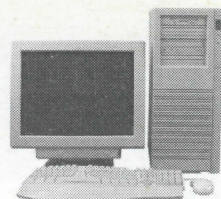


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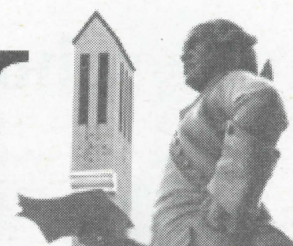


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"Great citizen of Wilkes community" passes away

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

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On Saturday, January 31, members of the Wilkes community were shocked to learn that Dr. Matthew J. Zukoski, associate professor of math and computer science, had passed away unexpectedly. At press time, no cause of death was known.

According to Dr. Paul Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs, "In the more than 20 years that I've known Matt, he always treated his students, his colleagues, his friends and Wilkes with the utmost respect. We were blessed to have his positive spirit and generous nature among us. His contributions to Wilkes are something to be emulated. We will miss him deeply."

The news of Zukoski's passing took the community by surprise.

Jason Wagner, a Wilkes University student majoring in mathematics and computer science, worked closely with Zukoski.

"The general feeling myself and everybody I've talked to today is just shock. I last

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Photo Courtesy of John Mishanski

Dr. Matt Zukoski talks to former advisee John Mishanski in Mountain View, Calif. while attending the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco in 2007. Zukoski died unexpectedly this weekend.

Center's first eight months marked with ups and downs

BY NICOLE FRAIL

Beacon Managing Editor

Since the Center for Global Education and Diversity opened its doors last fall, a full-time staff member has left the institution, budgets have been squeezed and several programs have begun to take shape.

According to Wilkes University's undergraduate bulletin, the Center, located in the Max Roth Center, was created to "better prepare students for success in a multicultural world." Services the Center provides are geared toward not only American stu-

dents wanting to study abroad, but also international students who want to study, or have already begun their courses, at Wilkes. In addition, the Center is designed to be the social center and geographic home for programs related to domestic diversity issues.

Budget constraints and staff changes have limited immediate, comprehensive programmatic changes, however. In an effort to bring more international students to Wilkes, Dr. Godlove Fonjweng, director of the Center and Study Abroad advisor, traveled to Asia last fall and spoke with students

in China, Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Japan and Indonesia. Unfortunately, due to a tight budget for the Center and financial hardships across the nation, Fonjweng may not be able to revisit students who may have been interested in studying at Wilkes in the near future.

"People want this to work, but you can't expect positive results the first time. You need to go three consecutive times in the same area..." said Fonjweng.

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Bed bugs continue to plague residents

BY ANDREW SEAMAN

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Editor's note: Because this story focuses on a health issue, The Beacon has opted not to identify the student residents who faced the recent bed bug infestation and its resulting problems out of respect for their privacy.

Wilkes University residents living in University Towers have reported a case of bed bugs. The report makes this the third bed bug outbreak at Wilkes University this academic year.

The Wilkes University residents impacted by the infestation said that they had been dealing with the problem since last semester.

Brenda Stanley, director of residence life at Wilkes University, confirmed the case of bed bugs and said the university was first made aware of the problem toward the end of last semester.

"It was presented to us at the tail end of the fall semester... we were first alerted that individuals in an apartment had concern. It wasn't an issue that bed bugs were running rampant, but just that there was something suspicious about what they found in their space and had asked that we address it," she said.

One resident in the affected apartment experienced an allergic reaction to the insect venom that caused large, welt-like bite marks.

Stanley said Terminex was brought in to

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Catholic schools' struggles may impact local teacher prep

BY AMY FUSCO

Beacon News Editor

A recent protest outside of St. Peter's Cathedral on Wyoming Avenue recognized the one year anniversary of Bishop Joseph Martino's refusal to recognize the Scranton Diocese Association of Catholic Teachers' call for a teachers' union. With this weekend's announcements of plans to close half of the area's Catholic parishes and talk of more cuts in local Catholic schools, there are questions as to how the Diocesan money woes and resistance to unionization may impact local colleges preparing new teachers.

According to *The Times-Tribune*, a Scranton publication, Michael Milz, the union president and a former teacher at Holy Redeemer High School, is heading the fight for unionization. Those who advocate for unionization are primarily lay teachers, those who are not of religious background.

Lay teachers formed the Scranton Diocese Association of Catholic Teachers (SDACT), which has been in existence since 1981. On the SDACT website, the Scranton Diocesan School Policy #417 notes that "Catholic social teaching strongly supports the rights of lay teachers to organize and to bargain collectively..." The policy guarantees the right to form unions.

State Representative Eddie D. Pashinski, (D-Luzerne County), explained that the Diocese of Scranton had a union for 30 years. It became a problem when the new Bishop, Rev. Joseph Martino, opted not to recognize the union after the Diocese reorganization. Penn-

sylvania has eight dioceses, six of which had unions, now down to five. They functioned with little or no problems.

Pashinski explained that the Pennsylvania State Labor Relations Law of 1937 recognizes that Americans have the right to unionize and to challenge unjust treatment legally. In the past, people teaching in Catholic schools were nuns and priests, who did not wish for higher salaries. Pashinski noted that today 95-98% of Catholic school teachers are now lay teachers.

Theresa Monaco, Wilkes Interfaith Director, has been employed by the Diocese of Scranton since March 2008. She explained that the Catholic schools in the area want to unionize and the Bishop feels that such a move would close the schools for lack of resources. Because of this refusal to recognize a teachers' union, Monaco acknowledged, many Catholics in the area see his action as being against the church's teaching of social justice.

Monaco has seen both sides of the story. When she worked in a Catholic school in New York, she was in administration so was not part of the teachers union. During her tenure there, Monaco said she saw never-ending battles between the union and the Archdiocese. The contract they worked on in New York included stipulations on classroom size and the number of student teachers allowed. That contract limited the number of student teachers to one every two years per classroom. Monaco does not know if it would be the same

if the Scranton Diocese unionized, but the tensions that currently exist suggest a possible impact on local education majors observing in the Catholic schools.

"I think it's a shame that an issue such as this would possibly cause problems for student teachers," said Erin Wimer, junior education major. "As future educators, we simply want to be in front of a classroom, and a situation where the amount of available classrooms dwindles makes that goal difficult," she added.

Robert Gardner, assistant professor of education at Wilkes, believes that the church has the right to make decisions on how it is organized and how it decides to use its assets. However, he explained that historically the church has been very supportive of the rights of workers. It is part of the church's ethos and mission to improve the conditions for working person.

"It seems to me [that] to disallow unionization in their schools is kind of contradictory to the positions they seem to hold in the universal themes that they espouse," said Gardner.

Although Wilkes places most student teachers in public schools, Gardner thinks a teachers' union would have an impact and that it is a positive thing to maintain relationships with both public and private schools. It will give the students the option of choosing where they want to teach.

"Frankly, if they unionize, it would organize them [the Diocese] better and provide a better mechanism of communication,"

Pashinski commented in referring to what will happen for student teaching and observing at Catholic schools.

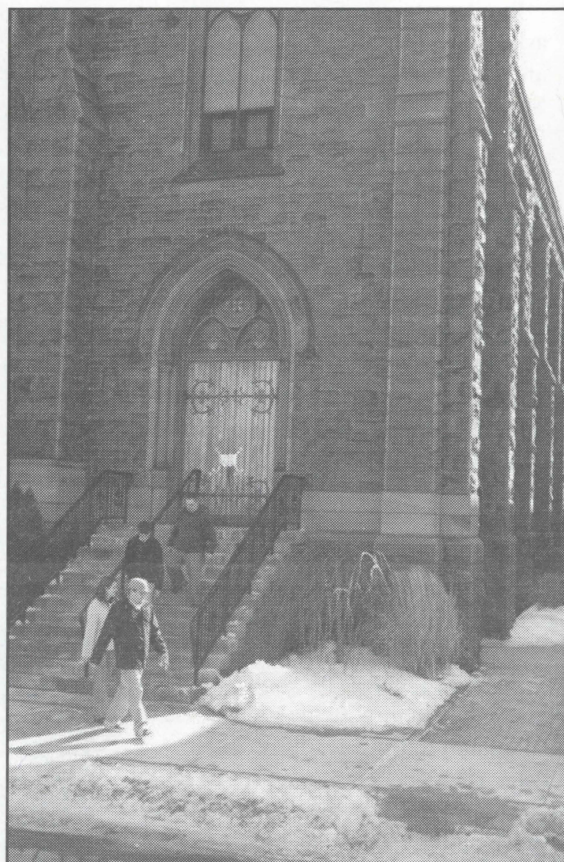
"One of the things that people don't seem to get when it comes to Catholic education is that you can't raise the teachers' salaries without raising the tuition," stated Monaco. "They go hand-in-hand."

Catholic schools are already struggling financially so increases in tuition could decrease enrollment.

"I'm not saying that the teachers shouldn't make more; they should make more than baseball players do," Monaco commented. "Nobody goes into teaching to make money... The thing is [the teachers] are not looking at the larger picture; they are looking at their salary."

"The Catholic church has always taught fairness and justice to the common man and always fought for equal rights for the common man," said Pashinski.

Pashinski recalled a time in the



The Beacon/Bethany Yamrick

Members of St. Nicholas's parish in W-B leave church Sunday morning. St. Nick's Catholic Church was not on the list of closures the Diocese released.

Wyoming Valley when one of the previous Fathers fought for the coal miners union. Pashinski believes the Diocese is hypocritical because it will not fight for its own teachers.

"Right now, as individuals, [the teachers] have no power and right now they are scared to death," Pashinski stated.

He added, if the teachers are to unionize, they will have a vehicle for and organization to speak up to the Diocese of Scranton.

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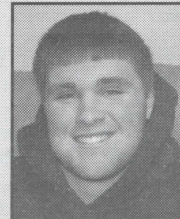
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investigate the report.

"We brought in our pest control contractor...who we have used for a previous bed bug incident... and they came in and were inconclusive in their findings in terms of what the occupants presented and based upon what they actually found," she said.

To alleviate any concerns school officials asked the pest control person to spray the area with the pesticide, which according to Stanley is eco-friendly.

Stanley also said that the school continued to treat the area over winter break and into the beginning to the spring semester. However, the residents continued to report bites and visual confirmation of the insects.

After repeated treatments by the pest control company failed, the residents contacted the City of Wilkes-Barre.

An official from the city toured the apartment and told the residents to contact the school again and he would type a report for their records.

One of the residents said, "I'm okay with the outcome. The school did what it can, and

now my roommates and I have to compromise with the option we have chosen, which means four of us in a three bedroom apt. It was either that, or we split up."

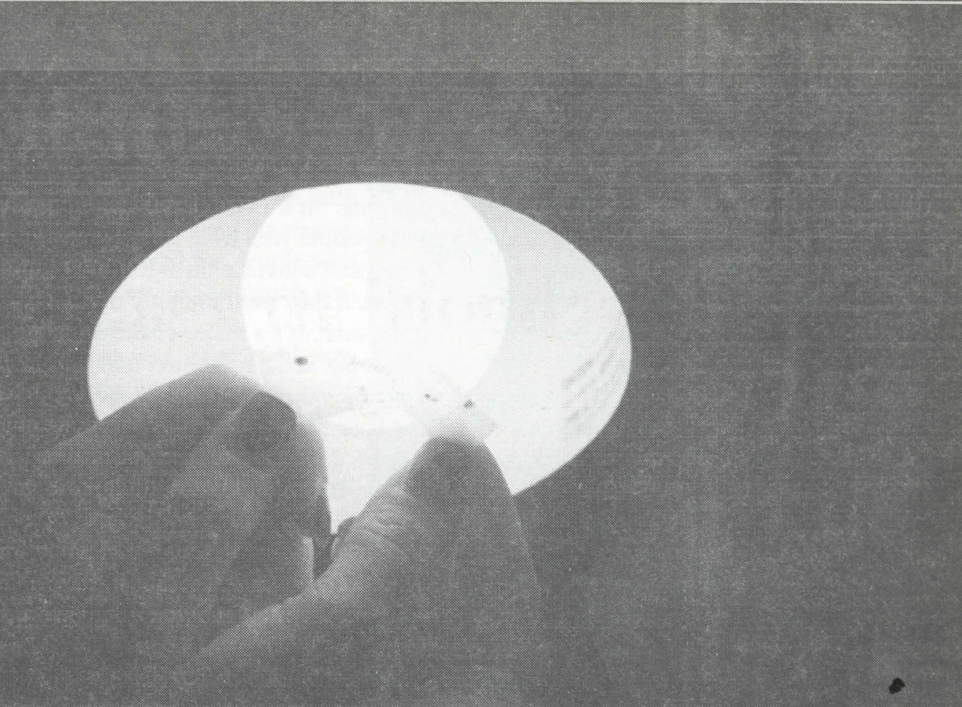
The resident added that the school provided money for laundry and will provide new furniture for their new apartment.

Stanley added that the school and the pest control contractor was able to isolate the infestation to the single apartment.

She said, "We actually tested the four rooms adjacent to the apartment space, above and below, to ensure there wasn't a deeper issue. That was both reassuring for the residents and for us to know that we had truly isolated it to its one location."

One of the residents acknowledged that students who fear a possible infestation to act on the suspicion immediately.

"I would say that they need to take care of it right away. Search the bed, save any bug they find and brainstorm the possibilities of where and how



The Beacon/Andrew Seaman

Although bed bugs are small, they can still be seen with the human eye without the use of a microscope. These bed bugs were discovered recently in an apartment in the Towers.

they could have possibly gotten bed bugs," the student said.

Stanley reiterated the advice and recom-

mended that students who suspect they may have bed bugs should contact residence life immediately.

ZUKOSKI

from FRONT PAGE

saw him as he was leaving late Thursday afternoon to go home, and then just hours later, he's gone. He always seemed so healthy and active, as we all hear the news, we think of him being the last person this could happen to," said Wagner.

He added, "Over the past three and a half years at Wilkes, Matt has played many roles to me as a student. He has been my instructor, I've worked with him on several projects, we've hosted several contests together, and he was to be my internship coordinator this semester. It's probably not going to sink in fully until Monday when he's not there."

Zukoski first came to Wilkes as an undergraduate majoring in electrical engineering. He graduated in 1986 and went on to complete his masters in computer science from Virginia Tech in 1990 and his doctorate in computer engineering from Lehigh University in 2007.

Dr. Reynold Verret, Provost for Wilkes University, said that Zukoski's passing leaves a big hole at the University, and he was "one of the great citizens of the Wilkes community."

John Mishanski, a 2007 Wilkes graduate and one of Zukoski's advisees, reflected on his many memories of his advisor.

"Dr. Zukoski was one of the happiest, kindest, and most thoughtful people I have ever known. He brought a smile everywhere he went, in any situation, and under

any amount of stress. There's no short way to summarize what a great man he was," said Mishanski.

Wagner added, "Above all he's done for me academically, he was a friend - a sentiment I'm sure the entire Wilkes community shares. I think he'll best be remembered for his outlook on life, and how he spread it to everybody he was around. He was always just fun to be around, and there hasn't been a single moment where I saw him without a giant grin on his face."

Mishanski also notes that no matter how busy Zukoski was, he always put others ahead of himself.

"Mr. Zukoski had an unwavering ability to put others ahead of himself no matter how busy he was. Go to his office on a random weeknight, and you'd find him helping a student with a math class that he didn't teach, or helping a local non-profit setup a website...I'm not sure he experienced real spare time for years," said Mishanski.

For those in the Wilkes community who did not know Zukoski personally, he was the man zipping by on his bicycle.

"Drive into Wilkes on a random weekday morning and you'd have likely seen Dr. Zukoski riding his bicycle along River Street toward the Stark Learning Center - peddling feverishly of course, stylishly late for class," said Mishanski.

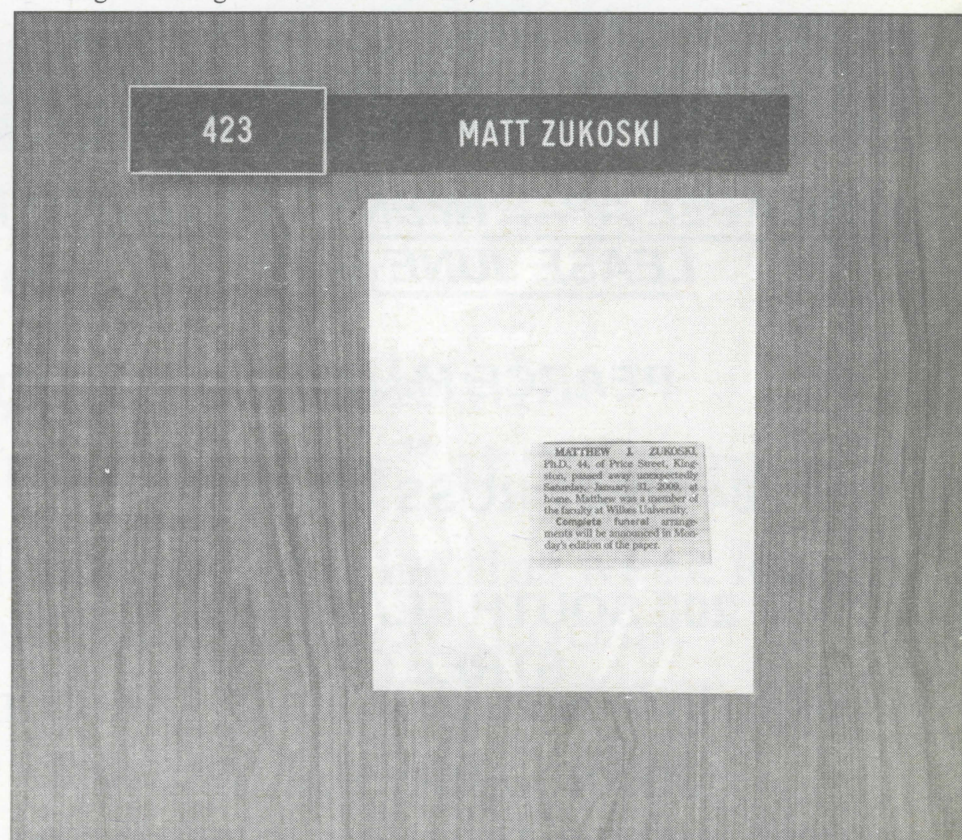
According to his website, Zukoski had many interests: image processing, computer vision, robotics, web development, and gaming. Mishanski also noted that he re-

membered spending many hours watching episodes of Seinfeld with Zukoski.

At the time of publication the time and dates for funeral arrangements were unknown. Verret said that the school will also be doing something to remember Zukoski;

however, nothing has been finalized.

For updated information on the passing of Dr. Zukoski check back at www.wilkesbeacon.com



The Beacon/Andrew Seaman

On Sunday, February 1, a photocopied article from a local paper was posted on Dr. Zukoski's door notifying people of his passing. The article said Zukoski passed away unexpectedly and arrangements were yet to be announced.

CENTER from FRONT PAGE

But proposals for funding future recruiting trips for the university can still be presented, said Dr. Maria Suarez, executive director of the Center and special assistant to the president for diversity and community affairs.

"We're really trying to work with our budget and it's not easy... There are some expenses that come with a big trip like that and our budget is tight," Suarez added.

According to Suarez, a number of planned events were cut to make up for the unexpected expenses the Center has faced.

"We were very ambitious with the calendar and had added lots of little things. We're revising, [figuring out] how to put things back together," she added.

While additional recruitment trips may be put on hold as the Center manages its budget issues and the country continues to deal with its own financial woes, Fonjweng is making efforts to spread the word about Wilkes's study abroad programs to locals. For example, he has spoken at Coughlin High School about the opportunities that Wilkes provides for students who may want to spend extended periods of time learning in other countries.

"Study abroad has not been a main focus

for the university. Very few people know about study abroad. The economic situation of the students who attend Wilkes does not allow them to have a lot of disposable cash that they can just add to their academic budget and pay for study abroad," said Fonjweng. "It's a very challenging thing to talk to people who have not really thought about it and convince them it's a good idea. After that, they need to figure out where to get the cash. It's a major challenge, but we are moving in the right direction."

But the other side and purpose to the Center is its dedication to the advancement of domestic diversity issues. Last summer, Brandon Ice was hired as the first point of contact in the domestic diversity area as well as advisor to the Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC). His title was assistant director of diversity initiatives at the Center. He abruptly left the university in December, and officials have chosen not to comment on the specific reasons for his separation.

"His departure had nothing to do with his work here," said Suarez.

"I was shocked when I was notified about [Ice's departure]. I feel the university made a huge mistake when they decided to let Brandon go. The Center will not be the same without him, but I don't think the

Center will be greatly affected by it," said Joshua Pellew, freshman work study for the Center.

A national search is underway to fill Ice's vacant position. According to Suarez, the price of advertising in journals, such as *The Chronicle for Higher Education*, will be paid by the Center.

The Center has also compiled a list of accomplishments since its opening last fall.

For example, participation and attendance at events sponsored by the Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) has been high.

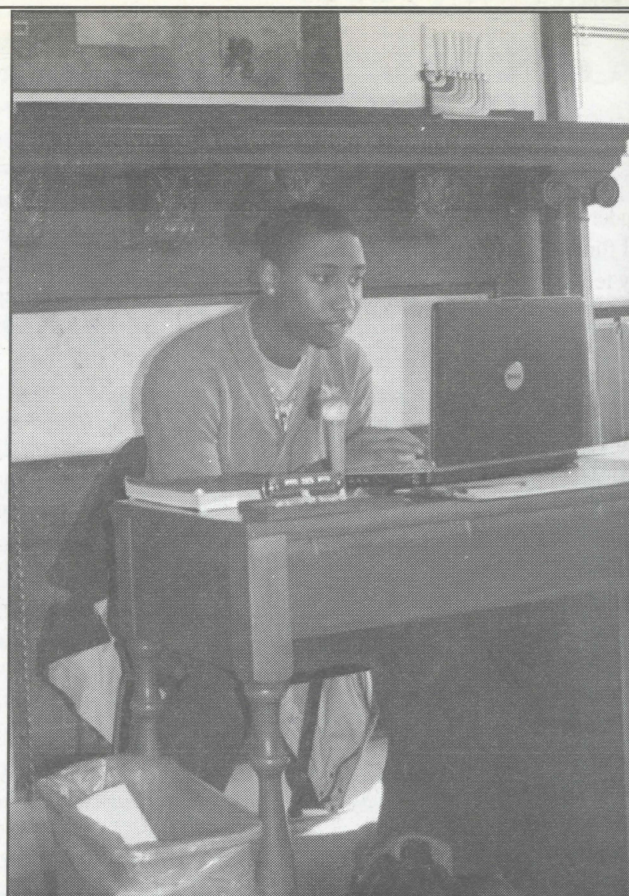
"We've had really great events, but what is really wonderful about those events is that there has been great participation not only by the populations that we target, which are the international and minority students, but the community at large. That coming together of different people has been wonderful and something different from the previous year," said Suarez. She cited the MSC talent show last semester as one of the most successful events the MSC has held.

In addition, the results of a faculty and staff survey were recently released. One of the questions asked if the respondents agree with the emphasis the university has placed on multicultural issues.

"Over 90 percent of the faculty and staff answered that they agree or strongly agree with the emphasis the university is putting on diversity issues. When you talk about labor of love, I think that's something that demonstrates that this is something that the campus itself sees as a need," said Georgia Costalas, assistant director of the Center.

"One of these goals is making the Intensive English Program (IEP) one of the best in the country... In order to do this, I wanted us to go through accreditation. We just recently went through that process and received their report back from them. We met 50 of the 52 standards they require for accreditation," said Kimberly Niezgoda, assistant director for the IEP.

The IEP was formally known as the English as a Second Language Program. This semester, 31 students are enrolled in the program from countries including Poland, Saudi Arabia, China, Turkey and Korea.



The Beacon/Bethany Yamrick

Joshua Pellew, work study for the Center, may help in the organization of upcoming events, such as the Chinese New Year Celebration and Poetry for the People.

The results of the accreditation review conducted by the Commission of English Language Program will be released in April.

"Assessment is what's going to guide future initiatives that we take on," said Suarez. "We are monitoring academic progress on a regular basis with individuals... We are looking at each of them and if they are doing okay. If we feel that there is a need for support, we offer it by direct contact."

In addition to upcoming events, the center's staff members are also working on two new initiatives to aid underrepresented students with their college educations.

According to Suarez, "A pre-proposal aimed at providing resources for transfer students in biology was submitted to the National Science Foundation by Dr. Will Terzaghi."

Suarez and other members of the Center's staff have suggested strategies that will increase the number of transfer students at Wilkes. The Center is currently waiting for word on the proposal's funding.

A memorandum of understanding is also in progress. The Center has teamed up with the Commonwealth Medical School in Scranton and LCCC to form a Pipeline Program for underprivileged students in the area.

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SG seeks input for how to spend \$100K of surplus funds

BY JACQUELINE LUKAS
Beacon Asst. News Editor

Student Government (SG) has accumulated funds over the years from student activity fees. This year, there is approximately \$105,000 in the Buffer Fund set aside to better the campus for all students, not just one particular club or group.

How the money will be used will be decided by a committee of students involved in SG. Discussions have included ideas for new flat screen televisions in the SUB, a new gym on campus or new communication boards, similar to the flat screen television that the Sidhu Business School has in Breiseth Hall, but SG is open to all suggestions.

"Student Government wants to donate something tangible, something that can be utilized throughout the years," said Elizabeth Roveda, assistant director of Resident Life and an advisor to SG.

The student activity fund, a fund paid by all students, goes to SG. Every year, certain clubs and organizations that have events going on are allowed to request additional funding; however, the money that SG has

to spend on clubs is not always completely used. At the end of the year the money is put into a fund that is allowed to build up for couple of years.

"At the end of the year, if all the money is not used up, it gets transferred back into what we call the 'Buffer Fund.' So ultimately, we want to make sure that all student activities fees are going back to students in some way," said Philip Ruthkosky, associate dean of Student Development and an advisor to SG.

In past years, SG has donated "large-scale items that you really don't purchase on a whim," said Roveda.

"In the 2005-2006 school year, we used our resources to bring the rock wall and ropes course to Wilkes, which was an opportunity to develop personal and professional leadership experience. We have expanded that program to invite local high schools in the area. There are teachers that have utilized that course for classes," said David Sborz, senior class president.

Roveda says it is the organization's goal to put the money to good use.

"They want to utilize the money for the students instead of having it just sit there.

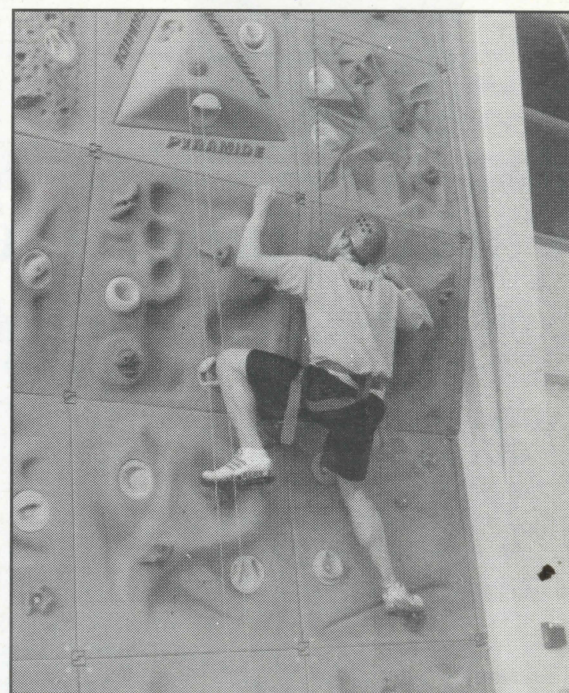
Especially because it is student activity fees," said Roveda.

The next step in the process is to form a committee to come up with different ideas for how the money will be spent, and the people who will ultimately decide which purchase they make.

"We're at that stage right now just coming up with ideas," said Carl Santana, President of Student Government.

The committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, at 6 p.m. in the Student Development Office in the Student Center, Thursday, February 5, at 5:45 p.m. in the Student Development Office and Monday, February 9, at 3 p.m. in the Student Government Office.

David Sborz and Carl Santana encourage students to come forth with any ideas they have that could make the school better for all students, not just specific clubs or organizations. Students with ideas can go to the SG website or stop by the SG office.



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A student climbs on the rock wall SG donated in the 2005-2006 school year using the Buffer Fund.

They can also call SG or go to SG meetings every Wednesday night.



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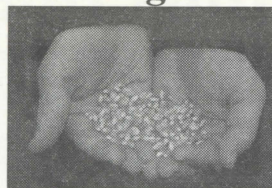


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Foreign language offerings insufficient for global ed.

BY THE BEACON

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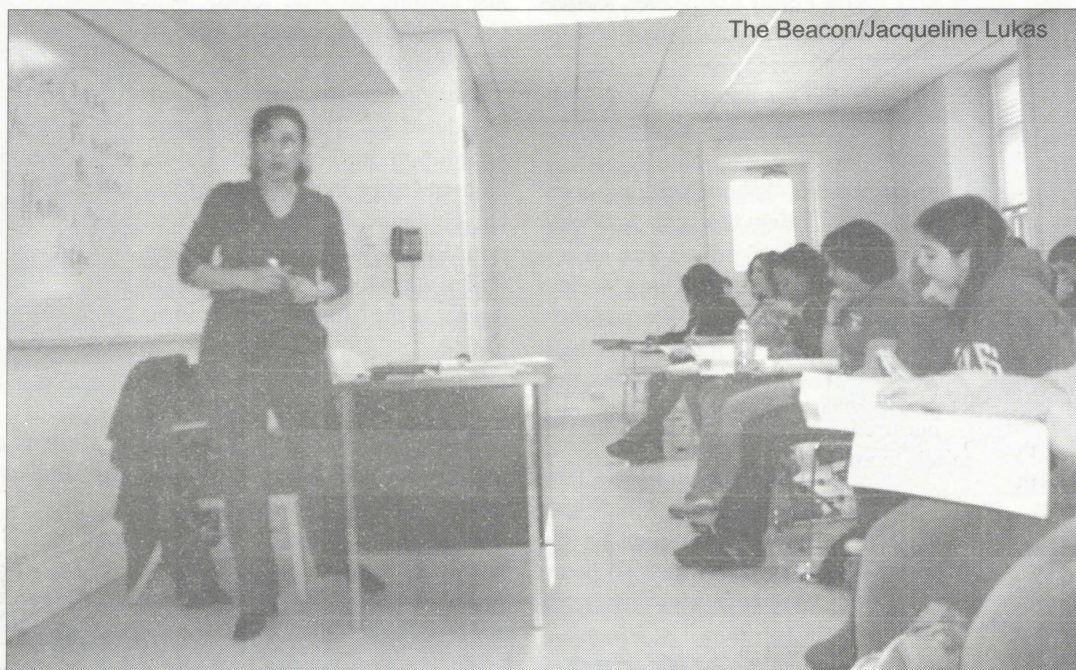
Throughout its history, Wilkes has offered classes in a slew of foreign languages such as Russian, German, Spanish, French, and the occasional Japanese and Chinese courses, but in the past few years, that number has drastically declined.

According to the Wilkes 07'-08' Fact Book, in 2007, the University posted an enrollment of 5,114 graduate and undergraduate students. At the same time, the only foreign language offerings included French and Spanish.

The elimination of other foreign courses has left us scratching our heads wondering what exactly happened.

Dr. Paola Bianco, Associate Professor of Spanish in the Humanities Division, explained that when she graduated from Wilkes, the university had a "...department of Foreign languages," which included, "Spanish, French, Russian and German. There were several professors tenured full-time, plus adjuncts. As soon as the language requirement dropped from two semesters to one semester and students were able to choose between either Spanish or philosophy, [to meet general education requirements] the language enrollment dropped significantly. The fact that students must choose between one semester of either philosophy or Spanish is hurting both disciplines."

According to Dr. C. Reynold Verret, Wilkes University Provost, in order to compensate for the declining language offerings on campus, "A foreign language institute at Wilkes existed as a collaboration with our sister institutions, King's and Misericordia." However, that institute ended last year, mainly due to low enrollment.



The Beacon/Jacqueline Lukas

Dr. Paola Bianco, Associate Professor of Spanish teaches one of the few foreign language classes offered at Wilkes.

The coalition program was a step in the right direction, but still far from perfect. The reality is that the process of studying a foreign language at another institution can be problematic for many students, especially for those without vehicles.

Despite recent enrollment numbers, The Beacon Editorial Board maintains that there is a need to re-introduce more foreign language class offerings as part of the curriculum.

"With the importance that we place in the growing globalization in every country... and the growing number of people in our multicultural society, it is a pity that instead of reinforcing the languages program, it has been reduced to only one language, Spanish," said Bianco.

When asked if there were any plans to re-introduce a variety of foreign languages, Verret confirmed that Wilkes is currently re-evaluating its general curriculum, but any drastic changes are unlikely.

Andrew Sobiesiak, sophomore computer information systems major offered, "I could see a lot of people signing up for classes... it would be good for the school."

Dr. Thomas Baldino, Interim Dean of College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences confirmed that if Wilkes were to expand its foreign languages offerings there would be a rigorous hiring process that would be both time consuming and costly.

We should all be concerned about the dearth of foreign language opportunities at Wilkes. In spite of widespread recognition of the importance of global education and an awareness of cultures beyond our own, Wilkes students are deprived of their chance to explore diverse cultures through formal language instruction. While Spanish is indeed important, it makes sense to consciously pursue additional opportunities that will aid 21st century professionals in internationalizing their fields such as Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, German and Russian.

Is it possible that the apparent lack of interest is a direct result of the lack of opportunity? If the university made a strong statement about the importance of foreign language as part of its commitment to preparing students to meet the needs of a multicultural world by increasing the value of such courses in its general education requirements, might we see a natural increase in enthusiasm as well? We propose that students be required at least one year of a foreign language of their choice. The knowledge of another language can be extremely beneficial not in only the workplace, but also in everyday life, and may also lead to even greater employment opportunities.

Talking Points



Currently, Wilkes only offers Spanish and French.



Wilkes dropped its "collaboration" with King's and Misericordia last year.



There is a need to introduce a broader foreign language offering.

The Angry Rant: A nation of "babies"

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Wilkes Alumnus

"No one gives it to you. You have to take it." - The Departed

On January 13, a high school basketball game took place between The Covenant School and Dallas Academy, a game that The Covenant School would end up winning by a score of 100-0.

There is far more to this story than just the score, as the Dallas Academy is a school that specializes in educating children with "diagnosed learning differences," such as attention deficit disorder or dyslexia.

In the days following the game, the national media got wind of the story, resulting in a firestorm of controversy regarding the ethics of high school sports and the rules of fair play. The Covenant School has since fired its basketball coach who was accused of running up the score to reach the 100 point mark, as well as allegedly using a full court press defense throughout the game, despite having a 59-0 lead after the first half.

While I agree in principal that The Covenant School was wrong, I also feel that the controversy is doing more harm than good for the psyche of all involved.

In professional sports, there is such a thing as sportsmanship. A team will (most likely) avoid running up a score out of respect for the game and the opponent. In baseball, if a team has a 13-0 lead in the 8th inning, batters aren't going to be swinging away on a 3-0 count, nor will runners be stealing bases. However, they aren't going to purposefully make errors or take bad swings, either. They will play the game, but not at a level to embarrass their opponents any further.

The same thing happens in pro football and basketball, when a team won't continue to score at will, but they also won't hand the ball to their opponent and say, "Here,

go ahead and make yourselves feel better." If they would continue to score, or if they gave the opposing team mercy points, it shows a lack of gamesmanship, and no one looks good.

There was definitely a need for that in the aforementioned high school basketball game. The Covenant School had the game won after the first half. They could have (and should have) taken their foot off the gas. Play defense, but don't steal and don't press. Take shots, but don't score right away, and don't shoot threes. In other words, give a good effort, but don't go all out.

Of course, that didn't happen, and now The Covenant School is apologizing for winning the game, and the school is now seeking to forfeit the game, even though the Dallas Academy hasn't won a game in over three years.

And here we are, yet again, getting beaten into submission about how children need to be nurtured and cared for and how we need to tell them that they can be whatever they want and that life is nothing but roses and clouds and chocolate fountains! Pfft.

The idea of "You can be whatever you want" is fine for a seven-year-old who wants to be a pirate. But when that same kid is 16-years-old and failing high school, a dose of reality needs to set in, and fast. Because at that point, mommy and daddy can't coddle them anymore and they need to get off their tails and start to earn their life.

Of course, it's not like the kid will fail, because teachers can't give out bad grades without being threatened with a lawsuit from the parents, even though the kid knew there was a test and knew what to study. But perhaps more importantly, the kid knew his parents would come to his aid and bail him out, even though they've never taught him the value of a hard days work, instead taking the BS psychology route and just handing him everything. No wonder Clint Eastwood called it "The Pussy Generation."

And guess what? When Dirty Harry talks, you listen.

But seriously, everyone, can we please put a stop to this? The younger generations need to learn that they can't (and won't) always win, and that the only way that they can grow is to learn from that.

Back to the basketball game: if the losing team played the entire game and never gave up, then it learned something. Despite the bleak outcome, the players were going to keep trying because that is the only way they will get better, which builds character. You can't always win, but the effort is as important. However, if that team were handed points by the opposition, or perhaps they throw the game, then they don't learn from it because it wasn't earned. It was out of pity that they won the game, and nothing else. And one day, that pity is going to manifest itself in every kid in this country whose parents didn't force them to work for their rewards, and that will only lead to a very dangerous sense of entitlement.

And that's the issue, folks. We are raising a nation of babies, a nation of whiners and quitters, instead of the next generation of leaders. Kids want everything, and more often than not, their equally stupid parents give it to them.

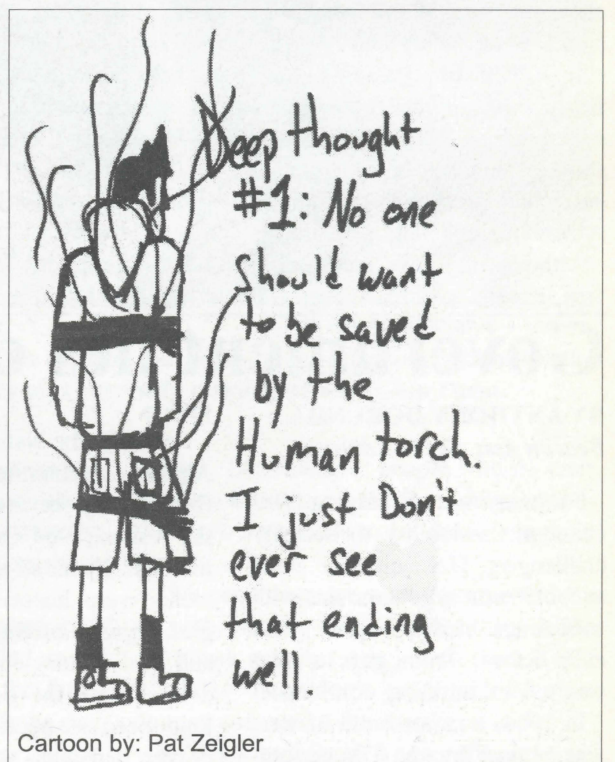
There is a sweeping notion among the bleeding heart PC'ers in this country that everyone is the same, and that everyone should be given an equal chance. That sounds good in principal, but at a certain point, everyone is not equal, which is why everyone can't go to college, why everyone can't be a millionaire, and why everyone can't be president. Look, if I could play left

field for the Philadelphia Phillies, I would. But the truth is that I'm not good enough. (Also, I'm a natural second baseman, so I'd be out of position anyway.)

The end result is that America is becoming a land for people who want to be spoon fed everything, and we continue to let it happen. It is occurring in our schools already; where is it going to end? People are being punished because they are good at something because it is at the expense of someone else.

There are two types of people in this world: those who can, and those who can't. If you are one of the few who can, then go ahead and do it. But if you can't, you need to try harder until you can. Bottom line: There has to be a loser so there can be a winner.

And if you're not a winner, the only thing holding you back is yourself.



Cartoon by: Pat Zeigler

YOUR VOICES Sensitivity to diversity lacking in 'Rant'

This letter to the editor is written in response to Tim Seigfried's 'Angry Rant' column of 1/24/09 and therefore addresses the columnist directly.

Dear Mr. Seigfried:

To answer the first question you posed in your article referring to the "pregnant man" story, "Why did the major news organizations in the country decide to call a female who had some "refinements"-a man?

Answer: Because Thomas Beatie is a male, period. Yes, he has the reproductive organs of a female and is able to bear a child but he is one of the many people who identify as transgender. Do you need a minute

to look it up? The media is doing what the media does best, making a spectacle out of something that is different instead of properly educating the public. And your rant is not helping.

Research. That is what's missing here. I understand it's an opinion piece and it's your spot to rant and rave about what ticks you off, but this topic is something I argue you know very little about. Do me a favor and read "Becoming A Visible Man" by Jamison Green or "Both Sides Now" by Dhillon Khosla, or pick up a Sociology 101 book and turn to the chapter about gender and sex.

Your article offended me almost immediately. As a member of the transgender community who has yet to completely transition, your language is very discriminating especially your constant use of the pronoun "she" when referring to Thomas. Your relations to video games and fantasy characters is insulting. You're trying to be funny, I get it, but it doesn't work here.

However, a few minutes after reading this I realized something that helped me understand. You do not know what you are talking about. You have no idea the amount of strength and courage it takes someone to do something so brave, like changing their sex

in order to live a fulfilled life. Transitioning is something that is met with discrimination, confusion and the possibility of losing friends, family, and adequate health care.

What you failed to mention in your rant is that Thomas Beatie always wanted to have a child and his wife could not, which is why he decided to go through with the pregnancy.

And for you to ridicule this man and argue whether or not he is legally male is completely out of ignorance. Your article should have been titled "IgnoRANT" that week.

Best,

Meg Krisanda, Wilkes 2008 alum.

Biofuels pose threat to world food supply

BY GINO TROIANI
Beacon Op/ed Editor

Recently biofuels have elbowed their way onto the energy scene, and for many, have posed as a strong alternative to fossil fuels; however, there is a dark shadow lurking behind the ideology of a strong biofuel economy.

According to Dr. Gregory Peters, assistant professor of chemistry, biofuels include anything that can be used to create energy which comes from biological systems such as crops. Some of these materials include corn, soybeans, switch grass and sugar cane.

Due to rising energy costs, the United States, European Union and Brazil have been active leaders in exploring alternative energy sources such as biofuels. As a result, instead of harvesting crops for food production, many farmers are taking the higher bids and selling products to biofuel producers, which creates an unbalanced system of supply and demand.

Although this may seem harmless, experts say that the growth

of biofuels has created a ripple effect on other food crop markets.

The International Grain Council reported that the demand for cereal in the U.S. has risen 32% in the last year.

According to The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), many countries are experiencing difficulty in providing food for their people. One of the hardest hit regions includes Sub-Saharan Africa, where 21 of 36 countries are in a food security crisis. That region imports 45% of its wheat and 84% of its rice.

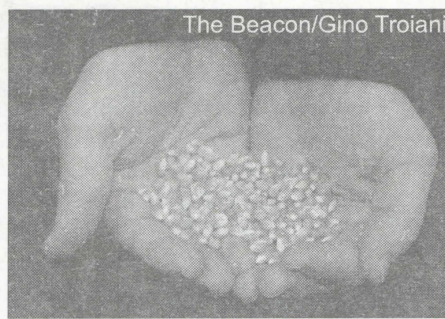
In recent months, the World Bank Group, which provides finance and advice to countries for the purposes of economic development and eliminating poverty, has distributed approximately \$497 million to over 30 countries to help ease the food crisis. Some of which include, Afghanistan (\$8 million), Bangladesh (\$130 million), Benin (\$9 million), Burundi (\$10 million), Central African Republic (\$7 million), Djibouti (\$5 million), Ethiopia (\$275

million)

Increasing fuel prices, droughts, floods, and changing diets can also contribute to the problem; however, experts argue that the production of biofuels has exacerbated an already devastating situation.

Why the U.S. has continued to promote biofuels as an alternative fuel source? Peters said, "It sends a positive message to people that we have the potential for reducing or eliminating our reliance on foreign oil," but in truth, biofuels as a whole are not significantly effective.

Recently, the U.S. made claims that plant derived fuels have contributed to less than 3% to rising food prices; however, a report released by the World Bank in April claimed that biofuels have forced global food costs up by 75%. "I would imagine that the truth is somewhere in between," said Peters.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani
In recent years, Biofuels have driven food prices sky high.

According to an article published on November 16, 2007 by Time magazine, one-quarter of the U.S.'s corn harvest was diverted to biofuel production in 2007.

Should we continue to experiment with biofuels? Yes. If scientists can enhance the performance of biofuels, or balance the system, there is a possibility that they may serve as an alternative fuel source in the future. But until then, there is no reason for the U.S. and other countries to be diverting mass amounts of their grain production to serve as biofuels.

Government lies declassified: Gulf of Tonkin

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
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For many reasons ranging from economic instability to security challenges, U.S. citizens need to look to their government with confidence perhaps more than ever before. Truth goes a long way toward building confidence.

In 1964, a major bond of trust was broken by the US government, and did not surface again until decades later in late 2005.

On August 2, 1964, naval forces of the United States and North Vietnam skirmished in the waters of the Gulf of Tonkin. Just two days later, the USS Maddox reported yet further engagement with North Vietnamese torpedo boats.

Upon the news of the second clash, it took a mere three days for Congress to pass the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which stated that President Lyndon B. Johnson, could give aid to any Asian country whose government was in harms way of a communist in-

vasion.

Recently, the National Security Agency, declassified over 140 formerly top secret documents on the August 1964 Gulf of Tonkin incident. Included in these documents were histories, chronologies, signals intelligence reports, and oral history interviews that drove home the point that has long been suspected, but never proven that there was no second attack on US ships.

Dr. Diane Wenger, associate professor of history at Wilkes acknowledged that this resolution gave President Johnson "...a free hand to escalate the war." In essence, it gave him the justification he needed to convince skeptical Americans that more involvement was needed in Vietnam.

Why, though, did the truth take more than 40 years to surface?

Wenger offers a simple answer: The U.S. did not want its image to be blemished.

"The National Security Agency naturally wanted to portray the United States in the best light; to

continue the justification for the nation defending itself against the attacks," said Wenger. "As a reporter for The New York Times has suggested, releasing the news might have caused unwelcome comparisons with the war in Iraq and the misleading information about weapons of mass destruction that led Americans to support that war."

The declassification of the documents has left many Americans with the nagging question, "What else are we not being told?"

In 2004, a poll conducted by both The New York Times and CBS reported that 28% of Americans felt the government was lying or covering up specific details regarding September 11.

An untruthful and misleading government creates an uneasy feeling for citizens. With the power to decide what truths to release and what to cover up, it is hard not to ask how often the people do not get all the necessary information.

Wenger said, "This was not the

first time that U.S. government officials made a decision that later proved questionable. I was skeptical of attempts to link the invasion of Iraq to 9/11 attacks and the war on terrorism."

Wenger is also skeptical about the government's policies of detaining suspects without due process as well as the use of torture and notes that aspects of the Patriot Act wrongly deprived citizens of their guaranteed rights.

Any lies, distortions or withholding of important information diminishes any credibility government officials hope to have among citizens. President Obama's new administration would be wise to avoid hiding behind the curtain of half-truths, given public outrage over the Gulf of Tonkin realities.

The U.S. is a democracy, a government "For the people, by the people, and of the people." If what our founding fathers wrote centuries ago is true, then there should be no secrets, no misleading ideas, and no distortion of fact from reality.

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 attitudes of students on campus.

The Beacon asked:

Do you feel President Obama will implement change to the current higher education process in a effective and timely manner?

- Yes - 50%
- No - 50%
- Undecided - 0%

Next Week's question:

Do you feel that Wilkes should offer more foreign language courses?

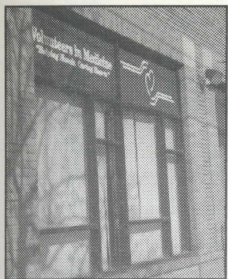
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Wilkes alumna pursues passion for rescuing animals

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According to The Animal Network, seven puppies and kittens are born for each human life that comes into this world.

That totals an estimated 52 million dogs and 57 million cats living with United States' families. However, as many as 12 million dogs and cats are euthanized each year, and millions more abandoned in rural and urban areas.

But thanks to people like Marge Bart, co-founder, owner and animal caretaker of Blue Chip Farm (BCF) Animal Refuge Facility in the Back Mountain, some of these animals have discovered a second chance at life.

Bart, who received her master's in business administration from Wilkes in 1979, is a native of Wilkes-Barre. Despite her urban upbringing, she grew up fond of nature.

"I was a city girl with a dream of owning my own farm one day," said Bart.

For a number of years, she worked as a production superintendent at Certainteed in Mountaintop, before she became disabled with Multiple Sclerosis (MS), a disease of the nervous system that affects the brain and spinal cord.

Ten years ago, she started work to create Blue Chip Farm. BCF is nestled on 35 acres of rolling farmland at 974 Lockville Road in Dallas. It began to take shape when Bart and Tanya Stankus, who are neighbors and close friends, combined their passion and love of animals.

"Marge really makes a difference for the animals. She understands animals well, and this intrigued me to join her in her efforts to rescue animals," said Stankus. "Marge is close to Ceasar, the pet whisperer. She bonds to an animal within five minutes of knowing them."

While Bart's own health neither defines her nor seems to slow her down as she works to achieve her vision for BCF, it is possible that in Bart the animals see someone who understands their plights uniquely.

"I've always had animals and noticed that there was a need for someone to take care of special needs pets," Bart acknowledged. "The unconditional love given to me by these animals is enough to keep this animal shelter up and running."

Because of Bart's MS, she has to take care of the animals in the early part of her day.

"I become tired as the day goes on, so I need to get all the physical work done earlier," Bart explained.

"A safe haven in what could be a cruel world," is BCF's mission statement, which communicates the organization's commitment to treating animals humanely despite their backgrounds or circumstances.

"The Blue Chip Farms seek to provide a sanctuary where older, stray, abandoned, sick and abused animals can wait to be adopted or simply live out their lives in safety and peace," said Bart.

BCF offers a home to animals that can no longer be

People who ride their horses at Blue Chip Farm help Marg Bart with the chores that need to be done on a daily basis.



The Beacon/Melanie Thomas

Marge Bart emphasizes responsible pet care and searches for adoption options for the 15 dogs, 20 cats, and two potbelly pigs currently residing at Blue Chip Farm.

cared for by their owners and also a second chance at adoption. Bart tells a story about an abandoned chocolate lab to illustrate the circumstances that could bring an animal to the farm.

"A little over [a month ago] around 8:30 p.m. a man in a pickup truck pulled up on the side of the road in front of the farm. He then pushed a dog out and left the dog standing there all alone. We have no information about this animal. There is no name, no tags, we don't know if it had all of its shots," she said. "The only thing we do know as of now is that she just had puppies."

So, Bart's rescue mission steps in once more, and with luck, the dog may find a loving, permanent home.

Bart stressed that a kitten is only a kitten for a short while, and adult animals can be a great solution for a pet companion.

The farm is run strictly through fundraisers and donations given by pet owners and people who drop off their animals. Right now, the animal refuge facility is taking care of 15 dogs, 20 cats, and two potbelly pigs.

The farm is also run with the help of vol-

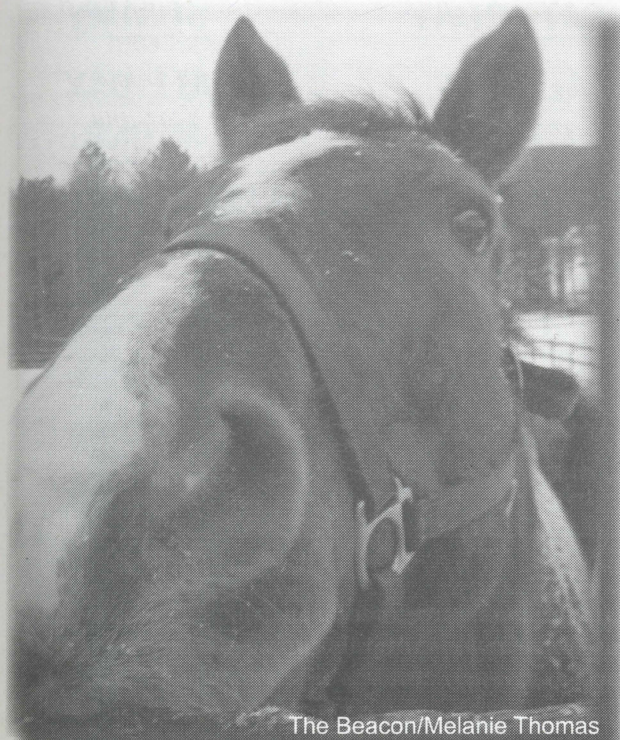
unteers. For example, people who do their horseback riding on the farm contribute to the work that needs to be done on a daily basis.

"We need volunteers all the time to help us with various things, like sitting in the cat house and just being with them," said Stankus. "They don't get a lot of human contact and need to be socialized with."

BCF is a multifaceted nonprofit organization. Since Bart doesn't believe in euthanasia, BCF provides the public with education on ways to fight the overpopulation issue. Workers have spoken at schools and other public venues on an array of topics including responsible pet care and the need to spay and neuter pets.

Another goal of BCF is to get these animals adopted. Lastly and most importantly, Bart and Stankus provide a safe place for these victims of circumstance.

In the future, Bart hopes to expand Blue Chip Farms. She has planned a staffed animal hospital which will provide low-cost spay and neutering services, an animal boarding facility, a dog park and a horse exercise facility.



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Students suit up for HAZWOPER training

BY LEEANN SEARFOSS
Beacon Asst. Lifestyles Editor

Wilkes has been invaded by 'space people.' They wear distinctive white hooded, air-tight suits, and can be seen only on the early mornings right before winter break is over, and two Saturdays after the spring semester has commenced. They cluster together for five days total, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the Stark Learning Center and Breiseth Hall.

The 'space people' are actually students in the environmental engineering course ENV 298: HAZWOPER. HAZWOPER stands for Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Regulations, and is a technical elective but required of all environmental engineering majors who want to work with hazardous waste materials.

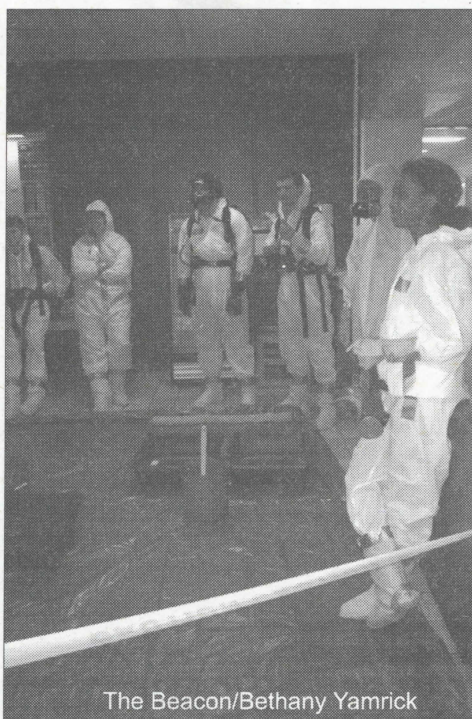
The course, while spanning less than a week and spread out over the course of four weeks, helps students understand hazardous materials and spills, how to clean up the spills, and the proper PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) to wear, according to John Luff, a student in the ENV 298 class.

The class contains 25 students, 24 males

and one female. All are required to attend the sessions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to begin certification to handle hazardous waste. The course is populated by students from several different majors, including environmental, electrical, and mechanical engineering.

HAZWOPER was created by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and requires that each individual have at least 40 hours of training prior to certification.

"The reason I chose to take it is it gets me one step closer to working at a hazardous waste site. After I completed this class I need to get 24 hrs of



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Students sift through hazardous materials for the ENV 298 HAZWOPER course.

supervised training in the field, and then I have the proper training to work on a hazardous site. We also got a cool certificate with our name on it," said Joe Falko, a junior environmental engineering major.

The course is supervised by Richard Hofman, the Senior Safety and Health Consultant, as well as an authorized OSHA instructor for High Safety Consulting Services. He has been handling the safety for the ENV 298 class for several years. Hofman also oversees safety operations for students at Penn State University.

Hofman has been certified to handle hazardous waste materials since 1990, and believes, "having the certification makes individual more marketable."

While the course is said to be a valuable training tool for the job market, there is one aspect of the training sessions that is bit more amusing. All students enrolled in ENV 298 use the last day of their course to apply what they have learned by wearing a Level B suit. According to Hofman, that means the students are "fully encapsulated in an airtight suit and use an oxygen tank and mask to set up breathing."

Some students are given controlled breathing apparatuses. The apparatuses use oxygen cylinders as the air source and can be compared to scuba gear for divers. "You can get very warm in these suits which is why a lot of us wore shorts and t-shirts underneath them even when we went outside," said Falko.

The students spend their last Sunday out on the greenway, doing calisthenics to raise their heart rate to get a feel for how to work under stressful environments.

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Volunteers in Medicine clinic offers care to uninsured

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA
Beacon Lifestyles Editor

A few years ago, the property on 190 North Pennsylvania Avenue was just another old, abandoned warehouse.

Now, it is filled with all the makings of a doctor's office—exam rooms, medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, and even a waiting room filled with toys to keep young children amused.

In just over two years, that building has transformed into a fully functioning medical clinic that serves the poor of Luzerne County. During the summer of 2008, the Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) clinic opened its doors to provide primary and preventive care to the uninsured in the area, especially to the working poor.

"Before we opened, there were feasibility studies that showed 35,000 people in Luzerne County do not have medical insurance," said Kelly Ranieli, the executive director of VIM. "They have nowhere to go for basic care, let alone for serious situations."

There are over 70 free clinics in the United States affiliated with VIM, a non-profit organization that utilizes retired and volunteer health care professionals to serve the medical needs of the uninsured. According to volunteersinmedicine.org, over 89 million Americans had no health insurance for 2006 to 2007. Nearly 80 percent of those uninsured were from working families.

The only criterion for treatment at VIM in Wilkes-Barre is that the patient must not be eligible for any kind of insurance. Usually, this rules out children under 18, who can be covered under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and people over the age of 65, who can be covered by Medicare. This leaves a gap of uninsured between the ages of 18 and 65 who are not offered insurance by their employment.

"Sometimes there are people who work

two part-time jobs and don't have insurance, or there are people who work full-time jobs," said Dr. Marie Roke-Thomas, Wilkes University assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences and member of the board of VIM. "A lot of people who work full-time jobs for minimum wage do not always have an insurance option."

VIM in Wilkes-Barre is staffed by a rotation of around 10 physicians from the area who etch out time from their own private practices to volunteer at the clinic. It also includes a registered nurse practitioner, 10 nurses, and nearly 20 reception and clerical workers.

Student volunteers are also an important part of VIM's mission. Nursing students from College Misericordia rotate through the clinic, where they learn how to room patients and observe the actual examinations. Pharmacy students from Wilkes University spend one day a week at VIM, filling and distributing medications.

Dr. Kimberly Ference, the faculty advisor of the pharmacy students while they work at VIM, believes the clinic offers them experience that only augments their studies.

"It provides them with some patient interaction and allows them to see a different aspect of pharmacy practice in a physician's office," she said. "Seeing patients gives them a hands-on experience while reinforcing what is taught in the classroom."

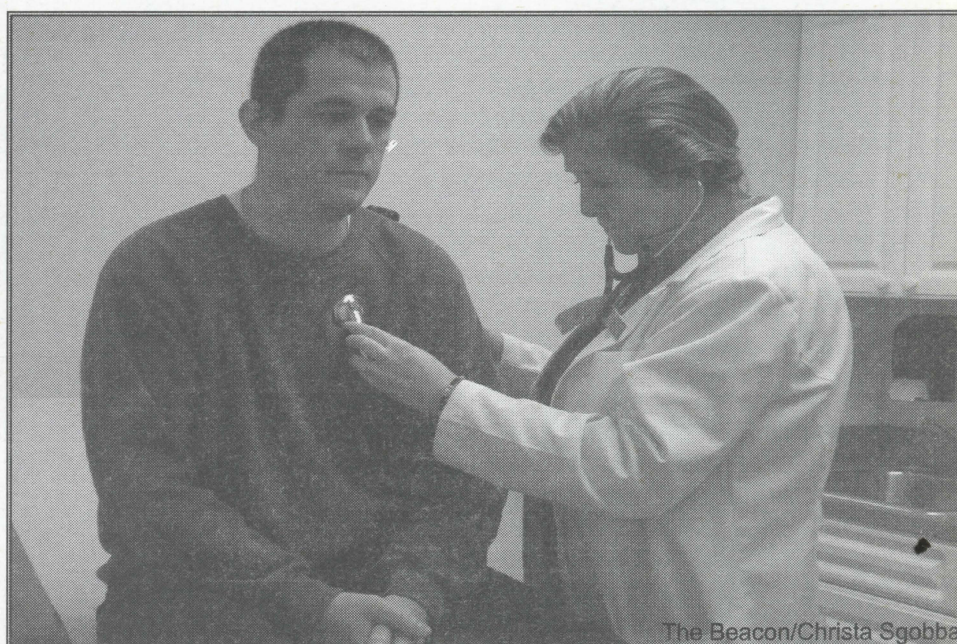
Andrew Garofoli, a P2 pharmacy student, spent four days at VIM last fall and will now spend one day a week there this semester. He says his time there gave better understanding of prescribing medication, as well as giving him experience interacting with patients and other healthcare professionals.

"My favorite part of working there so far has been gaining hands-on knowledge of different patient illnesses and understanding how those illnesses are treated," he said.

VIM offers primary health care services, with students whose first language is not English.

Wingen also created an English as Second Language (ESL) team at the Wilkes Writing Center. She has worked at the Writing Center for two years, and created an ESL program to help aid students in their academics.

According to Wingen, she went through the same struggles when she first came to school and wanted to alleviate some of those struggles for other students. Collaborat-



Christa Baker, a student in the nurse practitioner program at Misericordia University, examines a patient at Volunteers in Medicine. Pharmacy students from Wilkes also rotate through the clinic, and nursing students will start later this semester.

as well as obstetric and gynecological care, and a full pharmacy. Patients also receive free services from institutions like Vision Imaging, where they can receive mammograms, x-rays, CAT scans, and MRIs. Through Geisinger Health System, all of the patients at VIM have been covered for lab work.

The clinic also has relationships with specialists from the area who donate their surgical skills or areas of expertise if further treatment is necessary.

"Our ultimate goal is to try to detect those severe cases when they are treatable," said Ranieli. "We have a network of specialty physicians in the area who have been extremely kind to the clinic, and have covered most of the expenses, so our patients can see specialists at no cost."

The goal of VIM is preventive care, but sometimes doctors will notice a condition that has already progressed to the point

where immediate treatment is needed. Roke-Thomas points to lack of medical insurance as one of the reasons for late diagnoses.

"We've seen here somebody will come in with a problem they have had for two or three years that will turn out to be a cancer that needs to be treated immediately," she said. "If they had insurance, they might have gone before, but they just don't want to go because they can't afford paying for it. They're very proud."

Without this free access to healthcare, Roke-Thomas believes the whole community would suffer.

"They just wouldn't get health care. A lot of common things like colds and infections, if left untreated, could become pneumonias or something more serious," she said. "The mission of this facility is that health care is something everyone should be entitled to, and we provide that."

Student of the Week

Felixa Wingen

Wilkes has spent years building its reputation as a school that stretches cultural boundaries. One student who aids in Wilkes's evolving multicultural image is Felixa Wingen, a senior who works directly



Photo courtesy of Felixa Wingen

ing with Dr. Chad Stanley, the director of the Writing Center, Wingen put together a team of eight other students from a variety of backgrounds. Wingen even created workshops for the team members to become better teachers for ESL students.

Wingen's generous academic spirit and commitment to helping ESL students makes her *The Beacon's* Student of the Week.

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

Wingen: In 10 years, I hope I will work with international students in the U.S. or American students wanting to study abroad at nice university somewhere on the northern East coast. I could also see myself doing the same job in Germany, with German students of course.

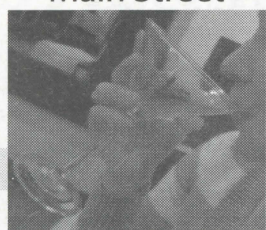
The Beacon: Describe yourself in three words.

Wingen: Optimist, pessimist, realist

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

Wingen: ...That I have nothing to hide.

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New Works course pushes at creative boundaries

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Imagine the unconventional for a moment. Imagine a class in which you singlehandedly decide your grade by doing whatever you want. Imagine that you could take this class at Wilkes University. Imagine this class is a reality because it actually is.

For the first time at Wilkes the theater department is offering a course that involves improvisation, acting and movement, but the students get to choose how they want to contribute and through what mediums they wish to express themselves.

Taught by Naomi Baker, assistant professor of the Visual and Performing Arts, New Works is based upon a theater improvisation technique called Viewpoints. Viewpoints incorporates both acting and dance movement. It was originally devel-

oped by two American theater directors named Anne Bogart and Tina Landau. Bogart currently teaches the course New Works at Columbia University. There are also a small group of theater and performing arts departments around the United States that teach the course.

"I took a New Works class in graduate school and the professor made us do a play that was pretty much her own work. That isn't what I wanted for this class. I want to explode the students' imaginations by doing self designed projects," said Baker.

Baker decided that she wanted to teach New Works this semester so she went to the department chair and asked to teach the course.

"Naomi is a good fit for the course because she is an acting and movement teacher, it just comes naturally," said Joseph Dawson, department chair for the Vi-

sual and Performing Arts at Wilkes.

Baker decided she wanted to put her own spin on the course by incorporating a unique theme.

Each of the students gets to participate in their own way, but they have to work with the theme of power. The most recent activities they completed were to make visual representations of how they define power and they have also conducted interviews around campus in which they asked others to define power in their own words.

"I want the students to think globally within the city of Wilkes-Barre. I want them to have a global perspective of what power is, so I made up questions before the course began for the students to redefine and ask in their own way," said Baker.

"I really love the class because it is something different. It is experimental and it is up to us, the class, to decide the direction and outcome. It is very exciting to me because I want people to experience all types of theater and get a true great appreciation for it," said Junior Theater major, Jessica Lech.

The students in the class consists of both theater and performing arts majors and non-theater majors, which is what Baker aimed for with the course.

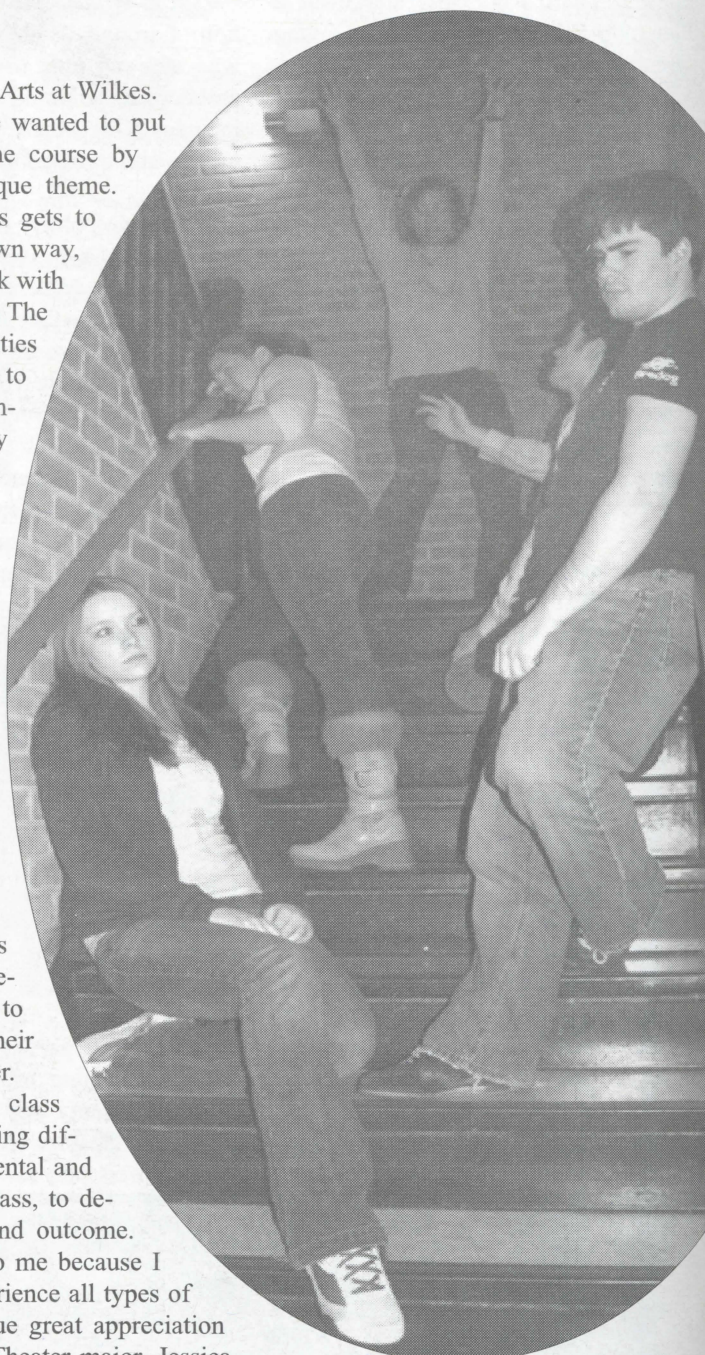
"I wanted to attract students from other disciplines to show them that you do not have to be a theatre major to have fun with the course," said Baker.

At the end of the semester, the New Works class will put on an unconventional play to bring to life all of the work they



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LEFT: Students and instructor Naomi Baker, far right, express themselves through an acting exercise called Viewpoints in the New Works course. **RIGHT:** Naomi Baker, top of stairs, prepares her New Works class for their end of the semester play by performing an out of class exercise.



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have done with the course.

Senior Communications Studies major Anthony DeMarco, is looking forward to the end product and is excited to show people what he has gained from the course.

"The class is creative to say the least. We do some pretty far out things. I hope people show up and see what we did," said DeMarco.



Photo courtesy of Scott Szili

Student's art career sparked through community effort

BY ALYSSA BENNER
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Scott Szili, senior entrepreneurship major, is putting his creative energy into the hands of the Wilkes-Barre arts the community.

Inspired by music as well as his need to create art, Szili creates acrylic portraits and is especially fond of painting eccentric icons such as Albert Einstein, Lil Wayne, and Jim Morrison.

"Those are the type of personalities that

attract me," Szili said.

His professional painting career began 14 months ago, and since that time he has been featured in three local exhibits. An exhibit at Barnes and Noble July 18, 2008, marked his debut in the public art arena.

Another exhibit at Arts YOUNiverse followed from September to October of 2008 and currently Szili has an exhibit at the Kirby Center.

"Wilkes-Barre is a very artistic community," Szili said.

His current exhibit at the Kirby Center was booked with the help of Kimberly

Hughes, the Wyoming Valley Art League Gallery Director.

According to WVAL.org: The League is an organization that promotes fellowship among all artists, art leagues, and galleries; provides an artistic outlet for local talent; sponsors programs of both local and out-of-town artists and fosters an interest in art within the local and surrounding communities.

"I think Wilkes-Barre has great potential where the arts are concerned. There are so many organizations, venues and educational outlets the support can only grow from here," Hughes said.

Although for some the art world may not seem tangible others believe it is a driving force in the Wilkes-Barre community and is becoming more available through community organizations.

"I would have to say Scott Szili is the first one who has contacted me. If there are other Wilkes University students interested I would be more than happy to assist them as well," Hughes said.

Jahmitza Perez, Integrated Media major and art minor said, "It's comforting to know that if someone wants to pursue an art career and make it their life that there are people you can meet and places you can go to get your name out there."

As the warm weather peaks its head around the bend Szili might be found painting and gaining perspective out on the campus greenway.

"There is good exposure on the greenway," Szili said.

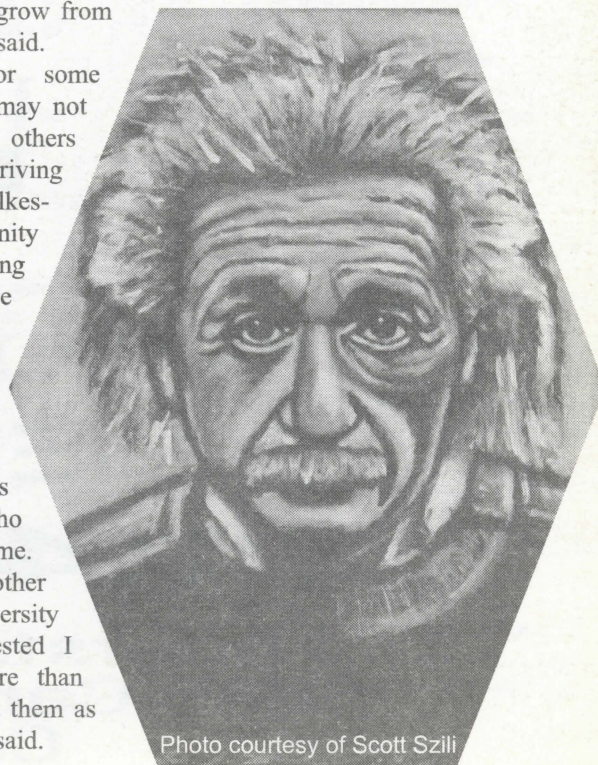


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Hot Spot Review: Luna

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In downtown Wilkes-Barre, Luna, at 41 S. Main Street next to Boscov's, is the new hot spot to go - a place to be with friends within walking distance to campus, while also creating feeling of a far away, exotic destination.

Luna is inspired by different places from all over the world. New York City, Miami, and parts of Europe contribute to the eclectic decor. As customers open the door to the Chill or Terrace, as the owners call it, they will feel a sense of relaxation that is just not typical of a local bar/lounge.

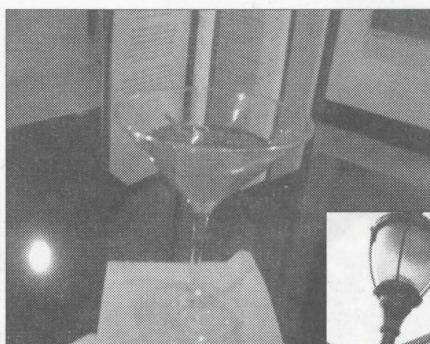
The aesthetic interior design offers a clean, chic feel with contrasting white and black sofas to the right and left respectively. The furnishings say, "Go ahead. Relax. Sit down and enjoy yourself." Candlelight décor adds a romantic, Mediterranean touch to Luna's terrace. The rest of the space is completed with a piano and a bar along with portraits of Audrey Hepburn and mirrors in the wall.

As I was sitting there enjoying my tapas and drinks I wondered, "Why Audrey Hepburn?" The answer came almost immediately. Hepburn epitomized class and a time when elegance was celebrated, which is the feel that Luna aims to cultivate. Artists like Frank Sinatra playing on the sound system, only add to that ambience--finally, good music to enjoy dinner and drinks to!

Lighting is the other important characteristic of the bar

and lounge to which I give two thumbs up. Blue and purple lights create a cool, night-lit sort of visual experience which sets the tone of the place.

Now, let's talk about food and service. After choosing our place to sit, (we chose to sit on the modern white sofas to the right) the waitress approached us and asked if we already knew what we wanted to



order. To which we responded that we needed to have a look at the menu. After she handed the menu to us, we realized that there was really nothing in the menu so we had to wait for her to come back and tell her. With that little problem out of the way, as we looked into the menu we discovered that the prices were not cheap; however, they weren't ridiculously high, either.

I was impressed by an introduction to the Tapas, the drinks, and the philosophy of the 10's on the menu. What most impressed me was the philosophy of the 10, and on every section of the menu there were either 10 tapas or 10 drinks. Tapas means 'small dishes' and is traditionally associated with Spanish cuisine. At Luna, they were well priced. The highest price was \$10 for drinks or tapas. Vinos (Wines) and Sparkling were of course of a higher price. Luna offers a great variety of quality drinks not offered by other places in downtown or in the area. As the night went on, I ordered hummus chips and Cuban wedges as tapas which were simply delicious and at the same time I felt transported to another place.

However, service was not so good. For eleven patrons in Luna there was only one person taking care of everyone. The staff should be better trained if perfection is their motto. I could not leave the place without a chocolate gelato in order to live the real Mediterranean experience so I ordered it. To my surprise I got a strawberry gelato which did not make me very happy.

Even with service lacking, I believe with time this will improve since this is a new bar/lounge. However, the feeling of comfort along with the overall ambience, music and environment were out of this world, or at least Wilkes-Barre.

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BY DEVIN J. KING AND CHRISTOPHER KUDRAK

Beacon Correspondents

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10 Protected by a goalie
14 Reflected sound
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16 Doing nothing
17 To bow in respect
18 Shield of Zeus
19 Expensive metal
20 Occurring between planets
23 Synonym for tractor trailer
24 Teeter-Totter
25 Dirt held together by grass
27 Spinning machine tool
31 Be quiet, please.
34 Hola means hello
39 Paths or routes
41 Assembly place in ancient Greece
42 To care for
43 To put in alphabetical order
46 Resolution abbr.
47 Act of fastening a ship with cables
48 Ingestion of material for nutrients

DOWN

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55 the benefits
58 Popular brand names
62 Served in restaurants
63 More than one radius
64 Ocean, sound, and light waves
65 To dazzle with light
66 Large container made of wood
67 Volcano in Sicily
68 To have split with an axe
69 Responses from a "Yes-man"
70 Male gypsies or two of this bread
21 A violent mob
22 "Clap" in Indian classical music
26 Faded clothing or appearance
28 Synonym for tournament bracket
29 There is no place like this
30 Results or outcomes
31 What people did in pools this summer
32 Popular Sci-Fi Xbox game
33 Prefix; less than normal
35 Length of time one has existed
36 Sarcastic catchphrase in 90's
37 Lanka
38 To pass time in relaxation
40 Concealed
44 Large plastic surgeon society
45 To make worthy of
49 Short movie trailer
51 Friend of Thomas the Tank Engine
52 Chicago airport
53 Drinks recently banned in schools
54 Most powerful people
56 Peaceful harmony
57 Popular cylinder-shaped noodle
58 Snake oil, for example
59 Goopy substance
60 Fate of one who drinks poison
61 Seven areas of water
62 Looking into Salmonella outbreak

Men's basketball defeats King's for second time

Colonels use hot hand in second half to win season series

BY DANIEL KAUTZ

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The Colonels may have lost three straight entering last Thursday's game against King's, but those who were worried about Wilkes's chances had their fears put to rest quickly. The Colonels turned in one of their best performances of the season in a crowded Marts Gymnasium, defeating the Monarchs for the second time this season. The win helped Wilkes improve to 6-4 in the Freedom Conference, keeping them in the upper half of the crowded standings.

The Colonels shot a mere 39 percent from

the floor in the first half, but still managed to enter halftime with a 33-31 lead. Sophomore guard Chris DeRojas hit five three pointers in the opening 11 minutes of the game, hitting three in a row at one point to send the crowd into a frenzy. He would end the game with 19 total points.

"Chris Derojas started off hot and they [had to reposition their defensive alignments to stop him], so we needed other guys to step up for us later to stay competitive," said Head Coach Jerry Rickrode.

Wilkes began to pull away with 6:37 remaining before the half, taking a 24-15 lead off junior guard/forward Tom Kresge's layup. King's then went on a run to tie the game at 26, receiving six points from both

Kevin Conroy and Mike Wagner to keep the Monarchs in the game.

Wilkes came out with a renewed intensity in the second half, shooting 60 percent and establishing a stranglehold on the game. Kresge and senior forward Steve Kline

game's only double-double. Kevin Conroy of King's scored a game high 27 points on 10-17 shooting and also grabbed six boards, while Kyle Stackhouse added 20 points and four rebounds.

"I don't even want to really evaluate [this



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Sophomore Chris DeRojas was a great boon for the Colonels in the first half, hitting five three-pointers in the game's first 11 minutes.

combined for 28 of the Colonels' 47 points, helping them pull ahead by ten or more points five different times. Wilkes led 71-58 with roughly three minutes remaining, but allowed King's to close to within 78-72 with 30 seconds remaining. The Monarchs were unable to complete their comeback, however, as Wilkes made 9-11 free throws down the stretch to ice the game. DeRojas and freshman Michael Donatoni were integral in stopping King's from being in any type of position where they could have tied, as each player hit four free throws each after being fouled. Kresge finished the game with 20 points on 8-12 shooting and also added seven rebounds, while Kline contributed 16 points and ten rebounds for the

game], I just want to move on to the next one," said Rickrode afterwards. "It's nice to get the win against your rival down the street, but we know that you've got to move on now and stay focused on winning consistently down the stretch."

The win gave Wilkes a 10-7 record on the season, while King's dropped to 8-10 (1-9 in Freedom Conference play). The men's basketball team's next home game is against Manhattanville at 8 P.M. on February 8.



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Junior Tom Kresge pulls up for a three-point shot over King's Nick Reisig. Kresge would finish with 20 points, helping the Colonels along to their win.

Late comeback, penalty allows Wilkes tie vs. TCNJ

No. 19 TCNJ's coach costs team a point for arguing

BY DANIEL KAUTZ

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Those who attended the home match between No. 19 Wilkes University and No. 18 TCNJ on Tuesday, January 27, witnessed an intense, back and forth match that ultimately came down to the final bout and a controversial call made by the referee.

Wilkes got out of the gate quickly, receiving a 4-0 lead behind senior Shaun Farnham's (125) 15-2 major decision win over Dan Franke. Wilkes eventually saw its lead increase to 10-0 thanks to decision wins from fellow senior Josh Pauling (133, 6-0) and freshman Anthony Dattolo (141, 8-1).

Despite their strong start, the Colonels were unable to keep up the momentum. The Lions stormed back with five straight wins, including a pin by No. 6 Justin Bonatits at the 165 pound level. The wins helped TCNJ take an 18-10 lead with just Wilkes' juniors Zach Pizarro (197) and Andrew Feldman (285) left to wrestle. Pizarro recorded a 9-4 decision win over TCNJ's Ed Broderick in his bout, helping to pull the Colonels to within five points. Feldman and TCNJ's Adam Koziol walked onto the mat next, and what followed was certainly out of the ordinary.

Following the first round of their bout, Koziol received a warning from the referee for stalling. He received another call of stalling moments later, earning Feldman a point and incensing TCNJ's coach, David Icenhower. Icenhower received a warning from the referee for leaving his team's bench area during the middle of the bout after another call of stalling. Moments later he had his team penalized one point for ap-

parently stepping onto the mat to protest the referee's calls toward Koziol. The penalty dropped the score to 17-13, meaning Feldman had a chance to give Wilkes a victory with a pin. Although he was unable to do so, his major decision win over Koziol (15-7) earned Wilkes an additional four points, tying the match at 17-17 in the end.

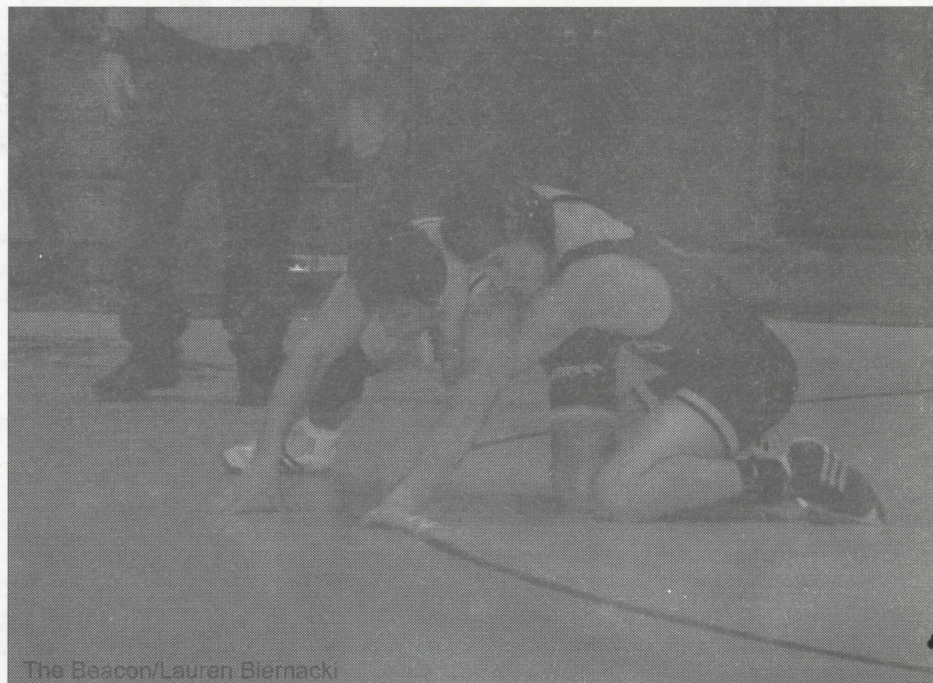
"To be honest, I didn't even notice [the penalty on Icenhower] right away," said Head Coach Jon Laudenslager after the match. "I was more focused on trying to get [Andrew] information and some suggestions on how to get a possible pin for the win at that point. [Icenhower] did approach the scorer's table and received a warning and then I was told he later came onto the mat, but I was more focused on the bout," he added.

"Certainly the score says we tied, but in reality we really lost 18-17," said Laudenslager. "We missed a couple of bonus points that could have swung the match our way, but it was a great dual meet overall."

"I thought the guys who wrestled today showed a lot of heart," said sophomore Jake Weinrich (285). "Even when TCNJ made their run, you could see the guys cheering on their teammates from the bench and really getting into it."

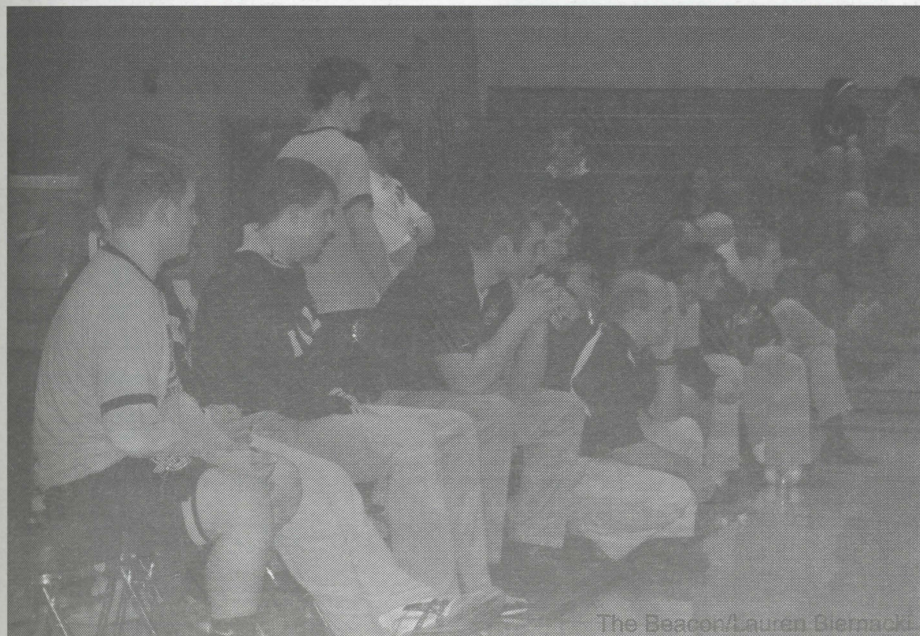
The tie helped to ease the sting of TCNJ's 36-7 win over Wilkes earlier in the season at the Budd Whitehill Duals tournament, although in fairness it was a match in which the Colonels used only two starters.

Wilkes' next match is at home against Elizabethtown at 7 P.M. on Friday, February 6.




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Freshman Anthony Dattolo won his match for the Colonels at 141; Wilkes needed every point it could get against No. 19 TCNJ, but it took a gift point from TCNJ's coach to get them the tie.



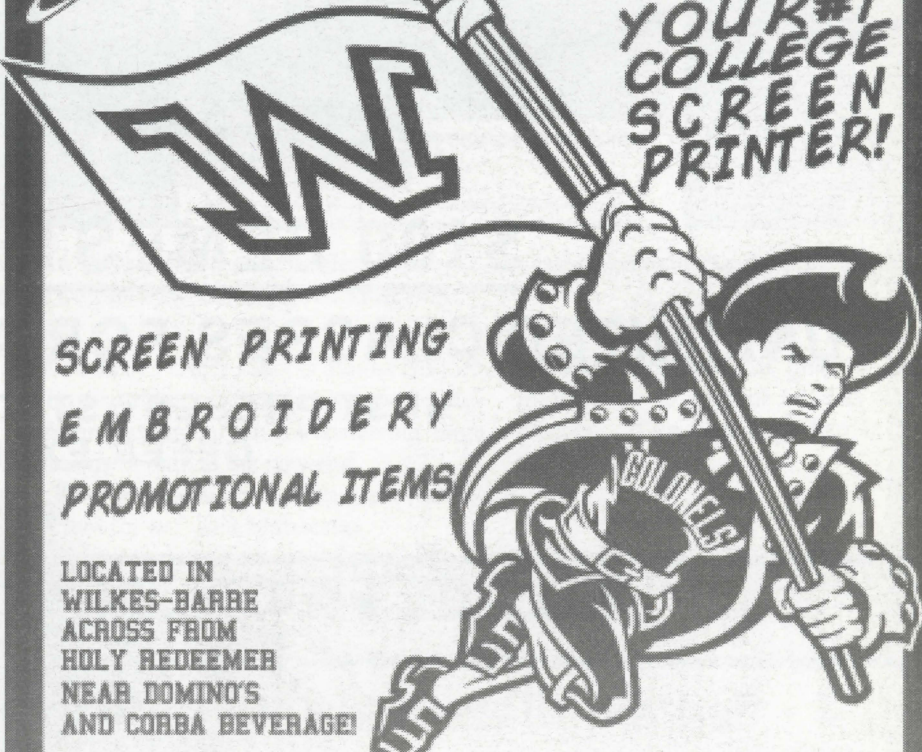
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Coach Jon Laudenslager (kneeling) and the team look on during the match.



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RINKSIDE REPORT



Fighting raises questions in AHL

BY MIKE CIGNOLI
Beacon Staff Writer

The untimely death of a Canadian ice hockey player last month has raised questions as to whether or not fighting has a place in the game.

Don Sanderson, a 21-year-old defenseman, lost his helmet during an altercation and his unprotected head struck the ice surface during a December senior league game in Ontario. Sanderson was in a coma for nearly three weeks before finally succumbing to his injuries on January 2.

Sanderson's death has already prompted the creation of a new rule in the Ontario Hockey League, one of the top junior leagues in the world.

"If a player should remove his helmet or undo his chinstrap prior to or during an altercation, such player shall receive a game misconduct in addition to any other penalties assessed and an automatic one-game suspension," the new OHL rule states.

If a player's helmet becomes accidentally dislodged during the altercation, officials

are required to intervene immediately.

Any potential change to American Hockey League rules regarding fighting will come after National Hockey League general managers discuss the issue at a meeting in March.

"We're going to see what they do and follow their lead," AHL President David Andrews told the media during his annual State of the League during All-Star festivities on January 26.

Many are calling for an outright ban on fighting in the sport, which has many players up in arms over the potential removal of what has become an established tradition.

"I think it's stupid," said Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins enforcer Aaron Boogaard, who has 15 fighting majors this season. "Fighting's been a part of hockey since it started... People die from boxing, they're not going to cancel boxing. They're not going to stop that."

Boogaard is Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's resident policeman. He takes it upon himself to make sure that other players don't take

liberties with the skilled players on the team who might not be able to hold their own in a fight.

"It's the hardest job out there but someone has to do it, and if they don't then other teams are going to take liberties and just run around," Boogaard said. "It's just common sense to keep it in, or else hockey is going to turn into something that a lot of people aren't going to enjoy anymore."

Andrews doesn't think that removing fighting from the sport will have such an adverse affect.

"Can you play without it? Obviously. There is no way you can say fighting has to be part of hockey," Andrews said during his address to the media. "There are all sorts of great hockey games that don't have fights in them."

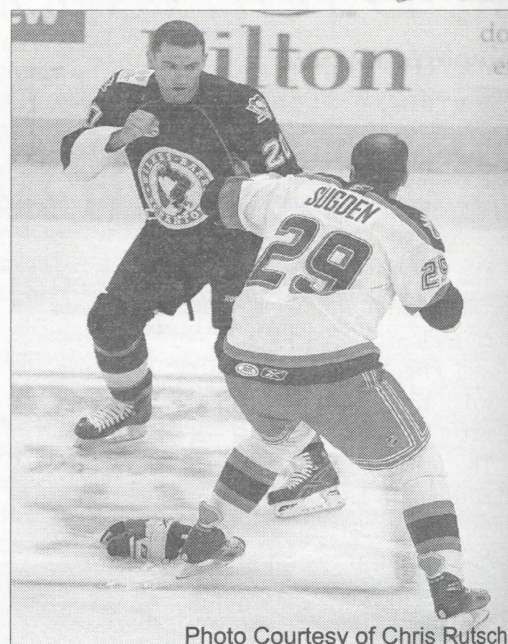


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The recent death of a player has raised questions as to whether fights, like this one between Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's Paul Bissonnette and Brandon Sugden of the Hartford Wolf Pack, belong in the game of hockey.

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Lacrosse club optimistic about '09 season

BY ANTHONY DORUNDA
Beacon Asst. Op-Ed Editor

After struggling last spring, the 2009 version of the club lacrosse team just wants to take the field, and this team could have the makings of something special.

The Colonels return a bevy of talent, especially in the midfield where all four of their seniors play, including John Edler and Justin Friedel whom McCaffrey says are "two of the best face-off midfielders in the Eastern PA division."

The team returns six starters to a unit that went 2-5 last year. Their record, however, can be misleading. The Colonels play schools that triple or quadruple its size, but remain more than just competitive.

"We play in one of the toughest divisions of the National College Lacrosse League,

the country's largest club lacrosse league," says McCaffrey. "Three teams from our division made the national playoffs last year and we played a fourth qualifier out of our division. Millersville lost by one goal in the final four to the University of Cincinnati."

Included in those returnees are seniors Friedel, Edler, and Phil Cimilluca. Sean O'Neill and captain/president Nick Dipaolo round out the juniors while Pete Vecchione and Will Botterman enter their sophomore seasons after making a big splash during their freshman seasons. Some players who saw significant playing time and made major contributions include sophomores Tyler Howe Ryan and Austin Stearns. Between them is nearly 15 years of starting experience, which should help ease the growing pains of such a young team.

"Our four seniors are all leaders in their

own way and we will look to them to step up in every aspect this spring," said McCaffrey. "Our young players have shown incredible maturity in their development and we expect them to also lead throughout the season."

In the past few years, one lingering problem has been the Colonels inability to find the back of the net. This year, McCaffrey doesn't see this as a dilemma.

"Our senior midfielders as well as juniors in the same position combined with quality returnees and freshman at the attack position should alleviate this issue."

Instead of trying to be on the offensive this year, the Colonels need someone to man their own goal as graduation took the biggest hit on the Colonels net minder.

McCaffrey liked what he saw last fall, and sees a team bonding better than in the past.

"It will be a tough road to make the playoffs this season but it remains one of our team goals," offered McCaffrey. This particular group of players has meshed better than any we've had previously here; they are a tight knit group."

The team is excited to get on the field and show how much they have improved over the course of the season. Botterman, a sophomore pharmacy major, has big expectations for the team this season.

"We have improved a lot from last year," says Botterman. "I think we can at least reverse our record from last year and make a run in the playoffs."

We'll see how much the team has progressed on February 8 when they open up against Broome Community College in Binghamton, New York.

Athletic department introduces new website

BY GINO TROIANI
Beacon Op-Ed Editor

This year, the Wilkes sports page has received a complete face lift which has made it competitive with other schools for the first time in years.

The need for an updated sports page was a lurking problem within the athletics department and the creation process began in July of last year. Teaming up with Internet Consultant Services (ICS), Phil Wingert (associate director of Athletics), Sara Myers (head coach of field hockey), Adelene Malatesta (athletic director), Craig Thomas (assistant director of Marketing Communications), and Andrew Sekula (graduate assistant of Athletics), began drawing the blue prints for what would be the new and improved page, www.GoWilkesU.com. The page offers information for the University's, 16 varsity sports and combines interactive technology with traditional sports coverage.

According to Jack Chielli, executive director of Marketing Communications, production took roughly 2 months and totaled \$5,400. In addition, there will be an annual

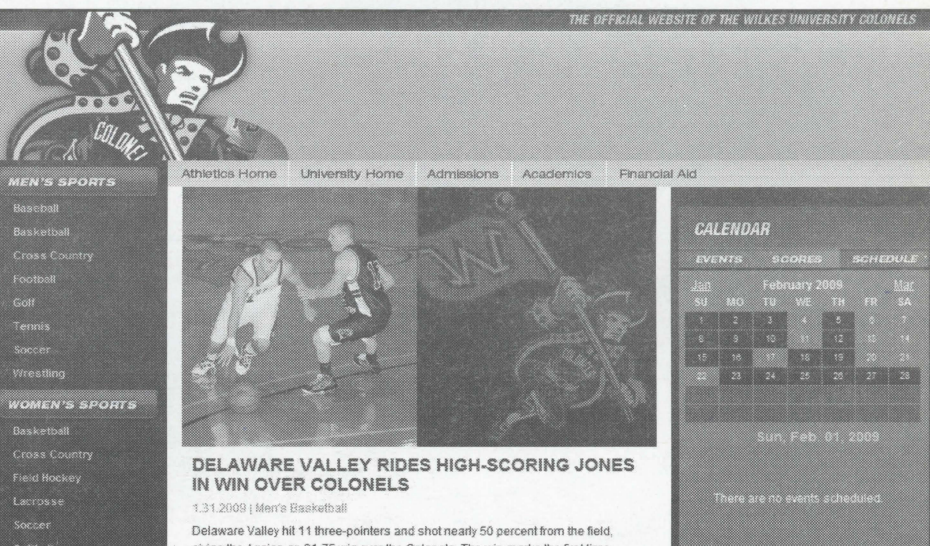
maintenance cost of \$4,300.

The design for the new page was derived from a template which was originally used by William Patterson University. Once the groundwork was finished, the group of directors began the decision process as to what applications the site would host.

Craig Merriman, Sports Information Director, said some of those features include live stats (which are required by the conference), player bios and links for both the fitness center and University. The site has also drastically updated its graphics and staff directory. Wilkes is in the process of including an individual login where student athletes would possess the ability to view their workouts and schedules posted by coaches. Merriman hopes to introduce this feature before the end of the spring semester.

Merriman explained that the effort to switch to ICS was somewhat of a "trickle down effect" and that around eighty percent of the schools in our division are ICS customers.

Sekula added, "Our old site was just so



The new Wilkes University Athletics website was launched over the Holiday break and can be accessed by visiting gowilkesu.com.

out of date... Other schools almost laughed at how bad it was." Sekula also spent a significant amount of time transferring large amounts of data to the new site.

"We're pleased with it, it's a great recruiting tool for us," said Malatesta.

Chielli explained, "It gives a lot more information to student athletes and their parents... it's a very large step in the right direction."

WILKES COLONELS

Men's Basketball

W King's 80-72

L Del Val 81-75

Wrestling

TTCNJ 17-17

Women's Basketball

W King's 65-61 (2 OT)

L Del Val 75-60

Lady Colonels defeat rival King's in double OT

Breaks long losing streak to in cross town rival

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The crowd at the Marts Gymnasium on Thursday, January 29 went from sparse to jam-packed as the Wilkes Lady Colonels took on the King's Lady Monarchs in a face-paced, aggressive match up. Postponed from January 28 due to inclement weather, the Lady

Monarchs traveled all of five blocks to uphold the tradition of the rivalry between Wilkes and King's.

"It's always a rivalry. It's always a big game, no matter what sport it is, and to have us be able to work so hard to come back from losing down there, and now being able to beat them at our gym [is a thrill],"

said head coach Rachel Hartung Emmerthal.

While King's took an early lead, and led most of the first half, the Lady Colonels made sure to gap was not too big. With only a few minutes left in the first half, the Lady Colonels turned on

the gas and came back with intense runs to tie up the score right before halftime.

Sophomore guard Allison Horn sank a three pointer right before the buzzer to give the Lady Colonels a three-point edge over the Monarchs going into the half.

The extremely physical second half had periods of aggression, evidenced by the double foul called on both Wilkes and King's at the same time.

Freshman Samantha Simcox kept the team neck-and-neck with the Monarchs with her career-high 28 points and nine rebounds.

Hartung Emmerthal reflected on Simcox's play after the game, "Simcox did a very nice job

tonight. She is one of those players that is under-sized, but she will be ripping down rebounds."

Senior Chelsey Gosse made a lay-up between two King's defenders with 26 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 52. Wilkes then battled back from a seven-point deficit with 2:45 to play, using a 9-2 run the rest of the way to force overtime. Gosse finished with seven points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

Sophomore guard Brittany Ely helped the Lady Colonels push through the first overtime with her three pointer with 1:21 to go. The first overtime finished in a tie at 59-59.

As the second overtime commenced, the crowd began to grow and grow, and the intensity heightened as Wilkes took the lead 60-59 with three minutes left in the second overtime.

With 38 seconds left, Wilkes kept its lead with a score of 61-

60. The Monarchs began panicking and fouling, giving the Lady Colonels foul shot opportunities. Both Ely and Simcox took advantage of the foul opportunities and went 1-1 and 2-0 respectively.

The made foul shots pushed the Lady Colonel's lead to 65-61. As the seconds counted down on the clock, the crowd rose to its feet and cheered furiously. The Wilkes win would snap a multi-year losing streak against King's.

"We are a very young team, but these girls put so much heart into it and never gave up," stated Hartung Emmerthal.

The win evens the Lady Colonels Freedom Conference record at 5-5 and are now 10-8 overall. They will be back in action Wednesday, February 4, when they visit DeSales at 6:00p.m. and again on Saturday, February 7, at FDU-Florham at 1:00p.m.

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Number 25 Brittany Ely dribbles past a King's defender on Thursday January 29 en route to the Lady Colonels 65-62 double overtime win over their cross-town rival.

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Number 25 Samantha Simcox prepares for a foul shot in last Thursday night's match up again King's College.

What to see and do this week...

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Attend the Ski Club meeting at 11:30 a.m. Contact Amy Bradley for location (x 4624).

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Enjoy a cup of coffee at 3:00 p.m. the Multicultural Coffee Hour at the Savitz Multicultural Lounge

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Always waiting til the last minute? Go to the Procrastination Workshop from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

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Go watch the Vagina Monologues in the ballroom on the second floor of the Student Union Building at 7:00 p.m.

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Painting the Beautiful: American Impressionist Paintings is opening on Monday, Feb. 2 at 12 PM at the Sordoni Art Gallery.