relationship between food proteins gluten and casein and the typical manifestations of autism in children. In her work and lectures, she explains the opioid excess theory, which holds that gluten, which is found in wheat, oats, and rye products, and casein, which is found in dairy products, can cause or magnify autistic behaviors when they are not digested properly.

"If we remove the sources of the opiates, the gluten and the casein proteins, we can reduce or eliminate autistic behaviors," she said.

In the early 1990s, Lewis implemented a gluten-free, casein-free diet for her son Sam, who was diagnosed with autism. She was stunned by the noticeable changes in five-year-old Sam after fine-tuning his diet.

"When I took gluten out of his diet, his pronouns got better, he stopped con-

fusing them," she said. "There was a noticeable language increase."

Lewis says that adopting a gluten-free, casein-free diet can reduce many of the typical effects of autism, which include language difficulties, ability to focus, eye contact avoidance, aggression, and sleep issues. Additionally, this type of diet can relieve gastrointestinal problems, which afflict a high percentage of autistic children.

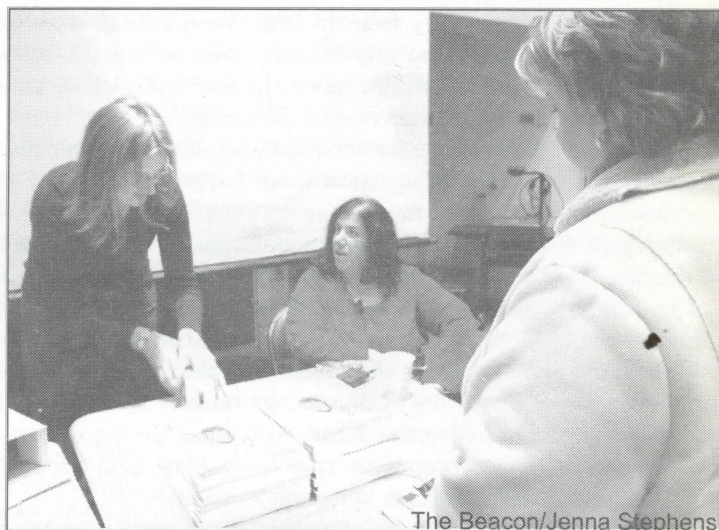
Kerry Sorber, of Shickshinny, attended the lecture with the intention of learning what foods would help her six-year-old son, Mason, with his digestive problems. As a toddler, Mason was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and high-functioning Asperger's syndrome, an autism spectrum disorder.

"I knew there was something just not right with him, and I kept telling my pediatrician that," she said. "I just kept pushing and pushing, and finally he sent Mason to a gastrointestinal specialist."

Mason was given medication to aid his digestive disorders, which Sorber says are "still a big problem." Eager to take her son off the medication, Sorber is now looking to try to offer her son treatment in the form of a gluten-free, casein-free diet. However, she knows the transition won't be easy.

"He's very picky about the food he eats," she said. "It's hard to get him to try different foods."

One of the difficulties of adopting such a strict diet for autistic children is their insistence upon routine. According to Lewis, many autistic children are "self-limiters" regarding the food they will eat. Many



Dr. Lisa Lewis, center, took time to sign copies of her book and chat with audience members following her lecture.

will eat foods of only one type, color, or consistency, and are fussy about the smells, temperatures, and textures.

"Many times, it's a short list, sometimes only three to five foods," Lewis said. "And usually, the list is appalling."

According to Lewis, poor food choices include highly processed food, those which are high in sugars and starches, and fried and fatty choices.

Sorber's son Mason eats these kinds of food on a regular basis. He eats only a small variety of food, including fried fish, chicken nuggets, rice soup, and broccoli. He smothers almost all his food in either ketchup or barbecue sauce.

However, Sorber calls Lewis' lecture "very insightful," and intends to adopt the gluten-free, casein-free diet in her own home.

"I'm going to try to use more fresh stuff, like chicken and vegetables," she said. "Mason's picky about the texture of his food, so I'm going to take a look through the cookbook and see what I can make for him."

While Lewis strongly believes in the benefits of a gluten-free, casein-free diet, she warns that it is not a cookie-cutter approach. No therapy will help every child with an autism spectrum disorder in the same way.

"I think this is for everyone," she said. "If you don't do it, you still have to improve the quality of your family's diet, cut out all the junk and sugar."



Center for Continued Learning opens eyes to schizophrenia

BY MATTHEW GOGAS
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The National Institute of Mental Health defines schizophrenia as a chronic, severe, and disabling brain disorder that affects about 1.1 percent of the U.S. population ages 18 and older in a given year. Most people suffering from the schizophrenia are diagnosed in their early teens to late 20s. According to statistics, only 25 percent of those diagnosed with schizophrenia will recover from the disease.

As part of a lecture series for continued learning credits for practicing nurses and pharmacists, the Center for Continued Learning at Wilkes University sponsored a seminar on Wednesday, November 12, in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom.

Cherie Ann Soprano, assistant professor of nursing, began the lecture by discussing the various forms of schizophrenia and the positive and negative symptoms associated with the disease. Positive symptoms are the treatable symptoms, while negative symptoms describe absence of thought or a

deficit in normal brain function.

Soprano also spoke about the common myths associated with schizophrenia.

"Most people think that people with schizophrenia have split personalities. While the word itself means of having two minds. This is not the case at all. People with schizophrenia suffer from brain deficiencies that cause their thought patterns to be unusual," said Soprano. "Many people also believe that schizophrenics are dangerous and violent, which is not accurate either."

After Soprano discussed the symptoms of schizophrenia, Dr. Krina Patel from the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy lectured the pharmacists and nurses about the pharmacological medications that are used to treat the disease.

There are two forms of treatment for schizophrenics, first and second generation antipsychotics. The most common medications for the disease are Clozapine, Olanzapine, Ziprasidone, Risperidone, and Quetiapine.

"It was interesting and informative," said Elaine Blondek, a pharmacist at Moses

Taylor Hospital in Scranton. Blondek attended the seminar to receive continued learning credits towards accreditation for license renewal. "Being a pharmacist, I was most interested in learning about the new treatments of schizophrenia, which Dr. Patel talked about in detail."

Assistant Director of the Center for Continued Learning, Margaret Petty, supports Wilkes for sponsoring a lecture on schizophrenia. "Because so many people requested schizophrenia as a topic, I think there was a real need to have a pro-



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Roundtable discussions about medications and treatments began during the lecture on schizophrenia in the Henry Student Center Ballroom.

gram on it. In fact, some of the people indicated when they registered that they work directly with these patients," said Petty.

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Wilkes students present alternative energy research

BY GINO TROIANI
Beacon Op-Ed Editor

In the 1970s, oil shortages generated a push for alternative fuel sources, and again in the early 1990s due to environmental concerns. Today, nations worldwide are striving to harness renewable energy sources to both cut costs, and improve environmental conditions.

Wilkes University's Money Matters club, led by four students, gathered at the Wilkes/King's Barnes & Noble to offer a presentation on the economics of alternative energy. The presenters included: freshmen pharmacy majors Andrew Trout, Willie Eggleston, and freshman environmental engineering majors, Ben Lockwood and Wayne Cocciola.

Trout kicked off the presentation by categorizing fuel sources as either renewable—like solar, wind, biofuel, and hydropower—or nonrenewable—like coal, oil, and natural gas.

Each of the four hosts took turns explaining how the different sources worked, and why further development should be pursued in the future.

Eggleston explained that the "problem" with fossil fuels is that prices often fluctuate, they are vulnerable to politics, and they are running out quicker than most realize. If precautions are not taken in the near future, many nations will find themselves in a scramble to cultivate renewable energy sources.

Solar energy is a viable resource that holds enormous potential for the future, explained Lockwood. Solar energy is practical because it is highly reliable, requires little maintenance, and has virtually no impact on the environment. In addition, it is relatively inexpensive.

The next resource the team tackled was wind energy, which combines giant turbines and wind current to generate electricity. It is also one of the fastest

growing energies in the country. According to the team's research, wind electricity is currently generated in 35 different states. The American Wind Energy association predicts that, "American wind farms will generate an estimated 49 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) of wind energy in 2008, just over 1.5% of U.S. electricity supply."

Hydropower, which was used over 2,000 years ago, was started by the ancient Egyptians. Hydropower gained popularity, and by the 1940s, nearly half of the United States energy came from hydroelectricity. However, after World War II, coal power plants quickly gained popularity. The problem with hydropower is that it is limited to certain geographic lo-

cations.

As time progresses, biofuel continues to gain more popularity. According to Lockwood, biofuel possesses the ability to produce more energy than wind, solar, and geothermal energies combined.

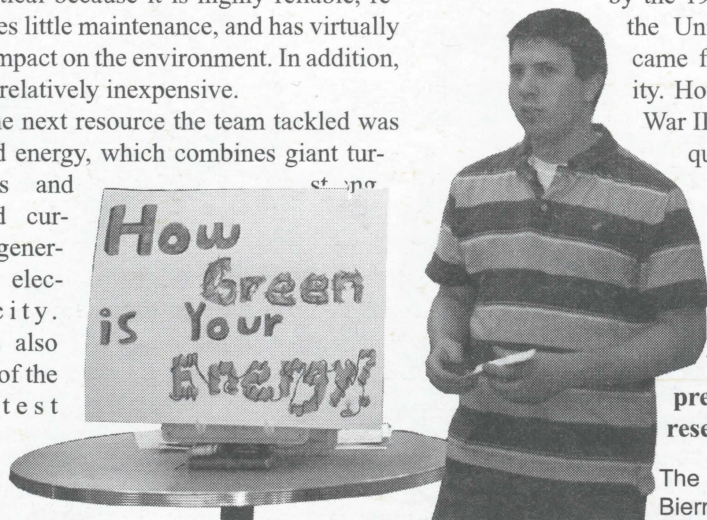
"It can also be converted to liquid fuels," explained Lockwood. It is also relatively cheap, costing only five to ten cents kilowatts per hour.

The presentation ended by providing a slew of simple tips for the average Joe to follow to conserve energy and protect the environment. Always look for the "green" environmental friendly stickers, stressed Eggleston.

"Energy smart appliances can reduce your costs by forty percent," he said.

A significant amount of energy may also be saved if people remember to properly shut off lights and appliances when not being used.

As more nations continue to develop, the need for fuel sources to power their economies continues to skyrocket. The transition from nonrenewable to renewable sources may not be an easy one, but it is already on its way.



Wayne Cocciola presents his energy research last week.

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Student of the Week: Jessica Woolfolk

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA
Beacon Lifestyles Editor

Between coordinating events for Psi Chi and continuing with volunteer work, senior Jessica Woolfolk still makes time to plan her upcoming wedding in May of 2010.

Woolfolk, a senior psychology major, is president of Psi Chi, the psychology honor society. As president, Woolfolk has made it her mission to make the society a more active part of the Wilkes community. Members of Psi Chi were on hand during Dr. Lisa Lewis' lecture on the effects of diet on autism on November 11, keeping track of attendance and helping with the basket raffle.

Under her leadership, Psi Chi is planning a Psychology Trivia Night, which helps psychology students prepare for exams, and Exploring Behavior presentations, where students go to local high schools to provide information about the different aspects of psychology.

After graduation, Woolfolk plans a career in which she would work with adults with mental illnesses. She also plans to earn a master's degree in psychology in the future.

Because of her initiative-driven, presidency of Psi Chi, **The Beacon** has chosen Woolfolk as its Student of the Week.

The Beacon: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Woolfolk: Endless possibilities! I know that I will be settled down with my husband and family, with a master's degree and a career in psychology.

The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

Woolfolk: Reserved, thoughtful, and kind.

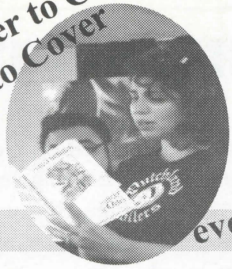
The Beacon: Finish the following sentence: "My friends would be surprised to know that I..."

Woolfolk: ...am afraid of ice. Not in cube form, but the winter ice on the ground. It definitely causes me unnecessary anxiety.

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Farmers' Market bids farewell for the Winter season

BY AMANDA GUNTHER
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As the weather gets colder, Public Square begins to look pretty bare on Thursday afternoons as the final weeks of the Wilkes-Barre Farmers' Market come to a close.

The 35th season kicked off Thursday, June 26, and will be packing up for the year this Thursday, November 20.

At the start of the season market-goers find the square packed with local vendors and shoppers, but as winter beings to set in, the number of people who show up for home grown produce and homemade baked or canned goods begins to dwindle.

Throughout the summer there are usually 12 to 15 regular vendors set up every week, but only five were set up for the second to last week of the season.

"These would be the 'diehards'. These would be here no matter what," said Harold Golomb of Golomb Farms & Greenhouse in Plains Township.

The Golomb family has set up at the market every year since it began in the 1970s.

"We've been losing customers steadily as weather has been getting colder since probably early October," said Golomb.

According to Linda Mancinelli of Brace's Orchard, this happens every year.

"People just stop coming in November, even if it's nice," said Mancinelli.

Some customers stop coming because of the cold, while others come to purchase produce that is only available during particular times of the year.

Golomb sees this often with his regular customers. The Golomb produce shifts throughout the season, depending on what crops are ripe and ready



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The Farmers' Market on the Square is a gathering place from June 26 to November 20 for local people shopping for fresh, reasonably priced food and other merchandise.



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Last minute shoppers bargain for the best deal on fall fruits before the farmers' market ends on Thursday, Nov. 20.

for sale. Herbs tend to be popular selling item for their farm over the summer. "As those items stop being available for us to harvest, they tend to stop coming and supporting us for that item, there's no reason to come out," said Golomb.

Farmers Rose Jagodzinski and Liz Geffert of Yogi's Potato Pancakes sell the same product all year; however, their clientele is greatly affected by the shift in customers at the end of the season.

"I think we could count on two hands how many people came today," said a disappointed Geffert.

With the Thanksgiving holiday approaching next week, vendors hope to see more customers coming out to stock up on fruits and vegetables for their family feasts.

"There are people that look forward to getting the seasonal vegetables that are available for their Thanksgiving dinner," said Golomb.

Brace's Orchard usually sees a slight increase in its business with the approaching holiday, but due to the poor weather for the last set up not very many customers ventured to the square.

Rain has a big impact on each of the vendors' sales, year-round. According to Mancinelli, "It doesn't matter whether it is August or November, if it's raining like this in August it would be really slow, too."

Although the last few weeks have been slow for the Farmers' Market, the vendors agree that the 2008 season has been busier than usual, partially due to the current instability in the economics world.

Both Mancinelli and Golomb have seen a slight increase in the overall number of people attending the market throughout the year. "People are trying to save money. Things are definitely cheaper, and of a better quality and price," said Mancinelli.

Vegetable sales for the Golomb Farm have increased as families are choosing to stay in for a home cooked meal as opposed to going out. According to Golomb, "Overall our business was probably up slightly."

After a successful season, the local vendors will pack up their tables for the cold Wilkes-Barre winter, resting up for June of 2009.

Internationals look forward to Thanksgiving for cultural exchange

BY YOHANNA DE LOS SANTOS M.
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Celebrating Thanksgiving is one of the few uniquely American traditions. The day set aside to give thanks for abundance holds special interest for international students who usually have little to compare it with in their own cultures.

This year, thanks to the Wilkes University Center for Global Education and Diversity, international students will now be able to enjoy the very traditional dinner with an American family from the local community.

Georgia Costalas, Associate Director of the Center for Global Education and Diversity, said, "There is a cycle of culture shock [for international students] beginning to assimilate into the culture...Then, there is the normal culture shock cycle that comes after three months of being in the new culture, which in our calendar, is right when Thanksgiving starts." Costalas noted that the timing of Thanksgiving, as well as the unique tradition itself, offers an important opportunity to connect international stu-

dents with American culture.

Costalas has organized connection between Wilkes international students and American families willing to open their homes and set extra places at the traditional Thanksgiving feast. "...Something needs to be done about Thanksgiving. Instead of it being a possible negative experience [for international students] we can turn it to a very positive experience by having them learn about a very important U.S. holiday and get them into just regular families," said Costalas.

Currently Wilkes enrolls approximately international students, and because countries like China and Saudi Arabia are too distant to travel, most students are unable to go back home for the relatively short holiday. Thus, finding a place for international students to celebrate the holiday in true American fashion is important and part of the Center's mission.

Costalas noted that as of the end of last week, approximately 40 homes had offered places for students. "The students are coming and signing up and are being placed with families," said Costalas.

"Thanksgiving, the most important holi-

day in the United States when more people go home than any other holiday...is also the time when international students are in the worst part of culture shock," added Costalas. Students are encouraged to get involved not only with the community around them, but are also encouraged to learn about the differences that separates the American culture from their own. International students will also have the opportunity to share their own culture with host families.

MBA international student Zhengwei Zhu from China is one of the international students that will be part of this activity, she said, "I will go to my conversation partner's home to have fun with them. It is very nice [to have a Thanksgiving dinner], because it makes me not lonely and I can have the real experience about American culture."

However, senior computer science major, Shiiyas Gulati, from India decided that he will be doing their own thing during the break, "I'm going to Washington D.C. to enjoy my break and see the sights," said Gulati.

A Thanksgiving exchange is not only a Wilkes University experience since a long time ago Dr. Godlove Fonjweng, Direc-

tor for the Center of Global Education and Diversity, was also an international student from Cameroon, Africa. Thanks to this experience he was able to learn more about this unique day and is a strong supporter of this new activity, "We talked through this and... you don't know how important this is for international students," said Fonjweng.

When talking about his experience as a student he said, "It was a very rewarding experience I was able to talk about where I'm from [Cameroon, Africa] and they [host family] were happy to listen," said Fonjweng.

The goal to place international students in homes at Thanksgiving is also "to help them feel comfortable and confident when they see someone and want to start a conversation," said Marcie Herman Riebe, Assistant Director/Immigration Specialist at the Center. International students want to talk and to feel welcomed by the other students at Wilkes.



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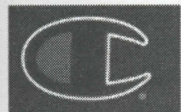
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Benefit raises funds for former grad assistant

Cover to cover to cover celebrates Otis Redding's 'Blue'

BY ALYSSA BENNER
Beacon A&E Editor

Cover to Cover to Cover is an event to raise money for the medical expenses of Jen Diskin, a former graduate assistant for the Creative Writing program at Wilkes. The benefit took place this past Saturday at Paper Kite Press Studio in Kingston. Diskin was diagnosed for the third time with cancer after being in remission for over seven years.

The event was the brain child of Jim Warner, assistant director of the Creative Writing program at Wilkes and Jennifer Kaucher, Paper Kite co-owner and editor. Warner also enlisted Marissa Phillips, graduate student and assistant of the Creative Writing program, to help coordinate Cover to Cover to Cover.

Diskin, Warner, and Kaucher all write poetry and have performed together on the local poetry scene. Cover to Cover to Cover was conceptually based on a reading Kaucher, Diskin, and Warner did in New York. The reading focused on records, musically inspired poetry. Diskin chose the Otis Redding album "Blue" after considering other bands such as Sonic Youth and Velvet Revolver.

"We [Kaucher and Warner] sent out a call to

local artists, musicians and poets to listen to the music on that album and create something inspired by the album," Kaucher said.

Because the local poetry scene is relatively small, Cover to Cover to Cover aimed to include all types of artists. Warner said, "We wanted to extend the idea beyond just the small art world and try to involve musicians and visual artists, as well as the Wilkes community on top of that."

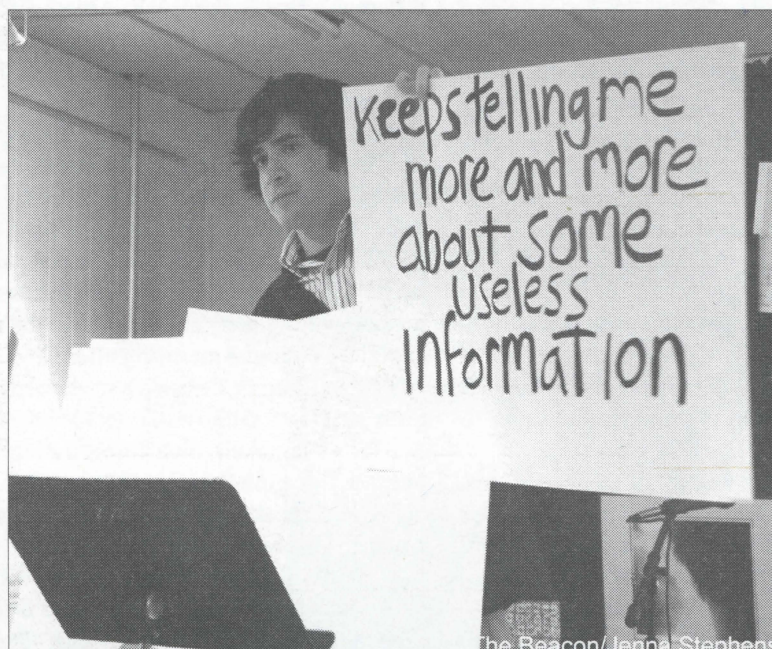
Saturday's event was held from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The performances were split into ten minute intervals to keep the cadence of the day flowing. Jen Diskin was the first to perform at noon. As the day proceeded, artists of all kind took the stage including puppeteers and belly dancers. An art auction took place at 6 p.m.

Chad Stanley, assistant professor of English, donated a painting for the event. "It's a gorgeous painting of Otis Redding," Diskin said.

Poetry was also collected and made into a chapbook that was sold at the event with all the proceeds going to Diskin.

"People donated their time and money...it's been phenomenal," Warner said. Cover to Cover to Cover was a big success raising over \$1,700 for Diskin's medical bills.

Phillips said, "I was really impressed with the turnout. There was a good variety of stuff...there was a good group of people from students to some professors to the poetry lovers in the area."



Tim Mcdemott performs original poetry from 2:40 to 2:50 at Cover to Cover to Cover

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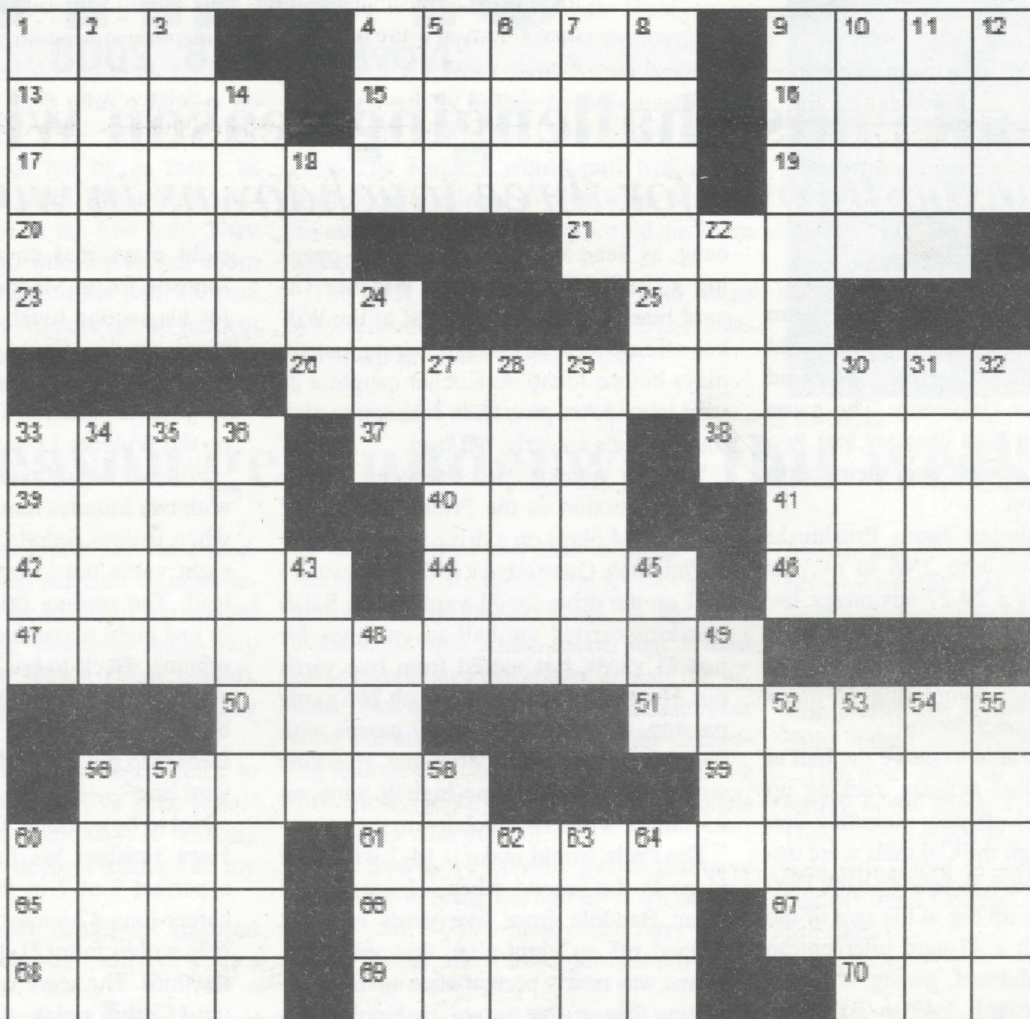
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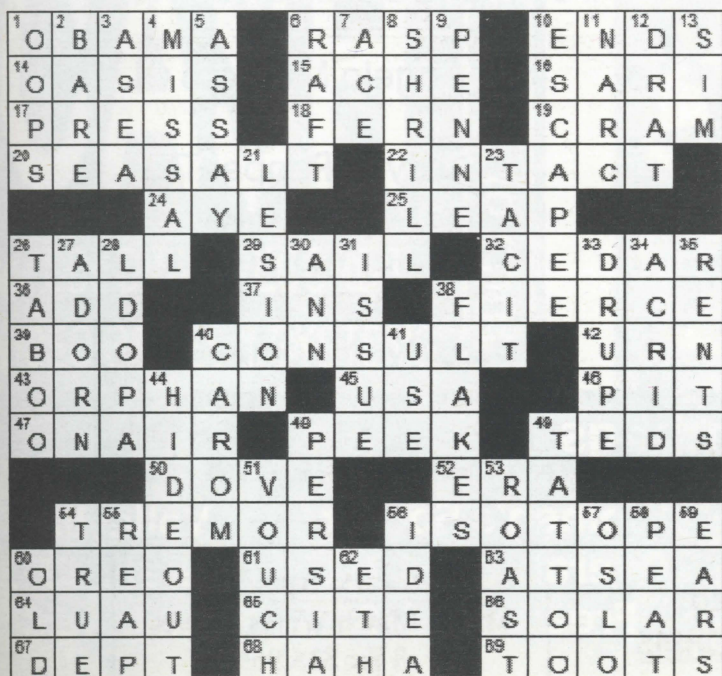
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Cost: \$7

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BY CHRIS KUDRAK AND DEVIN KING
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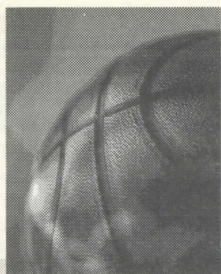


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- 4 Fragrance
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- 13 Group of three
- 15 Russian revolutionary leader
- 16 Liveliness
- 17 Roughly
- 19 Get rid of
- 20 Blank slate philosopher
- 21 Fictional "LOST" re search initiative (TV)
- 23 Mistake eliminator
- 25 Antiquated
- 26 Classic windows game
- 33 Boring routines
- 37 Toothpaste flavor
- 38 Unrefined
- 39 Urgent letters
- 40 Food and Drug adminis tration, for short
- 41 Fencing blade
- 42 Genders
- 44 Pulls vigorously
- 46 Like a dark clammy dun geon
- 47 Common desert sight
- 50 Three to Cesar
- 51 To give without return
- 56 Religious song book

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- 59 Hedonistic person
- 60 6.02x10^23
- 61 Lost in solitary thought
- 65 Prayer ending
- 66 Smallest amount
- 67 Engineer, for short
- 68 Precious stones
- 69 Student assignment
- 70 Childs plaything
- 22 Baldwin of "30 Rock"
- 24 Outer edge
- 27 Attractively stylish
- 28 Final destination
- 29 Actors environment
- 30 Insect stage
- 31 The garden of God
- 32 Reason for a shower?
- 33 Abrasive tool
- 34 A junkie
- 35 Andy Kaufman sit com
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- 45 Melancholy
- 48 Legally responsible
- 49 Sailors need
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Football ends challenging season with a win

QB Johnson throws for three touchdowns in win

*Courtesy of Craig Merriman,
Sports Information Director*

The Wilkes University football team concluded the 2008 season on a bright note, taking a 30-27 come-from-behind win over Widener University. The game saw five different lead changes and two ties before the Colonels won their fourth game of the season.

Rob Johnson found Jason Prushinski from 23-yards out with 2:46 to play to give the Colonels a 29-27 advantage before Chris Horn put the icing on the cake with a PAT. Johnson finished the day with 198 yards passing, completing 15-of-28 passes and three touchdowns.

The Pride were able to move the ball at will on the Colonel defense, racking up 409 yards of total offense, including 266 in the air. Although the Colonels were unable to stop Widener, defensive back Darnell Corbin came up big at the end of the third quarter with a 47-yard interception return for a touchdown, giving Wilkes a 23-21 advantage with 3:43 to go in the third.

The Colonels opened the game with a

bang, as Sean Madden returned the opening kickoff 79 yards to the Widener 18-yard line. Johnson and the rest of the Wilkes offense took advantage, taking just six plays before Jonathon Kocher caught a 2-yard touchdown pass from Johnson to give the Colonels an early 7-0 lead.

Widener quickly tied the game on its next possession as the Pride travelled 72 yards in 14 plays on a drive that took over six minutes. Quarterback Al Humes was 7-of-7 on the drive for 71 yards while Salah Hawkins carried the ball seven times for just 11 yards, but scored from two yards out. Hume finished the day with 266 yards passing, completing 24-of-39 passes with two scores. Despite his slow start, Hawkins would finish with a game-high 96 yards on 25 carries with one touchdown.

The Pride would make it 14-7 with 7:19 to go in the second when Humes found Marc Bandola from five yards out that capped off an eight-play, 46-yard drive. Hume was nearly perfect once again, completing four-of-five passes, including a 19-yarder to Justin Horning.

On its next possession, Wilkes drove

eight plays that covered 76 yards when Johnson found Madden from six yards out for his second touchdown reception in as many weeks. On a second-and-20 play, Johnson connected with Prushinski for a 73-yard completion that put the Colonels on the Widener 13-yard line.

Widener would take the lead once again with two minutes remaining in the first half when Humes found Cedrick Clayton from eight yards out to give the Pride a 21-14 lead. The scoring drive covered 76 yards in just eight plays that took just over three minutes. Back-to-back run plays covered a combined 60 yards, including 32-yard run by Hawkins followed by a 28-yarder by Ian Decker to put the Pride on the Wilkes nine-yard line.

Not to be outdone, freshman kicker Chris Horn finished his first collegiate season a perfect 7-of-7 in field goals, this one a career-long 47-yarder that pulled the Colonels within four (21-17) with 5:08 to go in the third. The score would remain that way until Corbin's pick-off gave the Colonels a 23-21 lead with 3:43 to go in the third.

The lead would not last long as the Pride

took advantage of a Wilkes fumble at the Colonel 24-yard line. Four plays later, Widener would have a 27-23 lead after the two-point conversion failed.

Wilkes would go three-and-out on its next possession before the Colonel defense forced Widener to punt. Aireil Adams returned Kevin Huelster's punt 28 yards to the Wilkes 35-yard line. Johnson came up big in Wilkes next possession, completing passes of 13, 11 and a 23-yard scoring strike to Prushinski for the game-winner. Prushinski would finish with five catches for 114 yards and a touchdown.

Five different receivers caught passes in the win, while six different Colonel players ran the ball for a total of 145 yards. Punter Mario Della Fortuna had another solid performance with five punts for an average of 42.4 yards including a 50-yarder. Both Della Fortuna and Horn lead the MAC in punting and field goal average respectively.

Fifteen seniors completed their eligibility for the Colonels which means head coach Frank Sheptock will have lots to work with next season as he returns players in key positions.

Farewell Football Seniors

19 Jason Prushinski WR

78 Josh George OL

95 Mario Della Fortuna K/P

#4 Justin Friedel DB

47 Matt Archey DE

79 Angelo Marocco OL

17 Jordan Schreffler QB

50 Kyle Kutney OL

80 Ryan Pepper TE

#1 Corey Tucker LB

30 Philip Cimilluca DB

41 Tim Yeagley DE

82 BJ Fusco WR

26 Ryan Holmes DB

Final 2008 Fall Standings

Football
Overall: 4-6
MAC: 4-3

Field Hockey
Overall: 18-4
Freedom: 7-1

Men's Soccer
Overall: 11-8-3
Freedom: 5-2-1

Women's Soccer
Overall: 10-10-1
Freedom: 5-3

Volleyball
Overall: 12-20
Freedom: 5-3

Lynam's career-day propells Lady Colonels to victory

Courtesy of Craig Merriman,
Sports Information Director

Sam Lynam poured in a career-high 33 points to lead Wilkes to an 80-72 win over Arcadia in the 2008-09 season-opener. Lynam was 11-of-23 from the field, including 3-of-7 from beyond the three-point line.

The Lady Colonels shot an impressive 45.1 percent from the field, including 48.4 percent in the first half. Wilkes also took advantage from the free throw line, hitting 31-of-46 attempts from the charity stripe. Ironically, Arcadia had less attempts (26) than Wilkes converted.

Chelsey Gosse made a layup with 12:48

to go in the first half to give Wilkes the lead for good. Arcadia's Liz Plum converted a layup at the 16-minute mark to give it an 8-4 advantage, but a six-minute scoring drought by Arcadia propelled Wilkes to an 18-0 run and eventually led 22-8 after a jumper by Erin Schneider.

The Lady Colonels led by as many as 19 in the first half when Lynam hit a layup with 3:33 to go in the first half. They would eventually go into the locker room with a 41-25 advantage at the half. Despite its scoring drought, Arcadia hit 40 percent from the field in the first half, but was 0-of-5 from beyond the three-point line.

Wilkes hung on to its double-digit lead, but Arcadia threatened with a 9-0 run that brought it within eight with 10:46 to go when Caitlin Sparks hit the front end of a pair of free throws. Both teams would exchange buckets before Arcadia used a 6-0 run to pull within five (59-54) with 6:31 to play. The Knights would pull within five with under a minute to play when Murphy hit another jumper, but they would not score again the rest of the way.

The Lady Colonels will open their home season Monday when they host PSU-Hazleton at 6 p.m. in the Marts Center.

Lady Colonel Starters for Arcadia

#22 Brittany Ely 5'7" F
#30 Chelsey Gosse 5'11" F
#3 Allison Horn 5'5" G
#12 Sam Lynam 5'7" G
#25 Samantha Simcox 5'7" G

Colonel basketball season gets underway this week

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Last week, coaching staffs around the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) picked the Wilkes University men's basketball team to win the Freedom championship for the 2008-09 season.

Nearly sweeping the poll, the Colonels garnered seven first-place votes and DeSales University (Pa) received the remaining two votes from the nine teams around the Freedom conference.

"We are more focused now that we know we have a target on our back because we know teams are going to be coming after us," said senior power forward Steve Kline. "We used to be the ones chasing teams. But now we have to be ready for everyone."

The Colonels reached the first round of the conference playoffs last year based on the team's 7-5 MAC record which secured

Wilkes a spot as the fourth and final seed. Even though the team suffered an unpleasant 69-53 defeat at the hands of top-seeded DeSales, the young Colonels team only lost one senior last season (Matt Gould), and gained postseason experience that may come in handy this season.

"This season will be our best chance to win the conference since I've been here," Kline said. "Team chemistry is looking good and this is the deepest team of all my four years."

The Colonels roster depth has inspired head coach Jerry Rickrode to enforce a more

up tempo style of play than in recent years. According to Rickrode, the Colonels will throw multiple ball-handlers on the floor at the same time which means that at least two players have the ability to start the offense. Not only will that result in a quicker pace, but teams will have difficulty defending against the Colonels because it will be difficult to identify the where the Colonels want to go with the ball.

"The guards we have are guards that have the ability to bring the ball up if we need to do so," said 17-year head coach Jerry Rickrode. "It may allow us to get into our early

offense and get up the floor a little bit faster because we don't have to rely on one guy to flow from transition and early offense."

Both junior Tom Kresge and sophomore Chris DeRojas were named second team All Conference last season and will play major roles in the Colonels offense.

The first game of the season was yesterday in the Marts Gymnasium at Wilkes University against Baptist Bible. The Colonels will return to action tonight at home against Penn College. Tip-off is scheduled for 7pm.

Field hockey ends record season in ECACs



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The Lady Colonels field hockey team plays Washington & Jefferson on Wednesday November 12 in their ECAC tournament game. The team defeated Washington & Jefferson 2-1 before losing to Kean on Saturday, November, 15 4-3.

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RINKSIDE REPORT

Long road trip takes some Penguins home

BY MICHAEL CIGNOLI

Beacon Staff Writer

It might be the most grueling bus ride of their young lives, but many of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins are looking forward to their upcoming road trip.

The Penguins play Friday night in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Saturday afternoon in Toronto, Ontario, and Sunday afternoon in Cleveland, Ohio. When they finally return to Wilkes-Barre, the team will have spent 27 hours on the bus and traveled over 1,500 miles.

It's all part of a job that requires commitment and sacrifice. While players chase their dreams of one day playing in the National Hockey League (NHL), they'll spend months away from home. Weekend after weekend, many go without seeing friends and family.

But not this weekend.

Head coach Dan Bylsma grew up in the port city of Grand Haven, Michigan, located about 20 miles west of Grand Rapids. When the bus pulls into Grand Rapids on Thurs-

day, Bylsma plans to have lunch with his friends from home. Later, he'll have dinner with his family.

"You don't get back very often, maybe once every other year," Bylsma said. "This is a chance to do that, for sure."

Bylsma's friends and family will be in attendance Friday night, when the Penguins take on the Grand Rapids Griffins at Van Andel Arena. The Griffins play a very disciplined style of hockey; their 171 penalty minutes are the fewest in the American Hockey League (AHL).

It's a system that goaltender Adam Berkhoel knows well. He spent the 2007-2008 season with the Griffins and still keeps in touch with many of his former teammates.

Though Berkhoel spoke highly of the Griffins organization, he explained that when the puck drops on Friday, they're the enemy.

"Obviously we're going there to win," Berkhoel said. "It'd be great to beat them."

While Bylsma and Berkhoel have ties to Grand Rapids, other Penguins will unques-

tionably be looking forward to Saturday's game against the Toronto Marlies.

Rookie winger Luca Caputi grew up in suburban Toronto and has a group of 30 people coming to see him play.

"It's going to be fun, for sure," Caputi said. "I've been away from home for a couple months now. Just to see a couple of my old buddies and family, it's going to be neat. I'm definitely looking forward to it."

A 51-goal and 111-point scorer in juniors one year ago, Caputi has struggled to find the back of the net in his first full season of professional hockey. He has been limited to just one goal and three points through the Penguins first 14 games.

Saturday night's tilt provides a little extra incentive for the rookie.

"It'd be awesome to score a goal there," Caputi said. "That would definitely be something special, something I always remember."

While Caputi will try to make some memories at the Ricoh Coliseum on Saturday night, defenseman T.J. Kemp has some

pleasant ones that will be brought back.

Kemp represented the Manchester Monarchs in the 2007 AHL All Star Game, which was held in Toronto.

"Just to hear that I got picked for the game, I was pretty excited," Kemp said. "When I realized it was in Toronto, it just made it that much more special."

Special because Kemp grew up in Pickering, Ontario, which is about 25 minutes northeast of Toronto. It was Kemp's first opportunity to play professional hockey so close to his hometown.

"I haven't played there in a couple years," Kemp said. "It'll be nice to see family and friends."

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Athlete Spotlight: Kathy Harrington

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
Beacon Correspondent

Meet Katherine Harrington, senior captain of the Wilkes University Volleyball team. For the past four years, Harrington has been dominating opponents with her thunderous spikes and her phenomenal blocking abilities, while spearheading the resurgence of the Wilkes volleyball team on the Freedom Conference Map.

All this on top of putting countless hours into the rigorous work that comes along with being a Pharmacy major.

A four-year letter winner and the only senior on the women's volleyball team this year, Harrington is this week's spotlighted athlete.

Coming into the season, Harrington had two goals stored in the back of her mind.

First and foremost: beat Kings.

Perennially in the upper echelon of the conference, the Monarchs have had the Lady Colonels number since Harrington was dominating the high school circuit and honing her exceptional skills at Lafayette High School in upstate New York.

Fast forward to 2008 where Harrington led the Colonels to not one, but two triumphs over the pesky Monarchs; the latter coming in the opening round of the conference tournament.

"Beating Kings was the highlight of my college career, explained Harrington. "We've faced them every year hoping to win, but this year the whole team just had

the right attitude. We worked hard to be prepared and came in with a lot of intensity. They're a great team, but beating them again in playoffs was the icing on the cake; it really erased any doubt about our first win."

Speaking of the Freedom Conference Tournament, Harrington's second goal helped the team advance to the playoffs, a feat that has evaded the lady Colonels since 2004.

With the help of Harrington's un-teachable poise and leadership, the lady Colonels broke through that barrier, cruising right on through to the semi-finals before falling at the hands of Nationally ranked Eastern University.

"I'm happy with the way the season went, stated Harrington. "We had a great group of girls and we worked hard together to reach our goals. We played a tough non-conference schedule and we managed to exceed everyone's expectations by finishing 4th in the MAC."

The stats, sure they're easy on the eyes. There's the 44 blocks, 24 more than the second leader on the team and the 226 kills, good for second on the team. But it's the intangibles that make Harrington a role model and a valuable asset to this young team.

Junior Julie Page couldn't express enough praise for the outgoing senior.

"Kathy has brought leadership, enthusiasm, and a love for the game to our team," said Page. "She will be greatly missed next

for the majority of the contest before taking a late lead (15-13) on freshman William Gouger's 9-7 decision against Chad Craft. Mt. Saint Joseph's recovered quickly, however, winning their next bout and leaving Wilkes in a tight spot. Trailing 15-16 going into the final bout, C. Smith stepped up for the Colonels and pinned Mt. Saint Joseph's Nate Rychlikm in six minutes to secure the win.

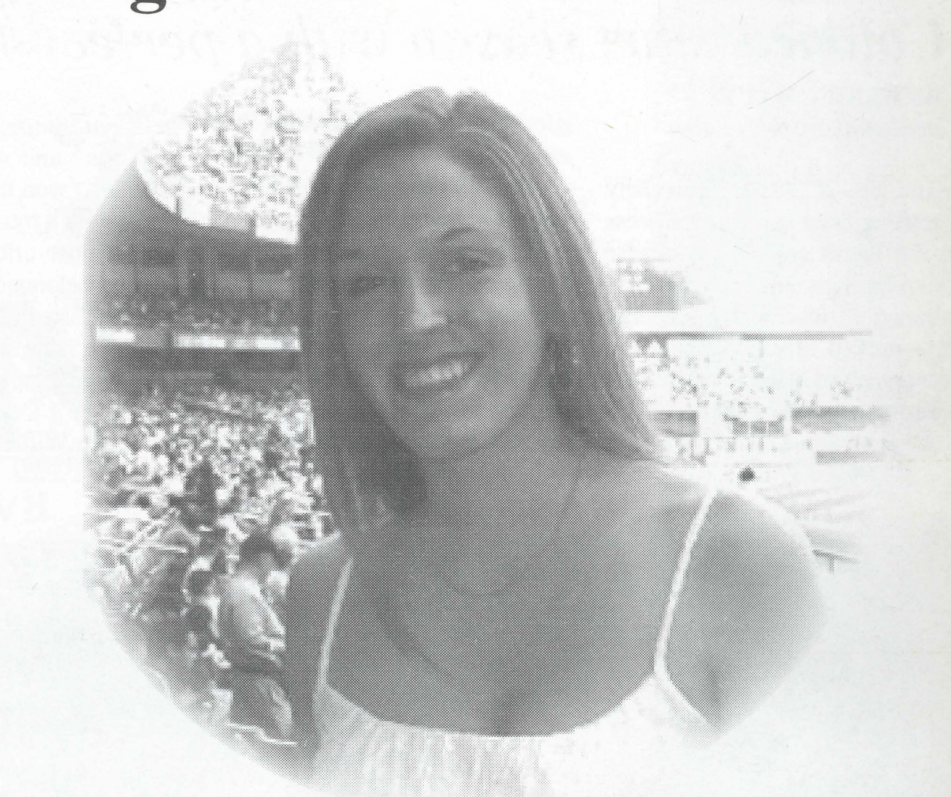


Photo Courtesy of Kathy Harrington

year not only because she is an awesome teammate but she brought everything she had to our team and played to the best of her ability every game."

Now that her playing career is over, Harrington will be dedicating most of her time to the pharmacy department. But as for the future goes, Harrington would "love to become a coach." And of course continue

playing volleyball until she can't anymore.

"Katherine has taught me so much on and off the court that I will carry with me throughout my life," Page said. "Most importantly, she taught me that believing in yourself and your abilities will help you come out on top."

Looks as though coaching might be right down Harrington's alley.

"I felt really happy [after winning the match for the team]," said C. Smith. "It was just a great feeling to contribute to the win."

"Chris Smith stepped up for us at the end in a big way," said Weinrich.

The Colonels finished the day 4-0 and in high spirits.

"We were confident going into the matches that we would win," said Heffernan, who

is one of the team's captains. "We were happy at the end of the four matches but we didn't expect anything less of ourselves."

The wrestling team will host New York University and McDaniel College this Saturday, November 22, at 11 A.M in a tri-match.

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The Colonels would wind up needing that support, as the match would prove to be their most difficult. The team ended up winning by the slim margin of 21-16 behind major decisions from Farnham, E. Smith, and Heffernan. Wilkes trailed the Lions

WILKES COLONELS

Football
W 30-27 @ Widener

Field Hockey
W 2-1 Washington & Jefferson
L 4-3 Kean

Wrestling
W 23-12 Centenary
W 35-9 Baldwin Wallace
W 39-9 Scranton
W 21-16 Mt. Saint Joseph's

Women's Basketball
W 80-72 @ Arcadia

Men's Soccer
W 2-1 @ PSU-Behrend
L 4-0 @ King's

No. 25 Wilkes wrestling undefeated at John Reese Duals

Colonels start season with a perfect 4-0

BY DANIEL KAUTZ
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The No. 25 Wilkes University wrestling team saw great success at the fourth annual John Reese Duals on Saturday, November 15, winning all four of their matches in a packed Marts Center. The team received major contributions from numerous wrestlers in their impressive home debut which is a

good sign for the upcoming season.

The Colonel's first match was against Centenary College at 11 A.M. Senior Shaun Farnham (125 lbs.) won his first match against Centenary's Anthony Bachmann by a major decision (12-0), giving Wilkes an early 4-0 lead. Senior Josh Pauling (133 lbs.) lost his first match by a single point

before freshman Anthony Dattalo (141 lbs.) and senior Erik Smith (149 lbs.) won their matches, giving Wilkes a total of 11 points.

The most critical bout of the match belonged to sophomore James Histed (165 lbs.), whose dramatic reversal with seconds remaining capped a 6-4 win over Centenary's Derek Schisler. The win gave Wilkes a 14-6 lead and

prevented Centenary from closing to 11-9. Freshman Daniel Brown (184 lbs.) and juniors Frank Heffernan (165 lbs.) and Zach Pizzaro (197 lbs.) won the following three matches for Wilkes, giving the team a 23-6 lead before forfeiting the final bout. The Colonels would win the match 23-12.

Their second match came against Baldwin-Wallace College

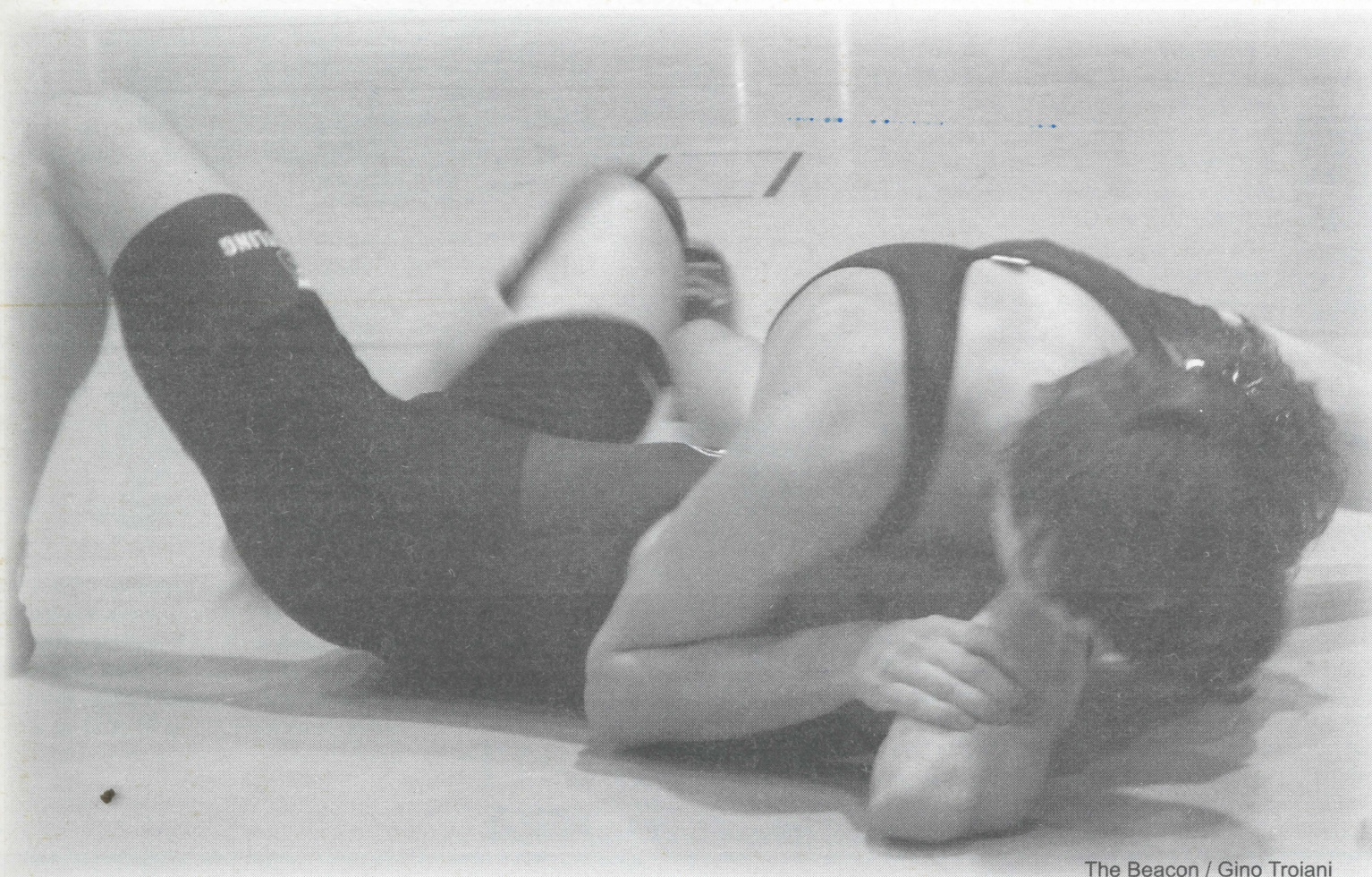
of Berea, Ohio. Farnham and Heffernan both won their bouts by technical fall in a match that was never in question, as the Colonels came away with a 35-9 win after jumping to a 20-0 lead. Erik Smith (149 lbs.) also contributed with a pin against Baldwin-Wallace's Eric Schubert, and sophomore Chris Smith (197 lbs.) recorded a major decision in his bout that ran the score up to 29-9.

Off to a 2-0 start in the Duals, the Colonels turned their attention to the University of Scranton, their opponent for the third match. Wilkes would record five wins by fall against the Royals, coming from Farnham, C. Smith, freshman Thomas Andresen (149 lbs.), and sophomores Jake Weinrich (285 lbs.) and Donny Clark (141 lbs.). Histed and junior Devin Sassone-McHugh (184 lbs.) won their two matches by major decision and technical fall. Collectively, the Colonels won by the score of 39-9, improving the team's record to 3-0.

The Colonels' final match of the day came against Mt. Saint Joseph's College, another school visiting from Ohio.

"Towards the end of the day against Mt. Saint Joseph's College [when we realized we had a chance to go 4-0] our team really started rallying behind one another for each bout," Weinrich said.

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Wilkes' Tom Andresen holds down Jeff Kapica of the University of Scranton in the Colonels' third match, which they won 39-9. Andresen would go on to pin Kapica for the win in 4:07.

What to see and do this week...

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Go watch Madeliene K. Albright lecture as part of the Outstanding Leaders Series at 8:00p.m.

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Attend the "Successful Coaching and Mentoring" seminar at 9:00a.m. in UCOM 231.

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Listen to the music of ErthaN, Grateful Dead and more at the River Street Jazz Cafe at 8:00p.m.

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Twilight opens at 12:00a.m. Visit Movies 14 to catch the opening of the much anticipated movie.

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Watch the Lady Colonel basketball team take on Baptist Bible at 7:00p.m. at the Marts Center.